Children's Center will stay open through spring

But ASI must still decide if the center's future will be put to a student vote next quarter

By Cristi Brady
Daily Staff Writer

The ASI Board of Directors Wednesday night unanimously granted an additional $30,000 needed to operate the ASI Children's Center until the end of the year.

A great feeling of relief rose from a crowd of approximately 80 Children's Center supporters, who had been wearing expressions of concern throughout the meeting. But those expressions were replaced with smiles as the news came that the nearly 130 children who attend the center will continue to be taken care of, and jobs will be saved through the end of the year.

"I don't know if there have ever been that many people at a meeting," Gerald Bolden, ASI Board Director, said of the center filled with the walls of the room. Each of them wore a paper heart bearing the words, "I support the Children's Center.”

"This was the first time this year such a large number of visitors have come to the board meeting, according to College of Engineering representative Gerald Bolden. "I don't know if there have even been that many people at a meeting before," he said. "I thought it was great to see them there."

As Board Chair Jon Lew called the meeting to order, the noisy chatter that filled the room died down. But the heavy feeling of anticipation of the decision seemed to have increased.

During open forum, when any member of the campus community can address the board, 15 people spoke emphatically on behalf of the Children's Center. Speakers raised several issues important to the center's survival.

"We couldn't do the dishes or even take a shower," Barbara Welch, industrial engineering senior, said.

Some Woodside residents resorted to using bottled water and considered alternate showering locations.

"We went and bought bottled water to use," said Taryn Ettl, a computer engineering senior. "I had to take a shower after I got back from my classes."

Students had no water until 10:30 a.m. Thursday, when the water was turned back on.

"I missed class because I didn't want to go without taking a shower," said John Gorzak, a construction management junior. "Our kitchen was a mess, and our sink was piled with dishes because we couldn't wash them."
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Another storm batters Northern California
By John Howard
ST. HELENA — A howling Pacific storm lashed Northern California on Thursday, swamping roads, snapping power lines and raising fears of a repeat of January's disastrous floods.

"I think we'll be in a roller coaster situation for at least a day and a half," said Pacific Gas & Electric Co. spokesman Ron Rutkowski.

The utility called in extra crews to deal with more than 140,000 customers without power for at least a short period. Streams pushed over their banks in many areas. In St. Helena, a small town in the lush wine country, more than 300 people were evacuated when the Napa River overflowed and water began rising around homes, apartment houses and a mobile home park.

"The water just came rushing through," said Don Coffey, 67, who said his unit apartment building to the evacuation center at St. Helena High School. "I had water up past my waist. I was just able to get out with a few clothes. They are all soaked."

Rain was falling at half an inch an hour or more in the Santa Cruz Mountains on the central coast south of San Francisco, and other areas reported up to 8 inches of rain fell overnight.

Flash flood warnings were posted for Marin, Sonoma, Napa and San Mateo counties, the National Weather Service said.

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School board cuts sex-ed classes

**Associated Press**

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**HEMET — Sued for downplaying contraception in sex education classes, the school board here has decided to drop the classes altogether.**

Facing a lawsuit over Christian-oriented studies known as "Sex Respects" — "Teen-Aid" and "Choosing the Best," the Hemet Unified School Board voted 4-3 Tuesday night to halt all sex education classes for seventh- and ninth-graders, except for AIDS awareness courses required by the state.

"It's like driver's education," said board President Gary Young. "We teach students to obey the law and not to speed. But we don't tell them about the brakes."

In October, parents filed a lawsuit charging that they were being denied their legal right to an adequate public education.

"We need to return the responsibility back to the parents, and tell them it's their job to teach their children about sex education and the values they approve of in their own homes," said Young.

Plaintiffs in the lawsuit called the decision a "kick in the teeth." Parents teach sexuality every day ... but there are certain topics that parents themselves can't handle..."

Partnership wanted to support the action. "We really need to return the education classes, the school downplaying contraception in sex education classes in their plan because they said no classes were better than the prospect of teachers discussing contraception with teen-agers."

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By Terrel Jones

**GENEVA — Imagine a Ferrari on steroids and you'll begin to picture the new F50: a speed demon with an authentic Formula One racing engine at a turbine-boosted price: $500,000.**

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The 12-cylinder, 4.75-liter rear-mounted engine slams out 520 horsepower, flashing the car from 0 to 60 mph in 3.7 seconds and taking the carbon-fiber body to a top speed of 203 mph.

A 1994 Chevrolet Corvette LT1 made 0 to 60 mph in 5.7 seconds and has a top speed of 170 mph, according to Road & Track magazine. That car went for about $460,000 less than the F50.

Only 349 F50s will be made in Ferrari's factory near Modena in northern Italy. Those templated better act fast — Ferrari says half already have been reserved. "Our studies showed a market for 350 cars like this," says spokesman Antonino Ghini. "But Ferraris are something cultural, a monument. They must be hard to find, so we will produce one less car than the market.

