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Charges of Dictatorship

CP Intrigue Increases

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Internal struggles within the Campus Police that have been simmering for months, are finally coming into the open. The latest agitations have produced the resignations of three CP's, two of whom were reportedly on the block anyway.

Two assistant chiefs, Terry Linden and Mike Chiasson, as well as a senior CP, Norm McNaught, have resigned since New Year's Eve.

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The result has been a raft of charges that Chief Carl Thomas says are known by other CP's to be "ridiculous". He otherwise refuses to comment. However, there is much more to the CP story than the recent departures.

McNaught says the organization is being run "like a dictatorship", referring to the

decisions of Carl Thomas. Linden stated that there are "two-faced" people not only among the CP's but also among the petty politickers in the SUB. He charged people with "using their positions as a fulcrum to get more money."

The resignation of Mike Chiasson came rather mysteriously within 48 hours after a public hearing which

Chiasson himself called and at which he presented an apparently inadequate defence.

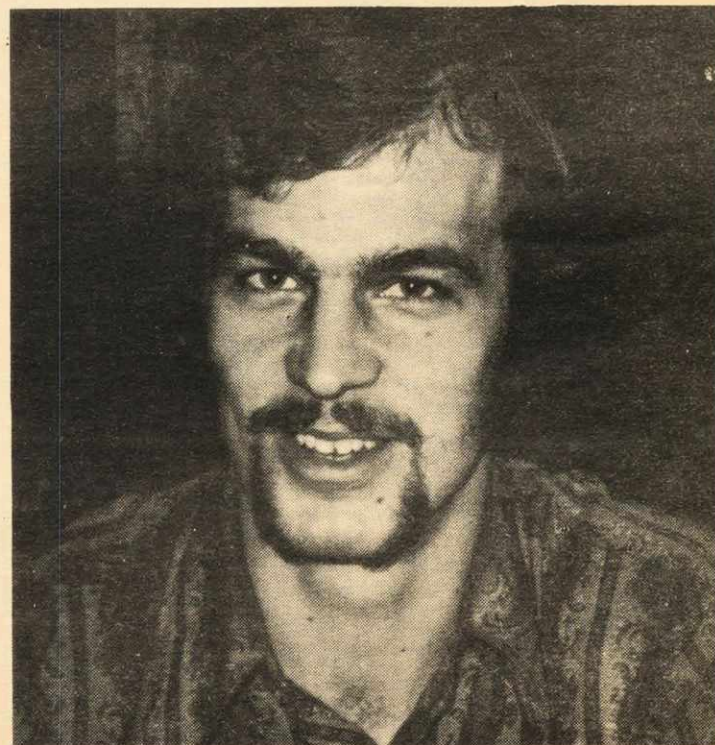
There is still the question of the 10¢ an hour which comes off the paycheck of each Campus Policeman. This produces more than \$200 a month for the CP contingency fund (used to pay for expenses incurred by CP's on duty) which had not been used for these purposes. What is completely inexplicable is that this fund is overdrawn by over \$800 in a period of two years.

As well, there is another persistent rumour that the CP's are in danger of losing two of the four accounts they hold on the Dal campus. Thomas denies that there is any such possibility, as did Linden.

Where this leaves the CP's is anyone's guess. The present CP inquiry, headed by student senator Peter Harvison, is expected to answer some of the questions surrounding the future of the force. The inquiry was expected to report to the Senate this week.

The whole Campus Police affair is rather confused. In statement to the GAZETTE, Linden said the force was "too disorganized, there was no idea of loyalty to a group, and the system of pay was poor". He stated that there was no grievance committee and that "all the power was in the hands of the chief and his assistants, and they were allowed to dictate how the CP's acted on and off duty".

Linden charged that those in good favour with the chiefs got more hours of work. McNaught said there were cases of "black-balling" on the force and that



EX-CP LINDEN . . . ACCUSES

over the Christmas holidays one of the assistants put in 88 hours consecutively, much of it overtime. Others who needed the money were refused the opportunity.

