

Some CP clarifications; democracy urgent need

Since last issue we have been criticized for a misrepresentation of facts concerning the CP story. We stated that 10 cents an hour was taken from each CP's wages and deposited in the contingency fund.

We were wrong on two counts: the money does not come off their pay. They get \$1.50 an hour — period. The extra 10 cents comes from the buildings they serve. Each building is billed at the rate of \$1.60 per hour of work. That was our first mistake.

Our second mistake was when we said that the money went into a contingency fund to cover possible medical or clothing expenses. It doesn't. Maybe it goes into someone's pocket. Maybe it pays someone's administrative salaries. Lots of people have tried to find out what happens to the Campus Policemen's health insurance fund, but no one has been able to.

Somebody, somewhere knows where the money has gone, and they are one of the people who is keeping their mouth shut. It seems a shame that these men and women should contract to work for an organization which promises them protection and then siphons off their money without any explanation.

We were also put in our place by Student Union Treasurer Ian Campbell. He tells us that the extra 10 cents per hour for the CP's who work the Student Union building goes into a special trust fund reserved for the day when the Campus Police come under Student Union control. This is a small part of the contingency fund contributions. Fenwick, Life Sciences and the Art Centre still send the hourly dimes into the black void of the Phys. Ed. department contingency fund.

This raises an interesting

question. Why, if the student government is aware that the contingency fund money is not being properly used, did they stop after such a piece-meal gesture? They are diverting the dime an hour — presumably because they feel that it would disappear if they did not. That still leaves 75% of the accounts disappearing.

Why are they not doing something about that? Why aren't they speaking out?

Next clarification. We stated last time that Terry Linden was the person in charge when someone fell asleep on duty in the Arts Centre. We have since been informed that not only was Linden in charge, but he was the one who fell asleep. It has also been learned that Linden had hopes of becoming CP chief some day, but when Carl Thomas' moves did not quite go

along with his own, he quit an hour before his shift was up.

Since the paper appeared, we have talked to a number of people. Obviously petty personality conflicts and hurt feelings (as in the case of Linden and also Norm McNaught) have had much to do with their charges against Thomas, Wes Hubley and Mike Chiasson. But the fact remains that Thomas' silence is only adding to the rumours and speculation.

There is still a need for a more democratic CP administration. While we have learned that Thomas has been trying to get as many CP's working as possible, the structure is such that a very closed hierarchy can be built up. At present there are no checks on the Phys. Ed. department, the Chief or the assistants — which there must be. Otherwise the situation can only worsen.

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