

Hatfield to speak

Premier Richard Hatfield has accepted an invitation from the board of directors of Public Legal Information Services, Inc. to address a special fundraising dinner, it has been announced by board chairman David Townsend. The dinner will be held October 25th in Fredericton at Keddy's Motel, Forest Hill Road.

In announcing the premier's participation in the dinner, Townsend said the event is the first of its kind in the six-year history of P.L.I.S. The organization was founded in 1977 by a group of law students and professors at the University of New Brunswick as a vehicle to provide general legal information to the public. the University provides donated services and groups like the New Brunswick Law Foundation have provided generous funding. But P.L.I.S. must still rely on grants and donations from other sources for a significant proportion of its annual operating budget.

Townsend, a professor of law at UNB, said the dinner is one of several activities planned this year to finance the continued operations of P.L.I.S. Those operations have seen the publication of a number of informations pamphlets (one of which has been distributed nationally) and the production of a resource handbook for teachers of law in the New Brunswick school system. Work is continuing in this area of legal education.

Tickets for the dinner are \$30.00 per person or two tickets for \$50.00 and may be reserved by contacting P.L.I.S. Tax-deductible receipts will be issued.

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The student I.D. cards
which we so carelessly and
casually carry about today
had not such an easy beginning.

The picture identification cards were first introduced at UNB/STU in 1968. The Bruns mentioned them in their first issue of the year and gave a brief account of their uses: issuance of equipment, residence meal cards, admittance to sports functions, and borrowing books from the library. The smallish article also mentioned some dismay at the University's plan to pass a regulation stating that they must be produced upon request.

The I.D. cards were not mentioned in the following Bruns.

In the third Bruns of that year, September 24, 1968, the I.D. cards were front page news.

An organization called SDS, Students for a Democratic Society, began protesting the use of the I.D. cards in true Thoreauvian style. For three consecutive days SDS members went to the Harriet Irving Library and chose books

they wanted to sign out. Each time they approached the front desk and announced their intentions the librarians would ask for their I.D. cards. The students would cordially refuse to show them and hence be refused the right to sign out books. Then the student, after leaving the first book on the counter, would quietly find another book and begin the process again.

sDS had, on the Friday morning before the first day of the protest, published a pamphlet entitled "F k the I.D. Cards," which was followed by the more coherent Saturday edition, "Why We Should Chuck I.D. Cards." These two pamphlets, in conjunction with a third "lotter" outlined the

phlets, in conjunction with a third "letter," outlined the basic arguments against the I.D. cards. They felt the cards were "a definite erosion of civil liberties and democracy." The cards were to create "a police state atmosphere" on campus. They were "elitist, non-representatvie, and undemocratic" because they restricted student and university funtions to students and faculty. The

people of Fredericton could no longer have "free access to the campus and its facilities."

As a result of the protests the library closed three hours early on Friday night, closed at its regular 5:30 on Saturday after the President and a couple of Deans came to investigate first hand, and on Sunday it closed an hour and a half early.

Dr. Norman Strax, a physics professor, took part in the protests. He agreed with the students in that the I.D. cards were restrictive on one's freedom. It was on Saturday afternoon that he and President McKay were discussing the system by which decisions were made in the university's departments. Dr. Strax thought the department heads had too much power and that decisions should be made through a democratic departmental vote. President McKay retorted with his regretful comment, "You can't run a large institution on democratic principles." This comment was plastered in the Brunswickan and made the President look none too good.