**Students storm Capitol**

By Dina Chatman
Mustang Daily

Thirty-seven Cal Poly students journeyed to Sacramento Sunday night with a common goal — to secure $200 million for the California State University system. Gov. Gray Davis will decide whether to grant the budget request within the next two weeks.

The $200 million would help the universities hire and retain faculty members, and provide adequate computer resources. It also offers money to high-cost programs — agriculture, architecture, engineering, and nursing — which require intensive teaching requirements and have greater equipment costs. Money for agriculture research is included as well.

Cal Poly has three of the four high-cost programs: agriculture, architecture, and engineering. Agriculture research is significant to Cal Poly because it will meet the need to

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**Political Poly students lobby for state funding**

By Dina Chatman
Mustang Daily

The clicking sound of dress shoes resounded off the walls of the state Capitol, as Cal Poly students raced to lobby legislators for educational funding.

The students organized into groups of three and four, read a list of senators and assemblymen they would meet with, and set off to particulars of state government for additional funding.

Senate Policy Analyst for the CSU Office of the Governor

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**Faculty protest salary contract**

By Rena L. Sripramong
Mustang Daily

Armed with picket signs, Cal Poly faculty members protested for higher wages Tuesday.

Members of the California Faculty Association, the union which represents the teaching staff at Cal Poly, and other CSUs marched in a circle outside the administration building to protest the contract offer from the California State University system.

Some held signs with Chancellor Charles Reed's name crossed out. Music from the 60s and 70s blared from a nearby radio. The protesters, marching in silence, let the signs speak for themselves.

Cal Poly faculty has been without a salary contract for six weeks. In addition, Cal Poly professors and lecturers receive 11 percent less pay than teachers at comparable institutions, according to the CFA.

Dennis Butler, computer science professor and two-year CFA member, was one of 40 members who turned out for the peaceful picketing.

"It is the CFA and the vanguard of the faculty, and we all want the Chancellor and the CSU system to pay us a living wage," Butler said.

Butler said Cal Poly is losing faculty

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**Custodian calls fliers pornography**

By Jenny Ferrari
Mustang Daily

One flier is a photograph depicting two naked women kissing each other, and the other flier is a photograph of two partially naked males hugging each other.

Paul Richards, a Cal Poly custodian for five years, administers down the club's fliers.

"It's pornography — two nude people in the picture, doing a sexual act. If that's not pornography I don't know what is."

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Cal Poly custodian

The Cal Poly Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual United Club members are upset over the removal of their club flyers by a Cal Poly custodian.

"One flier is a photograph depicting two naked women kissing each other, and the other flier is a photograph of two partially naked males hugging each other," Richards said.

Alex Gomes, a member of the GLBU club, explained why his club is angered.

"We have put a lot of money and time into creating and distributing the fliers.

Gomes said the GLBU club spends more than two hours Monday nights posting flyers in campus buildings, and within hours many of the flyers have disappeared. "There are not just covered up, they are gone," Gomes said.

Gomes said the club realizes the fliers may be shocking, but said the fliers are an art form.

"The fliers are showcasing the human body, which is elegant and sensuous in beauty. Just because there are no frames around the fliers and they are not in an art gallery doesn't mean they aren't an art form," Gomes said.

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According to Phil Fetzer, union president and political science associate professor, the CSU system and the chancellor's office have left the faculty to operate without a contract.

“We need a contract to set the rules about pay and benefits,” Fetzer said. “The demonstration today is a signal to the CSU that we want to get back to serious negotiations.”

In a poll taken by the CFA, more than 200 faculty members favor and support the actions taken by the association.

“The CFA is made up of more than 275 lecturers, librarians, and full-time and part-time professors. Negotiations are underway between the CSU system and Cal Poly, said Ken Swisher, spokesman for the chancellor's office.

“We had a meeting with Cal Poly last week and said there would be another one within the next week,” Swisher said. “We are encouraged the process will move forward.”

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agriculture program in maintaining long-term profitability in a competitive global environment.

