

# SUB needs your support



For the past several weeks a controversy has been raging in the Student Union Building. Student money is involved and any time that happens controversy is bound to ensue. Since 1966 UNB students have been paying \$15 out of their annual student union fee towards the payment of the SUB mortgage. Next October the mortgage will be paid off and the controversy centers around where that \$15 will go - to the student union building or to the UNB SRC. Last week UNB student union president Kevin Ratcliff called a meeting of various student leaders to discuss the issue and hopefully arrive at some consensus of opinion. Members of the SUB Board and the SRC were in attendance.

The consensus of opinion reached at that meeting is that our annual \$15 payment to the student union building should continue. The Brunswickan supports the decision subject to the following condition.

It is our belief that the Student Union Board of Directors must now come up with an acceptable plan and tell us specifically where they intend to spend our money. Anyone who walks around our building can see that renovations and repairs are really needed. Hopefully that plan will be ready by November of this

year. If last week's meeting of the SUB Board is any indication, it would appear that the board intends to press forward with their renovation scheme without delay. The Brunswickan could not agree more.

Since a 1964 referendum passed by students on this campus we have been paying towards a SUB fund. For nearly five years students paid into the fund with the view to eventually building the SUB. In 1969 the student union building was constructed and many students who had long since departed UNB had paid for a facility that many of them have never been in. In 1975 SUB renovations were discussed and the Murray and Murray architects report was presented to the SUB Board for discussion. A referendum was held on campus which approved in principle the report which called for extensive renovations to the SUB. The plan failed due to lack of finances and due to the fact that the mortgage had still not been fully paid. The Murray and Murray report and the whole idea of renovations has been revived. The plan has already been approved by students in principle.

Now is the time for a Student Union Building board of directors to show us some real leadership and press on with the task at hand. We will be watching with interest.