

# STU CP chief forced to resign

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"If you ask me to hand in my resignation, I will".

Tuesday evening Les Gowan, the Campus Police Chief at Saint Thomas University, was asked by the STU SRC to resign. The series of events which led to his resignation began two weeks ago.

On Friday, Oct. 12, a pub sponsored by the campus police was held at STU. Some people observed that pub policies were being broken.

On Tuesday, Oct. 16, the president of the STU SRC, Michael Grosvold, issued a press release in the Aquinian stating that the SRC was "in the process of investigating incidents arising from the Campus Police pub," and asking for "information outlining any illegalities or discrepancies" during the pub.

The wording of this statement brought strong reaction from some students, especially those on the CP force. They felt that it left no room for doubt and "pointed an accusing finger at the force." Tempers rose to the point where three members of the force resigned. Grosvold later apologized for the wording of the statement saying "I had hoped by wording the press release in such a manner I would discourage

students from coming forward with irrelevant material or rumors to offer as accusations."

On Thursday, Oct. 18, the SRC held an inquiry into the Campus Police Pub and flaws within the administrative structure of the force. Five students, with signed statements, came forward to present their allegations at the inquiry. As Chief, Gowan had the opportunity to defend his actions and speak on behalf of the force. The SRC executive were then allowed questions.

The police Chief was given opportunities, both before and after the inquiry, to obtain statements from people he thought would aid his case. The president of the SRC received these along with a letter from Gowan.

The findings of the inquiry were as follows:

- 1) There was no counter at the door
- 2) There was a period of time when IDs were not checked
- 3) IDs other than those specified by the SRC President (NBLCC, University pictured IDs or out of province LCC cards) were accepted at the door.

All other accusations pertaining to the Pub could

not be satisfactorily substantiated. It was also the consensus that the difficulties of the demanding job as CP chief had been heightened due to the lack of a proper constitution and bylaws.

At the Oct. 23 meeting the President stated in his report that, "Due to his neglect of certain administrative duties as CP Chief, the Student Representative Council feels it is necessary that Les Gowan, Campus Police Chief for the St. Thomas Student Union, hand in his resignation to council immediately."

"The Administrative areas of the Campus Police Chief's job which were not properly handled are as follows:

- 1) To enforce discipline effectively and consistently.
- 2) To report promptly and in detail to the President of any and all incidents pertaining to an event under his jurisdiction.
- 3) To obey policies and direction from the President.
- 4) To maintain order and unity within the force.
- 5) To be better organized at meetings and when assigning work."

"This is not a personal judgement on anyone's

part. It is a necessary discipline which relates only to the responsibilities of the job that one must carry out when one takes the position."

This was in complete agreement with Gowan's letter of Oct. 19 in which he stated the things that he had failed to do as CP Chief. He said, "I am willing to go on and change my ways or hand in my resignation at your request."

After a lengthy debate, during which students and the press were not permitted to be present, Mr. Gowan made a statement.

Concerning the inquiry he said, "I didn't feel I got to counter arguments, just

answer questions." Since the force had "started from scratch with two members," he said he was "proud of the improvements made in the CP force."

"I feel that the things I've done far outweigh the things calling for my resignation. I challenge anybody here to find me a group of individuals that will hold up to the rules as near as effectively as my CP force."

He said if the council asked for his resignation that, "The loss is yours, not mine. The force is finally getting the attention it needed for so long. Maybe after this we won't be taken

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## Clark

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has languished and there will be heavy demand for shipping in the years ahead. "We as a government are determined that there will be Canadian shipping built in Canada, serviced in Canada, manned by Canadians."

The prime minister further stated that Saint John has a major role to play in the development of the shipbuilding industry. A \$10-million expansion for the port of Saint John was announced shortly after the new government took office and Clark said there are now plans for a second-phase expansion.

Federal Minister of State and NB representative in the cabinet Bob Howie has a special responsibility to study the new government's commitment to a deep sea fleet, according to Clark. He is scheduled to report his findings to the federal cabinet by February 1980.

The prime minister stated there were some difficult decisions ahead in the next several months and several short-run sacrifices will need to be made for the long-range benefit of the country. "If ever a country had reason for confidence in its future it is this country; if ever a region had reason for confidence in its future it is this region of Atlantic Canada," the prime minister concluded.

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1 Education Seat 1 Forestry Seat 1 Rep-at-Large (half term)

1 Law Seat 1 Physical Education Seat 1 Rep-at-Large

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Nomination papers are available at the student union office.

Nominations close on October 31, 1979 at 5:00 p.m.

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