Petition Calls For Referendum

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A referendum will be held next Thursday, April 30, on the Student Council’s action which called for a special election to fill the position of assistant editor of the Thresher. The office was declared vacant because Claire Plunguian, the present assistant editor, has been placed on disciplinary probation for the remainder of this semester.

The petition calling for a referendum was submitted at the Council meeting Wednesday night. If the referendum passes, the special election, scheduled for Friday, May 1, will be declared invalid, and the question of

petition for the office and Buddy Herz is expected to file.

Claire was placed on disciplinary probation because of an incident with a Student Center official over taking food outside Sammy’s. Disciplinary probation is the customary punishment for any student who ignores the instructions of anyone invested with authority by the Institute.

The action taken by the Council is in accord with the rule in the S.A. Constitution that persons on probation cannot hold elected offices. The action was protested against because some students felt that the punishment was out of proportion to the offense, and because Claire would not be on probation next year when she would succeed to the office of editor. Two petitions totalling over 400 signatures were presented in protest of the Council’s action.

Editor's Note:

A special one-page edition of the Thresher will come out Wednesday night, April 29, presenting both sides of the referendum question, since this week’s deadline prevented full coverage.

whether or not the present assistant editor can resume her duties as editor of the Thresher next fall will be reconsidered.

If the referendum fails, the special election will be held, and a new assistant editor will be chosen to take office as editor next fall. Ed Summers has filed a