Hurtado: what is his status?

The citizenship of Associated Students Inc. President Mike Hurtado is under investigation by University and county officials.

Hurtado, who was elected AIS President after two run-off elections in May, may not be an American citizen.

Born in Mexico, Hurtado is the son of a Mexican citizen and an American citizen. As yet his citizenship status has not been verified.

The news first appeared last Thursday in a Santa Maria Times article. Since then serious articles have appeared in the Times and the San Luis Obispo Telegram-Tribune.

According to the Times, Hurtado declined to show proof of American citizenship, saying that he had nothing to guarantee citizenship, but that he would obtain documents from his parents. The Times also said that Hurtado failed to keep an appointment to discuss the documents.

Hurtado says that when he went to talk to a reporter at the Times the story had already been printed.

Hurtado is a senior journalism student. In his three years here, he has been active in student and community affairs. He is the first minority student to be elected AIS President here.

He attended school on a number of scholarships and grants, mostly notably through an Educational Opportunity Program scholarship.

Hurtado’s records here show that he was born in Zamora, Mexico, as do documents in possession of the Times and church records in Zamora. But his voter registration in San Luis Obispo lists his birthplace as California.

Penalties for providing false information to county, state or federal officials or for school records may go as high as 14 years imprisonment.

Registration to vote as a native-born American when he was born in Mexico, involving state and local investigation.

According to the Times, voting with registrating fraudulently is a federal offense and the U.S. attorney general’s office is expected to investigate also.

To further complicate matters, doubts were raised about Hurtado through financial aid and may be “repossessed,” and reenrollment of foreign student registration fees may be charged by the university.

Hurtado also attended Allan Hancock College in Santa Maria. College administrators are now doing a recording studio on that date and would be unable to play at the scheduled time.

Hurtado’s status is being handled by the state university system’s legal staff and the district attorney’s office here. Said Dean of Students Everett Chandler.

Chandler said that Hurtado must be “technically an illegal alien,” but that he most likely had attempted to defraud either the state of the university.

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Mozart Festival

The Fifth Annual Mozart Festival opens an 11 concert schedule July 29 with a recital in the Cal Poly Theatre.

The kickoff concert begins at 8:15 p.m. Tuesday. Violin soloist David Abell and Paul Hirsh, viola and piano soloist, will perform Mozart’s Duo in E-flat for Violin and Viola, & K. 424; Joseph Haydn’s Sonata for Violin and Piano; and Ludwig van Beethoven’s Sonata in A Major for Violin and Piano, Op. 47 (Kreutzer).

The Festival continues with two concerts on July 30. The Cambria Vetern’s Memorial Building is the site of the Arrigo String Quartet performance at 8:15 p.m.

An orchestra concert of Mozart music will occur at the same time in the Cal Poly Theatre.

The Ear-Opener Concert happens July 31 at 3 p.m. in the Cal Poly Theatre. The concert presents varied music by Mozart and is designed for the inexperienced listener. Admission to the Ear-Opener Concert is $1.00.

At 8:15 p.m. in the Cal Poly Theatre the same day, the Arrigo String Quartet will perform music by Mozart, Berg and Schnittke.

Aug. 1 is the date for two simultaneous concerts at 8:15 p.m. Victor Baehat will give a piano recital in the Cal Poly Theatre and the Mission Concert will be presented at the Mission San Luis Obispo de Toluna.

Delma Sternsma will sing music by Schumann, Rachmaninoff and others accompaniment.

New band for Aug. 2 concert

The Sons of Champlin—and not Bob Weir’s group Kingfish—will perform here on Aug. 2 according to Concert Committee Chairman Ken Gordon.

Tuesday morning Gordon received a phone call from Kingfish’s booking agent and was informed the rock group would be in a recording studio on that date and would be unable to play at the scheduled time.

Gordon said long chilied for its failure to bring top groups here, appeared headed for another big promise-no-show exploit.

But Gordon wasn’t about to be cowed. He arranged for the band to play two hours Tuesday he arranged for the band to play two hours Tuesday to fill in for the much-heralded country rock group.

According to Gordon, Kingfish will reimburse the AIS for the $500 earlier spent for the promotion of the concert. The chairman said those people who already have bought tickets can bring them in and exchange them for Champlin tickets or get a refund.

Tickets for the Champlin-Frisco Kids concert go on sale this morning.

Chavez goes through

by BOB COX

Editor’s note: Bob Cox, a Poly journalism student, is serving his internship with the Lompoc Record this summer. The following story is reprinted from the Record.

About a third of the way through his 1,000 mile hike, famous backpacker Gary Grossman said the new law is "a good law. We bought it for it. It allows workers to choose which union they want, if any, to represent them. We’re convinced that given the choice, the workers will choose our union."

Chavez was stopped at his office Wednesday, his lawyer, who is immediately “very tired from walking over 20 miles today.”

