

# La Voz Estudiantil

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## Time for Change

Another new year, another resolution. When we think of the new year we think of new beginnings. Resolutions are great as long as they are attainable. Many students who frequent El Centro have expressed a common ground in wanting to get back into shape, improve academically, or be in touch with their faith. Paola Garcia's resolution was, "To do better in school and just try to raise my GPA." Garcia is a Sophomore double majoring in Sociology and International Studies. Garcia

said she has been able to keep up with her school work by scheduling study hours at the library. Another student I spoke with was Isaac Sotelo, a Senior majoring in Finance. His resolution was like nothing I had ever heard from a student. Sotelo starts off by stating, "I planned to make the new year a significant one." Sotelo talked about improving every aspect of his life in general, "Things were headed downhill: health, school, etc. I was not foundationally strong."

Sotelo spoke about reestablishing his faith and doing exactly what is planned for him. "Try to live as if you are important...otherwise you're not growing," said Sotelo.

When we find ourselves in bad situations it is usually because we put ourselves there. Be in control of your actions and know that you have the ability to dictate the path you are walking in.

*"If you do things half way, you will get half way results." -Isaac Sotelo*

### Dream Deferred

What happens to a dream deferred?  
Does it dry up  
Like a raisin in the sun?  
Or fester like a sore--  
And then run?  
Does it stink like rotten meat?  
Or crust and sugar over--  
like a syrupy sweet?  
Maybe it just sags  
like a heavy load.  
Or does it explode?

-Langston Hughes

### FEBRUARY:

- *Black History Month*
- *Happy Valentines Day!*

## 25th Anniversary!

El Centro Student Services is proudly holding its 25th Annual Awards Banquet ceremony this spring. The ceremony is dedicated to graduating seniors who have become involved with the El

Centro office. It is our way of commemorating the achievements of our students. Because this year is the Silver Anniversary of the banquet, El Centro would like to make it an extravagant

event. Instead of the usual dinner, music and speakers we are planning on making a dance of the event. So make your reservations and have your dancing shoes ready!