Jeffrey Vaca, senior policy analyst for the CSU Office of Governmental Affairs, said California expects an estimated $3 billion surplus this year from which the Trustees hope to receive the $90 million. Vaca said one reason for the surplus is that tax revenues were higher than expected.

“These things change so quickly,” he said. “Just as recently as January we were hearing there would be a deficit.”

Kelle Smith, legislative assistant for Sen. Jack O’Connell (D-Santa Barbara), said one of the reasons for the surplus is simple trial and error. “As we were estimating how much money we would be giving, for the 1999 fiscal year, and we were wrong,” she said.

Smith gave an overview of the process the budget request would go through before it could be approved. She said the budget request has passed in the Senate, and is awaiting approval from the Assembly. The Governor will disclose how to talk to a legislator.

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Said Smith: “We need all the help we can get.”

Vaca said McCune, Cal Poly graduate and former ASI president, is now on a fellowship with Sen. Bruce McPherson (R-Santa Cruz). McCune gave the group words of encouragement, and even demonstrated how to talk to a legislator.

“The staff is truly the backbone of the lobbying,” Clarke said. “The best aspect of the trip was getting to know the students individually. It is hard to get what we asked for,” he said.

Campagne organizer Hopper was thrilled with the lobbying.

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25 seniors unite to present marketing plan to GM

By Jessica Hagans
Mustang Daily

Senior projects are hard enough to coordinate with a couple of people, but try 25. Since January, 25 business administration seniors have participated in the General Motors Marketing Internship.

The task for these seniors was to come up with a promotion plan for Rancho Grande Motors that encourages people to visit the local General Motors dealership.

The seniors decided to hold a walk-a-thon and ran on May 8. The walk finishes at Rancho Grande Motors, and all proceeds go to the San Luis Obispo County Child Abuse Prevention Council.

“It offered me a hands-on opportunity to do a project in the real world instead of just a marketing plan,” said Chris Muzzy, a business administration senior and events planning member of the group.

Dean Haupt, owner of Rancho Grande Motors, gave the seniors $2,500 to begin their project. From there, if the seniors needed more money they had to solicit donations.

“It seemed impossible the first two weeks,” Muzzy said. “We've now gotten about $15,000 in donations.”

During the week of April 12, GMMI members presented the walk-a-thon plan to members of General Motors, Cal Poly administrators, Haupt, and employees from SLOCAP.

“It was well-researched, well-developed,” Haupt said. “They did their homework and then developed the project out of that homework.”

The members of GMMI say it was hard to get everyone to work together at first. The group divided into six different departments: public relations, events planning, published reports, budget, market research and advertising. The idea for the walk came from the events planning group.

The event kicks off with a five-kilometer walk, starting at Meadow Park in San Luis Obispo and ending at Rancho Grande Motors.

“The walk is just a pre-event. The main event is at the dealership,” Muzzy said.

A tri-tip cook-off will be held at the dealership. So far, Firestone Grill, Friends Grill and Catering of Atascadero and Harry's Rib Company of Los Osos will be cooking tri-tip.

Muzzy said there will be music, prizes and lots of food at the dealership.

“Right now we're working on getting a bike donated for the grand prize drawing,” Considine said.

Besides the $15 donation to walk in the walk-a-thon, there are other ways for SLOCAP to receive money from this event.

“The test drive for charity is where (Haupt) will donate $10 for every test drive taken on Saturday,” Muzzy said.

“Call it an opportunity for greater public awareness for SLOCAP,” said Carolle Samidel, executive director of SLOCAP.

The GMMI members would like to see 1,200 people walk and 3,000 people show up at Rancho Grande Motors after the walk.

The 5K walk starts at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 8, at Meadow Park. The event costs $15 for registration before April 23, and $20 for registration on the morning of the walk.

“If you like SLOCAP and you like walking, not only is it good for your health, but you're also doing something good for the community,” Muzzy said.

