This year’s National Hispanic Heritage Month began on September 14th in the Lory Student Plaza with El Grito. There was dancing on the Plaza it brought the CSU and Latino community together. The festivities continued on the 15th at the Museo where the Chili Fest was held open and free to the public. Competing Latino restaurants rallied for the best chili while community members socialized and shared diverse culture and conversation. Getting more CSU and community involvement is the discussion for future planning. On the educational side two events brought students together 1) Film “Cointelpro” of false arrests, violence. 2) “Graffiti with Mezli” The true meaning and history of graffiti. Why they do it and who the artists are. Continued page 3

In 2011, El Centro and graduate student Phyllis Chacon understood there was a gap in resources for our graduate students. She was hired to fill a need to give support to graduate students and advise undergraduates wanting to pursue a graduate degree. It was established to build relationships and mentors among graduate students and graduating undergraduates. The group has met an average of one time per month for social, mentoring and connecting to other Latino (a) graduates.

Architecture is life, or at least it is life itself taking form and therefore it is the truest record of life as it was lived in the world yesterday, as it is lived today or ever will be lived.

FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT,
An Organic Architecture
Alumni Luncheon

Student Diversity Offices which include The offices of B/AACC, N/ACC, A/PACC, El Centro, & GLBTRC celebrated the Alumni Luncheon October 5, 2012 at noon in the Lory Theatre. It was part of a series of events hosted in honor of the Lory Student Center 50th anniversary.

“The wave of the future is not the conquest of the world by a single dogmatic creed but the liberation of the diverse energies of free nations and free men.”
John F. Kennedy

El Centro Happenings

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At El Centro
Settle differences Through friendly Competition’s
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Dance Revolution

UP COMING EVENTS:
November:
• NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH
10: World Unity Fair; LSC
14: Women’s Health workshop; El Centro
12-16: International Education Week
13: Native Trivia Night; Ramskeller
15: Graduate Student Trivia Night; LSC
15-Dec. 16: A Christmas Story; University Theatre
29: Parade of Lights Preview; University Center for the Arts
29 & Dec 1: Holiday Concert; Edna Rizley Griffin Concert Hall
December:
3, 4, 6: Final Exam prep workshop; Tilt
7: Final Day of Classes
10-14: Final Exams
15: Winter Break 38 Days
January 22, 2013 Classes begin
Walking into El Centro during the week of Halloween 2012 was anything but ordinary. As you walked into the office you were greeted by old school Nintendo game controllers along with giant hand-drawn pictures of Mario, Yoshi as well as a large banner that invited you into the classic Super Mario Brothers Nintendo game. The office was filled with mushrooms, goombas, floating stars and countless gold coins; many felt as if they were transported directly into the video game! Mario and Luigi greeted guests and guided them through the three different levels of the game which included the classic beginning of the game, followed by the underwater level and finally to Bowser’s castle in the lava world. The detail and effort that was put into El Centro’s Mario Brothers decorations drew in countless people; in fact it was so popular that El Centro won the overall vote for the “LSC Decades of Scares” office decoration contest. CSU students, parents and children of all ages loved their journey through El Centro’s version of the famous Super Mario Brothers game and will be talking about it for many Halloweens to come!
With the transition of staff changes at El Centro, Dr. Salazar was able to maintain the integrity of programming during the National Hispanic Heritage Month. Together with the assistance of long time companion and friend Phyllis Chacon, who travelled the doctorate journey with Dr. Salazar. Phyllis was behind the scenes helping through this transition. Phyllis was not always visible at events, she was completing her internship but she was in the background supporting the efforts of El Centro.

The committee for the National Heritage month was also a vital part of many successful events. We cannot forget our students who continue to elevate and rise to the occasion showing pride in their culture and making this a successful Month honoring our Latino Heritage. The Latino Community remains an integral part of El Centro for the success of all our citizens.

National Hispanic Heritage Month Cont.

My name is Alex Brena. I am a sophomore studying Liberal Arts with a double minor in Spanish and Business. I am Peruvian Mexican American. I was born in the United States. I am a Graffiti artist under the name “Metzli”

EL CENTRO BIG WINNER OF THIS YEAR’S HALLOWEEN CONTEST

Thank you for participating in the LSC Halloween Décor Design Contest! With more 20 offices participating, it was a highly successful event! While I am sure that the smiling faces of the children trick-or-treating is enough of a reward, there is still the matter of bragging rights (and the pizza party)!

It was a close race – congrats to the winners (noted in bold):

Overall (Highest cumulative community and judge score)
El Centro (238 combined)
Event Planning Office (220 combined)
APPAC (207 combined)

People’s Choice (CSU community vote)
El Centro (131 votes)
Event Planning Office (122 votes)
APACC (106 votes)

Critic’s Choice (3 anonymous judges on Halloween night)
El Centro (107 points)
Off-Campus Life (106 points)
SLiCE (105 points)
When I look in the mirror, I do not only see a man of a dark complexion with curly hair and sparkling brown eyes, I also see a man who has dreams, aspiration, and will power to accomplish it all. My name is Willy Salinas and I was born in Santana, California. I am an African Mexican or an Afro-Mexican as I like to call it. My grandparents on my mother’s side come from a strong ancestry of African-Americans who migrated to Mexico way back in the past. My father is straight up Mexican; his whole lineage has been rooted in Guerrero, Mexico since his grandparents can remember. I have two siblings, an older sister and a younger brother, who share my same blood.

When I was young, my family moved to the beautiful mountains of Carbondale, Colorado. That small little town has been my home for the past fifteen years. During middle school years, however, my family and I were forced to migrate to Mexico for two years. During those two years I was exposed to a world that was completely different from the one I had lived in all my life. I was forced to grow up at a young age, helping my father provide food and a roof over our heads. This “vacation”, as my father likes to call it, really took a toll on my education and upon returning to my lovely little town, there was a need to remediate the gaps in my knowledge.

If I learned anything during my trip to Mexico, it was the value of education. My high school years were successful and the dream to continue at a higher level in college was met. Now, here I stand on the beautiful campus of Colorado State University continuing to pursue my growing aspirations. I am currently undeclared with an interest in life science and in the pursuit of entering Medical School. Yeah, Dr. Salinas rolls of the tongue and has a wonderful ring to it. My family is proud of me and has been my motivation on this unpredictable journey. I know that someday I will repay all my parents hard work. When there are little Willys running around, I have a beautiful lady to call my own, and I’m raking in the dough, I will walk up to my parents whose eyes will be shimmering with the look of pride and I will thank them and take them on a long, deserved, and real vacation.

Love all, trust a few,
Do wrong to none: be able for thine enemy
Rather in power than use; and keep thy friend
Under thy own life's key: be check'd for silence,
But never tax'd for speech. William Shakespeare (All’s Well That Ends Well)
El Centro Outreach Statistics

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El Centro is one of the seven diversity centers at Colorado State University. A marker of efficacy for a diversity center is student outreach (attendance). On average, El Centro receives 55 students per day. This AMAZING number is evidence of the dedication of the staff and community of El Centro. The El Centro Staff hope to receive even more student engagement... So...

Don’t be Shy, Stop on By!

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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Forget about the past, you can’t change it,
Forget about the future, you can’t predict it,
Forget about the present, I didn’t get you one!

nuttha wrote on July 28, 2010