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VOTING WITH PUNCH—Terry Peck uses new vote machine during Valley College election. It was the first election in county in which the machines were used. Students balloted for queen and constitution. Times photo.

VALLEY COLLEGE BALLOTING
Voting Machines Get First Use in Beauty Queen Election

BY CHARLES R. DONALDSON
Times Staff Writer

VAN NUYS—The newly adopted IBM voting system was put to the test in an actual election for the first time in the county Wednesday—at Valley College.

The junior college's 17,000 students are using the county registrar of voters' voting devices to select a homecoming queen from a field of five, as well as to decide eight proposed revisions to the student constitution.

Voting which began Wednesday morning will continue today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and will conclude Friday with a final 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. session.

Long Lines at First

Long lines of students waited at the three polling places during the initial voting, but Brad Hathaway, student commissioner of elections, attributed the delays to the constitutional questions.

"The voting device is not as confusing as the paper ballot," he said. "I haven't found anybody who says it is worse. Some students said the device is a lot of fun."

Nine of the county's more than 30,000 voting devices are being used in the election, two at each polling

place for voting and one at each for demonstration.

The device looks somewhat like a desk pen set with a folding booklet attached. The homecoming queen candidates are listed on one page of the booklet and the eight constitutional propositions are listed on three other pages.

Procedure Explained

To use the device a voter slips an IBM card ballot into a slot and then punches holes in the squares on the ballot card that align with the name of the candidate of his choice and the yes or no answers to the ballot propositions. A different vertical row of squares on the ballot card corresponds with each page in the booklet.

Once the card is punched, the voter puts it into an envelope and hands it to the poll watcher who inserts it in the ballot box.

When the voting concludes Friday the ballots will be taken out of the envelopes, stacked and transported to a nearby savings and loan association which has volunteered its equipment for the tabulating.

Decreasing PTA Membership Recorded as Dues Increase

BY MARTY ALTSCHUL
Times Staff Writer

Some PTA membership dues are being raised in an attempt to cure budgetary problems and dwindling interest.

Yet, the dues increase apparently is breeding problems that ultimately will affect the PTA at council, district, state and national levels.

While eight of nine local units which raised dues have reported decreases in membership, budget problems have remained the same or increased, PTA spokesmen said. Concern is being voiced by district officials over the direct effect of loss of membership on council, district, state and national budgets.

Until this year, all Valley PTAs, with the exception of two which raised their dues earlier, had charged 50 cents a person, keeping 30 cents at the local level while 20 cents was forwarded to the council, district, state and national levels.

portions were increased five cents each, reducing the local PTA's income to 20 cents a member.

The state and national increase was blamed partly as the reason for higher dues yet only two schools—Burbank Elementary and Monroe High—increased their dues to 60 cents. Seven other schools are charging 75 cents or \$1 a person.

In addition to Burbank and Monroe, schools charging higher dues include Tarzana Elementary, \$1; Nobel Junior High, \$1; Madison Junior High, \$1; Taft High, 75 cents; Canoga Park High, \$1; San Fernando High, 75 cents; and North Hollywood High, \$1.

Units that raised dues reported decreases in membership ranging from a loss of 20 members at Tarzana Elementary to a 1,000 decrease at Madison Junior High.

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Burbank Council Gives Go-Ahead to Stough Park Road

BURBANK — City Manager E. Robert Turner Wednesday prepared to call for bids for construction of the first link of a \$750,000 access road in Stough Park under authority granted by a 3-2 vote of the City Council.

The thoroughfare was opposed by Councilmen Robert R. McKenzie and Jarvey Gilbert as "too costly and needless" and scored by the United Homeowners of Burbank as "poorly conceived and the most expensive road ever built in the city."

Rising Costs Cited

Vice-Mayor John B. Whitney defended the mile-long route as vital "to the extensive developments planned in Stough Park, a premise on which the county agreed to pay half the costs of the road to create a regional park."

Whitney also objected to a suggestion by McKenzie that construction of the road be delayed pending filling of a canyon with trash over which McKenzie said the thoroughfare could ultimately be built "at far less cost."

"It's certainly cheaper to build today than tomorrow because of constantly rising costs," Whitney declared.

Valley Poverty Termed Real but Concealed

VISTA Volunteers Say Poor Isolated by Lack of Public Transportation

Poverty in the Valley, often masked behind tree-lined streets and neat homes, is every bit as severe as the more visible poverty in eastern ghettos, according to six VISTA volunteers who completed training and started work here this week.

Reflecting the general assessment of his colleagues, Michael Cogan, 28, a graduate of Cornell University at Ithaca, N.Y., summed up their initial view of Valley poverty based on living in homes of the disadvantaged.

"The poor here are invisible," Cogan said. "But in terms of isolation, they are in worse shape than the poor in the East."

"At least in New York, for a 15-or 20-cent fare, the poor can escape from the ghettos to see the affluent areas. In Los Angeles and the Valley, they are cut off because of lack of public transportation."

Charles Copeland, 23-year-old Job Corps graduate from Norfolk, Va., wondered at first if there was any place for him in the Valley.

Saw No Slums

"I saw nothing like the slums in the East," he said. "But after awhile you can see the poverty, even though it is set more deeply than in other areas of the country."

Douglas Bruckner, 24, of Burbank, and Philip Goar, 25-year-old USC law school graduate from Los Angeles, added different slants on Valley poverty.

"They saw it from east to west, I saw it from west to east," said Bruckner, who spent the past year as a VISTA volunteer in Chicago.

"In Chicago," he said, "there are crowded housing conditions, with houses built right up to the sidewalk. Here the houses have yards and are not crowded together, but there may be several families living under the same roof."

