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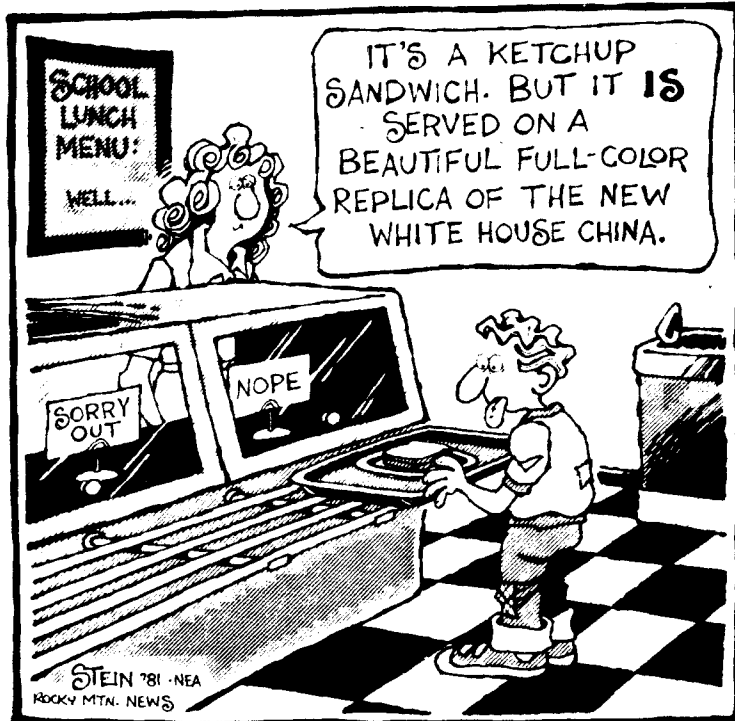
## Invalid Invalidation

The controversial judicial invalidation of last Thursday's referenda is not clear cut. "I felt that adequate notice was given," said Polity President Jim Fuccio. Fuccio was correct in his assessment of the referendum to increase the Activity Fee of each student \$3.40 for the funding of 17 Women's and Men's Intercollegiate (NCAA and AIAW) teams during the Spring 1982 semester. Students were given proper notice.

Concerning the second referendum, which proposes to increase the Activity Fee of each student \$2.10 per semester from the Spring of 1982 to the Fall of 1983, to fund the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG); the issue in question is entirely different. In this case, Kenneth Fisher, chief justice of the Polity Judiciary, attributed the referendum invalidation to the fact that there were typographical errors on half the ballots. "All students in voting should vote on the same correct ballot, the way it was intended," said Fisher, who added that "some students could have been voting on something they hadn't intended to."

The conclusion to be drawn from this incident: There seems to be a lack of communication between the Polity Council and the Polity Judiciary as evidenced by a history of election and referenda invalidations. But in the recent invalidations, both the Council and the Judiciary are singing the same tune, which Fisher said best: "The constitution is very vague on points such as these. We have plans to try to straighten this area up to avoid such problems again." We suggest they do.

In conclusion, we urge everyone to vote and, as we've stated before, support athletics, NYPIRG and, in addition, the 15-week semester.



### -Letters-

#### Vote 'No' On Athletics

To the Editor:

In an attempt to stifle dissent and prevent the airing of opposing views, the Polity Council has rushed to set the rerunning of the student activity fee referenda for today.

Students ought to reject the activity fee referenda as they pertain to intercollegiate athletics. Rather than increasing student funding of intercollegiate athletics, we should increase funding of the intramural programs which are open

to all regardless of ability. And, at the same time, we should join with SASU (the Student Association of the State University) in lobbying for state funding of intercollegiate athletics.

sedate campus some administrators desire. Student rights will be trampled on without us having any funds or organization with which to respond.

If these referenda are approved, other academic departments will adopt the idea of seeking student activity fee funds to fund programs which the state should be funding—thereby eliminating the state's incentive to do so; clubs whose activities are not athletic or academic in nature will have little or no source of revenue, and SUSB will become the kind of traditional,

In this age of conservative reaction, such a scenario could surely come about. Let's stop it in its tracks. Please join us in rejecting the Intercollegiate Athletics referenda.

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