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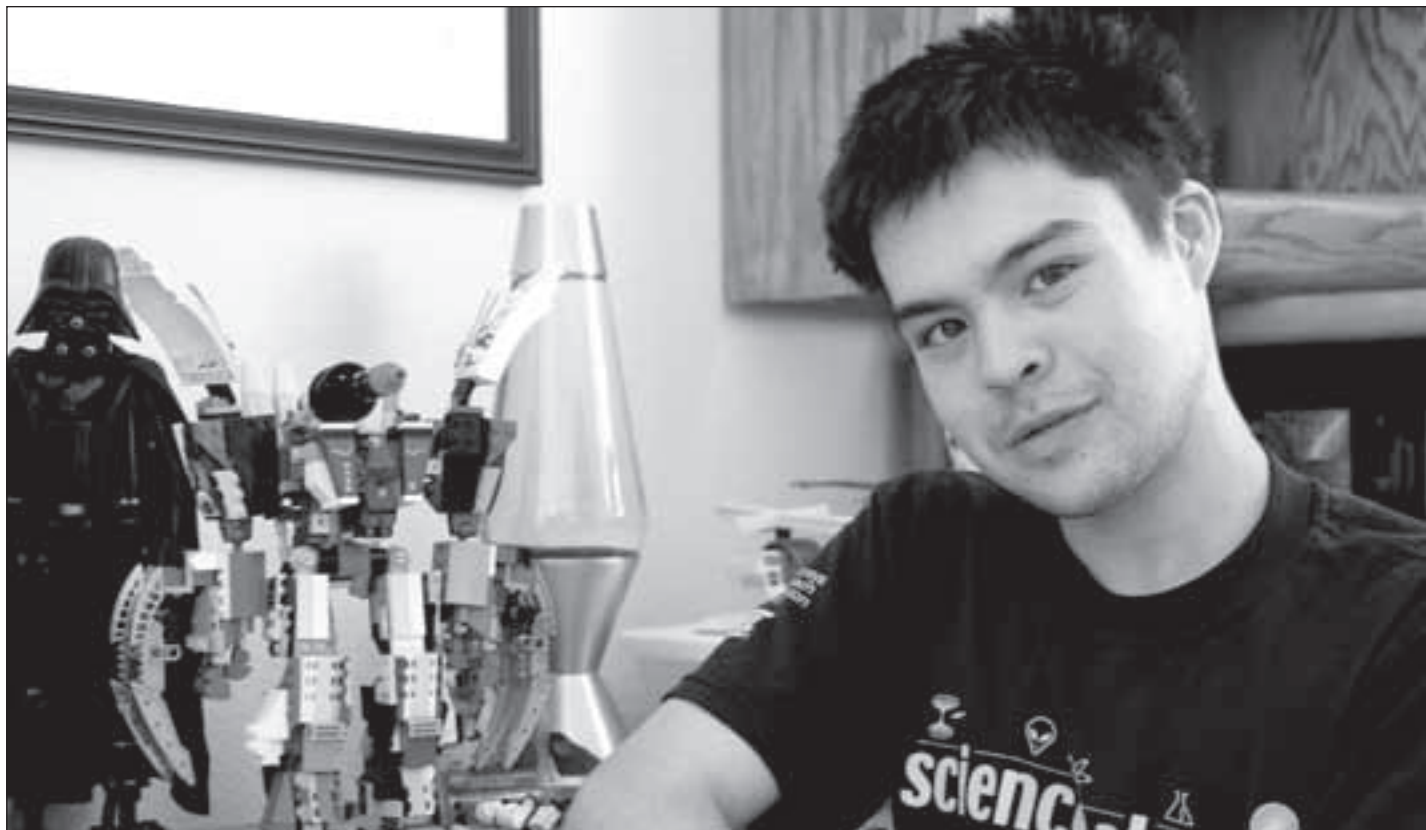
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Oliver Deeley, diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome since birth, enjoys building robot models in his spare time, spending hours or weeks building models.

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, a small-scale bike or overcoming trials of a social disability.

