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Students, rappers share the Hill at concert

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"S***, I can take on anybody here, I can take on any of these learners." With these lines, members of the rap group L.O.C. Ness—the "Monsta Gang" from "The Bay to LA"—mingled with Ohlone students during last Thursday's hip-hop-centric Rock the Hill concert.

The first act was Kalizay, starring 20-year-old full-time Ohlone student, single mother, worker of two part-time jobs, and aspiring musician Lila Salinas. With house, bossa nova, and Spanish music influences, Kalizay's lyrical dexterity made the crowd exponentially increase in size, from half a dozen to 37 at the peak of the performance. Though this was the first time she's performed in front of a live audience, Kalizay is already expected to garner radio play on 94.9 next month when her new single drops.

The second act was a collaboration between rappers 5-10 and Deuce Uno with producer Rich Kidd that proudly represented the Bay by incorporating elements of hip-hop and hyphy. As frequently heard in the genre, the act sang freely about explicit content and filled in the intermittent periods between songs with lines such as "We all f***ed up right now." The audience got into the performance, dancing in sync with the beat, some members even throwing up Mac Dre-style "thizz" signs.

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Lila Salinas of the band Kalizay sings at the ASOC Rock the Hill concert Thursday.

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CSEA reaches resolution

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The Ohlone California School Employees Association (CSEA) and college administration reached an agreement last Thursday on the pay increase in the contract for CSEA members. They will receive a 5.57 percent pay increase, as per the original contract agreement.

The original contract states that the administration would give a pay increase to the CSEA equal to that of the highest pay increase to any other bargaining unit, in this case the United Faculty of Ohlone. The CSEA, which represents more than 100 secretaries, instructional assistants and lab assistants, agreed to change the wording in their original proposal from the word "growth" to "equity" in order to clear up misconceptions and confusing wordage.

"It was my understanding that the word growth could have been used in the future to set a precedent that the administration did not want. It was not the CSEA's intention to set a precedent and so we changed the language of the contract to focus on equity, and that was more agreeable," said CSEA President Linda Evers. The pay increase will be retroactive and CSEA members will receive compensation from back to July 2007.

The CSEA is planning to put together their new contract next week and then send it in as a proposal. When agreed upon, it will take effect July 30.

"Ultimately, I believe that confidence between the CSEA and district was repaired," said Evers.

Assistant Director of Human Resources Lyle Engeldinger could not be reached for comment. Attempts to reach Vice President Jim Wright were redirected to Engeldinger.

ASOC examines constitution, free speech

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The Associated Students of Ohlone College (ASOC) continued its series of workshops outlining Student Member Board of Trustees Ken Steadman's sweeping changes to the constitution Tuesday.

These modifications include a new way of handling finances, new responsibilities for senators and executives, new positions and a system of removing elected executives from their positions. The constitution would also pay senators as much as \$3,000 per person for regular attendance and extra effort.

During the workshop, Steadman asked the ASOC to refrain from offering small changes and comments during the workshop and to have these concerns addressed at the legislative meeting on Friday mornings.

The workshop opened on Article III of the constitution, which described the various roles of the potentially new ASOC. Some of the biggest changes included making the president of the ASOC also serve as the student member on the Board of Trustees, and forbidding executive officers to chair certain committees.

The constitution also gave additional responsibilities to the rest of the ASOC executives. The secretary would also be keeping archives and acting as a historian for the ASOC. The vice president and legislative representative would be required to attend all Ohlone Board of Trustees meetings. If the constitution passes, the ASOC treasurer would have to develop and execute one fundraiser per month.

One of the most noteworthy changes Steadman made to the constitution is the new provision to remove executive members of the ASOC. Some of the ways an executive can be removed from office include a two-thirds majority vote of the ASOC in a special election and the executive being found guilty of something before a judicial review.

Steadman also discussed the procedure for adding amendments to the proposed constitution which would require, if passed, a two-thirds majority vote from within the ASOC or a process that would require the signatures of 500 students, followed by an ASOC meeting and then a decision by the Board of Trustees.

Along with all of these new responsibilities came some new rewards. Steadman proposed

a series of scholarships for members of the ASOC who met certain criteria; among them are the perfect attendance award and the extra mile award.

A senator could potentially make up to \$3,000 by achieving all of the scholarship awards, which surpass the executives' salaries. Steadman believes that the senators can and should serve for two consecutive semesters. The minimum requirement for a student to become a senator would be a 2.0 GPA and enrollment in at least five units, these minimum requirements were decided by the state to best represent all students.

Some of the other changes Steadman proposed affect the money requests the ASOC receives over the summer. Steadman has put in provisions in the new constitution that would place a cap on money requests and would also need the sponsorship of a student and a senator.

There are also measures in the new constitution that would curb the number of committees being formed by the ASOC and would require a set attendance for the committee to continue existing.

Today, Zuhul Bahaduri, ASOC representative at large, will hold a meeting in the ASOC

room in Building 1 in the main campus at 3 p.m. to go to the Newark Ohlone Campus and look for a free speech area on that campus. Bahaduri encouraged students who value the freedom of speech to join her in looking for a free speech area. While the area selected may only prove to be temporary, Bahaduri vows to make the selection of the students the permanent free speech area on the NOC.

The ASOC also announced the Rock the Hill concert this Thursday between 1 and 4 p.m.

ASOC adviser Debbie Trigg added that the committee to search for the next president of Ohlone College has narrowed its search.

An Earth Week request for \$325 was presented by Kevin Feliciano to offset the costs of Earth Week. There will be a vote on the money request next week. Maria Javier asked for the elections committee money request to change from \$500 to \$550 to factor in sales tax.

The money request made by the Chinese Student Association for the sum of \$450 was approved for the Chinese singing competition. An identical request made by the International Student Coalition will be decided on next week.