Club Events

ADVERTISE YOUR CLUB OR CLUB EVENT HERE! COMPLIEMENTS OF ASI

Pick up forms, in ASI Executive Office (UU220)

ENSURE THE STATE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING PICK UP A LETTER IN THE ASI EXECUTIVE OFFICE (UU220)

BIOTECH DAY AT CAL POLY Thursday, May 6, Open Forum 11:30-2:30, Reception at UU Galore 12:30 p.m.

The Liberal Arts Student Council will be holding office elections: May 11, 10 a.m., 241 UU.

College of Agriculture Council Meetings are held every Tuesday from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in UU220.

College of Architecture and Environmental Design Council Meetings are held every Tuesday from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in Building 5, Room 212.

College of Business Council Meetings are held every other Tuesday, beginning 7:00 from 8:00-9:00 p.m. in Building 3, Room 113.

College of Engineering Council Meetings are held every Monday from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in UU220.

College of Liberal Arts Council Meetings are held every Tuesday from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in Building 12, Room 241.

College of Science and Math Council Meetings are held every Monday from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in UU219.
Getting wet and wild at Wildflower

Wildflower 1999 has given camping a whole new meaning. I, along with hundreds of Cal Poly students, spent last weekend in Beach City, toughing it out on the edge of Lake Nacimiento's south shore. In the daytime, we were normal Cal Poly students, responsible for passing out cups of water and cheering the athletes on, but it was a totally different story the sun went down. We partied to four live bands underneath a full moon at the 7th annual triathlon. There was dancing, huge bonfires and everywhere you looked, masses of people having fun. If you still cannot imagine a party this big, thank Woodstock.

I am sure many of you are reading this article with some degree of skepticism. I do not blame you. The average Cal Poly student walks around campus with “the stock conservative” expression on their face. “Those students let their hair down — impossible!”

I am here to tell you the theory has been disproved. All masks were off on this camping trip. I met more people during the Wildflower three-day weekend than I have in my last three years at Cal Poly. Everyone was in a great mood, relaxed and mellow, despite it being the end of the fifth week of the semester. It might be possible for me to have something to do with the obscene amount of beer everyone brought, but I like to think it had more to do with nature.

I guess I should mention something about the triathlon, since that was the purpose of the weekend. Athletes came from all over the United States to compete in the grueling swim, bike and run race. One participant even dived across the fresh line in a superman costume, while another wore the tallest Elvish wig I have ever seen. I walked away from the weekend with a great respect for the athletes, many who raced for Cal Poly, but also quite a blow to the ego. The most in-shape athletes finished the race in a little more than four hours. I doubt I could have even made it through two of the events. This experience has caused me to begin a strict exercise regimen in an attempt to regain some pride.

On Sunday, after the last race was over, a light rain began to fall. The raindrops felt good on my sunburned skin. After three days of dust, sun and lake algae, I could not help but think the heavens were washing us all clean.

If you did not make it to Wildflower this year, you should definitely go before you graduate. This is one experience that will leave you smiling for days after. Oh, and who ever stole my lawn chair Friday night? Karma is real.

Kathryn Dugas is a senior English major who is thinking about flunking classes in order to go to Wildflower again next year.

Blaiming the victims of Columbine is not the answer

Editor:

I am personally incensed by the editorial by Hannah Fons from Iowa. How dare she blame the victims for creating the monsters of Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris!

First of all, I have to make the disclaimer that harassment and tormenting other students because they are different is not cool. I am totally for tolerance and acceptance of all kinds of people (except murderers and criminals). When jocks make fun of nerds, it hurts the nerd's feelings.

When the nerds shoot the jocks, it hurts everybody. But when people like Fons blame the jocks for making the nerds murderers, they are WAY out of line! You must remember who the victims are. Nothing the “popular” kids did warranted a death sentence, no matter how much they had fun of Klebold and Harris. If a woman wore a low-cut shirt and a very small skirt, she is not responsible for being raped. The ‘popular’ kids are not responsible for the monsters in Littleton.

The only people responsible for their actions are themselves (and maybe their parents, but I don’t know for sure). No matter how much one sympathizes with social outcasts and no matter how much people want to be able to explain other’s actions, moral disgust in such a case cannot be explained away by Marilyn Manson or violent video games or the social terror that the murderer were put through. “Hopefully, when the tears run out in Littleton, the quest that comes afterward will allow for folks to realize that” it is no one’s fault but Klebold and Harris.

