The Brunswickan' what a year.

It is hard to believe that this is the last issue of The Brunswickan for the 1978-1979 academic year. There have been better years for students, equally there have been

Leadership and direction for any group is of paramount importance. This year, on many fronts, leadership and direction have been totally lacking. The university is presently treading water, waiting for a new President and Vice-President Academic. The report of the Academic and Campus Planning Committee, which was supposed to set goals for the next decade or so was dismissed by most as being quite inadequate. No indication has been given as to how we can go about producing a more meaningful report.

Many problems were seen this year with respect to the administration of the university. These included serious problems with the accounting systems in the Comptroller's Office which now seem to be correcting themselves. Equally, the Integrated Science Complex remains unfinished and the Aitken Centre is still not fully paid for.

The Brunswickan took a serious interest in several problems relating to the University Administration. The first was the problems relating to the removal of equipment from the Biology Department. We learned quite a lot from that episode. Firstly, we learned that our representatives on the SRC, Board of Governors, and Senate were not very helpful in protesting something which almost all agreed (in the end) was damaging to the university. The Brunswickan stood up and several things happened. Most importantly, new rules have been devised to regulate such an occurance in the future, and \$11,500 was given to Biology to replace some of this equipment which Dr. Anderson had previously termed 'not necessary'. Perhaps unremarkable, we learned that University Perspectives is not an objective forum, but rather capable of sanitizing issues unfavourable to the university administration to the extent of ignoring apologies rendered by that administration

for incorrect statements. In other issues, such as the million dollar surplus, land sales and problems with our last audit, The Brunswick has tried to make the point that the truth should justly be brought to light. Not

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people should be because punished for any errors but because we should be able to work together to solve our genuine problems.

The SRC and in particular, the current Student Union executive has been a source of tremendous disappointment this year. There is no clear evidence that any kind of leadership can be expected of them. At the last meeting of council, for example, President Bartlett was voted a trip to Vancouver (nice weather there) to attend of all things, a NUS conference. Students have voted to stay the hell out of NUS, but then students have no rights (see Robert's Rules page 1,439).

The last several weeks wherein the CHSR-FM proposal was decided have shown quite clearly that any sort of a change is impossible. Thank God that UNB students have not always been blessed with such short-sighted 'leaders'. The Brunswickan, CHSR,

the Student Union Building and the Social Club all were tremendous steps to take in their day. None of them could pass the test today.

'It has always been that way' is their rallying cry. And it is not showing signs of alteration to 'Let us respond to the times'. A good example of this kind of thinking was seen a couple of weeks ago. Forestry Rep

Wade Prest asked a very good question about why the SRC pays poll workers. The answer he received from Vice President External Fripp defied all belief. First she said that it had always been that way (which is untrue) and then she said that it had to be that way because of the law (see Robert's rules page 4,198) (which is nonsense). Councillor Prest asked a good question. It has NOT always been that way and Fripp's answer has apparently stymied a review of a policy which was instituted around three years ago subject to REVIEW.

To paraphrase Mugwump last week, much was dreamed of and lot less was achieved. Regardless, The Brunswickan seems to have provided more light (in the Science Library), heat (the Franklin affair) and leadership (CHSR-FM) than any other group of students. For the future, we dream of a larger staff and a student government which can climb from their ivory towers to help us and others make UNB the best possible university. It is already very good.

For the next year, The Brunswickan will continue to examine situations which affect students no matter how many hollow threats and cheap shots arise. The Brunswickan will continue to be concerned with administrative costs in the SRC. They are far too high.

The Brunswickan will continue to attempt to print at least a few pages each week of interest to all students.

