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The Right Loses Its Stuff

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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT. The winners in the City Council election were: Arnie Levine (8941), Katy Sears-Williams (8570), Mike Rotkin (8460) and Jane Weed (8250), who are pictured above. Rounding out the field were Bruce Van Allen (8171), Bill Fieberling (8035), Jim Felich (7752) and Ed Porter (7717). This leaves the new City Council with the same basic type composition as the old.

The referendum calling for local review of the University's high tech park won very big, with more than 70 percent of the vote. And the measure banning investment of City of Santa Cruz money in South Africa and other notorious discriminators also won easily, carrying 58 percent of the vote.

Expect a more conservative attitude at the Santa Cruz Board of Education with the election of downtown lawyer Bob Bosso and former Santa Cruz High principal Jane Martin. But Art Pearl will also join that group and is a good bet to do a little agitating.

A number of folks decided to run for the Port District Commission because the Holiday Inn plans to slip some units in down there real soon. Of the candidates drawn in by that issue, only Bill Lee won.

CAMPAIGN SQUABBLES. A last-minute complaint about funds spent by the Santa Cruz City Employees' Coalition during the recent campaign was filed with the City Attorney by Dee Hansch of the Santa Cruz Action Network. The complaint charges that the coalition exceeded the limit of \$75 contribution per candidate by spending around \$7000 to support Arnie Levine, Katy Sears-Williams, Jim Felich and Mike Rotkin. The attorney's office has not yet given an opinion on the matter.

Last month the coalition got into deeper trouble when the city chapter of SEIU Local 415 took the firefighters to court to prevent them from using the coalition's name for political purposes. The Employees Coalition was formed by police, firefighters and service workers during recent contract troubles. When the endorsements were made, however, only the firefighters were at the meeting. Once the matter was in court, Superior Court Judge Harry Brauer allowed the firefighters to use the coalition's name in last-minute political mailings and advertisements.

AND SQUABBLES ABOUT VOTERS. The Citizens Against Voter Fraud — a group concerned that illegal voters are helping progressive causes win elections around here — found a receptive ear in the Grand Jury.

The anti-fraud activists wanted 1700 UCSC students challenged at the polls because their names did not appear on the campus administration list of its tenants. The Grand Jury was convinced and took the problem to the County Clerk.

County Clerk Richard Bedal decided, however, that the evidence was not enough to challenge voters en masse and that such a late challenge could discourage legitimate voters from going to the polls.