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MISSOULA---

University of Montana President Robert T. Pantzer and other UM leaders have commended Montana voters and others instrumental in passage of Referendum 65 in Tuesday's election.

Others expressing their feelings about passage of the referendum include Dr. Gordon Browder, a UM sociology professor who is chairman of the UM Faculty Senate and the UM Budget and Policy Committee, and Edward J. Leary, Butte, president of the Associated Students at UM (ASUM), the elected student body governing group at UM.

Passage of Referendum 65 will enable the State Legislature to allocate up to six mills in property taxes for support of the six units of the Montana University System during the next decade.

Concerning passage of the referendum, Pantzer said, "I am grateful that Montana voters exhibited such good judgment to continue the authority for a six-mill levy in support of the Montana University System.

"Throughout many years, Montanans have supported higher education in commendable fashion and this has resulted in real strength in the six units of the system.

"I wish to express appreciation to our students, their student body government, the student service groups, our alumni and the many other friends of the University for the time and effort expended in presenting our need to the public for this financial aid.

"I feel," Pantzer continued, "that Montana citizens can have continued faith in the job that these Montana University System units are doing for our young people."

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Commenting on passage of the referendum Dr. Browder said, "It is gratifying to know that the people of Montana are sufficiently concerned with the welfare of higher education to continue their support through passage of Referendum 65.

"I am sure," Dr. Browder continued, "that all of us who are concerned with the continued growth and progress of higher education in Montana appreciate the confidence that has been demonstrated through passage of the referendum."

Speaking for the ASUM, Leary said, "Members of the Associated Students on campus are grateful to UM administrators, faculty members and students, and the general public for the support they have given to passage of Referendum 65.

"The financial stability of state institutions of higher learning in Montana has been and will continue to be dependent to a great degree on the continued financial support of the University System through the six-mill levy," he added.

Institutions of the Montana University System include the University in Missoula; Montana State University, Bozeman; Montana Tech, Butte; Northern Montana College, Havre; Eastern Montana College, Billings, and Western Montana College, Dillon.

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