"I can take a small brick and turn it into an 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 here (SJSU) I still had that same mentality, just wanted to be a normal child."

Students with disabilities are granted priority registration, which offers more available classes and the ability for counselors to help them choose courses with professors who are familiar with disability, he said.

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

In Class

In the front row of his Finite Mathematics class, Deeley sits at his desk, attention trained on his

notes and the equations on the board.

He is usually the first to answer questions, sometimes ones not even asked, and the first to catch the professor's calculation errors.

Mathematics Professor Slobodan Simic said, "Math is a different language."

It is a language that Deeley said he knows 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

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Bicycle thefts on campus rise this fall

By Alicia Johnson
Staff Writer

Forty four bikes have been stolen on campus since the fall semester began, said a University Police Department officer.

Sgt. Michael Santos said there has been a total of 83 bike thefts on the campus since January.

"We are already more than half of what last semester's total was," he said. "It is definitely an increase."

Anthony Mitchell, a freshman business administration major, said thieves also steal individual bike parts.

"I see a lot of bikes with missing front tires or seats," he said. "That

sucks. I take off my seat and I wire my chain through both tires."

Santos said more bikes are stolen during warmer seasons such as fall because more people are riding them.

During the summer and winter months fewer bikes are stolen because there are not many of them on campus.

"Bad guys are going after easy targets," he said.

Bikes should be secured in appropriate racks and cages, but are often found bound unsecured to light posts and handrails for a student's convenience, Santos said.

Santos said all of the bike thefts

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New GI Bill sends Navy vet back to school



[Kirsten Aguilar / Spartan Daily]

Junior meteorology major Andy Chiuppi stands on the roof of Duncan Hall on Monday.

By Alicia Johnson
Staff Writer

Andy Chiuppi is one of 295 students benefiting from the SJSU Veteran Services Office on campus.

Chiuppi, who served four years as an aerographer, which is a meteorologist in the Navy, said his most horrifying encounter was in December 2004.

"The Indonesian tsunami occurred and my ship was first response — we got there five days later, and we saw a lot of dead bodies floating in the water," he said. "That was a bit traumatic ... It took everyone, washed everything away and took it out to sea — we saw a lot of that and we spent 45 days there on land helping people."

The Student

The 27-year-old junior meteorology student said he was discharged from the military on April 28, 2007.

Chiuppi said he attended Santiago Canyon College in Orange County before transferring to SJSU.

"I really had few credits ... I pursued and got my associate's de-

gree just this past spring," he said. "I applied to go to San Jose State — one of three schools I applied to."

For students 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 impactation this semester, it really helps to have the veteran precedence as far as getting units and getting the classes that I need, especially at the upper-division level."

Chiuppi, a full-time student, said he also works part time as a server.

"That allows me to go to school at the same time and make an income," he said.

Chiuppi said he served as a fuel specialist while in the military.

He said his primary job was launching and recovering Navy aircraft that included fuel and fuel systems.

"I was also working two other

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SJSU to design, build zero emission house

By Leonard Lai
Staff Writer

The National Science Foundation granted SJSU with \$150,000 to build a zero emission house, said a mechanical engineering professor.

Jinny Rhee, an associate mechanical engineering professor, said the house will be built from 2010–11.

Rhee said there is no concept idea or plan made yet for the zero emission house.

"The house will be designed from the ground up next fall and then built in the spring semester after," she said.

Upon completion of the house, the goal will be for it to produce little to no carbon emissions, Rhee said.

She said the house will be built by a team of seniors, whose

numbers have yet to be defined, in the engineering department's mechanical shops.

"They're going to make a demo unit that will be 100 square foot with doors and windows," Rhee said. "Every type of engineering student should be really interested in working on the project."

David Parent, an associate electrical engineering professor, said building the house isn't the only purpose of the project, but the faculty should also work together.

"People will need to interact with people they don't know," Parent said. "They won't be the same people you hung out with from high school. This applies to both instructors and students."

He said some ideas for how the house would be powered are by solar, wind, hydroelectric

and bio-fuels.