Steven Puccinelli is an English freshman.

Great article on Wildflower (sarcasm)! As usual, the Mustang Daily writers have no clue what they are talking about. Wildflower defends title while Mustang fal-ters, May 3. Wow. I had no idea taking second in the National Championships was failtering. I guess they really do have high expectations here at Poly. With every decent collegiate triathlon team in the nation making the journey to Wildflower to take a shot at winning the Collegiate National Championship, I’d say the Cal Poly Triathlon Team kicked some serious a**.

Especially considering that Reto Waeftler, our top male, was injured and only won the Western Conference Championships this year, didn’t even finish. Poly had three All-Americans, with Waeftler taking fifth, myself coming in 10th and Ryan Lashlee taking ninth. Furthermore, we had several people who had never even completed a real triathlon before, who finished what is probably the toughest Olympic distance triathlon in the world, and had a great time doing it.

Of course, a lot of credit for these great results has to go to the Cal Poly volunteers. I can’t tell you how incredible it is to start the run fighting for one of those All-American spots and hear, “GO POLY!” just about every step of the way. It was so loud at some points, I couldn’t even hear myself think (which is a good thing, because I kept thinking, “Damn, this really hurts!” “Why not just stop and drink beer with the ski-bad chicks?”). You guys (and girl) make Wildflower the best race in the world. Finally, congrats to all of you Cal Poly people who crossed the “beer barrier” and actually participated this year. Hope to see you at some races this summer and of course at Wildflower next year. I’m sure the Mustang Daily sports staff feels the same way, but they’re pretty busy writing articles about how to bet on horse races, complaining the Red Sox haven’t won the World Series since WWI and reminding us how don’t everyone get this weekend.

By the way, the Wheelmen faltered and only won at the Western Collegiate Cycling Conference Championships this weekend at Chico.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Great article on Cal Poly triathletes is incorrectly unsupportive

Editor:

Cyanide+ is incorrectly unsupportive. Everyone you got this weekend. We all support you in your endeavors and are proud that you can do it in the way you do. The only thing that concerns me is the number of people who wrote about how to bet on horse races, complain about how to write articles about how to bet on horse races, complaining the Red Sox haven’t won the World Series since WWI and reminding us how don’t everyone get this weekend.

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Ladies, help the men by covering up

By Andrew Chamberlain

The Daily (U-WIRE)

In response to the tragic murder of gay student Matthew Shepard, President Clinton recently moved to expand the federal hate-crime bill to include assaults on homosexuals and the disabled. In a press conference, Mr. Clinton referred to Mr. Shepard's death as a "tragic and senseless" event. But in reality, where the rest of us live, hate-crime legislation makes a profound difference in the real world setting.

 Hate-crime legislation is the first major effort to either protect people or prevent violence. In the wake of the Columbine massacre, the nation's overall epidemic of gun violence, or the tragic emergence of gay-bashing and its consequences, hate-crime legislation becomes an important part of the larger social problem.

Hate is a word that means different things to different people. The word is a symbol of power, a way to express anger, a way to make claims about who you are and who you aren't. It is a word that often is used by powerful people to keep others down, to make them feel inferior, to make them feel like they can't talk.

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The American Academy of Pediatrics — an organization dedicated to the health and welfare of children — has endorsed by declaring gun violence a儿童的健康和福利。They have endorsed the American Academy of Pediatrics' statement that gun violence is a public health issue, and they have endorsed the Children's Gun Violence Prevention Act, which includes measures to keep guns out of the hands of children and to require manufacturers to install child safety locks on all guns.

But there is a problem. The NRA doesn't think so. It opposes the bill. It's just another example of how, in the end, the NRA doesn't care about kids — it cares only about the profits of gun manufacturers.

There is no question that gun control measures wouldn't have prevented the shooting, or that more teachers had carried guns they could have stopped it.

