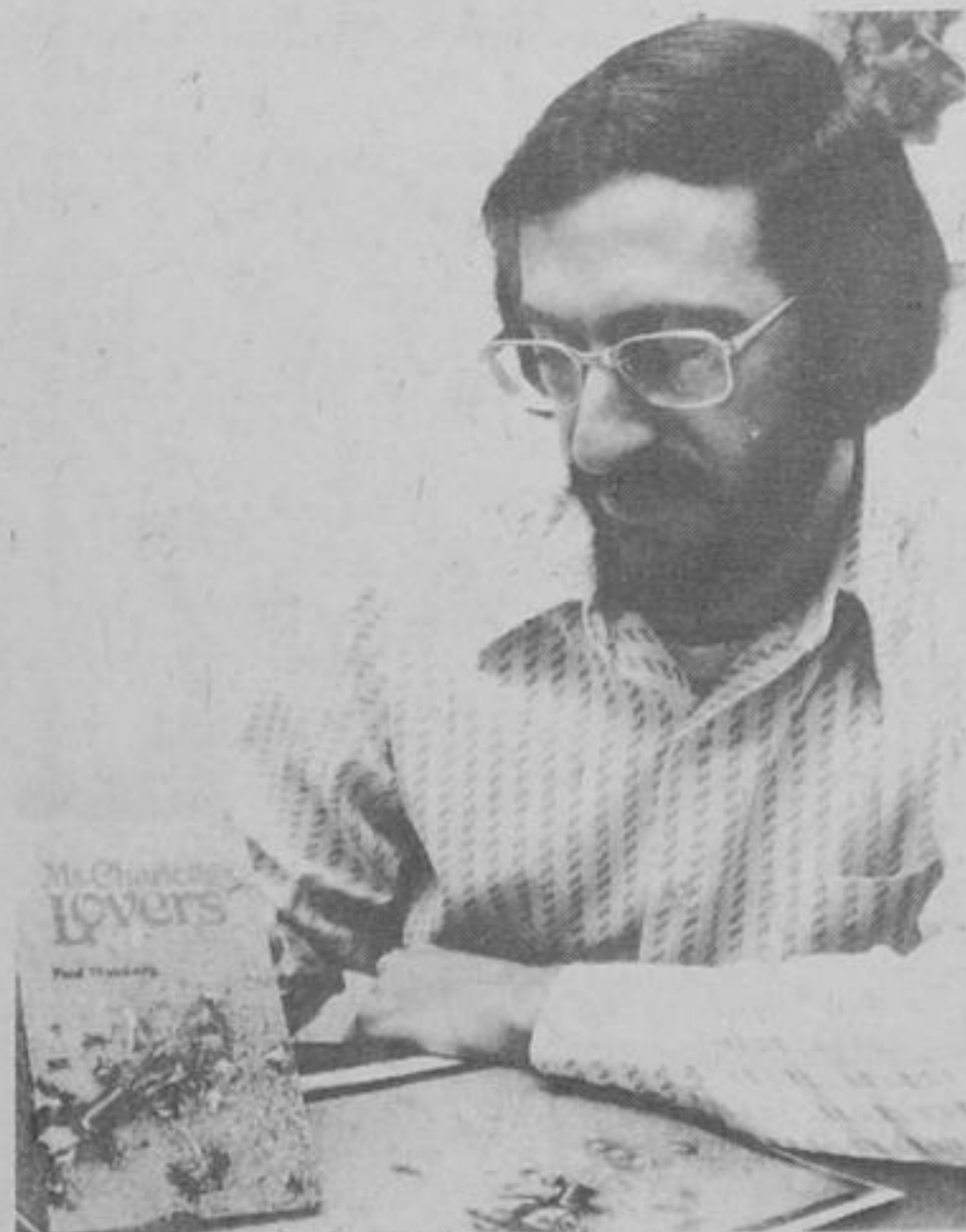


# His first book 'a big relief'



Paul Wainberg  
... 4th effort finds publisher

By June Abbott  
THORNHILL — Ms. Charlotte's Lovers is the title of the newly released first novel by local author Paul Wainberg.

A resident of Clark Avenue in Thornhill since his marriage 4½ years ago, Mr. Wainberg took seven months to write his first published work.

Thirty-one year old Wainberg was born and educated in Toronto, graduating from the University of Toronto with a BA. He completed a year at the College of Education to earn his teaching certificate.

He has done some supply teaching, but has devoted the past five years to writing.

Three other novels and poetry have been written

and submitted for publication without success. "They just weren't good enough. You have to write a lot that is not saleable before you get to something that is," says Wainberg.

Asked how he felt about his first success, Wainberg replied, "My wife and friends are excited and I am not."

"It is more a relief. After putting a lot of years in, I can tell myself I am on the right track".

**Toronto setting**  
Ms. Charlotte's Lovers is set in Toronto and is about a lonely 30-year-old woman who meets a bum in Queen's Park, and of the relationship which develops between them.

"The bum always attracted me" says

## spotlight on people

Wainberg. "Maybe I figured that with their luck I could wind up like them." The character of Charlotte is based on a girl the writer once saw on campus. He knew, he recalls, "there is the girl who is going to be with the bum".

However, her personality, in fact all the personalities, incorporate facets of his own, the author admits. Wainberg is working on \$1.95.

another novel which he describes as "a three-generation story which starts in Europe, but most of it takes place in Toronto".

Ms. Charlotte's Lover is published in paperback by Simon and Schuster of Canada and will soon be in bookstores priced at \$1.95.

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