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Ridiculous referendum passes

by Wes Oginski

Friday's referendum to have future referendums on the Eugene L. Brody Board passed substantially.

"It's a little bit ridiculous," says Phil Soper, SU president for the rest of today. "I think there was absolutely inadequate information done on this referendum question."

The Board is a committee that gives money to groups raising funds for projects of charitable, developmental, or relief nature on behalf of the students. This amounts to a \$.50 levy per student.

Payment of this levy on an annual basis was the question the referendum addressed. Of the 2112 votes cast on the referendum question, 60.2 per cent (1271) votes favoured an annual referendum, while 39.8 per cent (841 votes) dissented.

Soper is disappointed with the voter turnout, but says the Board members should share the blame.

"No attempt was made by the Eugene L. Brody Board people to try and explain to students on campus what they were voting on," he says. "However, students still voted out of fear of the

unexpected. So there will have to be another referendum next year." In this referendum the v.p. external, who also chairs the Board, will have to justify its existence.

"I've talked to Teresa Gonzales," Soper adds. "She has agreed to tightening up the bylaw (governing the Board's purpose) and returning to its original purpose which was to promote (or support) charitable causes."

Soper explains some people have questioned whether the Board is fulfilling its purpose or

overstepping its jurisdiction. Student's Council originally proposed to take a question of the Board's purpose to referendum, but then turned down the motion.

In the event of negative referendum results, the Board will continue on any extra funds it has, expend them, then dissolve.

"I imagine if they (students) turn it down, it will be the end of the Boards," Soper says. It can be revived later with a subsequent referendum or motion from Council.

Cults go to Moscow

(RNR-CUP) - Long a familiar sight on North American street corners, saffron-robed Hare Krishna devotees are turning up in an unexpected place: the streets of Moscow. And the Kremlin is not amused.

One, Soviet official has denounced them as "social parasites," and a newspaper said the cult's emphasis on simple

living and meditation diverts them from problems of everyday life and useful work.

The publication said the movement is part of Western ideological subversion, claiming its Russian followers "have allowed themselves to succumb to alien influences, swallowing the lure cast out by our ideological foes."

Missile protest II

Last week it was Cold Lake; this week it is the Federal Buildings.

Another protest is being organized against the proposed testing of United States' cruise missiles in Alberta. About 300

people turned out for the Cold Lake Air Base protest.

This week, people will congregate at 108 St. and 100 Ave., sight of the Federal Building. The rally begins at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 3rd.

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