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Dear Editors:

On behalf of the Nursing Society, I would like the students of U.N.B. to know that I am very disappointed in the manner in which the SRC Administrative Board conducted our budget meeting on Tuesday, October 2, 1979.

The Board members were very tired after meeting for so many hours yet I consider the attitude displayed during the meeting inappropriate. The ridiculous comments about nursing and the immature jokes were uncalled for. I feel that a group of male students would not have been treated so condescendingly.

Perhaps the nurses are partially at fault since none of our executive members are experienced in budgeting for an organization. Last year's executive did not spend the money allocated to the Nursing Society and I can appreciate that this is one cause for cutting our budget but, I did not expect that we would be treated as though we were not responsible individuals. I can see the logic in the Board telling us that we must spend all of our budget so that next year's executive can be justified in asking for the same amount of money, however, I was under the impression that a club should spend what it needed and that the rest could be re-allocated to serve students' needs.

I am appalled, not only as an executive member of a club but as a student of U.N.B., that we were told in Mr. David Farnham's words, "to waste" the SRC's money. Although Mr. Cronshaw quickly refuted this, I wonder if this is a common attitude among our elected SRC representatives. When I think of how hard I work during the summer to be able to pay my student fees, and then to be told to make sure that I spend all the budget money whether it is needed or not, infuriates me. I wonder how many students are aware that their clubs are told to waste their money to ensure that next year's executive can do the same.

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We thought we would publish this letter on the Editorial Page because it cogently expresses the truth of how the high and mighty administrative board operates.

A book on the whys and wherefores of student politics observed that the more trivial the political level, the more self-important the 'politicians' become. There's not much doubt that this principle applies to Mister Cronshaw and his trusty band.

The above letter, as well as others in this issue indicate that groups presenting budgets were given the shabbiest possible treatment. The Brunswickan and particularly CHSR were used as excuses for budget cutbacks. On that score, we can tell you that The Brunswickan asked for the same as we received last year and were cut back approximately \$2,000. CHSR presented a budget asking for an increase roughly equivalent to last year's inflation on electronic equipment, and was cut back to an increase of about 2½ (or \$700). Simple arithmetic tells us that SRC plans to spend \$1,300 LESS on the media than they did last year. It seems nothing more or less than a lie to tell other clubs the SRC needs to cut them back because of the media.

The lines that were fed to the media by this arrogant lot were no less insulting than those fed to the Nursing Society and others. The Brunswickan was told that someone had counted all of the pictures published in last year's issues and we didn't need as many frames of 35 mm film as we asked for! Hard to believe, isn't it? CHSR was told at the outset that the AB had 'cut everyone else back' and so they must be cut back too, without reason or forethought.

The Brunswickan of Sept. 21, 1979 quotes SRC president

Where is the 'student' in Student Union ?

Bartlett as saying that a surplus of \$12-15,000 on last year's operation could be expected. We would gather that the accumulated surplus of approximately \$27,000 could be added to this for the total surplus, or \$39,000.

In a notarized statement of funds as of April 30, 1979, the SRC had \$79,000 in the bank. After the bills were deducted, approximately \$63,000 residual was indicated at that time. This makes for a \$24,000 discrepancy. There are three simple solutions to this problem: (1) The SRC is willing to submit notarized statements to the federal government which are erroneous; (2) The SRC spent \$24,000 over the summer months; or (3) someone isn't telling us the whole truth. There is no doubt the SRC would have spent some money over the summer, but even trips to Vancouver don't cost upwards of \$15,000, do they?

All will be revealed when the SRC audit comes out. We're willing to bet there's more there than they're saying.

There is absolutely no excuse which can be made to defend the AB's behaviour towards the Nursing Society. The AB does not reflect the many people who work very hard for students on the campus media, the Board of Governors, and the many other service organizations. The SRC has become a home for acclaimed power trippers interested in letting us know just how important they are. It wasn't always so.

As was noted in an editorial of last year, the SRC makes it damned difficult for Joe Student to find out what they are doing with our money. However, they have to provide an audit, and The Brunswickan looks forward to that blessed event with great interest.

