

GAC hangs in the balance

A referendum is on the general election ballot to withhold ASWSU money from the Gay Awareness Committee (GAC) and to revoke ASWSU's official recognition of the committee for one calendar year.

Bob Booth, a student here, filed the referendum because he "did not feel the assembly was representing its constituents when it voted to fund the committee. I did not feel the majority of students on campus wanted them (GAC) funded with their money," he added.

A GAC spokesman said "GAC is an educational and service committee and its primary purpose is to educate people about homosexuality."

"GAC also serves as a place, a forum, for gay people to get together and talk, support each other and talk about problems,"

the spokesman said.

"I don't call what they're doing education — I call it indoctrination," Booth said.

The GAC spokesman said the "people who seem to be working hardest against the referendum are 'born again' Christians who somehow feel it's their duty to work against GAC."

The spokesman also said he'd heard some Christians were using the issue as a way to "get back" at the assembly for not funding a Christian Concerts committee.

Booth says there was no prejudice involved in his decision to file the referendum. "I have moral beliefs but I don't think it's prejudice," he said.

"If their funds were used solely to get people to accept homosexuality, I'd have no opposition to it," Booth said. "But they're

trying to get people to buy homosexuality as an alternative, viable lifestyle," he added.

GAC plans to take legal action if the referendum passes. "We will probably seek an injunction preventing implementation of the results," the spokesman said.

If the assembly rejects the referendum results, should it pass, GAC plans to drop its suit.

If the referendum doesn't pass it will show the majority of the students want it," he said.

But if the referendum passes and the assembly votes to reject the results, Booth says he'll "fight that to the bitter end."

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Gracy Sentor, who turned in the alarm, said, "We were just getting a smell into our building

and it smelled like an incinerator burning, but we don't have an incinerator."

The problem was believed to be found in the composition room where the melting of lead was being done, Sentor added.

Committee hears charges

The Election Board's violations subcommittee will have its first campaign violations hearing today at noon on third floor of the CUB.

According to Election Board Chairman Chris Pursley, the executive ticket of Gary Baker

and Larry Clark has filed a complaint against the Mike Bernard/Neil Rasmussen ticket.

Baker/Clark has charged Bernard/Rasmussen for using illegal campaign materials and defaced a poster, Pursley said.

Report: Forests being depleted

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Earth's forests are being depleted at a pace that could result in dire economic and environmental problems for most of humanity, a report from Worldwatch

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