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Cesar Chavez, United Farmworkers leader, (UPI photo)
Who’s an illegal alien?

Mike Hurudo—who we elected ASI President only a few short weeks ago—is now being questioned regarding his United States citizenship. It seems that he may not be an American citizen after all, although he says he has always believed himself to be an American citizen.

The story came out last week in the Santa Maria Times and has since appeared in the Los Angeles Times as well. The Santa Maria paper makes Mike sound like a convicted and hardened criminal—someone who knowingly crossed the border, came up here as an illegal alien after attending school in Southern California and is now ripping off state, local and federal agencies of precious funds from financial aid.

Why is the question of his citizenship being brought up? Apparently the news was discovered as part of an overall investigation by the Santa Maria Times on illegal aliens in the area.

University officials say Mike’s presidency won’t be affected by the investigation. Apparently the matter won’t be cleared up instantly.

In the meantime, Mike has to live with all the uncertainty of not really knowing who he is. The Times said that only Mike knew for sure if he was an American citizen. But Mike doesn’t know—he has always thought he was a citizen, although the question has come up before at Allan Hancock College in Santa Maria.

Apparently Mike could have gained at least permanent residency very easily. Why he hasn’t is a question in many minds.

But let’s not judge Mike too quickly on this issue. There are many sides to the story which we may not yet know. And sides which even Mike may not know.
Chandler said that Hurtado has always believed he was an American citizen. He said the matter had been looked into before when Hancock administrators challenged his for proof of citizenship in 1972.

At that time, he said, the California Rural Legal Assistance office in Santa Maria contacted the immigration office to establish his status. He said that some correspondence took place, but that eventually the matter was let slide.

The Times articles stated that Hurtado dropped out of Hancock after questioning by them and later reappeared here.

Hurtado claims he undertook steps with the CRILA at that time. He explains his disappearance from Hancock as the result of a job offer. His job, with the Human Resources Development Department, took him through November 1972. He then applied to Poly and entered in January 1973.

Chandler said that Hurtado is not in immediate danger of deportation or imprisonment as was indicated in previous newspaper reports.

Chandler said Hurtado has been asked to provide proof of residency or citizenship, but that he has been given time to do so without fear that his comments later would be used against him.

Hurtado is being represented by Jose Rodriguez of CRILA. Rodriguez had advised Hurtado not to comment on the situation, fearing that his comments later would be used against him.

The bulk of the festival will occur Saturday. Activities planned include—conferences and theater performances presented in the amphitheatre behind the Cal Poly Theatre from 10:30 to 18:30—series of seminars and workshops at the same time—a film about the Maharaj Ji's Australian tour in 1974 entitled "The Power of Love," to be shown at 1:30 and 4 p.m. in the University Union—a question and answer session on mediation to follow the film—a lecture by Shri Raja Ji, brother of Guru Maharaj Ji on the "Inner Experience of Meditation" at 7:30 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium—a play by a Los Angeles theatre group entitled "Miracles" on the same program with the above lecture—a taped address from the Guru Maharaj Ji in Venezuela to be played at the conclusion of the above activities in Chumash Auditorium.

Outdoor sports and workshops are planned for Sunday morning activities. These will take place throughout the Cal Poly campus.

The public is invited to all daytime events.
Chavez marches; goes to workers

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the state can file election petitions."

"We've talked to so many workers in areas we've never before been active, such as Los Angeles, and even though we haven't been here before, there's a lot of excitement—the people want the union. Chavez is telling them 'We will go where the workers want us to come,'" he added.

Commenting on the strike Friday by workers in the Santa Maria area, who had voted against crossing the pickets, there are a lot of union workers in the area, but we haven't been here before infoire, there are a lot of union workers in the area, but we haven't been here before.

The Teamsters are staging phone strikers in the Santa Maria and Salinas Valley areas. This is a situation unique in the history of California agriculture. The growers tell the workers not to come to work and if they do, they are beaten and threatened. Then the growers say they are crippled by the strike.

"It's not a strike, it's a lockout—the employers are keeping the workers out," Grossman said.

The new contract was ratified Friday, as a large majority of workers in California and Arizona voted in favor of it, although Santa Maria area workers reportedly did not, and harvest operations are continuing normally.

Grossman said, "The Teamsters are merely trying to lend legitimacy to the new sweetheart contracts being signed with the growers. Why should they sign when new elections are right around the corner?"

"They have one purpose—the Teamsters and growers are working outside the farmworkers. In a very real sense, the growers are subverting the will of the people of California. What they're doing now is in violation of the spirit and letter of the law," he said.

The new contracts would be voided if the UFWU was chosen as the workers representative in secret elections. The Teamsters have said they will try to renegotiate the pact if they win the election.

After answering questions from the audience, Chavez left immediately, and the audience applauded and chanted "Huelga."

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