

# Livin' on the Newsletter

## Calendar of Events

**October 6-10**

**Progress Reports Due Week**  
Make an appointment w/ your  
EDGE Advisor to go over your  
report.

**October 9 (Thurs)**  
**12:00-2:00 PM**

**ESCAPE Club Meeting**  
**Room 1412**

**October 16 (Thurs)**

**9:00-11:00 AM or 1:00-3:00 PM**  
**Online Research-New Library**  
**Database**  
**RM 1416**

**October 17 (Friday)**  
**2:00-5:00 PM**

**EDGE Movie -Grand Canyon**  
**RM 1416**

**October 24 & 25**

**EDGE Trip-**  
**NAU and Grand Canyon**  
**(Tour the Northern Arizona**  
**University campus in Flagstaff**  
**and camp overnight at the**  
**southern rim of the Grand**  
**Canyon. There will be a \$20.00**  
**deposit, which will be refunded**  
**to you on the trip. Deadline to**  
**sign up will be Oct. 10. You must**  
**have deposit in hand to sign up.)**

**October 31 (Friday)**  
**2:00-5:00 PM**

**EDGE Movie-**  
**B-Rated Spoof Movies**  
**RM 1416**

## New Face at the EDGE Office



Keith Hovis

If you haven't noticed, and you should have, Keith Hovis is no longer with EDGE. He and his family have moved to Flagstaff, where he is now the director of Talent Search at Northern Arizona University. We had a small (tearful) farewell for him back in August and since that time, have been looking for someone to fill his shoes.



Emily Carter

We now have a new face that has joined our colorful group. Emily Carter is our new Counselor/Advisor! Emily came to us from Indiana, where she received her Masters in Counseling. She likes classic rock, her favorite movie is "Dumb & Dumber," and her favorite color is green. She's a Hoosier Pisces (can you decipher that?). If you want to get on her good side, bring Mexican food.



Old EDGE Staff

Stop by and say "Hi!" to Emily. The EDGE Students & Staff happily welcomes her aboard!

-Valerie Matlock



New EDGE Staff

## ESCAPE (the new club at EDGE)

The students of EDGE have decided that there are so many things they want to do with the program that they needed to form a club. So, the ESCAPE (Edge Student Committee Achieving Personal Excellence) Club was born. Stephen Wurtz, is the club President, Marcia Malby is the Vice President, Rita Spigner is the Treasurer and Valerie Matlock is the Secretary. ESCAPE will be assisting in planning the college visits and cultural events, such as the NAU/Grand Canyon Trip coming up in October and working on different fund raisers to help pay for activities in and outside of EDGE that they will sponsor. Only EDGE participants may become an ESCAPE club member.

The next club meeting will be **Thursday, October 9, from 12:00-2:00 pm**. Please come and give your voice on what you would like to do in the program. This is your chance to be heard. Also, it's that time of year again where people will be folding bags for the Luminaria display on December 6. ESCAPE is participating in the bag folding ceremony and would love to have you join in on the festivities. For every bag that is folded, the club will receive 2 cents. We have over 1000 bags folded and will continue to do more. Thanks to Jodi Kerr, who folded 500 bags in two days, all by herself. Way to go Jodi!

*(Valerie Says: I have been involved in EDGE since January 2003, and it has truly helped me reach my educational and personal goals. As an officer of ESCAPE, I would like to see the participants of the EDGE program become more involved. EDGE has so much to offer...and if you feel like you aren't getting enough out of the program, then you probably aren't putting enough into it!)*

- Stephen Wurtz



Stephen Wurtz



Marcia Malby



Rita Spigner



Valerie Matlock

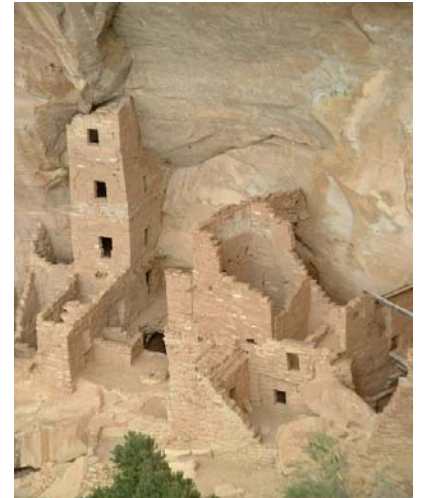
# Mesa Verde Trip

August 13, 2003



Four students and two EDGE staff braved the elements and went to Mesa Verde. They hiked, saw the ancient ruins, took lots of pictures, hiked, saw ruins, took pictures..... This was definitely one of those trips where "you HAD to be there." The scenery was awesome, but the time spent with each other was even better.

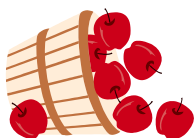
-Valerie Matlock



# October

October is a jolly month,  
A right mellow old fellow,  
A spirit so bright  
He glistens and gleams  
In the soft apricot light.  
Even his name is round and full  
Like the orange jack-o-lantern moon.  
What images he conjures --  
What memories he stirs,  
It's Autumn's merriest tune.  
Wine grapes ripen,  
Apples fall from the trees,  
Little girls collect acorns  
And lovely colored leaves.  
Spicy scent of the forest floor,  
Sharp wood smoke in the air,  
Mingle and weave a fragrance fair.  
October - such a lighthearted soul;  
The woods are still green;  
The better to show the gold and the scarlet  
As the trees begin to glow.  
The corn has ripened,  
The pumpkins shine in the sun;  
God's bounty, the horn of plenty,  
Bringing the harvest home.  
The nights come early now  
And in the gathering dark  
Goblins and ghosts are flitting --  
Witches and black cats dart;  
Shrieking (with laughter)  
Screaming (with glee)  
Good old October --  
What a finish has he!  
He reminds me of you,  
All golden and happy,  
Your heart full of cheer.  
He reminds me of you,  
All warm and contented,  
It's your time of year.

- Marcia Malby



"The Changing of the Season"

Photo by Jean Tso

## *EDGE Participants Attempt the College Challenge Course*

Did you know that San Juan College has an Alligator Farm? If you are not familiar with the alligator farm, then you have not been part of the Challenge Course. Just as the name implies, the challenge course offers a challenging adventure. If you are the type of person that is not the "outdoorsy" type, then this is just the thing for you. The EDGE Program experienced the challenge course and had tons of fun while learning about their own personal limits and strengths. This course taught each of us how to work with a group of strangers and become a "family" team. It's not just for outgoing people, but also for those of us who are a little prissy. Every person needs to experience the Challenge Course at least once.

This was a great bonding experience for the EDGE Staff and their participants. Each student was able to contribute what they could to each activity and no one felt left out at any time. New friendships were made and old ones grew stronger. Thank you to the folks who allowed us to have this great adventure.

-Bernalea Liesse

