**Douglas Lewis** is not the main character in this sentence, you are.

Fred McKinney has been writing fiction for many years and has been published in *Immacu*late Cauldron. He is recently retired from General Motors after working 34 years as a die maker and is a part time student at OSU- Mansfield. His secret desire is to get rich writing novels, but he finds writing short stories easier and more enjoyable.

**Hank Osborne** is a newcomer to creative writing. His experiences while growing up in Cleve land, especially in the social unrest in the 60s, have influenced his writing. He drew on some of the angst that his generation, the baby boomers, has felt about what the 60s did or didn't do to create a more enlightened world. Hank joined the Army to escape some of the drugs and crime that were endemic in the housing projects where he grew up. He has attended college from time to time over the years; he hopes to complete his undergraduate studies and go on to graduate school. Currently, he is an English and History major, and his ultimate goal is to make a living writing books—fiction and academic books. But he's an aging hippy, so who knows?

**Jeremy Secrist** is a senior English major at OSU-Mansfield. His poetry has appeared in the first annual issue of *Immaculate Cauldron*, OSU-Mansfield's literary journal. Jeremy is this year's first-place winner of Mansfield's Florence B. Allen poetry and short story competition.

**Ben Waters** is a junior at OSU (at least he thinks he is; he probably should keep track of those things). He is a theater major who now faces the dreaded "Early Morning Commute" from Marion to main campus. Writing is a kind of hobby for him, though he is keenly interested in it. It may, in the future, allow him to write scripts for himself when none are readily available. He is currently working on a thirty minute one-man play, Abacore: The Enchanted Tumor. You are all invited to its premiere, whenever it may be.

**Jon Willey** is a student at OSU-Marion.

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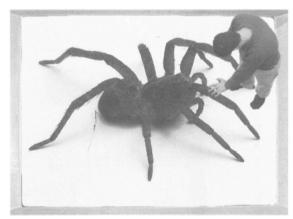


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