## The Problem

The Students' Representative Council cut their collective throats last Wednesday. And in doing so, they cut all non-athletic activities to virtual non-existence in favour of the overburdened athletic programme on the University of New Brunswick campus.

Because of an amendment to the SRC Constitution that was passed by the representatives last year, the SRC is compelled to give at least fifty per cent of their total annual revenue to the Amateur Athletic Association of UNB.

This year the total annual revenue of the SRC is \$17,600.00.

The AAA therefore, whether they like it or not, whether they spend it or not, receive \$8,800.00. The amendment was passed last year in good faith by the representatives. The main thought was to give the Amateur Athletic Association the complete power to split up their portion of the SRC levy as they saw fit. It was recognized by the council that the members were not completely qualified to allot sports money when they did not have any concrete ideas as to the complexity of the various athletic budgets. However, the Students' Representative Council made several serious errors in their amendment and, like all bad moves of similar nature, the errors have come home to roost.

1. The SRC subsidizes the Year Book entirely and certain moneys of the council levies must be laid aside to ensure that each student receives a Year Book. This year the SRC laid aside \$5,000 for the publication. When the amendment was passed there was no consideration given to the Year Book allotment and now the council is strapped for funds.

2. The SRC has compounded, over a long period of years, a debt of \$3,000. The debt was incurred by the managing staffs of the Year Books prior to 1952. This debt must be paid by the

3. The SRC can now go into debt over the year's operations while the Amateur Athletic Association can show a profit over the same period. Such profit can not be touched by the SRC because, by the constitution, fifty per cent of the levies must be given to the AAA. In other words, your AAA can do what they wish with their money.

BRODOSED FALL BUDGET	FINAL FALL BUDGET	PRELIMINARY AAA BUDGET
Year Book Debt \$1,000.00  Budgets: (1) SRC 273.00 (2) AAA 4,100.00	Net receipts after expenditure         \$8,800.00           Surplus after last year         122.00           Expenditures:         1,000.00           Outstanding bills         122.00           Budgets:         240.00           (2) AAA         4,400.00           (3) NFCUS         45.00           (4) Social Committee         383.00           (5) Male Chorus         (6) WUSC           (7) Brunswickan         119.00           (8) Radio Club         2,500.00	Tennis       \$ 21.66         Soccer       895.50         Football       1,300.00         Swimming       355.72         Ladies Basketball       750.00         Badminton       310.00         Hockey       3,000.00         Basketball       850.00         AAA general       500.00
	\$8,922.00	

The three budgets show that the present financing of the Students' Activities is definitely wrong and definitely inane.

The Amateur Athletic Association have admitted that they do not need \$8,800 for the year's operations. They are going to bank \$1,018.12 of the students' money, money each student has paid the SRC in the form of Council fees.

As well as this choice bit, the Amateur Athletic Association can be brought under censure for their proposed Hockey budget. Last year, the AAA spent a total of \$1,800.00 for the team's operations. The hockey team played in the Fredericton Commercial League and the New Brunswick Intercollegiate League. They didn't win a championship in anything. This year they have been barred from the Commercial League and yet their budget is almost double that of last year. It might also be noted that the large attendance at the hockey games amounts to some thirty people. So for the benefit of some one hundred students, we, the blind sheep are spending \$3,000 with no

Of course, now that the AAA has more money than they know what to do with, they will win every intercollegiate competition they enter. If they have no hope of winning any major titles, it might be in order to suggest that they hire professional players with their excess funds. Failing this it is in order to hire professional coaches for every sport or, better still send the AAA managers to National Hockey League finals, all expenses paid.

It is high time that the students of the University find out just what is happening at UNB. It is high time that they realize the need for student participation in all functions of the organizations up the hill. Students at UNB take no interest in SRC or any of the other clubs on the campus. Well, it is plain to see what happened as a result of this haphazard interest. UNB students have had \$1.018.12 taken right out from under their noses and if the usual concern is shown, they won't ever see it again. Student apathy is the sole cause of the mismanagement of the SRC funds and perhaps the \$1,018.12 will shock some of our more inactive collegians into a little activity. Such an urge will last about two days and then peter out, just like all the rest of the fine urges at UNB.

Then for the record, here is how the Council members voted on the amendment to wipe out the fifty per cent minimum grant to the AAA.

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Many people stood out during the course of the meeting. One of the representatives voted against the amendment because "he thought that the AAA needed the money", even though he knew that the AAA had not solicited the full fifty per cent portion from the council. Another admitted after the meeting that he had voted wrongly and he had intended to vote for the amendment but he had been so confused by the "rabble rousers" that he didn't quite know what the amendment was about. However it was quite apparent to the council members that the SRC would be hamstrung in all their non-athletic functions for the coming year upon the passage of the amendment. These types of members have no right to be sitting on the council. They can not even perform the act of simple arithmetic. No one in their right mind could possibly award the AAA such sums of money and then justify the elimination of all the non-athletic activities on the campus. In future this uninformed, apathetic and pathetic student body at UNB must learn to vote for businesslike representatives and throw the personality types to the winds.

## The End

And so on, futilely into the middle of the next month of Sundays.

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