

CAMPUS COMMUNITY

Receptionist needed

Want to sit at a desk in the Student Union office, type, and answer the phone?

Well, neither do we, but there must be someone out there who wants to be a receptionist ...

Apply for this position before January 26 at the Student Union office.

Election date set

A date has been set for the Student Union spring general elections.

On March 13 and 14, students will vote for next year's President, VP Academic, VP Operations, Treasurer, and most Council positions. The previous day, March 12, will be reserved for candidates' speeches in the Robertson Library Lounge and the annual spring general meeting of the Student Union.

Nominations for positions are now open.

Part-time bursary - \$150

An award of \$150 is being offered to part-time students enrolled at UPEI.

The terms of this new bursary are as follows:

given to a needy student, registered for three or six semester hours of credit in the second semester, who has received passing grades in all courses in the last semester registered at UPEI.

Applications are available at the Registrar's Office or at Student Services. Closing date for applications is **Friday, 8 February 1985.**

Daily fitness classes

Fitness conscience women take note — now you can keep in shape (or get back into shape) with new Dancercise classes that are being offered to all women of all ages. Come at 12:00 on Tuesday and Thursday for a thirty minute work-out.

These classes are in addition to the already existing Fitness classes that will continue to go Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays at the same times as last semester (11:30 - 12:30 and 12:30 - 1:30).

Next hopeful to arrive

The second candidate to appear before UPEI audiences and courageously volunteer to be President will give a public lecture at 8 p.m. in the Robertson Library Lecture Theatre on Monday, January 28.

Dr. Terrence P. Hogan has been affiliated with the University of Manitoba as teacher of psychology, associate dean of arts, and dean of graduate studies. He is now Associate Vice President (Academic).

Hogan will meet with faculty, students, and the media during his two-day stay on the Island.

Spira talks of Poland at seminar

By Michael Zinck

With the recent trial of Polish security officers, we have tended to overlook the everyday situation in Poland, which effects the lives of all Polish citizens. Professor Thomas Spira (Dept. of History) from a recent trip to Poland was able to assess the situation first-hand. (Faculty Seminar lecture Jan. 11)

Professor Spira was in Krakow (population 500,000) at the invitation of the University of Krakow. The department to which Professor Spira was assigned specializes in the study of the German minorities in Hungary between the 2 world wars.

From the outset Professor Spira makes it clear that the Polish government is not just a carbon copy of that of the Soviet Union. The Polish government, while "a monolithic Soviet type of regime,

of course, invite the Russians in.

What this points to is a clear division in the communist world, but one that cannot be exploited, as the Soviet Union will not tolerate a divide and conquer strategy.

Even between East block nations, all is not well. Professor Spira points out that while "Poles have made peace with the Germans, Poles loathe and despise the Czechs". Of course this warmth is returned by the Czechoslovaks.

As an example, Professor Spira spoke of his colleague from Yugoslavia who travelled by train via Vienna and Czechoslovakia to Krakow. At the Czech-Austrian borders armed troops crawled over, around, through and under the train, searching all the compartments and the Yugoslav pro-

has lead to rationing of most meats and gasoline.

Though there is a black market for all these goods, it is too expensive for the average Pole, and its currency of transaction is American dollars. According to Professor Spira, there are really two levels of transactions. Small exchanges are done in Zloyts (the Polish

currency), while all large transactions are in dollars. While the official rate of exchange is 100 Zloyts to 1 American dollar, the black market pays from 500 to 600 to 1 dollar.

To earn more money, many Poles moonlight in second and third jobs. This also keeps large families (the nuclear family plus in-laws or grandparents) out of small apartments, which are assigned by the state and are in short supply.

Yet while life maybe more difficult for the average Pole, "life for the visitor is sweet." Professor Spira notes "there is a supply of luxury goods available at about 20-25% cheaper than in Canada. And accommodations and especially the meals are first class."

Economically, Poland is rich in natural resources with excellence farmland, forests, minerals (an abundance of coal) and rivers for hydro-power. All this is in a land of 37 million people the size of Labrador.

