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UNB Student Union budget not finalized

by HELENA ROJAS

Student Union Council met for almost five hours Monday night to deal with this year's belated budget.

Over one hundred students attended the meeting to discuss the proposed allocations or to defend the funding which had been recommended. After several procedural matters, including the appointment of SDC members without public notice, the budget information was presented to the council members.

Pressed to respond, Burgess replied that if the council was asking him to "admit that he was incompetent" he would do so. Senator John Bosnitch said that such an admission was unnecessary and that the real problem was not what the council thought of Burgess' performance but simply the The debate centered around

difficulty of dealing with a budget for over two hundred thousand dollars with less than ten minutes previous notice.

Bosnitch proposed that the student observers be heard first 'so that councillors will vote only after hearing the student's views". The Chairman, Tim Lethbridge, then proceeded through the entire budget, calling upon the visitors to state any objections they had to their allocation as their groups were introduced.

Fourteen groups made direct complaints about the moneys allocated to them claiming discrepancies that ranged into the thousands of dollars.

Other groups, while sometimes questioning specific items in their budgets, agreed to accept the amounts granted.

the formula used by Burgess to allocate funds within society budgets regardless of what the society had actually requested.

VP Larry Long and his assistant Bill Daisley supported Burgess' policy. VP Michael Bennett and his assistant Oliver Koncz felt it should be up to the clubs themselves to decide how they would use "their own money", with Bennett making the point that council was there to listen to the students and their clubs, not just to tell them what to do.

There was general agreement with the principle that faculty budgets should be based on a per capita basis as had originally been suggested to council by Ass't VP Oliver Koncz over a year ago. It was not until the Physics Society budget that council fully rejected the Burgess formula which decided the way in which clubs had to spend their money.

Council was required to stop three times to send people to bring Burgess back to the meeting to provide information about the budget requests.

As midnight approached, council finally arrived at a discussion of the foreign students groups' allocations after making partial grants to several non-faculty societies.

As foreign students came up for consideration, the Board of Foreign Students Chairmen Ahmed Farej claimed that they had been treated even worse than other clubs by VP Doug Burgess. Bosnitch dismissed outright Councillor Bill Daisley's statement that the foreigners should be forced to "run money making events" when no one else has to do so. Oliver Koncz went further,

reminding Daisley, who has been working on Union entertainment, that he didn't practice what he preached because "all of the events you have run seem to have been cancelled or are money losers." Daisley asked for an apology, did not receive one, and left the meeting.

As the non-faculty budgets were completed, the meeting broke up. Council set a special meeting for Thursday.

Career Line **Counselling Services**

by KATE JOHNSON

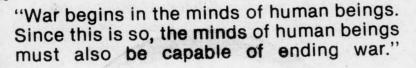
UNEMPLOYMENT - that dark, despairing word, hovers like a storm cloud over every college student's years at university. If you are graduating this year, or you are a confused freshman, or even if you're somewhere in between and still confused, clouds like this are undoubtedly a major concern in your plans for the future. Well, you'll be glad to know that in keeping with the general trend, this cloud, like all the others, has a silver lining - in fact, it has several.

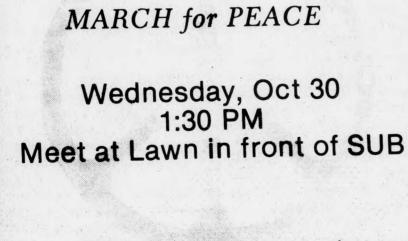
Career Line, a bi-weekly column put out by Counselling Services, is an exploration of silver linings, and a message of encouragement to all confused, uncertain, and directionless students. As the writer of the column, and a student myself, I would like to think that my experiences, insights, and approach to the questions dealt with might be useful for other students as they face similar situations and dilemmas in their own lives.

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