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On Monday Dr. Downey was officially accepted as president of the university. He was unanimously approved by the Board of Governors and Senate. Therefore we at the Brunswickan would like to extend a hearty congratulations

to Dr. Downey. He will be taking office effective August 1, 1980. His appointment reflects a positive step forward for the UNB .campus. Both faculty and staff are pleased with the news and anticipating the new administration.

Congratulations should also go out to the Search Committee who were not only able to select an next w year v this y that y humo Also variou storie But suppo

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excellent candidate for the position - but who were also able to promote Downey's application in a successful manner. Special mention should also go out to Perry Thorbourne as a student representative on the Search Committee. Downey has presented himself as being very communicative with students and their general interests.

We realize that the situation "at UNB is rather a distressing one to face. With the prospects of having to raise tuition and residence fees coupled with a steady decrease in student population numerous problems are presented to the administration. In other areas, there is the current faculty unionization process under first conciliation. The picture is not an entirely pretty one but confidence

is running high for our new president. As students who are aware and interested in the plight of UNB, we hope that you will remain true to your statements a few weeks ago when you commented that you hope to keep close communication with the students. We remain optimistic in hope that you are a president who is within reach and is not locked away in an ivory tower.

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