

# The **EDGE** Bi-Monthly Newsletter

March/April 2009

## Annual **EDGE** Awards Banquet



Make plans now for the Annual Banquet. It will be held on Thursday, May 6th in rooms 9008 and 9010 in the Henderson Fine Arts Building. The reservation deadline is April 30, 2009 at 5:00 pm. The theme this year is "Weeeee- We're Done." So bring your families and enjoy an evening of good food, good friends, awards, recognitions and fun!



*Spring has sprung! The first full*

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## Tour the Aztec Ruins!

Come with us to explore the Aztec Ruins, a center of ancestral Pueblo society that once housed over 500 masonry rooms. The date for the tour of the Aztec Ruins has been set for April 17<sup>th</sup> 2009. We plan on being at the ruins from 10am -1pm (picnic will follow the ruins tour). Remember – attending this event will fulfill the cultural event requirement of the EDGE participant agreement. Space is limited, so sign up by April 3!



## One of Our Wonderful Faculty Mentors

### *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?



**MEET JOHN BURRIS IN OUR NEXT ISSUE!**

**Our EDGE website has recently undergone a facelift!**

Go to [www.sanjuancollege.edu/pages/4773.asp](http://www.sanjuancollege.edu/pages/4773.asp) to see the changes. This page is a work in progress, but we feel will be a more user friendly format. The page should be easier to navigate, as well as contain useful information for our participants such as workshop schedules. If you have any suggestions for ways to improve this sight we are always open to suggestions!

Meet our lovely .....

**Tutors**

**Daesa**



**Brian**



These two 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.

**EDGE PEER TUTOR SCHEDULE  
SPRING 2009 Effective 01/19/2009**

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:00-8:30		Brian		Brian	Daesa
8:30-9:00		Brian		Brian	Daesa
9:00-9:30		Brian		Brian	Daesa
9:30-10:00		Brian		Brian	Daesa
10:00-10:30		Brian		Brian	Daesa
10:30-11:00		Brian		Brian	Daesa
11:00-11:30	Brian		Brian		Daesa
11:30-12:00	Brian		Brian		Daesa
12:00-12:30	Brian		Brian		
12:30-1:00	Brian		Brian		
1:00-1:30	Brian & Daesa		Brian & Daesa		
1:30-2:00	Brian & Daesa		Brian & Daesa		
2:00-2:30	Brian & Daesa		Brian & Daesa		Brian
2:30-3:00	Brian & Daesa	Daesa	Brian & Daesa	Daesa	Brian
3:00-3:30	Brian & Daesa	Daesa	Brian & Daesa	Daesa	Brian
3:30-4:00	Brian & Daesa	Daesa	Brian & Daesa	Daesa	Brian
4:00-4:30	Brian & Daesa	Daesa	Brian & Daesa	Daesa	
4:30-5:00	Brian & Daesa	Daesa	Brian & Daesa	Daesa	
<b>Brian (20)</b>	<b>ENGL</b> (111, 211) <b>MATH</b> (up to 115) <b>BIOL</b> (121, 224, 252, 253) <b>CHEM</b> (110) <b>PSYC</b> (120, 230) <b>SPCH</b> (111)				
<b>Daesa (17)</b>	<b>MATH</b> (up to 189) <b>ENGL</b> (118) <b>PSYC</b> (120)				

Just for fun...

Can you solve these?

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO JACQUELINE BOYER!**



EDGE Director Jacqueline Boyer has recently expanded her job description to include the oversight of the Educational Talent Search program as well! Under Jacque's leadership we are sure both programs will flourish and grow.

*Congratulations to this very busy lady!*

Answers.....

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

## Schedule of Workshops and Cultural Events:

### Workshops

March 11, 2009	Stress Management/Test Anxiety
March 12, 2009	Power Point Workshop
April 8, 2009	Career Readiness
April 9, 2009	Learning Styles

### Cultural Events

(Group will meet before and after event in the EDGE office.)

March 6	San Juan College Spring Comedy "As You Like It" by William Shakespeare
April 3, 2009	Tour UNM Campus
April 17, 2009	Tour of Aztec Ruins
April 18, 2009	San Juan College Band Concert
April 24, 2009	San Juan College Concert w/Company
May 9, 2009	San Juan College Jazz Concert



### **Transfer Trip to UNM April 3, 2009**

#### **Wanna be a Lobo?**

Anyone considering transferring to UNM come with us on this trip! We will be taking a tour of the campus, meeting with the nice folks from Admissions, as well as the SSS and McNair programs.

Sign-up by **March 20!**



### **UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES!**

#### **Progress Reports**

March 9-20th

**DON'T FORGET YOUR PROGRESS REPORTS ARE DUE SOON!**

Come by the office to pick one up. Have Your instructors fill them out AFTER you have completed your mid-term exams. If you do not have a mid-term exam, just have your instructor fill it out after the 9th. Return it to your advisor.

#### **Academic Advising for Summer and Fall**

April 6th- May 1

Schedule an appointment for Academic Advising for the Summer (if attending) and Fall 2009 Semesters.

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