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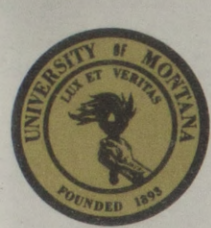
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MSPA TO CONFRONT
REFERENDUM 65 ISSUE
AT UM MEETING

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Referendum 65 will be the primary topic of discussion when the Montana Student Presidents Association (MSPA) meets at the University of Montana Nov. 1-2.

MSPA is composed of student body presidents from each of nine colleges and universities in Montana.

Charles W. Briggs of UM said college and university student body presidents recently were phoned to discuss Referendum 65, the six-mill levy supporting the six state-supported institutions of higher learning in Montana.

"All the presidents consulted endorsed the referendum and expressed their eagerness to work toward its approval," Briggs said.

Briggs, who is MSPA chairman, said that Ed Leary, president of the Associated Students at UM, and other UM students are continuing with plans to mail a personal letter to all parents of UM students asking them to endorse passage of Referendum 65.

"All presidents contacted agreed," Briggs said, "that not only is Referendum 65 vital to the educational growth of Montana's institutions of higher learning and its children, but that to vote it down would be a crucial blow to academic freedom."

Student body presidents scheduled to attend the Nov. 1-2 meeting at UM include Leary; Ed McLuskie, Eastern Montana College, Billings; Jerry Hart, Rocky Mountain College, Billings; J.D. Lynch, Western Montana College, Dillon; Gary Springer, Northern Montana College, Havre; Mike Duran, Montana Tech, Butte; Tom Cannon, College of Great Falls; Mike O'Donnell, Carroll College, Helena and Gary Fulker, Montana State University, Bozeman.

Fulker said that a resolution endorsing passage of Referendum 65 will be brought before the MSU Student Senate this week and he said he is sure the measure will meet with immediate endorsement.

McLuskie and Hart said they will be working for approval of the referendum in Yellowstone County.

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