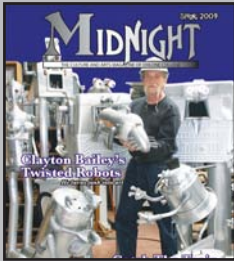


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## Union workers dispute hours

By JACQUE ORVIS  
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Ohlone members of the CSEA union are preparing to file a claim with state regulators, and staged a protest march during last Wednesday's accreditation visit over what they call the refusal of college administrators to discuss union grievances, including the way summer work hours are being scheduled.

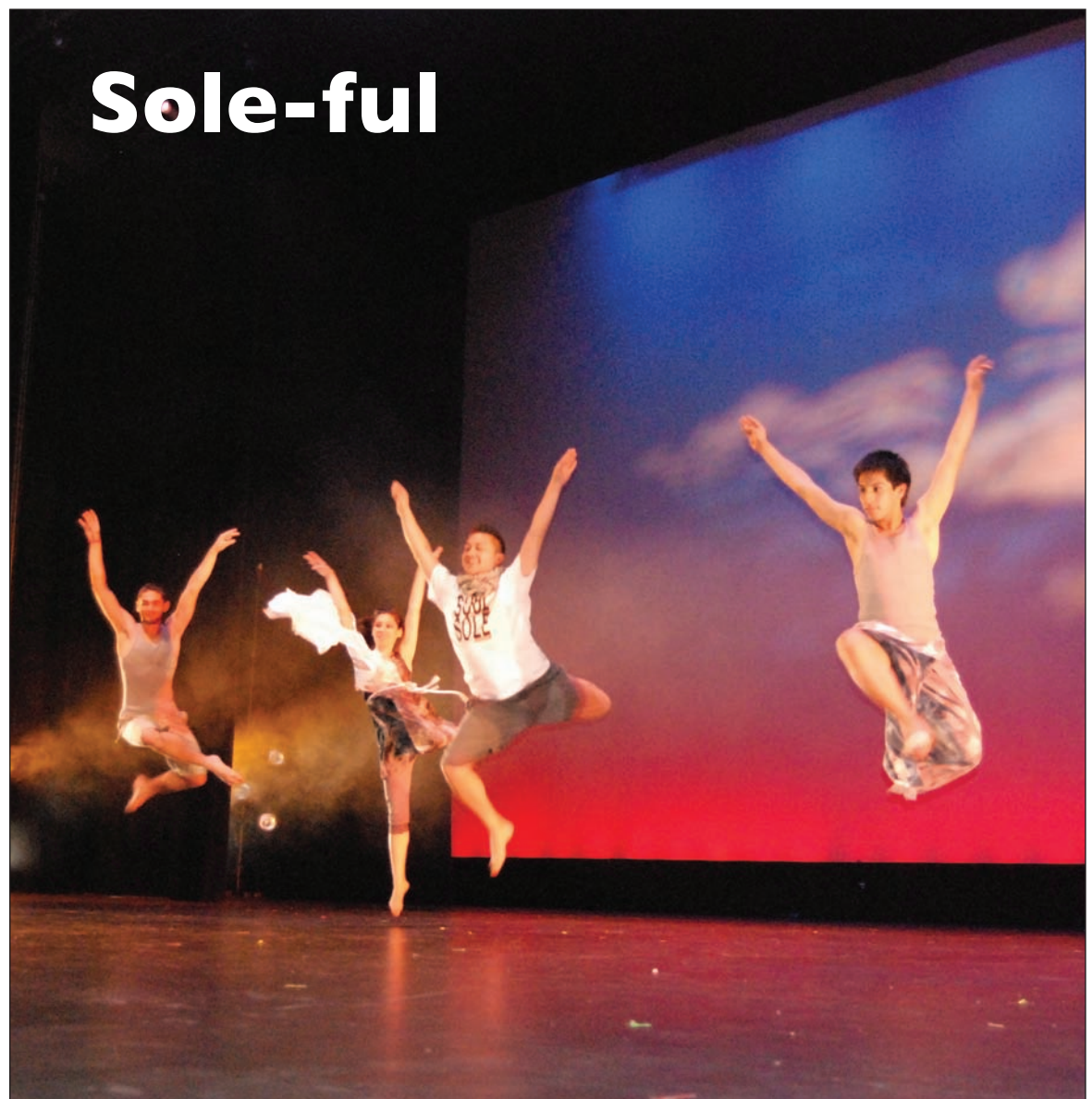
According to CSEA (California School Employees Association) President Linda Evers, Interim Dean of Human Resources Vic Collins interprets the CSEA contract guidelines very differently than former Dean of H.R. Lyle Engeldinger, creating an impasse between the CSEA and the district on many different issues that could lead to a complaint to the state of California.

