

# The **EDGE** Bi-Monthly Newsletter

March/April 2008

## Annual EDGE Awards Banquet



Make plans now for the Annual Banquet. It will be held on Thursday, May 8th in rooms 9008 and 9010 in the Henderson Fine Arts Building. The reservation deadline is May 2, 2008 at 5:00 pm. The theme this year is "Fun in the Sun." So bring your families and enjoy an evening of good food, good friends, awards, recognitions and fun!



*Spring has sprung! The first fall day of Spring was March 21st.*

### *Student Activities Annual Chili Cook-off And the Winners are...*

**Best All Around: Striker's Fiery Bliss (EDGE- Julie Smith)**

Red Chili: Striker's Fiery Bliss (EDGE- Julie Smith)

Green Chili: Tie: Something Different (LDSSA)  
Rockin Chili Stew (Psi Beta)

Hottest Chili: I am Legend (Adv. & Counseling Center)



## Our Wonderful Faculty Mentors

### *Eric Bateman*

#### **Official Bio:**

Eric Bateman teaches technical writing, composition, and introductory linguistics at San Juan College. He started teaching writing while a graduate student at Idaho State University, and has been at SJC since 2004. He is also the current chair of the Two-Year College English Association (TYCA). When he's not at work, he enjoys photography, hiking, reading, and walking the dog.

#### **Unofficial Bio:**

Eric Bateman, wayward son of an Idaho potato baron, is many things to many people. Google him, and you'll learn that he has a PhD. in biochemistry, is Professor of Respiratory Medicine at the University of Cape Town, South Africa, plays offensive guard for the Cleveland Browns and forward for the University of Massachusetts basketball team, and is drummer for the band Copper Ocean. He was once known as the "math expert" of an English department. He is also known as "Uncle Carrot" to several nieces and nephews. A believer in the rich fictional possibilities of autobiographical writing, he has published four historical-adventure novels under the pseudonym "Amanda Sunderheart."



### *Beth Gonzales*

I started as an adjunct Math instructor with San Juan College eleven years ago. I received my degree in Chemistry with a minor in Math from UNM. I spent the next few years raising a family and came to San Juan College after my husband had retired. I've been married for 38 years and have three grown children. In my spare time I like to play a lot – cards, bowling and golf. When I'm not working I'm usually playing. I also volunteer for Northwest New Mexico Hospice. I really enjoy the time I spend tutoring as well as teaching.



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### *Finals have you in a frenzy?*

*Join us for some tension relieving activities designed to get your mind off the impending doom!*

**Music, games, food, & fun!**

**Mon. April 28th—Wed. 30th**  
High Noon in the Courtyard in front of the Little Theater.

*Michele Berkey*

I went to public school in Farmington; after graduating from FHS in 1979, I went to Fort Lewis and earned a B.S. in Chemistry, but not until 1991. When I graduated, I was five months pregnant with my third child, and had been married for nine years. I couldn't even joke about the "ten-year plan" as I exceeded that by several years. I just kept going in the direction of graduation, and eventually got my diploma, summa cum laude.



After a summer internship at LANL I decided to go to graduate school at UNM in Albuquerque, with the plan of returning to LANL with a PhD. After getting my Master's Degree in 1996, I decided to go to seek employment instead of pursuing the PhD. My family returned to Farmington, and I began teaching math in the public schools, which turned into part time in the summers at San Juan College, teaching chemistry, and was also hired in the Student Success Center to be the Master Tutor in the Math and Science Center. I did for several years, and in 2003 I was hired to teach Chemistry full time, and I have enjoyed working here, and being a member of the college community since.

*Don Hyder*

Some people were and are destined to be great doctors and lawyers, and others to be rich and famous. Some find cures to the common cold and others polio. I found insects. I consider myself to be an Entomologist Extraordinaire. I have learned what makes a sunflower seed weevil tick, and how many ticks will fit on my watch. Better yet, I like to teach.

