

SPECIAL  
POINTS OF  
INTEREST:

- 04/14/09 7pm  
Movie- A Day Without a Mexican
- 04/17/09  
Elizabeth Woodworth and El Centro Scholarship deadline!
- 04/21/09 7pm  
Movie-Real Women Have Curves
- 04/28/09  
Movie-Motorcycle Diaries
- 04/29/09  
El Centro Awards Ceremony

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## Cesar Chavez-A Great Outcome

El Centro recently hosted a series of events based around the celebration of the life and impact of Cesar Chavez. Some students who are very involved in campus activities helped set up and host these events.

I served as the co-chair for the Cesar Chavez celebration this year. I was involved in some aspects of each program that was held during the week.



**The theme for this year's celebration was The Legacy of Cesar Chavez, Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow.** Beginning with the community celebration and high school awards we were able to reflect on the work of Cesar Chavez and the UFW and recognize the talent and contributions of our leaders of tomorrow. The program La Lucha Sigue presented by Dr. Valdez of the Ethnic Studies Department provided a venue to discuss current issues of immigration and working conditions of migrant farm workers and served as a call to action to continue helping others in our day to day lives. Sigma Lambda Beta Fraternity, Pi Lambda Chi sorority and ASAP collaborated to bring a festive and entertaining tribute to Cesar Chavez through music and spoken word. This event was done in the Spirit of Teatro Campesino, which was utilized as a vehicle to increase the awareness of working conditions and human rights violations to migrant farmworkers.

**The culminating event of our celebration, Su Teatro's performance of Papi, Me and Cesar Chavez.** This play chronicles the United Farm Workers historic march from Delano, California to the steps of the state Capital in Sacramento. This play also offers the unique perspective of Gloria, the 10 year old writer who narrates the story and discusses her experience of the organizing efforts of Cesar Chavez and the obstacles and human rights violations experienced by campesinos.

Overall, throughout the events I was given the opportunity to reconnect with the work of Cesar Chavez and continue to learn about the tireless sacrifices he made to ensure human rights were given to people who were oppressed. I also learned the importance of giving back to your community and helping others who are less fortunate.

## El Día De Los Niños

El Día de los Niños is a day to honor and celebrate children, who represent the hopes and dreams of every community. It occurs every April 30th. Some activities that are involved in the success of this day are: altar making, art activities, Artisan folk festivals, book festivals, cascarones festivals, concerts, milagro exhibits, paper hat competitions and parades, as well as, story telling!

In Guadalajara, they set up a huge ballroom full of games and clothes for kids. Families that need shirts, pants, shoes, etc, can come here and get them for their children. They have activities for the kids, as well as the adults. This is a time to enjoy being young and have as much fun as you can!



# Getting to Know New People!

We recently had a retreat for El Centro to Estes Park! We got to meet a lot of new people and engage in fun, team building activities! Here are some of the people that we met and a few facts about each of them:

Dalia Flores is a Human Development major. She was born in a very small town in Kansas and moved to Denver when she was 6. She loves the summer time and traveling and has already been to Europe and **Canada twice! She loves her dog, family, and culture! Her favorite color is pink and her mom's enchiladas, rice, and beans!**

Ben Canales is a 19-year-old Landscape Architecture major. He is from Seattle Avea, could eat Raising Caines every day, and can do the sideways crows!

Laura R. Escalante is an 18-year-old Psychology major. She loves dancing and step! She is from Peru and loves Peruvian food!!! Oh...and she loves Adam Sandler=)



Mayra Herrera is a second year Biology major whose favorite season is spring! She enjoys climbing mountains and some of her favorite books are *Lluvia de Oro* y *Bendiceme Última*.

Brittany Belmarez is an 18-year-old History major with a concentration in teaching. She has lived in Ft. Collins her whole life and CSU has always been there in the background. She helps to run a junior high girls Bible study at her old high school. Eventually her ultimate goal is to move to Northern California and teach a high school English or history class.

Isabella Fernandez is an 18-year-old Business major. She was born in California and has a younger brother and sister! Her favorite food is sushi and this summer she went to New York. This amazing girl graduated with a high school diploma AND an Associates Degree! She tutors for Triunfo and enjoys going to the beach, as well as skiing!

Paul Richards is a Psychology major who wants to be a mentor. He cuts his own hair and loves tattoos!

Lorraine Arvizo is an English major with an Education concentration. Her favorite color is purple and she loves to play with little kids. She says that laughing cures just about everything! Her family is very important to her and she wouldn't be here without their support..

Sam Martinez is 19 years old and loves to party, play/watch sports, and take long walks on the beach. :-)

Bacilio Gonzalez is a 19-year-old **Business major who likes to snowboard, play soccer and long board....and text at the same time!**

Emanuel Brito is 18 years old and likes to play football! He does not like scary movies!

Adam Nieto is a 19-year-old Mechanical Engineer major. He likes to draw and is an apprentice at a tattoo shop!

Gregorio Campuzano is an 18-year-old Computer Engineering major who likes video games!

It was great meeting you all! We hope that you and others come in to hang out and learn more about what we at El Centro have to offer!!

# SPRING IS HERE!!!!

Hey Students!

Are you as tired of the snow and cold weather as I am? Are you ready to wear shorts and be outside? Get ready! Spring is here!

While this also means that finals are approaching, don't let exams get you down! Bring your notes out to the lake, on the plaza, or under a random tree! Enjoy the weather! Go have lunch at Noodles and Co, on the roof! Walk around old town! Pick up a new sport or outdoor activity, such as bike-riding or skate boarding. Stop wearing the Uggs with your shorts...flip-flops and sandals ladies!!! For those of us **who have motor cycles, bring 'em out, bring 'em out!** I know that I will be riding mine to school just about every day!

There is SO much to do, so get involved! We hope to see you in the office and around campus!

Sincerely,

Corinne and the El Centro-ee's



**“Spring is nature’s way of saying ‘Lets Party!’”**

—Robin Williams

## Greek Life and the MGC-What’s it about?

Sororities and Fraternities are a great way to get involved, meet new people, grow, network, and much more! There are the Traditional,, Multi-Cultural, and Divine Nine Greeks. Each individual organization represents something different. They all have a different philanthropy that they help raise money to support and contribute to. Choosing one to join takes a lot of thought and commitment. You need to find one that fits **you, individually.** **Don’t choose for the wrong reasons.** Go find out what each one that you are interested in about. Visit websites and get info from people that you know who are in them. Make sure that it is what you want to do. Most of all, think about what you will contribute to that Sorority or Fraternity!

## Letter From the Editor

Hey everyone!

I hope that you all had a great Easter weekend! I know that you all are excited for Cinco De Mayo...it is going to be a lot of fun! Come pick up a poster from the office, and spread the word about the celebration! More info will be coming in the next issue of La Voz! Also we would like to encourage everyone to come by the office! (We don't bite, promise.) Come by and hang out, do some homework or eat. We would love to get to know you! We are open to everybody so don't be scurred! =) We are students just like you...come chill! We also have some new events that the students are putting on, such **as movies! Well that’s all I have right now, so I’ll ttyl! [talk to you later, for those of you who don't txt:)]**

Hasta Luego!

