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Cariboo College Board Chairman Andrew Smith announced today that the Cariboo College Board was not prepared to sign the contract for the period 1980-81 put before him by the Faculty Association. The Faculty brought their version of the Collective Agreement to an in-camera meeting of the Cariboo College Board Tuesday night. "The matter in dispute," Smith said, "was the section dealing with the way in which the faculty union would reimburse the college for the release time from duties of union officers." He noted that the dispute stemmed from a difference between the verbal version of the award of the Arbitration Board which had ostensibly settled the matter back in November, 1980 and the final written award, received in late January 1981. "In spite of a further letter from the Chairman of the Arbitration Board, David Vickers, supporting the college's position, union officials still insist on trying to force their version on both parties," Smith stated. "Unfortunately, the only recourse open to the college at this time is to ask that the Board of Arbitration be recalled to rule on the matter in dispute." Smith noted that in cases like this the Board of Arbitration which had made the ruling in dispute retained jurisdiction and that this was spe-

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cifically provided for in the Cariboo College case. "It is too bad that the taxpayer and the faculty will be subjected to the expense of reconvening the arbitrators, but this is the only reasonable way the College Board can find to reach a settlement" he concluded.

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