Student flourishes despite disability

Diagnosed with Asperger’s syndrome, Deeley builds social skills

By Jill Abell
Staff Writer

Oliver Deeley starts with a Lego — a small, plastic brick. Piece by piece, he builds his vision, whether it is the Eiffel Tower, or something, whether it is the Eiffel Tower, or anything,” Deeley said. “That’s how unique my brain is.”

Deeley said he was diagnosed with Asperger’s syndrome around 11 years old. Asperger’s syndrome is a social disorder, and in most cases people with this disorder have issues with verbal, written and nonverbal language, according to the University of Delaware Web site. People with Asperger’s syndrome have been described as “little professors” who may perform at the top of their class in certain subjects in school, according to the University of Delaware Web site.

“After eighth grade I started trying to be more ‘normal’ than what I am,” he said. “So then I pulled myself out of the special resource program and tried to take on more challenging things. So when I applied (to SJSU) I still had that same mentality, just wanted to be a normal child.”

“Students with disabilities are granted priority registration, which often means available classes and the ability for counselors to help them choose classes with professors who are familiar with disability,” he said.

Deeley said he struggled with the transition when he applied to SJSU three semesters ago, but he managed to get through his classes in the first semester.

“In the front row of my Finite Mathematics class, Deeley sits at his desk, attention trained on his notes and the equations on the board.

“He is the usual first to answer questions, sometimes ones not even asked, and the first to catch the professor’s calculation errors.” Mathematics Professor Slobo Dan Simic said, “Math is a different language.

“It is a language that Deeley said he learns well, despite some shortcomings he might have in the English-language.

Simic said Deeley is one of the best students in his class. He is very active, curious and interested in learning, Simic said. “Oliver doesn’t have hearing problems just that spring,” he said. “I applied to go to San Jose State — one of three schools I applied to.”

For student like Chiuppi, the Veterans Services Office offers specific educational benefits.

“One of the big reasons that I came here was because they have a lot of respect for the military,” he said. “They give priority registration for military. Especially with the way we have this imposition this semester, it really helps to have the veteran pre-registered as far as getting units and getting the classes that I need, especially at the upper-division level.”

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locks.
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Santos advised students to make note of the serial number on their bikes and said knowing the make and the model is not enough information to track it down if stolen. “That’s why not everybody does it,” he said.

In the first part of the GI Bill, students who are 100 percent eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill provide “education and housing to individuals with at least 90 days of aggregate service on or after September 10, 2001, and individuals discharged with a service-connected disability after 90 days. You must have received an honorable discharge to be eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill.”

It was signed into law by President George W. Bush in May 2008. It offers a range of programs to individuals seeking to return toward education, Santos said. “It’s pretty much a revamped, finely modified to support the cost of attendance. It covers the whole picture,” he said.

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There is a veteran and military student take part on campus and they report directly to Whitmore, Santos said. “I am a veteran, but I have students to veteran, which includes counseling service, academic services, and career services, Santos said. “I am not a veteran, but I have veteran to heart,” he said. “It’s important for me to transition from active duty into civilian life and education once.”

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I have a wedding to go to that day.

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(Give me an example of a corporate
meeting?)
This scene didn’t come from
... (Text continues on page 27)
The movie, complete with bad premises, stupid jokes and outrageous color schemes, was hilariously bad and stupidly funny. I loved it.

The second movie shown was called "Zontar, the Thing from Venus," a made-for-TV science fiction movie from 1966. This movie wasn’t quite as enjoyable as the first, as it was still bad, but also kind of boring. In the movie, a scientist befriends an alien from Venus that says it can cure all of Earth’s problems. But when it comes to Earth, it is really trying to conquer it. Complete with bad special effects and even worse acting, the movie actually made some people stand up and leave the theater.

Now I understand why Tiki Goddess didn’t want to watch any of the movies. She was probably tired of seeing all of these things that one, as Will the Thrill told the audience an actual good, scary movie would be shown. Camera 3 will be showing the movie ‘Black Christmas’ just in time for the holidays.

If you like cheesy B movies, Thrillville is time well spent. The next Thrillville event is Dec. 3 at Camera 3. I’m sure to go to that one, as Will the Thrill told the audience an actual good, scary movie would be shown. Camera 3 will be showing the 1974 original "Black Christmas" — just in time for the holidays.