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

Hurtado, who was elected ASI 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 stories have appeared in the Times and the San Luis Obispo Telegram-Tribune.

According to the Times, Hurtado decided 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 as ASI President here.

Hurtado attended 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. Registering to vote as a native-born American when he was born in Mexico is a felony involving state and local investigation.

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

To further complicate matters, minors awarded Hurtado through financial aid may be "repatriated," and reenrollment for the same student registration fees may be charged by the university.

Hurtado also attended Allan Hancock College in Santa Maria. College administrators are now reviewing the case for their own school records fees incurred while he was students there, the Times said.

The matter is being handled by the state university system chancellor’s legal staff and the district attorney’s office here, said Dean of Students Everett Chandler.

Chandler said that Hurtado may be "technically an illegal alien," but that he most likely had not attempted to defend either the state or the university.

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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 personal 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.

Concert Committee, long chided for its failure to bring top groups here, appeared headed for another big promise-no-show exploit.

But Gordon wasn’t about to call it a day and two hours Tuesday he arranged for a replacement in time to fill in for the much-hyped country rock group.

According to Gordon, Kingfish will reimburse the ASI for the $500 advance agent 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.

Concert

The Cache Valley, Drifters, a Santa Barbara band will play at 11 a.m. today, July 24 in the University Union Plaza.

Known for their bluegrass music, they are sponsored by the ASI Concert Committee and ASI officers.
Mike Hurudo—whom 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.

Who's an illegal alien?

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.
Citizenship questioned

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Chandler said Hurtado has done several things which would establish his intent to become a permanent resident. His draft challenge, his mother's birth certificate, his attendance at Cal Poly, and his permanent resident status in California would all tend to establish his intent to become a permanent resident, Chandler said.

Hurtado said he has always believed he was an American citizen. He said the matter had been looked into before when Hancock administrators challenged him 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. The job, with the Human Resources Development Department, took him through November 1972. He then applied to Poly and entered in January 1973.

Hurtado said he was brought to the States in 1952 by his parents. The Times said, but that he has lived in California most of his life. His mother is an American citizen, he said, the fact that Hurtado's registration to vote.

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 make the necessary information. He said the fact that Hurtado's mother is an American citizen, that he was married to an American citizen and that he has lived in California most of his life would place citizenship within easy reach.

District Attorney Robert Tail said his office is particularly interested in the voter registration aspect of the case. The office is interested in determining the circumstances surrounding Hurtado's registration to vote.

Chandler said 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.

Guru festival this weekend

A thousand devotees of the Guru Maharaj Ji will gather here this weekend for the annual Guru Puja Festival of the Divine Light Mission.

The bulk of the festival will occur Saturday. Activities planned include concerts and theater performances presented in the amphitheater behind the Cal Poly Theatre from 10:30 to 1:00, and a 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 the life and teachings of 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 activities.
Chavez marches; goes to workers

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the state can file election petitions."

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

Commenting on the strike Fri
day by workers in the Santa Maria area, who had voted against the latest contract offer

"It's not a strike, it's a farce.

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 group, Chavez left immediately, as the audience applauded and chanted 'Huelga.'"

"They have one purpose—the Teamsters and growers are working outside the law. 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 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 contracts; they sign when new elections are right around the corner.'"

Festival to begin with piano recital

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