Not Given Much Thought

Goar agreed and added: "When you live in Los Angeles, you might pass right through a poor neighborhood without giving poverty much thought. You must really get down into it to grasp there is poverty—poverty that is real and serious."

The other two members of the VISTA team are Gloria Tumino, 22-year-old graduate of Western College for Women in Oxford, Ohio, from Millbrook, N.Y., and Christine Rufolo, 20-year-old College of Notre Dame (Baltimore) graduate, of Staten Island, N.Y.

Miss Tumino hopes to make use of her knowledge of Spanish.

"It is my intention to work with the Mexican-American community in the Valley, and help it achieve its goals," she said.

Completed Training

The volunteers recently completed six weeks of training at Valley State College under the tutelage of the Rev. William H. DuBay, who headed the VISTA training program.

They will be under the direction of Louis Garcia, director of Joint Venture, which has offices in San Fernando and Pacoima.

The volunteers will be assigned to such tasks as job training, operation of a credit union, organizing Christmas help, the tutorial program and working with hard core youth gang members.

College Poll Opposes Legal Marijuana, LBJ

Discontent With Policy in Vietnam Also Expressed as VSC Seeks 'True Image'

BY KEN FANUCCI
Times Staff Writer

The majority of Valley State College students oppose legalization of marijuana, the reelection of Lyndon Johnson and the continuance of present U.S. policy in Vietnam.

Those views were revealed Wednesday with the announcement of results of the largest public opinion poll ever conducted on the Northridge campus, according to student leaders.

More than 5,100 students—one-third of the student body—participated in the 25-question poll held in conjunction with registration in September. Not all questions were answered so 100% response was not achieved in all instances.

Highlights of the results: 1—52.4% were either strongly or moderately opposed to abolishing laws against use of marijuana, with 41.2% favoring repeal of the laws, and 6.4% with no opinion.

2—46.2% felt companies and organizations should be allowed use of campus facilities for recruitment without regard to the nature of their products. (Although the question named no organizations, the question sought to determine student sentiment on the current controversy over Dow Chemical Co., maker of napalm, and CIA recruitment). Voting no on the question were 38.1% of the students, and 13.3% had no opinion.

3—61.9% were against the reelection of President Johnson in 1968, with 16.3% for and 16.4% holding no opinion.

4—58.5% were against present U.S. policy in Vietnam, 23.7% believed the policy should be continued and 11.8% had no opinion.

5—61.7% believed the campus health center should offer contraceptive devices or birth control pills to any student who requests them, 30% were against distribution and 7.6% had no opinion.

The poll was devised by Neil Snyder, Associated Students president, and financed by \$100 in student funds for the purpose of giving student leaders an idea of student needs and to reveal student viewpoints to the public.

"We wanted to shatter some myths about the student image," Snyder said of the poll.

He described the myths as public sentiment that a majority of students favor legalization of marijuana and the disruption of recruitment activities of Dow Chemical Co. and the CIA.

"I think this image has hurt students with the Legislature where we have been given little support," Snyder said. "The poll shows that the student is not so bad as believed by some, that he is constructive and that he generally is not being heard."

For student government purposes, the poll indicated students generally thought student government was "Mickey Mouse," according to Snyder.

"It also revealed a widespread discontent with the current diet of education being offered at the college," Snyder said.

More Student Choices

He said this was substantiated in those questions in the poll dealing with educational policy. He said 66.2% of respondents agreed there should be a wider range in the choice of general education requirements.

Another 43.7% favored the idea of students having a part in the hiring and firing of professors, determination of curriculum and grading method, Snyder said, against 36.5% who disagreed with the idea.

"The poll shows that students are tired of not having a say in educational policy and will not be happy until they get that say," Snyder said.

The poll also showed a swing from support for traditional student-run programs, particularly athletics; 64.1% felt more Associated Students funds should go toward academic uses such as scholarships and cultural grants-in-aid, as against 11.4%.

Snyder said the latter question will force a re-evaluation of the priority of spending student funds.

"We are spending \$20,000 for athletic grants-in-aid and only \$500 for academic scholarships," Snyder said.

The Valley News in Brief

Topanga Aid Sought

TOPANGA—Special legislation is being sought in Sacramento for tax assessment adjustments to residents of the Topanga area who suffered losses in the recent brush fires, according to Supervisor Warren Dorn.

Rose Float Fund Voted

BURBANK—The city will enter a float in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses New Year's Day under a contract approved by the City Council with the Burbank Tournament of Roses Assn. The city had budgeted \$4,600 for the float.

Check Charge Jails Two

NORTH HOLLYWOOD — Two men stopped for a traffic violation early Wednesday had stolen checks valued at \$5,000, police said. Larry Thomas Riley, 19, and David Evren

Kimble, 20, were booked at the North Hollywood Division jail on suspicion of burglary.

Road Funds Allocated

PACOIMA—The Board of Supervisors has allocated \$16,000 to assist the city in improving Osborne St. between the Golden State Freeway and San Fernando Road.

Valley Man Appointed

CHATSWORTH—Arthur Icardo, 10350 Oso St., has been appointed by Supervisor Warren Dorn to the agricultural committee of the Way-side Honor Rancho.

Burglars Get Jewelry

SHERMAN OAKS—Jewelry valued at \$1,215 was taken by burglars from the home of Alfred A. Steinman, 15619 Castlewood Drive, investigators reported Wednesday. Entry was gained by removing the louvers on a side bathroom window.



WARRIORS ON POVERTY—Six VISTA volunteers assigned to Valley Joint Venture office for the next year discuss their jobs at a press conference. They are, from the left, Charles Copeland, Philip Goar, Michael Cogan, Christine Rufolo, Douglas Bruckner and Gloria Tumino. Times photo.