

## Polity Judiciary Defends Actions

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invalidated because the Judiciary felt the students had not had enough time or exposure to the issues to correctly decide.

The referendum that was voided by the Judiciary would have increased the student activities fee \$3.40 per student per semester to fund 17 intercollegiate athletic teams in the spring, and allocate \$5 per student per semester to the teams through the spring 1985 semester.

The other referendum voided Friday would have funded NYPIRG \$2.10 per student per semester through 1984.

"It is the responsibility of Polity to inform the students of upcoming elections and referenda" Fisher said. "We feel that the Polity Council failed to fulfill this obligation to the students.

"For example," Fisher said, "if commuters were not on campus Wednesday and didn't see Statesman, they would probably not have known anything of the referenda."

In response to Polity Treasurer Chris Fairhall's accusation of ineptitude in the Judiciary, McGee said, "We are not inept, (Polity President) Jim Fuccio's defense that if students wanted to find out about the election they could come up to the Polity Office is simply not good enough."

"Three notices in campus publications would probably be sufficient (publicity for the referenda)" said Fisher. "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."

"I also feel that members of Polity Council strongly favored the referendum," Fisher added. "These personal interests might interfere with the students interest."

Fuccio said that he thinks "the Judiciary made an improper decision. Nowhere is it cited that referendum must be publicized. Besides," he added, "we did make the effort to give notice of the election in Statesman, the Stony Brook Press and Newsday."

Fuccio's main complaint against the Judiciary's decision was that he "saw no legal reasoning behind the decision, publicity was not required and even if it were, we did make an effort to inform the students."

Fuccio also said that the Judiciary failed to look into the facts of the case extensively enough and to follow Polity By-Laws.

Fairhall added, "It really doesn't seem right that the Judiciary invalidated close to 2,000 people's votes on the account of only two people."

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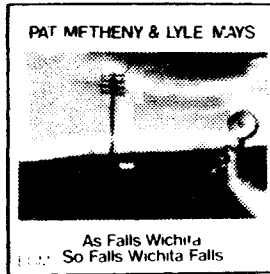
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