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'NATO bad for Canada' - Parkhill

by Greg Neiman
Canada's involvement with
NATO and NORAD precludes
that our foreign policy is simply
an extension of these
organizations' most powerful
and agressive member, the
United States, said Shane
Parkhill, central organizer of the
Young Communist League of
Canada, at a public lecture
Tuesday.

NATO was originally drafted to unite capitalist countries against the USSR at a time when that country lay in ruins as a result of World War II. Russia, said Parkhill could in no way pose a threat to the relatively undamaged capitalist countries at that time.

And Canada played a large role in its inception.

Parkhill quoted a Globe and Mail article citing Canada as "the midwife of NATO", and a speech made by Louis St. Laurent (who was then External Affairs Minister) which claimed that totalitarian countries endangered the freedom of all other countries including Canada

Nor was NATO as "defensive" in nature as was originally laid out

Parkhill quoted Pearson as saying: "NATO is not a Maginot

line, but a spearhead for a major attack on the forces that threaten our existence."

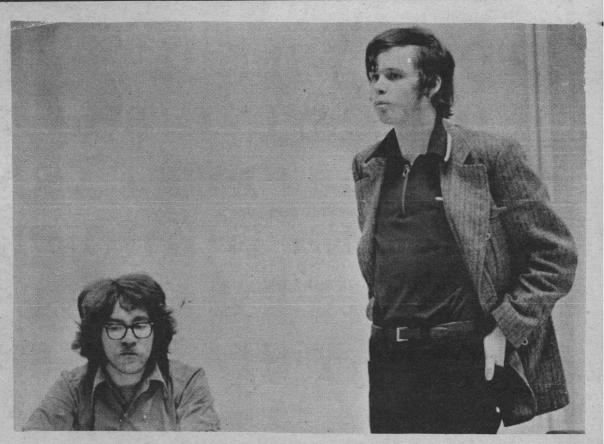
He cited other examples wherein NATO and its members gave up their neutrality to openly suppory imperialistic activities of France, Britain, the United States, and Belgium, emphasizing that the Canadian government, where is perhaps could have opposed these acts of war, was bound by the NATO constitution to comply with the others.

An example of where Canada's foreign policy has been unduly influenced by NATO, said Parkhill, is when American-trained forces in Greece overthrew the Greek government.

"In this case," he said, "Canada's quiet diplomacy can be rightfully viewed as silent complacency."

As well, Canada, partially through her affiliation with NATO has become a minor imperialistic power herself.

NATO supplied arms to Portugal in its campaign to suppress a revolution in Angola. Gulf Oil Canada bought \$50 million worth of Angolan oil (about two thirds the amount of money used militarily in the affair) and shipped it through



Kimball Cariou (seated) chairs meeting as Parkhill slams Canada's position in NATO.

Canada to the United States.

Canada, will not speak out against the terrorist activities now continuing in Brazil where American-trained torture experts imprison political dissenters and where mass bombing and viral warfare is being carried out on native tribes, because Canada has financial interests there.

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Paul Tietzen on student aid

by Judy Hamaliuk
In an interview with the Gateway, the Alberta representative on the Canada Student Loans committee to the task force on Student Aid, Paul Tietzen, comments on what he thinks are Alberta's main concerns at its meeting to be held Feb. 13 in Ottawa.

Because of Alberta's large rural population and large participation rate, Tietzen sees a problem in the costs of education being high enough to discourage a rural student from entering university. These costs include tuition fees, books and most important housing.

"Is attending University, for a rural student, a realistic alternative to working?" This, says Tietzen, is the current area of concern for Alberta.

The recommendation of an income contingency program is directed at the universities with high tuition fees - Yale, Ivey League - and Teitzen doesn.t

on student and

find it relevant to Alberta.

"There is no Utopian scheme for student support," he said, "It's a bag of contradictions." Each province has its own problems but Tietzen finds those of how to tie students and parents together and how to deal with the movement of students across boundaries is a common concern to most provinces.

The main concern at the federal level will be how to provide student support for the continued to page six

Councillors impeached

Charlottetown (CUP) - Student councillors at the University of Prince Edward Island have gotten the message that they must attend student council meetings on a regular basis in order to hold their seats.

