

UCSC Students' Vote Most Liberal In State

SACRAMENTO (AP)—The University of California at Santa Cruz is the most liberal of the 27 California leading colleges and universities, according to a study of 1972 student voting records.

UC-Santa Cruz voted heaviest for Sen. George McGovern for president, for the Coastline initiative on the 1972 ballot and for the measure to legalize private smoking of marijuana, the UC Student Lobby said in a report Wednesday.

Voters at three UC-Santa Cruz precincts went 95 per cent for McGovern, almost 99 per cent for the coastal initiative and 92 per cent for the marijuana initiative, the study team reported.

Sonoma State had the most liberal voting record of the 19-campus California State University and Colleges (CSUC) and Occidental was the leader among private schools surveyed.

The report said that campuses with large student communities either on campus or near the campus tend to be the most liberal.

"Such trends are probably the result of more constant and consistent peer group pressures and liberal attitude reinforcement," the report said.

UC-Santa Cruz and UC-Santa Barbara, the runnerup to Santa Cruz, fit this category.

Santa Cruz was established in 1965 when the first class of

about 500 students lived in trailers on a field about five miles from downtown Santa Cruz.

The campus today patterns itself after the Oxford model with several small colleges enrolling a total of 4,500 students. The colleges are situated among clusters of redwoods with dorms that overlook the Pacific Ocean.

Cal Poly at San Luis Obispo and Cal Poly at Pomona were the only two campuses where students preferred President Nixon over McGovern.

The survey by three UC Student Lobby members—Bruce Fuller, Mike Gilson and Linda Bond—indicated that McGovern got about 58 per cent of California's student vote in

the November 1972 election while Nixon carried the state with a plurality of 55 per cent.

The study did not include nonstudents in the 18-24 age

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PG&E Halts Work On Coastal Jobs

About a dozen in-progress construction projects, including the big Aptos Seascapex complex, have been halted in the county by the Coastal Preservation Act, Wayne Matthews, Santa Cruz district manager for PG&E reported today.

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bracket. The 58-per cent McGovern plurality among students was weighted to account for more conservative commuting students who did not vote in campus precincts.

In studying the voting records of about 54,000 students, the team developed a Campus Political Attitude index to rate different schools as to their degree of liberalism or conservatism.

A school where student voters went 100 per cent for McGovern, 100 per cent for Prop. 20, the coastline measure, and Prop. 19, the marijuana initiative, and 100 per cent against Prop. 22, the farm labor initiative, would get a 100 per cent rating.

UC-Santa Cruz had a 96 per cent rating compared with the UC average of 84 per cent.

Sonoma State rated 86 per cent among the 19 CSUC campuses which had an average 73 per cent.

And Occidental had an 87 per cent rating among the seven private universities analyzed. No average was given, but Stanford was second in liberalism with a rating of 86 per cent and Santa Clara was low with a 66 per cent.

Among UC campuses, UC-Davis rated the least liberal at 78 per cent while Cal Poly San Luis Obispo was the most conservative in the state university and college system at 56 per cent.