Coal, though, has brought Poland many problems, the most serious of which is pollution. The air is so bad in Krakow that American consulate officers receive hardship pay because of the dangers to their health.

In addition, this pollution has caused millions in damage to historical monuments. In fact the govern-

ment spends millions on restoration, but according to one official, "because of the pollution everything (all monuments) need to be repaired every ten years."

Clearly even for the Canadian government this would represent an extremely expensive undertaking. For the Polish government with its current debt load, the task

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become almost impossible.

Still, as Professor Spira warmly notes, "Poland is a cultural historian's heaven." By looking at each floor of an older building one can tell the period it was built in. "You can actually see the development of different styles as the centuries go on." In addition, he says that "never (has he) seen a better exhibit of period furniture" than in Poland.

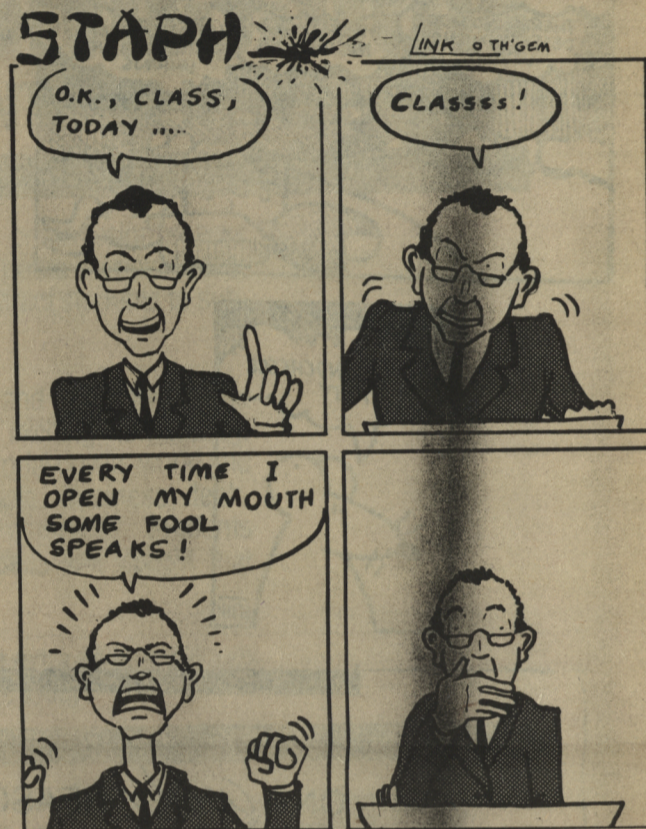
Clearly Professor Spira is pleased about much that he found in Poland. As he notes, "what the Poles do they do well."

As Canadians perhaps we should take a good look at Poland and help give them the time and resources needed, so that the Polish people can continue in the words of Professor Spira, "to do more of what they do so well."

Professor Spira's remarks, titled "Poland Today," were given in a faculty seminar and are available on cassette from the Library.

In addition, his latest publication "The Radicalization of Hungary's Swabian Minority after 1935" is available for reading in the publication Hungarian Studies Review, Vol 1 No 1, Spring 1984, which can be found in the periodical section of the library.

Professor Spira is currently editor of the publication Canadian Review of Studies in Nationalism.



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A SHORT COURSE ON EFFECTIVE SPEAKING FOR U.P.E.I. STUDENTS

In a few years you will be assuming an active role in your work, in social and service organizations, and in the community. While at university you should expect to gain the skill and confidence necessary to communicate your ideas to others. This short course is designed for University of P.E.I. students who wish to achieve more effective expression in various forms of speaking such as discussion, seminar participation and social interaction. Emphasis will be on the achievement of self-confidence, determination and the development of human potential. This course is not intended to be a high level course in public speaking or debating.

Method: Exercise in small groups. Stress will be on doing.

Length of Course: Six weeks, beginning Tuesday, January 29, 1985

Day and Time: T.B.A.

Place: Audio Visual Studio, Robertson Library

Class Limit: 8 participants Fee: \$20.00

This is a non-credit course. No examinations will be held or marks recorded. Those wishing more information before registering are asked to contact the: Department of Student Services. Early Registration is Advised.