

# Gary Joseph Golden - The Loss of Our VP for Student Services

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A celebration of Gary Golden's life was held Tuesday, December 7th in the San Juan College Little Theatre. College employees and students spent this time remembering the man who dedicated so much of his life to student success. They all came prepared with their favorite memories of Gary (and a few tissues) and shared the joy, optimism, love and laughter that was, Gary.

Gary was only 52 when he passed away on November 25. He came to us from the



University of New Mexico in 1990 and in no time became an advocate for the students and a respected community leader. Gary was serving both as the Vice President of Student Services and as the Interim Vice President of

Learning. He found many ways of helping support programs that assisted students in achieving their individual goals. The respect shown him did not come from authority but of trusted ally. On a daily basis, Gary showed what it was to be truly interested in others and gave whole-heartedly when help was needed. When you did something together, whatever the reason, he insisted that you work with him, not for him. He was truly a man that lived everyday to its fullest, and he will definitely be missed.



## Joy Oh' Joy - We're Back in RM 1414

'Tis truly a wonderful season, remodeling is finished and with any luck we will be in the new offices on Monday, Dec. 6. Come and see the new layout, and the décor. We will be having an "official" open house on Jan 14, from 9-noon.



During this time we invite you to come in and enjoy and explore the office area. We also want to welcome Dr. Jonathan Hunstiger and his assistant, Jamie Cockrell from Educational Talent Search.

They have moved in with us and will be bringing more fun personalities to the office. Hope to see you soon!



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# What was the worst present you have ever received?

Every Christmas for most of us, it is guaranteed that you will get at least one gift that you could have done without and now you have to look happy and thank the person who took the time to find you something special. Here is a list of some those gifts received by EDGE Staff and Students:

- \*Homemade clothes, that were not my style nor my size
- \*Used (unwanted) Baseball cards.



- \*The obligated to wear clothing.
- \*A non-helpful self help book.
- \*Post earrings when I did not have pierced ears.
- \*An un-meaningful plaque given by a "loved one".
- \*Previously started latch hook projects.
- \*An ugly clown doll.

\*A video game, (that was not meant to be played but just to watch and pretend play).

\*Out of date presents from my Grandma (bless her heart, she tries).

\*The "complimentary gifts" of underclothing.

\*Obviously recycled items.

\*Collector items that I don't collect.

\*Exercise equipment I'll never use.

\*The clapper, you know the light switch contraption that works when ever you clap your hands.

\*And last but not least the evil fruit cake.

Even though we didn't like the gifts we were all very grateful that someone cared enough to give them. HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



## Inspirations from the Muse

### Words

By Casey Wade

"I want to feel words"

vibrating the veins of my soul  
 running an eclectic beat  
 within the haunts of ignorance left to me  
 flushing away what could have laid to waste  
 this being  
 who sees words spelled in delightful flashes  
 leaving imprints that follow the eye  
 Let them crawl, jump, dash through  
 Jolting upright this frame of a man  
 Coming as sudden, striking as lightning

Meeting time:

Academic Lab

December 7

1:00 P.M.



The money making projects earned this semester came from:

1] the Halloween Carnival we netted \$196.20 (not bad considering all the obstacles that were presented), 2] The See's Candy sales; Steve Wurtz was the top seller for his efforts he was given a 1 lb box of chocolates, 3] and still in progress is the See's suckers (we only have butter-scotch left, they are .50¢, get some and use them as stocking stuffers). We need to urge those who still have order forms and sucker sales to bring them in by the end of the semester.

During our next meeting we will be voting on a public school classroom to work with. We plan on doing educational stuff (like tutoring, being a classroom aid, and helping with field trips.), this will help further our skills on giving instructions, and on public speaking (anybody who is going to be giving presentations to the public in general will benefit from this project). So anyone interested on being in on the decision making process needs to be there.

We need help with articles for the ESCAPE club in the Campus Buzz. So anyone interested in volunteering your time for this project be sure to talk to Valerie or Jodi.

# December 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7 	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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## Schedule of Events

- 3rd—Spring payment due
- 4th—Lumiinarias
- 6th—Last day of regular classes
- 7th—EDGE student and staff potluck 10-3
- 7th—EDGE movie 2-5
- 7th—NO CLASS (reading day)
- 7th—Gary Golden's Memorial 1:00 in the Little Theatre
- 8th-14th —Finals
- 16th—Grades due in registrar's office by 9:00 A.M.
- 22nd-Jan 2nd—Christmas Vacation (CAMPUS CLOSED)
- Jan 10th—First day of classes
- Jan 14th—EDGE Open House 9-11
- Jan 14th—Spring orientation 1-2 P.M. (for new or probationary EDGE students)

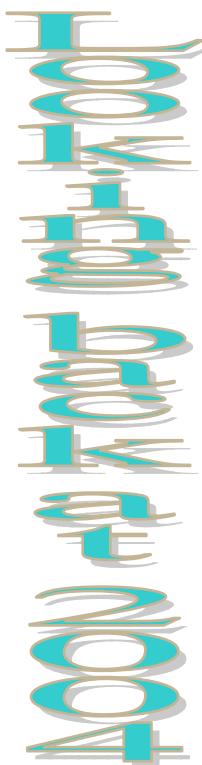
## Tips for recycling unwanted gifts

Here are some ideas for those unwanted gifts.

Be careful re-wrapping an unwanted gift, it is very important to make sure it is given to someone other than the person you received it from. No one knows if you repackage a fruit cake from last year, everyone knows if you repackage the puppy.

Make paper mache animals with those self help books that you get every year, especially the ones by Dr Phil. Just blow up a balloon, and paste the pages on with glue, dry, and paint it. (A new gift?)

And of course there are people who really want your gift, so think about the many charitable organizations that help support themselves by selling used goods, (Arc Thriftown store, The Humane Society of the Four Corners, the Bargain Box Daybreak Center Thrift store, etc.) Any unused items with tags still on will sell for a good price at the thrift store, and the Charity will be happy to have it.



- Sharon Brown came in and filled our vacant Counselor/ Advisor spot, she has shared a lot of herself with the program and the participants. Sharon also become engaged to be married over Thanksgiving Break at White Sands.
- Valerie Matlock and Steve Wurtz became man and wife, on October 22nd.
- Our offices were remodeled.
- We are so proud of the graduating and transfer students of this year. They worked so hard to accomplish their goals.
- Our new Grant for the program was written to extend our funding.
- Martricia Dick won the Miss United Tribes Pageant.
- Marcia Malby received the Walter O. Mason scholarship.
- Susan Lee received a full-ride scholarship to the College of Santa Fe.
- Enjoyed the fun-filled College and cultural trips.
- We're grateful for the unselfish help that our tutors gave (whether they were on the clock or not).
- We received wonderful guidance from our EDGE Advisors, about classes and some worldly advice.