I graduated from FHS in 1969 and attended NMSU, Farmington Campus and the main campus and finally graduated in 1976 with a degree in Agricultural Biology. I think it took me so long to finish because I spent a lot of time working with USDA- Agricultural Research Service in Brownwood, Texas as a cooperative education student. While there I learned that there are over 500 varieties of Pecan and 30 some odd different insect species that attack pecan trees. My o' my, Lions and Tigers, and Bears. For some reason I went to work with the USDA/ARS as a technician and for an even more obscure reason decided to get a Masters degree at Texas A&M in Agronomy (the study of crop plants.) And after 6 years I moved on. Well I did move on, but it was north to Fargo, North Dakota and North Dakota State University where I obtained a Ph.D. in Entomology and Plant Genetics. I worked with sunflower seed weevils and found out that they communicate with sound. The weevils promptly told me that I should work with ticks. Which I did for another 3 years. That is why I give tick talks and have a tick. The weevils then told me that I needed to move back to Farmington, NM and teach at San Juan College. I moved in April 1991 and worked as an Environmental consultant until 2001 when I was hired full-time by San Juan College. While here at SJC I have very much enjoyed teaching Intro Biology 121 and 122, Microbiology, Invertebrate Zoology, and Biochemistry. My greatest joy has been to teach and to learn and to get to know students. With that in mind I am a Mentor in the EDGE Program and have taken students on a trip to Panama and have conducted Biological Research with 10 students over the last 3 years. What else could a really ticky Entomologist want?



**ESCAPE Club News**



Please join us in welcoming the new ESCAPE Club President, Brian Weick, and new Secretary/Treasurer, Stephanie Reel! The position of Vice-President is open, interested parties can contact Brian or Valerie.

The Spring Fundraiser, a bake goods/Frito pie sale will be held on Wednesday April 9th. A sign up sheet for donations is located on the table in the lunch area.

**The next meeting will be on April 1st at 12:00 in the Academic Lab. Lunch will be provided. No foolin'!**

**EDGE FACULTY MENTOR SCHEDULE  
Spring 2008 (As of 3/07/08)**

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:00-8:30					
8:30-9:00					
9:00-9:30					
9:30-10:00					
10:00-10:30		Don Hyder		Don Hyder	Don Hyder
10:30-11:00		Don Hyder		Don Hyder	Don Hyder
11:00-11:30			Don Hyder		Brooks Heath
11:30-12:00	Don Hyder		Don Hyder		Brooks Heath
12:00-12:30	Don Hyder		Don Hyder		
12:30-1:00	Don Hyder (12:45)		Don Hyder (12:45)		
1:00-1:30	Beth Gonzales	Eric Bateman	Beth Gonzales		
1:30-2:00	Beth Gonzales	Eric Bateman	Beth Gonzales		
2:00-2:30					
2:30-3:00		Michele Berkey			
3:00-3:30		Michele Berkey			
3:30-4:00					
4:00-4:30	John Burris				
4:30-5:00	John Burris				
Don Hyder	Biology & CHEM 110				
Michele Berkey	Chemistry & Math (Beginning thru Calculus I)				
John Burris	Geology & CHEM 110				
Eric Bateman	English - Composition & Technical Writing				
Beth Gonzales	Math- 115				
Brooks Heath	English, Reading, Biology, CHEM 110, Math (up to Algebra), History				

Meet our lovely lady .....

**Tutors**

**Stacey**

**Patricia**



You met the guys last month....  
 Now meet the ladies! These two new tutors have vowed to help the students of the EDGE Program succeed in their classes. Wondering when they are available to help you? See the tutor schedule below.

**Just for fun...**

Can you solve these?

