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Cariboo College Principal Jack Harrison today called the headline of a Kamloops Sentinel article of November 5 "completely misleading."

"The headline implies that the College approves of Education Minister Eileen Dailly's proposed college budget restriction," Harrison stated. "At this time Cariboo College neither approves nor disapproves of the budget restrictions," he said, "That is a decision for the College Council which has not met to consider the matter."

The Principal did express his shock and astonishment that the President of the Cariboo College Faculty Association, Dr. Earl Bloor, had agreed "reluctantly or otherwise" to the proposed fifteen percent budget limit.

"Bloor and his executive have ventured into an area where their disastrous telegram to the Minister may tend to close the door on any additional financial assistance," Harrison stated. "This is particularly serious since the Minister herself left the door open by noting that special considerations could alter the size of any budget increase according to the particular requirements of the colleges."

Harrison charged that the faculty executive actions seems to be seeking to deny educational opportunities to the citizens of the College region through threatening funds needed to develop learning packages, a system of delivering college courses to smaller communities. "The learning package system is particularly suitable to our extremely large College zone and is one of the reasons why services in interior colleges are more expensive than those of coastal institutions." "The funds to develop this system might be typical of the special considerations mentioned by the Minister", said the Principal.

Harrison also noted that Cariboo College had planned to expand its efforts in the areas of basic reading, writing, spelling, and mathematics. "The Faculty Association executive has told the public that these new programs are not needed," he said.

"Before he sent his telegram, Dr. Bloor did not even bother to enquire how much of the proposed fifteen percent budget limit would be taken up by debt repayments on the College's building program. The Faculty Executive's stand may threaten or delay the construction of the proposed Science Block and other buildings since the increased operating costs may not be able to be met within the guidelines."

"I had intended to request that the Cariboo College Council continue to press for these and other vital College programs for students, faculty and the community," Harrison said, "and I still intend to ask the College Council to intercede with the Department of Education despite the defeatist posture of the Faculty Association Executive."

"The Minister of Education left the door open," the Principal concluded, "and the Faculty Association Executive has agreed to close it." "They will bear a heavy responsibility if the students and the community are denied a better system of education because of their precipitate and ill considered folly."