Four councillors, including vice-president Marilyn MacPherson, were impeached Feb. 2 for irregular attendance, as the union constitution was finally enforced.

The constitution states that, "any council member who misses any three consecutive council meetings or any four council meetings shall be immediately impeached and a date of by-election shall be set."

The constitution has been in effect for the last three years of the UPEI union's six-year life, but this clause has never before been enforced, even though it provides for automatic impeachment.

The impeachment of the four councillors almost precipitates the departure of a fifth. As comptroller Ted Crockett, a close friend of MacPherson's said he would quit because he "didn't believe in the organization anymore."

He then, in effect, asked for a vote of confidence by asking the council to vote on whether or not to accept his resignation. However, the council declined with most members saying it was Crockett's decision to

resign if he wanted to.

Crockett then said he would hold off on his decision to continued to page six

Calgary UAB to be dissolved?

Calgary (CUP) - The dispute between the University of Calgary's students' union and the University Athletic Board (UAB) is quickly drawing to a close as the abolishment of the UAB becomes a near certainty.

Major criticisms have been levied against the board, which controls both intercollegiate and intramural sport, by the union over the past two years

Students' union representatives have charged the board with "intercollegrate favouritism" because intramural sports receive only 17 per cent of the UAB's budget. They have also criticized the board for a lack of student representation, over-representation of the Physical Education School and unfair funding.

Prior to Christmas break, however, a referendum aimed at withdrawing student support of Varsity athletics was overwhelmingly defeated by University of Calgary students.

Administration and student union concern over the causes and results of the referendum prompted a meeting in early January which began negotiations to revamp UAB.

According to Robert Westoff, former student representative to UAB. "representatives of the president's office took the students' side, and insisted students were not properly represented in the power structure."

Proposals from the Physical Education. Department were presented to representatives of student union, the president's office, the grad students association, and the physical

education school:

"They did nothing to change UAB," said Westoff, "so we. suggested intramurals and intercollegiate sport be separated."

Several negotiation meetings resulted in the proposed creation of two committees to control University of Calgary athletics.

The Recreational Services

Committee (campus recreation) to be under student union authority, will conduct intramural activity while the Athletic Committee, under the Physical Education School's authority, controls varsity sport.

"Everyone had to make concessions." Westoff said, "but if the proposal is accepted by the Board of Governors,

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Neiman - the new 'chief'

Greg Neiman, a third year arts student majoring in English, was chosen editor-inchief of the 1975-76 edition of the Gateway by the publications board last Tuesday.

Twenty-year old Neiman has been with the Gateway for two years and is the paper's news eidtor at present. He held the position of features editor last year and has worked as news writer, cartoonist, and photographer.

"I think that next year Gateway's main emphasis should be on increasing its credibility and outreach through higher quality journalism. I'd like to see Gateway hiring a full-time features editor as well as a full time illustrator."

Neiman expressed the hope that *The Gateway* will be in a better financial position next year. He intends to set a fund aside to reward volunteers for outstanding work. He believes that the additional cost involved will be negligible to students at

less than one cent per issue.

The editor-elect also plans to complete a writer's guide for



next September outlining basic journalism practices as taught by professionals in different fields of journalism.

Neiman will start his job in April. He will also be responsible for the production of *Portrait*, the summer edition of *the Gateway*.

The editorship was also contested by Cathy Zlatnik, a staff member and CUP Editor at

Fords break down before test

ENS A private research firm employed to run fuel test performances on Ford Motor Company's "small cars" had to first repair five of the eight models it selected randomly for the test.

Ford initially engaged in the embarrassing test at the request of the Federal Trade Commission. The F.T.C. asked for detailed information about the condition of the cars and the kinds of drivers used in Ford's widely advertised gas-saving claims

The independent research firm performing the tests chose as subjects a new Mustang with a leaking base gasket and a Maverick which had a noisy transmission because the factory installed the wrong bearing. The firm disclosed that all three new Pinto's used in the test were unable to "run at idle," so three replacement carburetors had to be flown in to put the cars in shape.