When Carl Thomas was informed of the charges, he refused to reply, thus perpetuating the mysteries surrounding the CP's.

There are about 100 CP's, with Carl Thomas at the top. The only assistant left is Wes Hubley. Apparently little of the decision-making is in the hands of the CP's themselves. In fact the only person permitted to relay information to the GAZETTE is Thomas. As a result, there have been no "official" statements. As well, Thomas is not responsible to any person or organization. John Allen in the Physical Education department, takes care of the paper work and the financial matters of the force.

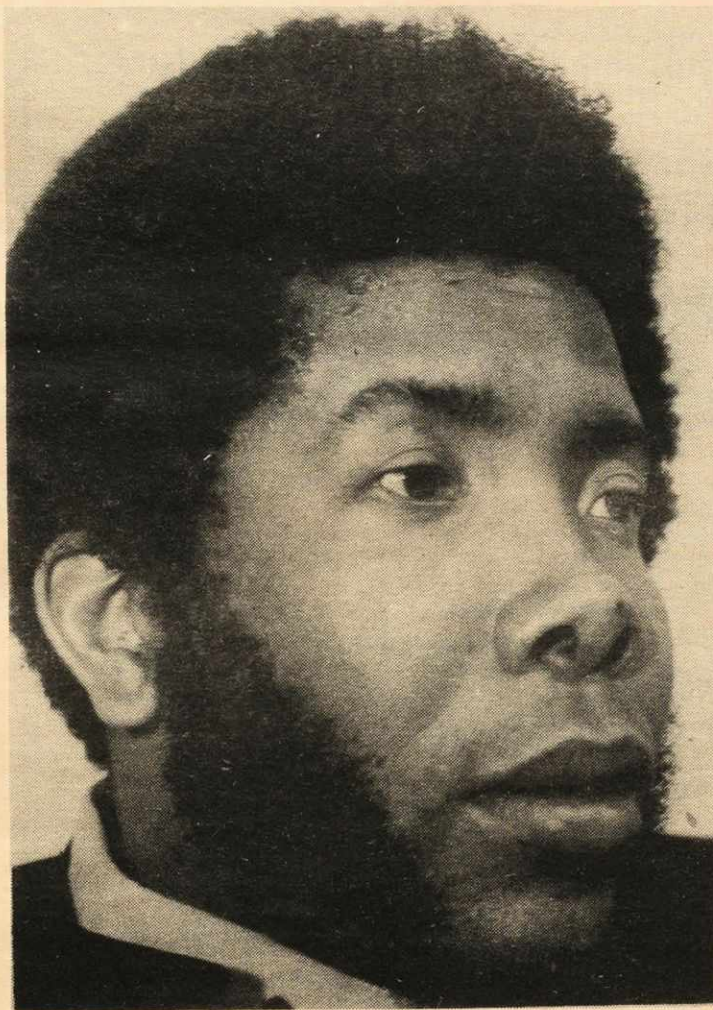
There are other factors that affect the credibility of the CP's. Charges of privateering on the part of Chiasson, the

assistant who worked the 88 consecutive hours, were insufficiently answered at his own inquiry. Within a day or so his statements were proved false.

Then there is the matter of the \$800 that has been overdrawn from the contingency fund. No one has explained this and as Linden pointed out, no one on the force will even talk about the problem.

The loss of accounts in the Arts Center, Fenwick Towers and even possibly the Life Sciences Building would likely mean they would be turned over to Pinkerton's guards. The other account is the SUB. Several times CP's have fallen asleep on the job in the Cohn Auditorium despite warnings to the person in charge of that building to correct the situation. The CP in charge when this incident took place was Terry Linden, but he denies that this happened.

The Senate is expected to release a report on its Campus Police inquiry before the end of this term.



CP CHIEF THOMAS . . . SILENT

ELECTION

Student Council Nominations
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Election to be held Feb. 16

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