A week after leading a small protest for workers rights at noon near the south entrance of Ohlone, Evers addressed the Board of Trustees on the same topic on Wednesday. Specifically, Evers spoke concerning the four-day 10-hour weeks the employees of Ohlone will be expected to work during the summer. While this is

not the first summer employees have been asked to work such hours, it is the first year that it is mandatory. Evers cited some employees' difficulty getting child-care for 10 hours per day as one reason why she feels making the hours mandatory is unfair. Another reason is that some employees may have difficulty physically working beyond the current eight-hour day. Evers said that she is "proud to be an employee," and that she "still want[s] to negotiate."

In Evers' words, Engeldinger had interpreted the union contract to give CSEA members, including Evers and stewards, the power to file a grievance over potential violations; however, Collins allegedly interprets the contract to give only limited power over the negotiation of a certain number of issues, such as payroll and wages. "We have the right, as outlined under the EERA (Educational Employment Relations Act), to negotiate all changes in wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of work," said Evers. "Other terms" include overtime work, benefits, grievance meetings, budget processes, etc. Evers added that union members have the "statutory right to..."

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Kyle Meiers, Alex Drattell, Onel Higginbotham and Kevin Calderon-Lopez perform 'Soul to Soul' for the Spring Dance Showcase.

Photo by Jorge Gomez

## Week promotes unity through music, dancing

By ANNA ALFAFARA and SEAN NERO  
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A lively expression of pride, cultures, and diversity, Unity Week featured a movie, two dance performances, a one-man show and informational boards.

"Unity Week is a yearly event that aims to celebrate the diverse cultures on campus," said student assistant Khushboo Chabria.

Campus Activities Coordinator Renee Gonzales echoed these sentiments, saying, "Unity Week seeks to bring the campus closer." Chabria also said, "Unity Week is important because we need to develop a sense of community and we're not a very close-knit college."

The first day consisted of M.E.Ch.A.'s Cinco de Mayo celebration.

Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Atlan or Movement for Chicano Education more widely known as M.E.Ch.A., provided hours of dance, games, food, and fun on Cinco de Mayo. Most people confuse Cinco de Mayo with the Mexican Independence day, Sept. 16. However, May 5 is to commemorate Mexico's victory against the French in the Batalla de Puebla, or Battle of Puebla.

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Photo by Anna Alfafara

Alex Vera and Cindy Diaz dance for the crowd on Cinco de Mayo.

## Video gamers fight for bragging rights

By SEAN NERO  
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Ohlone students showcased their video game talents at the eighth annual Game Development Festival.

Students had their pieces available for viewing in Hyman Hall from 2 to 6:15 p.m. Wednesday in Room 116. At 5:30, all of the students gathered outside the building to begin the awards ceremony. Students submitted works in 12 categories, ranging from 3D animation to concept art. Students who had pieces chosen as winners were awarded a \$100 cash prize while the runner-up in each category was awarded a \$50 prize. There were many award winners at this year's ceremony, but no one delivered quite like Ivan Garcia.

Garcia, a game design major, won the Multimedia Student of the Year award for outstanding classroom performance and its

\$500 cash award. Garcia said he "didn't know I was nominated until the day before." Garcia has taken 3D animation, 3D modeling and is now taking texture in his second year at Ohlone. Students who didn't win an award at the festival were eligible for a raffle, which took place directly after the awards ceremony. Ohlone student Joseph Floyd won a \$25 Best Buy gift card. Prizes included gift cards from both Best Buy and iTunes with amounts ranging from \$25 to \$50.

Multimedia Professor Pilar Lewis said that "Louis Sremac was hired as juror of the event." Lewis said "Sremac is an industry professional who currently works with Arcadia Entertainment Inc. and has worked with Electronic Arts in the past." According to Lewis, "Sremac looked over all of the entries and used an electronic system to give points and feedback to the students based on predefined criteria."

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