Ferrari is not the first carmaker to generate super-showroom-sticker-shock. In 1992 the list-price $645,000 Jaguar XJ220 (the price has since plunged) last year it was the $400,000 Bugatti EB-110."

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**Mysterious millions raise fear of corruption at the top in Mexico**

By John Rio

**MEXICO CITY — Claims that a former top drug prosecutor had millions of dollars in a Texas bank raised more questions Thursday about the scope of drug-related corruption in Mexico's government.**

Juan Garcia Abrego, the reputed drug boss named Thursday to the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives" list, had the gang suspected of paying off former Deputy Attorney General Mario Ruiz Massieu.

Investigators say they have found nearly $7 million in Texas bank accounts belonging to Ruiz Massieu, who headed drug prosecutions most of last year.

Citing prosecution sources, numerous press reports here estimated he could have more than double that elsewhere in the United States.

Ruiz Massieu's assets became public in recent days with the partial unearthing of a complicated, high-level plot in which a former president's brother was accused of murdering a top ruling party official.

Ruiz Massieu -- brother of the slain official -- is under arrest in New Jersey, and Mexico is seeking his extradition in connection with the murder case.

"Narcotics trafficking corrupts everything it touches," said Jorge Shabat, a specialist on the topic at the Center for Economic Investigation and Teaching in Mexico City. "It's very difficult to believe institutions in a country such as Mexico could resist.

Prosecutors believe that Mexico's Gulf drug cartel was paying off Ruiz Massieu, the Washington Post reported Thursday. The former deputy attorney general is accused of a cover-up in the murder of his own brother, Jose Francisco Ruiz Massieu.
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Graphic communication major

"Because Drano tastes good, but it hurts you.

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Photos by L. Scott Robinson

Respect your parents' differences

By Hermes V. Law

"I hate mommy! She's always on Raymond's side. And she's stupid! She doesn't even know what the word 'ignorant' means!"

This was a complaint confided to me by a seven-year-old niece Anita after her sister (her mom) spanked her for quarreling with her four-year-old brother Raymond a few weeks back. The remark shocked me. It shocked me not only because it came from a seven-year-old, but because it was like deja vu to me.

It reminded me of how much I, at the age of thirteen, dreaded having to go grocery shopping with my mother because she couldn't understand a word of English. I had to use my broken English to ask the clerk for the correct change.

It reminded me of the banquet following my summer junior journalism workshop back in high school, when everybody else's parents were present to admire their children's literary accomplishments. I told my concerned friends that my parents were too busy to attend, when in fact I was too afraid to invite them—afraid they would not fit in with the "educated" crowd.

It reminded me of how I had dodged questions regarding my parents' occupations, never really answering the fact that, like many Chinese immigrants, my dad was working in a restaurant and my mom was scratching a living inside a sweatshop. I had detested them for being "illiterates" and not holding "decent" jobs like most working in a restaurant and my mom was scratching a living inside a sweatshop. I had detested them for being "illiterates" and not holding "decent" jobs like most professional athletes, human and equine, are little more than glorified gladiators, performing for entertainment. When Dan Marino blows a tender, we think little more than that he might not play as well. When a horse blows a tendon, who thinks of it? Usually the "greedy humans who neglected to ensure this animal was prepared for the physical demands of running." Since Mr. Doucette has probably not spent much time around horses or the barns at the racetrack, other than to watch the races, I would like to take him as an example of a few things.

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Two, it is a scientific fact that a horse's bone mass increases with exercise. More than likely, it's not the horse's condition that caused the breakdown he witnessed. Sadly, having been witness to several of the same types of breakdowns, I can say it's mostly physical and chance. Mass times acceleration equals force, and when a horse's leg lands wrong in full stride, the force behind it can cause bone to shear or shatter. This can happen on or off the track.

Three, don't think that Saratoga Source had no choice but to print Doucette's opinion. "You should not hate your mommy for that," I said. "She spanked you only because she loves you. She loves you both so much that it hurts and upsets her to see you two fight. And let me tell you one thing, she is not stupid. Just because her English is not as good as yours doesn't mean she's stupid. She can speak and write Chinese better than you. She is making more money than you.

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An experienced view of horse racing

re: "Horse racing is inhumane," Mar. 6

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KERSTEN: Affirmative action dividing state

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"The CSU," he said, "and providing a healthy environment for faculty to do their best job teaching." According to Kersten, although the budget is a struggle every year, some new bills are also causing concern and interest within the legislature.

"This decision is the most divisive issue facing the state now," he said. "It is very important that we look carefully at these programs and how they affect that state as a whole and the university itself."

"Repealing it could lead to very serious consequences. It could affect the level of optimism for parents and students." Kersten said.

Natalie Adams, a student employee at the Children's Center, said, "The education I have received here has been a vital part of their being able to continue their education."

