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Referendum invalidated by Student Judiciary

The Student Judiciary late Friday night declared invalid the referendum for funding the BSU Breakfast for Children Program by the Student Association. The referendum will be rescheduled by the Student Coordinating Council.

In a tersely worded statement, the student court cited bi-partisan harassment of voters on both sides of the question near the election tables as the cause for invalidation. In addition, the court recommended that "the Student Association hold future elections in voting booths to protect against electioneering."

Further, the court recommended that "the Student Association should disseminate clear and objective information with respect to the Student Association budget for this election. It should be made clear that the monies to be allocated will go to the "Breakfast Program" as sponsored by the Black Student Union, and not allocations to the Black Student Union."

Student Judge Yigal Joseph explained that there was some confusion as to how much money would be left in the Student Association budget if the full \$28,000 allocation was made to the Breakfast Program. He added that "people should know exactly what the budget is and draw their own inferences."

The court was called to

deliberation following a formal complaint by Anne Clifford, chairman of the Student Elections Committee. Campus police were then called by the Student Judiciary to guard the election results. The final tabulations were frozen until after the student court had met and voted on the matter.

Invalidating the election, the court also criticized the Student Association for once again 'fumbling' an election.

The Black Student Union's Breakfast for Children Program provides 200 black grade school children with breakfast each morning. The children come to the Westminster House on Monroe St. where they are served a meal of cereal, milk, juice and toast by black college volunteers.

The \$28,000 allocation by the Student Association would have funded the program for remainder of the year. It was voted for at the Nov. 10 Polity meeting. A petition mandated by 283 students called for a referendum on the question. The petition calling for the referendum objected to the ratification of the breakfast program allocation "on the grounds that it (the allocation) will greatly hinder the ability of the Student Association to function properly, as almost no money will be left for the rest of the academic year."