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## A Rewarding Year

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The 1988-1989 school year is quickly winding down. The end of this year also marks the end of the current student union executive's term.

Dean Frost (president), Luigi Rocca (V.P. internal), Carl Burgess (V.P. external) and Ernest Dunphy (treasurer) were each asked to evaluate their year, as it pertained to their respective positions, and to include what they thought to be some of their major accomplishments, as well as what they enjoyed the most. Each also has some advice for those who will take over for them next year.

Mr. Frost believes "it was an extremely successful year from day one. My personal goal to solidify affairs of the Union internally and to promote the SU

provincially, nationally and in the Fredericton community; and to create a very strong, capable, and stable organization was achieved."

As far as accomplishments, Mr. Frost is proud of the new constitution, and the financial policy that were both created this year. "We have built a solid foundation for future SUs to build upon" he says. He cites Debate '88 (Federal Candidates' debate in the SUB and the Fredericton Inn), Child Find NB Street Kid Tour on campus, Symposium '89, and "the Union's involvement in countless other endeavors" as further accomplishments.

Mr. Frost enjoyed most meeting many new students and trying to implement policies satisfying and benefitting the greatest number of students possible.

"You can't go into the SU with a narrow minded point of view and approach," Mr. Frost advises next year's SU. "Every student is entitled to and expects quality services, clubs, and organizations as well as a strong and innovative SU." Mr. Frost would especially like to thank those who elected him and hopes this year's SU has met the needs of the students at UNB.

Mr. Rocca says "Overall, I was satisfied (with this year) but unfortunately I was taking a full course load and could not do a lot of things I wanted to. That aside, it has been a very rewarding experience." Mr. Rocca does not believe this campus is apathetic, for he says he has met many students eager to help out. "If we could coordinate all our energies, we could do some amazing things on this campus," he believes.

The formalization of the



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constitution, improved communication between the SU and clubs and societies are what Mr. Rocca considers to be important accomplishments.

As for next year's SU, Mr. Rocca says "you have to set definite goals that are reasonable for yourself, and constantly focus on these goals. Don't overestimate your own importance because it was the students who put you there."

Mr. Rocca feels lucky to have been given the opportunity to serve on the executive, and believes that next year is going to be just as successful.

Mr. Burgess evaluates this year as being "very successful." He finds it to have been "a very big learning experience. It was productive in some ways but restricted in others. I had too much on the go. Varsity Mania took over." Although the executive believed he should have resigned, Mr. Burgess did not, which, he says got him into some problems with them.

Mr. Burgess cites Varsity Mania and the referendum as two major accomplishments this year. What he enjoyed most was meeting many new people.

As for advice for next year's

SU, Mr. Burgess says "don't let it go to your heads. We're just students. Keep it in perspective."

"Although I did not achieve my mandate as VP external, I accomplished something far more important, (Varsity Mania)" Mr. Burgess says. He believes in that respect that his goals were "over-attained." He also believes that "most students would forgive me."

Mr. Dunphy comments on his year by saying "I have done what has been required. All things considered, I am happy with my performance."

According to Mr. Dunphy, accomplishments include "the updating of the financial policy, and working with clubs and committees. I have no regrets." He enjoyed working with people on committees, clubs, societies, and those "in the office."

To next year's SU, Mr. Dunphy says: "Don't count on it being an easy line on your resume. It's not as easy as you might think."

"If someone is to judge my performance, I would rather it was on what I did rather than what I said. Actions speak louder than words," concludes Mr. Dunphy.

## Down He Steps

James Downey, president of the University of New Brunswick, will not reoffer for a third term as head of the province's largest postsecondary institution when his present term expires in 1990. He has been president of UNB since August of 1980.

Dr. Downey made the announcement at the March 31 meeting of the UNB Board of Governors in Florenceville.

In explaining his decision not to seek another term, Dr. Downey said that, while the issues facing UNB continue to interest and challenge him, he believes there comes a time when a fresh approach to both problems and opportunities is needed.



James Downey

"For UNB there would be the opportunity to seek new leadership qualities and skills suited to the challenges of the 1990s--challenges which, in certain important respects, are different from those it faced a decade ago," he told the Board.

Dr. Downey, who also holds a professorial appointment in UNB's English department, said he anticipates returning to normal academic life. He did not, however, rule out the possibility of pursuing other job opportunities should they arise.

Dr. Downey's announcement will enable UNB to begin the lengthy search process for his successor.

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