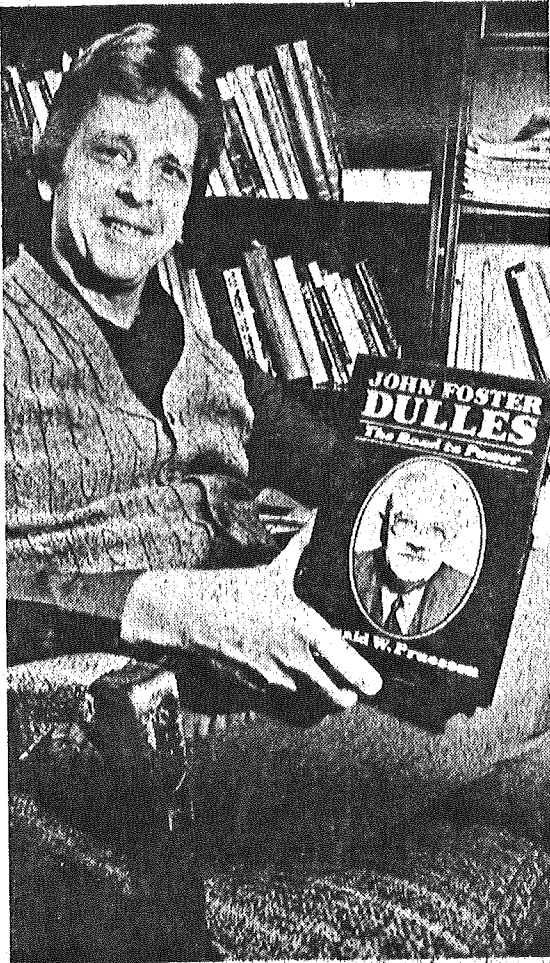


Pulitzer prize nominee

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PROFESSOR RON PRUESSEN

By JOHN STEWART
 Professor Ron Pruessen of Erindale College is delighted to be nominated for a Pulitzer Prize, but he doesn't want anyone to overestimate the significance of the fact.

Pruessen teaches history at the University of Toronto campus in Mississauga and published a book last spring called *John Foster Dulles. A Rise to Power*.

The history professor, who's been at Erindale for eight years, is a little sketchy on the details of the nomination himself. He's not sure whether he was nominated in the history, or the biography categories, or both.

The Mississauga resident says there are over 100 people nominated for the award. "Since I found out I was nominated, I've discovered it's not extremely unusual," he says, "but it's an honor. I'm very pleased."

The nomination has impressed Pruessen's students if no one else. "I keep telling them not to overestimate its significance," he says.

The book covers the first 65 years of Dulles' life, up until he was appointed United

States Secretary of State. Research for the book took about a decade. Pruessen was teaching in Philadelphia and had access to Dulles' papers which are housed at Princeton University.

The native New Yorker is already working on the second portion of his work on the American statesman. It will cover his six years in the administration and the last six years of his life.

One of the hardest parts of producing the first serious biography of Dulles was plowing through the "mountainous" material of his papers.

Pruessen's book, his first after editing several others, was very favorably reviewed by The New York Times and The Washington Post shortly after publication.

But neither The Globe and Mail nor the Toronto Star has yet published a review. Pruessen says the Toronto papers have a "habit of ignoring" American historical works in favor of Canadian studies.

Pruessen lives with his wife and three children in Mississauga.