PEACE & LOVE...

...What the world needs. The conclusion of the semester, merrily supplying us with chaos, frantic schedules, stress, and severe weather. The best of luck on finals to all. The key is to never give up, never underestimate yourself, and always remember that the sky is the limit. Peace and love... what the world needs.

My message to the graduating class of Fall 2006 is to leave your footprints on the world for everyone to see. Make your mark something to be proud of. Peace and love... what the world needs. Not coming

A HIDDEN VIOLENCE

Roe Bubar, assistant professor from the School of Social Work at Colorado State University, was the guest speaker as a part of the Native American Awareness month series. Her presentation was in regards to sexual assault. The information Bubar presented was mouth-dropping. She spoke about the significantly high sexual assault and domestic violence incidences among Native Americans. In fact statistics show that the numbers are higher for Native Americans than any other ethnic group. According to a Department of Justice study, one in three Native American women will be raped. Roe stated that nine out of the ten assailants are non-Native. Bubar also talked about the under-representation of Native American women and this being the reason for a higher incidence of violence.

Indian country is and has historically been extremely under-funded and under-represented. In order to help recuperate this broken system we must stop ignoring these issues and make them a priority.

From the editor: This is possibly my last goodbye. I will not be here next semester since I will be studying abroad in Spain! It has been a pleasure being the writer and thus informant for El Centro Student Services. My message to everyone is: Follow your heart. Live life for yourself and do what you have to do. Soothe your soul...

Genuinely yours, Zulema J. Sierra