ASl: Parents spoke of center's contributions

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Parents spoke of the center's contributions to their children's lives. John Overman, a lead groundsworker at Facility Services, said the groundsworkers are, and have been, a vital part of their children's lives.

"It's kind of to balance out my work and physically demanding," she said.

"It's nice to know people appreciate it, but you don't hear about that too often." Kersten said.

Groundsworkers: Toughest part of the job is patrolling for trash

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"The most beautiful campus in the world," said Mark Harriman, an administrative assistant at Cal Poly studying English and education.

"It surely is an advantage and an advantage to have someone from Cal Poly representing our problems. It's a big plus for us." Kersten said.

As for A.J., we'll get back at him next quarter.

Cal Poly groundsworker Mary Bernard cars a leaf blower to keep the campus clean. Daily photo by L. Scott Robinson
Jordan practices with Bulls amid rumors of possible return to NBA

By Mika Nodal
Associated Press

DEERFIELD, Ill. — Michael Jordan, estranged from the sport he adopted, may be returning to the game he once ruled.

Jordan practiced again with the Chicago Bulls on Thursday, the third straight day he appeared at team headquarters, speculation in basketball, we just said. "It's a reality ... but it's still September and October," Jackson said. "We strongly believe the time is right," said expansion committee chairman John Harrington, also the head of the owners' negotiating committee.

Major league players walked out last Aug. 12, and the move brings some extra cash to the 28 current teams, who claim lost in excess of $200 million last year.

The new teams will pay $310 million each in actual cash as franchise fees, but the payment schedule and an exclusion from national broadcasting, All-Star and postseason money for up to five years brings the actual franchise cost to about $155 million.

Initial payments, about $25 million per team, are due July 1. The final portions are payable in January 1997, Northern Virginia, which might apply again. Baseball officials also are interested in a bid from Mexico City for the next round, became the early favorite in that race.

A group headed by Bill Collins, one of the two northern Virginia bidders, said it planned to get baseball teams to celebrate.

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**DYNAMIC DUO**

Desarie Knipfer

**1995 statistics:**
- 5-0 record
- 0.35 ERA
- 5 shutouts

Coach Lisa Boyer: "She brings consistency in her attitude."  

Kelly Smith

**1995 statistics:**
- 4-1 record
- 1.35 ERA
- 12 strikeouts

Boyer: "She brings a lot of life to the mound. That's why she is really focused and is a real fighter."

Freshman Kelly Smith, who is 41-4 for the Mustangs, was once the No. 1 ranked high school pitcher last year. / Daily photo by J. Scott Robinson

But fortunately for Boyer, Knipfer didn't give interested colleges a second chance once she made a visit to Cal Poly. "I liked Cal Poly as much that I canceled the rest of my trips," the Santa Cruz native said. "I liked the campus, the coach and the attitude of the team."  

"The way she plays, she fits in just right," he said. Smith, who was also recruited by colleges like Eastern Michigan and New Mexico, chose Cal Poly because of the team and the area. Smith said her ultimate goal when she was growing up was to pitch for a Division I softball team. "I started playing softball when I was six years old," Smith said. "Ever since I started high school, I wanted to play for a Division I team."

"The competition level is a lot higher in college," Smith said. "I should make my targets and stay focused."  

"I know what it's like to lose your composure," Bannon said. "Both Desarie and Kelly are necessary since they are pitchers," Bannon said. "They have a fresh attitude. They want to win."  

The two have lead the Mustangs to be the only Cal Poly team with a national ranking. This week's USA Today National Softball Coaches Association poll has Cal Poly ranked 16th.

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**Mustangs sweep up 17th-ranked Rainbows**

Baseball

junior first baseman Jeff Marston all picked up RBIs in the inning.  

And while the Mustangs offense was running on all cylinders, Cal Poly senior starter R.J. Simone (1-1) was putting together one of his best performances of the season. He struck out eight, holding Hawaii to seven hits and three earned runs in five innings to get his first win of the season.

Junior pitcher Jason Novi came on in the sixth inning keeping the Rainbows' bats in check as he held Hawaii scoreless and recorded his first save of the season.

Mueller had a career day as he racked up five RBIs on five hits — two of them triples — and also scored three runs. His triple in the fifth inning brought in two of Cal Poly's runs while his triple in the sixth inning brought in another.

Hawaii, which was coming off a sweep of their own against No. 2 USC last weekend, suffered its first sweep of the season.

Cal Poly will play in their third WAC series when they host Cal State Northridge for a three-game series this weekend. The first game is Friday, with the series game Saturday, and the last game on Sunday.

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- **MEN'S TENNIS:** San Jose State at Cal Poly, 7 p.m.
- **MEN'S BASKETBALL:** American West Conference Tournament at Southern Utah.
- **BASEBALL:** Cal State Northridge at Cal Poly, 7:05 p.m.

Saturday
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