They're exactly right. Maybe they're not. It doesn't really matter, because it's an academic argument designed to distract us from the fact that gun control measures wouldn't have prevented the shooting, or that more teachers had carried guns they could have stopped it.

Colorado Daily (U-WIRE)

In the wake of the Columbine High massacre and subsequent calls for stricter gun laws, pro-gun advocates have responded by digging in their heels. They argue that gun control measures wouldn't have prevented the shooting, or that more teachers had carried guns they could have stopped it.

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Fliers
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Richards said he took the fliers down because they are inappropriate. "Pornography is illegal in this state and if they (GBLU club) think they can take my rights for their personal agendas, I don't agree with that," Richards said.
Gomez said Richards is taking down the fliers because of his religious beliefs.
Richards disagrees. "My Christianity has nothing to do with me taking down the fliers," Richards said.
Richards said he has been advised by his supervisor not to take any action until the university decides whether the fliers are inappropriate.
Bob Walters, assistant director of student life, said several male and female students have complained to him about the content of the club's fliers.
"Some students see the posters as offensive and degrading, but no matter how offensive the material may be, student organizations do have the right to post," Walters said.
Gomez said the GBLU club produced the fliers to let the community know there are gays and lesbians in almost every classroom. "We want people to know, and let people know that we feel good about themselves and know they have a place to go," Gomez said. "On a personal level, I've been very distressed and disturbed because Paul Richards is a state employee using state time to perpetrate a personal agenda," Gomez said.
Gomez said the GBLU club fliers are necessary. "On such an apathetic campus, we need something to get people's attention so others can begin the dialogue of discussing homosexuality in general," Gomez said.

News

Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals United

Tuesday 7:30 P.M.
Faculty Office Building (47, Room 24B)

'Silent Hill' video makes role-playing too realistic

By Chris Hoffman
Mustang Daily

As you enter the dark, blood-stained hospital room, a grotesquely deformed woman emerges from the shadows and heads toward you with a knife. You step back, then repeatedly stab at the woman's flesh as she slumps to the floor with a scream.
Welcome to Silent Hill. Silent Hill is a disturbing experience. The game shifts to some bizarre angles that give a claustrophobic feeling in some situations, and the city is constantly shrouded in fog or darkness so players never know what's lurking nearby.
Sound effects add to the creepy atmosphere, with pounding music that heightens the tension. Sounds get louder as you near a monster, even if you can't see it, giving players an advantage.
In the creamery, with pounding music that heightens the tension. Sounds get louder as you near a monster, even if you can't see it, giving players an advantage.
Oh man, what's coming now?' feels like a heart, beating faster as Mason gets closer to death.
Visually, the game is a mixed bag. On one hand are the gruesome Hellraiser-ish graphics — chains dangling from the sky, bloody padded cells, human corpses hanging from the walls — that pound the horror home. The cinema scenes are also very realistic and detailed. On the other hand, the almost complete lack of visibility during game play is extremely frustrating and annoying.
Character movement could also be a little more precise, and the game is relatively short (although there are at least four endings).
Though it has flaws, Silent Hill is saved by its story and terrifying atmosphere. It's one of the few games that can truly elicit fear. For a disturbing game that draws players in, Silent Hill is a sure bet.

Station dedicates song to slain students

KISS-FM mixes KSBY soundbites into tribute tune

Mustang Daily

KISS 99.7 debuted a musical tribute to Rachel Newhouse and Amanda Crawford on Tuesday.
The song, which is less than three minutes, combines Donna Lewis' "Silent World" and testimonials from the women's memorials and voices from KSBY news reports.
People have called into KISS requesting and asking about the song after hearing it for the first time.
Angela Obeso, a civil engineering senior, heard the song for the first time on KSBY. She thinks the song contributes to awareness rather than serves as a memorial. "It was a nice gesture, but some of the clips of the newscast were kind of scary. It gave me chills," she said.
According to KBSY's program director, the station will play the song every two hours. He expects the song to air for about one to two weeks. The station compiled the song to keep people talking and aware.
SPORTS

Sports complex progresses on track

By Alexis Garbee

The Cal Poly Sports Complex is starting to take shape and is still on schedule for a summer of 2000 completion.

