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**IVC bond issue passes; 73% of vote**

By Willy Morris

Only 31 percent of Imperial County voters cast their ballots on Tuesday, but more than 73 percent of those who did vote supported Measure A, the $13.5 million Imperial Valley College bond issue.

As a result of the 6,981 to 2,465 vote, which exceeded by 388 votes the two-thirds majority needed for passage, the college will soon be an extensive building and renovation program on its 29-year-old campus.

"What it means is that the students will have a first-class institution to attend," college President John DePaoli said after hugging the college winners who voted him at the courthouse to watch the election returns. "It will be first-class physically, and we feel it always has been first-class educationally.

"Under state law, the funds raised by the bond issue may be spent only for the acquisition or improvement of real property. In technical terms, this means the college will, among other things, complete an unfinished business education building, re-pave old parking lots and build new ones, install lighting, and repair swimming pools and air conditioners."

But to the teachers and students who work and study at the college it means something more.

"For the students who take classes in the non-commercial building, it will mean (functioning) heating and cooling systems," said French instructor Patricia Rice.

Barbara Maceri, director of early childhood education described parts of the program as "falling down as a result of the recent rains and said, "For the children, it enhances their health and safety."

Maceri's program will be one of the prime tenants of the bond issue, which will provide the college's 76 percent share of the cost of building a permanent pre-school building. The state will fund the other 24 percent. Since its inception, the early childhood program has been housed in a temporary building.

"I think that probably means more to us than the money, the fact that the community has gotten behind us and supported us," Rice said.

The decisive vote was even more impressive because local voters have been hit in recent weeks with the economic impacts of everything from the stock market's wild fluctuations, to bad melon markets, and the general of this year's tax hikes, all of which might have made voters hesitant to support a tax increase.

DePaoli said.

"The bond issue will be repaid over the next five years with revenues from an increased property tax levy. College officials estimate the cost will be about $11,50 per year for the owner of a $200,000 home."

DePaoli attributed the success of the bond issue to a coordinated campaign effort that used community, faculty and staff volunteers to contact voters throughout the county and stress them to get out and vote in favor of the bond issue.

"It was really a Valleywide effort," he said. "We had people working in every community except Palo Verde."
SMILES FOR IVC AWARDS — Honored Saturday are Abe Zambada (left), El Centro, Mr. Freshman, and 1977-78 Associated Student President; Gloria Cuadraz, Brawley, Miss Freshman; Mike Felchlin, El Centro, Mr. Sophomore and 1976-77 A.S. President; and Marci Jurupa, El Centro, Miss Sophomore, at the Imperial Valley College Spring Fiesta and Awards Program at the IV Swiss Club in Holtville. Over 350 students, parents, staff and alumni attended the program which included awards to 38 students, staff and community people.
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