

**PICKETS IN THE PARKS** — Juan Perez and Karen Helms Parsons maintain a picketing vigil at the Nature Study Area in Tilden Regional Park, emphasizing with signs and leaflets that the parks are open during the strike. The striking union, AFSCME Local No. 2428,

and the East Bay Regional Parks District were called back to the negotiating table today at the Learnington Hotel in Oakland by Tom Nicolopoulos, state mediator, after a recess in the talks. The strike began April 3.

—I-G Photo by James Pease.

**To fill teacher vacancies**

**May hire 40 school specialists**

By **NORMAN COLBY**  
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Berkeley Schools Supt. Laval Wilson has been given the authority to fill up to 40 classroom teacher vacancies next school year with psychologists, guidance counselors, administrative assistants and many other specialists now on the payroll.

However, Wilson will have to ask the newly-elected five-member school board for the power to eliminate eight positions on his central administrative staff.

The four-member board yesterday approved without debate the authorization to transfer non-classroom certificated personnel in the name of economy, with the possibility of saving up to \$700,000 in a budget-deficit year.

**Win seats on Peralta**

**school board**

Hal Michaels, H Pat Balen, and Curtis Aller are the apparent winners in the race for board seats in the Peralta School District.

With only one Berkeley precinct still out, Michaels and Michael Prestica 29,267 in 79,311, with Robert Kuehner a distant third at 19,261 in District 1.

In District 4 Balen is the apparent winner over Edward Paul, leading 61,502 to

But they failed to reach an agreement on Wilson's consolidation proposal for his central staff, in the face of objections by parents and staff who are directly affected.

Wilson said elimination of eight jobs and transfer of their holders to other positions would save about \$194,000, another step towards eliminating a predicted \$2.6 million deficit.

Wilson said the movement of specialists into the classrooms and elimination of administrative posts are the

only answer, since the district is committed not to fire anyone.

He said the transfers into the classroom may affect employes in any of 15 categories, including psychologists, guidance counselors, music staff, administrative assistants, prep-time teachers and other specialists.

These transfers would fill the void with the resignation or retirement of up to 40 teachers, he said. If more than 40 teachers voluntarily leave, then the additional

vacancies will be filled by the hiring of new teachers.

The central administrative staff reduction has the opposition of affected parents and staff in the compensatory education, follow-through and early childhood education programs, and board members heard the programs praised at a previous meeting.

Wilson said the five employees concerned would be transferred and the work would be handled by a director and assistant director of early childhood elementary instruction, with "better ar-

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**Rainfall**

(From Lawrence Laboratory Berkeley Fire Station).  
7 a.m. yesterday  
to 7 a.m. today ... .85  
Total to date.....21.47  
Last year to date...34.29  
Normal to date.....23.63

**McDonald new auditor**

Berkeley Citizens' Action candidate Florence McDonald has beaten two-term incumbent Myrna Ashley for auditor of the City of Berkeley.

With all but one precinct reporting, Mrs. McDonald polled 11,382 votes to beat Ashley's 11,044. The contest was significantly influenced by the candidacy of

auditor's office to community groups and make it independent of the city council and the city manager's office.

She also promised that she would reduce her pay to that of the highest paid regular employe in the office.

A veteran of labor city fights last summer against Mrs. McDonald said

(NOTE: The results do not include one precinct ballots have apparently been lost).

- Warren Widener.....
- Ying Lee Kelley.....
- Carl Finamore.....
- City Council (Full Term)
- Loni Hancock.....
- John Denton.....
- William Rufford Jr.....
- Shirley Dean.....
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- Jeff Rudolph.....
- Valerie Brown.....
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- Martha Nicoloff.....
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- Mark Liss.....
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- Reiko Obata.....
- James Moore.....
- Anne Chase.....
- Susan Hampton.....
- Clifton DeBerry.....
- Zig Dever.....
- Roger Taylor.....
- City Council (Short Term)
- Carole Davis.....
- Mark Allen.....
- Velma Bradley.....
- Auditor
- Florence McDonald.....
- Myrna Ashley.....
- Margaret Watson.....
- School Board
- Louise Stoll.....
- James Guthrie.....
- Mary Jane Johnson.....
- Al Simmons.....
- Alex Pappillon.....