William MacNair, project manager for Facilities Planning, said he is pleased with the progress.

"If you go out there, it is starting to look like a sports complex," MacNair said.

MacNair said the overall project is 15 percent complete, and the grading contractor, who moved earth from one place to another, is 40 percent complete.

Recently, the electrical contractor has begun the electrical work in the complex, and the concrete for the retaining walls has been poured.

"There has not been anything that has come up that has not been expected, even rain," MacNair said.

"We are still moving forward on schedule."

The complex's expected completion date is July of 2000. In July, all contractors will leave the site, but it will not be open to the public.

There is a 45-day maintenance period for landscaping, so sports teams will not be able to utilize the complex until everything has grown.

The sports complex is located between the student union and the aerospace hangar.

One Cuban seeks asylum in Baltimore

Baltimore (AP) — A Cuban baseball coach skipped the flight home Tuesday after the game against the Baltimore Orioles and asked for asylum in the United States.

Federal authorities were trying to determine whether six others who missed the plane wanted to stay in the United States, too.

Rigoberto Herrera, a 54-year-old pitching coach, walked into the downtown police headquarters about 10 a.m. Tuesday, a police spokesman said.

The interviewers, through an interpreter, understood he was requesting asylum and immediately notified INS officials," spokesman Robert Weinhold said. The Immigration and Naturalization Service took custody of Herrera, he said.

Rep. Bob Menendez, D-N.J., a foe of Fidel Castro's government, said he understood he was requesting asylum and immediately notified INS officials.

"We're too slow and not strong enough to make any proogress," Menendez said.

"To move ahead we have to be ready," left wing Jeff Friesen said. "I want our team to finish over .500 next year. We're so close to getting there. All it will take is a little more work.

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The Sharks did their best to make up for it. Friesen led the team with 22 goals and 35 assists in the regular season.

Right wing Alex Korolyuk, who was called up from Puerto Rico in 1986, in the Pan American games in Winnipeg in 1987 and during a tour of Mexico.

San Jose finishes year sub-.500 once again

SAN JOSE, (AP) — The San Jose Sharks got off to a dismal start this season, winless in their first eight games.

Still, they rebounded to make the playoffs.

"We were a little better, but you have to credit the Sharks, who once again failed to have a .500 season. San Jose has never reached the milestone as a franchise.

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Sports complex progresses on track

By Alexis Garbee

The Cal Poly Sports Complex is starting to take shape and is still on schedule for a summer of 2000 completion.

William MacNair, project manager for Facilities Planning, said he is pleased with the progress.

"If you go out there, it is starting to look like a sports complex," MacNair said.

MacNair said the overall project is 15 percent complete, and the grading contractor, who moved earth from one place to another, is 40 percent complete.

Recently, the electrical contractor has begun the electrical work in the complex, and the concrete for the retaining walls has been poured.

"There has not been anything that has come up that has not been expected, even rain," MacNair said.

"We are still moving forward on schedule."

The complex's expected completion date is July of 2000. In July, all contractors will leave the site, but it will not be open to the public.

There is a 45-day maintenance period for landscaping, so sports teams will not be able to utilize the complex until everything has grown.

The sports complex is located between the student union and the aerospace hangar.

One Cuban seeks asylum in Baltimore

Baltimore (AP) — A Cuban baseball coach skipped the flight home Tuesday after the game against the Baltimore Orioles and asked for asylum in the United States.

Federal authorities were trying to determine whether six others who missed the plane wanted to stay in the United States, too.

Rigoberto Herrera, a 54-year-old pitching coach, walked into the downtown police headquarters about 10 a.m. Tuesday, a police spokesman said.

The interviewers, through an interpreter, understood he was requesting asylum and immediately notified INS officials," spokesman Robert Weinhold said. The Immigration and Naturalization Service took custody of Herrera, he said.

Rep. Bob Menendez, D-N.J., a foe of Fidel Castro’s government, said he understood he was requesting asylum and immediately notified INS officials.

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