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Eastern Student Wins Video and Animation Festival

Willimantic, Conn – Greg Pizzi won first out of 15 entries in Eastern Connecticut State Universities Annual Video and Animation Festival on May 4. Pizzi, who earned a BGS degree with major in Art and minor in Communication won with his music video titled “Betswy Song” (yes Betswy, not Betsy). He edited portions of film from a vacation to Coventry England, his Brooklyn home and music from a group his wife knew from England. “The hardest part was shooting the footage. I had over 6 hours of tape. I had to get really creative with camera angles, settings, and lighting. But what I wanted to do was see something through from start to finish.”

The 4 minute music video rivals professional videos produced on MTV or VH1. Denise Matthews, associate professor of video production at Eastern said “Greg shows remarkable maturity and creativity in his video work. He’s exceptionally talented”.

At the end of the summer, Pizzi will be moving to Los Angeles with hopes working as a Composer in the Hollywood movie scene. “I’ve been there before and took classes in Los Angeles with people that work for Disney and MGM. I’m hoping that I can take what I learned from Eastern and make it in movies.”

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