

# La Voz Estudiantil



C O L O R A D O S T A T E U N I V E R S I T Y

## DICHOS

- *DIME CON QUIEN ANDAS Y YO TE DIRE QUIEN ERES*
- *"MÁS VALE MORIR PARADO QUE VIVIR DE RODILLAS"*
- *"BETTER TO DIE ON YOUR FEET THEN TO LIVE ON YOUR KNEES." - EMILIANO ZAPATA*
- *"IN SOME CASES NON-VIOLENCE REQUIRES MORE MILITANCY THAN VIOLENCE" - CESAR CHAVEZ*

## A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

WOW! Seven weeks left until the end of the semester. This has been a very hectic and fun eight weeks. We have been very busy studying, preparing reports and organizing programs.

Only a few weeks left until the end of the semester. We would like to encourage you to stop by the office and meet several of our new staff members.

Throughout the years the staff has assisted students, faculty, and staff with their personal dreams and we would invite you to come

share yours with us.

Our office has moved and is now located on the second floor of the Lory Student Center. We have a room for our students to hang out and make new friends.

Remember, throughout life, reach for excellence and set high expectations for yourself.

These are the upcoming events that We would personally like you to attend.

Con abrazos,  
El Centro staff

## Upcoming Events

**OCT. 29TH:** STUDENT OF COLOR RETREAT

**NOV. 3RD:** "NUESTRA EDUCACIÓN" "OUR EDUCATION"

**NOV. 17TH:** "TEST TAKING TIPS" NOON-1:00 ROOM 210 LSC

**DEC. 1ST:** LAMBDA THETA NU SORORITY, INC. LATINA YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (LYLC)

## DIA DE LOS MUERTOS



Dia de los Muertos is a ritual that has been practiced for over 3,000 years by indigenous people. The ritual is celebrated in many parts of Latin America and in certain parts of the United States, including the Valley.

Dia de los Muertos literally means day of the dead. It is a time when families remember their dead, and

the continuity of life.

The ritual has since been merged with the Catholic theology, but it still maintains the basic principles of the Aztec rituals, such as the use of skulls. Skulls symbolize death and rebirth.

The original celebration can be traced back to many

Mesoamerican traditions.

This is a holiday with a complex history therefore its observance varies by region.



## LEGAL HELP, FOR FREE

Student Legal Services provides free legal advice and counsel on many different issues.

The office is located in room 219 of the Lory Student Center and is staffed by two attorneys, an office manager, and several student staff assistants.

### Legal Issues:

- Housing Issues
- Criminal Matters
- Uncontested Family Matters
- Consumer Complaints

- Traffic Infractions
- Name changes, wills, living wills, powers of attorney, sealing of criminal records, and much more!

You may be in need of legal services if: you're land lord won't return your security deposit, your car was hit by an uninsured driver, your former employer owes you wages, you were cited while driving under the influence, your land lord has posted an eviction notice on your door, and many more.

All of these services are readily available and paid for by your student fees.

Take advantage of this great service. It may be a good idea to visit the office and become familiar with it before problems arise.



## PEER RESOURCE LEADERS!

One of the services provided by El Centro that is really changing the lives of students is the Peer Resource Leader program.

Peer Resource Leaders are a support system for freshman. They communicate with students by keeping them informed about campus events and other resources.

"We are here to aid students and let them know what El Centro has to offer," said resource leader Jenny

Bandrowsky.

Many first year students that are not from Colorado have a hard time transitioning from high school. El Centro would like students to see the office as a home away from home.

"I hope to keep this office filled with students of Latino descent who are willing to give back to the community," said resource leader Francisco Guajardo.

The peer resource leaders truly enjoy what they

do. Most are just glad to be able to give back and have the opportunity to give guidance.

Getting students out of their comfort zones is one of the most frequent challenges that peer resource leaders are facing.



### KATRINA'S AFTERMATH

Hurricane Katrina has passed, however it has left behind a tone of sadness and anguish. Anguish for many of those victims who have lost family members in the catastrophe and have yet to find the bodies. Having the body is necessary for

the grieving process to properly take place, it brings a sense of closure.

It is sad to say that when a tragedy such as this occurs it brings the nation closer together.

Katrina was an eye-opener in many aspects. It has

taught our nation to be prepared, to take action, to volunteer, to donate, to help those in need, and most importantly it provided awareness of where we are as a country.

### BE THE DIFFERENCE

Everyone goes through a rough time in their life. Some one you know may be at this point right now. It is times like these where support from friends and loved ones is most needed.

Pay attention to your friends' mood, tone of voice, body language, and any other noticeable changes in habits. You can be the critical factor

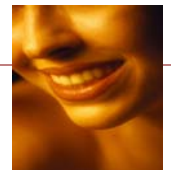
in some one's life. Do something positive for someone else. Make a positive impact for another human life.

Lend your support even if that person is not one of your best friends. Take one moment out of everyday to stop and look at the world around you. Take the time to stop and ask someone how their day is going. Take one sec-

ond to smile at a stranger. Like the saying goes, "A smile is contagious," so spread the joy.

We all get used to having our own routine and we become so consumed with our own life... the world just passes you by. And before you know it its too late to go back. Cherish life and live for the moment.

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### ATTENTION!

-THIS YEAR  
THERE ARE  
1,678  
LATINOS AT  
CSU.

### A TRUE STRUGGLE

Sometimes we forget about the individuals that have paved the way for us to be where we are in life. We do not acknowledge the opportunities that individuals in the past have provided for us because of their hard work, sacrifice and confidence to make a change to better others. Tania Vizarro shares a story with us about an individual who lead a life full of strife and hard labor. By the age of six, her grandfather became the head of the household.

By the age of ten he was working out in the fields as a migrant farm worker and picked more cotton than most of the grown men. He supported his mother and six sisters and his baby brother. This is just a hint of the struggles that most of our ancestors faced. It is a reality. Events such as this really occurred and still go on today. Do not forget where you came from or the struggle that was fought to get you here. Make your family proud and be somebody.

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## H I S P A N I C H E R I T A G E M O N T H E N D S

Hispanic Heritage Month was a success. It was the time for all Spanish-speaking people in the United States to celebrate their culture. El Centro takes pride in acknowledging and expressing the importance of all cultures.

The celebration of this deserving event takes place from September 15th to October the 15th. This year El Centro held events such as the fajita sale out on the plaza and the Evening of Music and

Dance in the Lory Student Center Theater. Both events had a good turn-out. El Centro sponsors events such as these every year in hopes to create awareness among CSU students.

We greatly appreciate all of the support we have received and we thank all of those who attended these events.

Be proud of your heritage and always hold your head high.