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**Berkeley proposals approved**

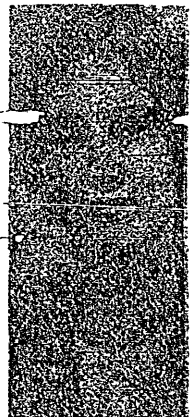
The "Fair Representation Ordinance" and all other propositions on the Berkeley ballot have been approved by substantial majorities of Berkeley voters.

The controversial ordinance allowing each council member to make an equal number of appointments to city boards and commissions was the most hotly contested proposal of yesterday's ballot.

It passed, 18,753 to 11,568, with one precinct unreported.

The ordinance was sparked by the protests of council minority members who said the council majority was "stacking" advisory city boards and commissions with members of their constituency, to the exclusion of minority supporters.

Under the proposed system, a council member would be permitted to appoint only one member to each board or commission. Under the old ordinance, which was defeated, a council member could appoint up to three members.



LOUISE STOLL

**Guthrie Stoll**

James Guthrie, U.C. sociology professor, is the member of the Berkeley school board, who, along with Louise Stoll and Jane Johnson, have been elected for second term. Guthrie received 7,000 votes, placing second out of eight candidates. The vote-gatherer was...

# SCHOOL SPECIALISTS

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Other proposed central staff eliminations, building coordinator, assistant director of personnel and workrecreation coordinator, have no opposition, thus far.

Wilson said some specialists will spend only part of their time in the classrooms, and their salaries can be apportioned, coming from separate sources without any transfers of allocated funds from one department to another.

He also noted that one of the threatened specialists, Compensatory Education Coordinator George Perry recently got a boost from Washington, D.C.

Richard Fairley, national director of Title I funding, talked with Wilson on the phone and urged retention of Perry.

The school board debate over the central reorganization began with a motion for approval by Director Marc Monheimer, seconded by Gene Rob. But it ended with a parliamentary hassle and

no decision.

Director Mary Jane Johnson complained that she didn't have enough information, since the \$125,000 outside evaluation of the district is not complete.

Rob raised the question of the superintendent's authority to transfer the specialists once their jobs are eliminated, and Board President Louise Stoll declared that school district policy calls for parent and teacher participation in the selection of new principals.

Monheimer moved to table the matter and this

failed on a 2-2 vote. Stoll moved to adjourn, and Johnson called this a "political maneuver." Rob called for a vote on Wilson's plan, and was told that the board would then have to hear from all concerned persons before a decision.

A recess was finally called. Stoll, who had warned the board she planned to leave early because of the election, departed.

Rob took her place after the recess. He assured the audience there would be no decision that night, and the board adjourned.

# WIDENER

(Continued from page 1) precincts rolled in.

His final margin was boosted by a large majority in the count of absentee ballots. Widener's victory was reminiscent of his razor-thin, 59-vote victory over Sweeney in 1971, a race that was not decided until after an extensive recount.

Widener's victory this year was different however, in that most of his support apparently came from exactly those areas of Berkeley that went to Sweeney in 1971, while the student

## Employees in legal pay action

OAKLAND — Management employes of the Berkeley Unified School Dis-

 <p><b>DEL MONTE CATSUP</b> ... 32 oz. Bottle <b>59¢</b></p>	 <p><b>FRENCH'S MASHED POTATOES</b> Country Style ... 16 oz. Pkg. <b>65¢</b></p>	 <p><b>EARLY CALIFORNIA OLIVES</b> Extra Large, Ripe Pitted ... 6 oz. can <b>39¢</b></p>
 <p><b>CREST TOOTH PASTE</b></p>	 <p><b>BETTY CROCKER CAKE MIXES</b></p>	 <p><b>ZEE PAPER NAPKINS</b></p>