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**EDGE PEER TUTOR SCHEDULE**  
 SPRING 2007 (As of 3/17/2008)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:00-8:30	Brian W.	Brian	Brian W.	Brian	Brian W.
8:30-9:00	Brian W. & Paul	Brian	Brian W. & Paul	Brian	Brian W. & Paul
9:00-9:30	Brian W. & Paul	Brian	Brian W. & Paul	Brian	Brian W. & Paul
9:30-10:00	Paul & Patricia		Paul		Brian W. & Paul
10:00-10:30	Brian & Patricia	Paul	Brian		Brian W.
10:30-11:00	Brian	Paul	Brian		Brian W.
11:00-11:30	Brian	Paul	Brian		Brian & Brian W.
11:30-12:00	Brian	Paul	Brian		Brian
12:00-12:30	Paul	Paul	Paul		Brian
12:30-1:00	Paul	Paul	Paul		Brian
1:00-1:30	Paul & Patricia	Brian W.	Paul	Brian W.	Brian
1:30-2:00	Brian, Paul & Patricia	Brian W.	Brian & Paul	Brian W.	Brian
2:00-2:30	Brian, Paul & Patricia	Brian W.	Brian & Paul	Brian W.	Brian & Brian W.
2:30-3:00	Brian & Paul	Brian W. & Paul	Brian & Paul	Brian W. & Paul	Brian & Brian W.
3:00-3:30	Brian	Brian W. & Paul	Brian	Brian W. & Paul	Brian & Brian W.
3:30-4:00	Brian & Brian W.	Brian W. & Paul	Brian & Brian W.	Brian W. & Paul	Brian & Brian W.
4:00-4:30	Brian & Brian W.	Brian W. & Paul	Brian & Brian W.	Brian W. & Paul	Tutor Meeting
4:30-5:00	Brian	Brian W. & Paul	Brian	Brian W. & Paul	Tutor Meeting
<b>Brian C.</b>	ENGL (111, 211) MATH (095, 096) PSYC (120) SPCH (111) BIOL (121, 252) SOCI (110) HTP (110)				
<b>Paul</b>	ENGL (050, 096, 099, 111) MATH (050, 095, 096, 115, 185) CHEM (110, 111)				
<b>Brian W.</b>	ENGL (050, 095, 099, 111, 218) MATH (050, 095, 096, 115, 185) PHYS (111) CHEM (110, 111, 112) BIOL (121) HIST (122) PHIL (110)				
<b>Patricia</b>	ENGL (050, 095, 099, 111, 211, 218, 261, 262) MATH (050, 095, 096, 115, 121, 130) MTRN (110, 120, 130, 140) HIST (121, 211, 212)				
<b>Stacey see attached</b>	ENGL (050, 095, 099, 111, 211) MATH (050, 095, 096) PSYC (120, 230, 240, 245, 265) BIOL (121, 224, 252)				

Stacey's schedule varies from week to week due to her clinicals. See current schedule posted in EDGE Office.

**MEET THE NEW TALENT SEARCH DIRECTOR**

The EDGE Program and Educational Talent Search is pleased to welcome Tonya Nelson, the new Director for Talent Search.



A few words from Tonya:

I am so excited to be in this position and I can't wait to meet all of you! I come to this position with experience in grants and directing various programs. I have my graduate degree in Health Care Management and Business Administration and my undergraduate in Health Promotion. I am originally from Arizona and have lived here in Farmington for almost two years now.

**Answers.....**

1-Too funny for words  
 2-For instance  
 3-Once in a blue moon  
 4-Painless operation

## CPE NEWS

There was a CPE Training over Spring Break. It was held on Tuesday, March 25, 2008 from 9-4. After their certification is verified by Bacchus & Gamma, we



## GET TO KNOW OUR CURRENT CPE'S

### Brian Cox

**I have been at San Juan College since the fall of 2006, and have been with EDGE the entire time. I have been an EDGE CPE since the Spring of 2007, and am currently a tutor in the program as well. I am pursuing a degree as a radiology tech., and will be transferring to Weber State in the fall of this year. I have worked in many fields before returning to school, along with serving in the Marines. I am a single father of three boys, two of whom I hope will be enrolling here in the fall, and a proud grandparent. In my spare time (who has that right?) I enjoy photography, usually of nature, and portrait work. I'm kind of a goof and love to talk.**



### Donna Barrier

**I started San Juan College in the summer of 2005, it was at this time I was accepted into the Edge program for the fall of 2006. During which I was elected to be Senate Rep. for the Escape Club. When the term was over I was elected President of the Escape Club, it was at this time that I became a CPE. I have helped new students in adjusting to college life by being chosen for this position. As a CPE it has been very rewarding for me to be able to help other students become successful in order to fulfill their dreams. I am going towards an associates' degree in human Services and will graduate in the Spring of 2009.**



### Terrie Smith

**My first taste of college life started the summer of 2005, entering EDGE as a participant at the same time. Soon after, I started in the work study position as Data Entry. I was also Senate Rep/Secretary for the Escape club.**



**During the fall semester of 2006 I became a CPE. Spring of 2007 I also became a tutor. I will be graduating with an AA in Social Work this May, and plan on continuing on to earn a BA.**

*Failure is not aiming too high and missing,  
it's aiming too low and hitting!*