

UB Referendum Reset; Irregularity In Vote Charged

The Judiciary Board of the Student Association at the State University of Buffalo Friday night ordered a second referendum on the allocation of student government funds to a Breakfast for Children program.

Four members of the board "froze" the first vote on the basis of alleged "voting irregularities" reported by Miss Anne Clifford, election board chairman for the Student Association.

Miss Clifford said she witnessed incidents of electioneering and intimidation at the voting table Friday afternoon.

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She said Yigal Josef, one of five members of the Judiciary Board, instructed her to "freeze the election."

She said ballots were not counted and that they were destroyed.

The student referendum was set for Thursday and Friday after a petition signed by 283 students protested the action of the Polity — an open meeting of the entire student group — authorizing use of \$28,000 for the Breakfast for Children program sponsored by the Black Student Union.

Association by-laws require a referendum if requested by 2 per cent of the student body. Miss Clifford said "about 200" names meets this requirement.

Empty Coffers

In ruling the referendum invalid, the Judiciary Board cited "bipartisan harassment on the voting grounds."

The board recommended that the second referendum be administered by the Student Coordinating Council, that voting booths be used and that the Student Association circulate clarifying information on the \$28,000 item.

Miss Clifford said there was "widespread misunderstanding and lack of knowledge" among students on "the question before them."

Signers of the petition that led to the referendum argued that the \$28,000 allocation left the Student Association with "almost no money" for the rest of the academic year.

Besides Mr. Josef, members of the Judiciary Board that ruled for a second referendum were Berel Spivack, Miss Elaine Cannon and Gerrit-Jan Guertsen.

UB Board Nullifies Funds Vote

Voting results of a student referendum held this week at the University of Buffalo were invalidated Friday night by the Student Judiciary Board because of "bipartisan harassment on the voting grounds."

The referendum was to determine students' opinion on a Polity decision to allocate \$28,000 of student government funds to a Breakfast for Children Program sponsored by the Black Student Union.

The referendum was mandated by 283 students who had submitted a petition to the Student Assn. objecting to the Polity approved "on the grounds that it will greatly hinder the ability of the Student Assn. to function properly, as almost no money will be left for the rest of the academic year."

30 at Meeting

About 30 students attended the judiciary meeting Friday night when four student justices, Berel Spivack, Yigal Josef, Elaine Cannon and Gerrit-Jan Guertsen, handed down the decision to invalidate the election. The board also recommended that:

—The referendum be rescheduled by the Student Coordinating Council which handles student elections.

—Future elections be held in voting booths "to protect against electioneering."

—The Student Assn. "disseminate clear and objective information with respect to its budget for this referendum," emphasizing the need to specify that money allocated to the breakfast program go only to that program and not to its sponsor, the Black Students Union.