"It all depends on the placement of the house," Parent said. "If the house is near a river, it could be hydroelectric. If it is somewhere where there is a lot of sun, it would be solar."

Rhee said building the house would be taking a step toward entering the U.S. Department of Energy's Solar Decathlon, a competition where universities compete to design, build and operate an attractive energy-efficient house.

"The worldwide competition, held in Washington D.C., is to build an 800 square foot ZEM house," Rhee said. "Last year, Santa Clara University placed third, and it was its second time in the Solar Decathlon."

She said it is possible for Santa Clara University to partner with SJSU in the next Solar

Decathlon.

Craig Clements, an assistant meteorology professor, said he thinks the project will enhance SJSU's reputation.

"This seed will enhance the education, because if there are any aspiring engineering students looking for a school, this should attract them," Clements said. "It's going to be a challenge, but it's not out of the question."

"It's something that can be done by our students."

Selection of a place to display the house upon completion has not yet been picked, she said.

Clements said he hopes it will be displayed not just on campus.

"Cesar Chavez Park or the Tech Museum would be a good place to show it off," he said. "It would impact San Jose and not just students who walk by it if it was only on campus."

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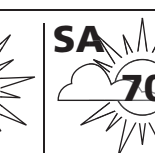
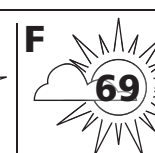
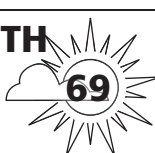
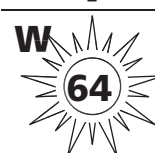
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SLIPKNOT: Metal fans invaded the Event Center on Friday for a concert by the masked band Slipknot. See a slideshow on thespartandaily.com.

SJSU student’s police beating video update

(AP) — San Jose police say four officers present at the beating of an unarmed student have been placed on leave.

A cell phone video shows police repeatedly hitting 20-year-old Phuong Ho in the Sept. 3 incident. The video prompted a criminal investigation.

San Jose Police Chief Rob Davis says officers Kenneth

Siegel, Steven Payne Jr., Jerome Smith and Gabriel Reyes have been placed on paid leave.

Police reports say Siegel used his baton and Payne used his Taser as Ho kicked and refused to heed orders.

Siegel’s attorney, Terry Bowman, says the video leaves out details that would show why the officers acted as they did.

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jobs in my free time,” he said. “One was aerographer and the other one was intelligence. They just eliminated aerographer from the enlisted side of the military, and now they’ve been moved to the private sector.

“That’s what I’m here for. I’m here specifically for the meteorology program in a Cal State system, which only exists here at San Jose State.”

The Veteran

Chiuppi said that because he has few relatives, the choice to join the military was an easy one.

“That’s pretty much one reason I was in the military, to replace my parents, because I didn’t have the money to go to school,” he said. “Finances — it was very expensive to live in Southern California. I wasn’t making much money, and I really wanted to find another opportunity to use as a catalyst.”

Chiuppi said he found himself at the age of 21 sitting around, and he spontaneously enlisted.

“I was kind of at the point where I had seen enough, and I had been working since I was 16 ... I knew school would be a way for me to fit into society financially,” he said.

Chiuppi said he chose the Navy because it is one of the most educational branches of the military.

“There’s a lot of schooling, and it’s more than just regular work,” he said. “It’s a lot of book smarts. I knew it would be one of the better places for me to go.”

Chiuppi said military and school have similar structure, which makes adjusting to campus life easier.

“There’s time frames when I’m at school and there’s time frames when I’m at work,” he said. “The Navy is much more structured in a sense that I worked 18 hours a day, and I had six hours off, where at school it’s almost the same because of the amount of studying.

“You’re supposed to put three hours into every lecture, and it pretty much takes the same amount time, the same amount of dedication. School’s not easy. That’s why not everybody does it, or completes it.”

The GI Bill

Andrei Ingalla, a special programs coordinator at the SJSU Veterans Services Office, said he worked with Chiuppi through the paperwork process.

“I provide essentially a single point of contact, so I can try to address as many of his questions as possible,” Ingalla said.

In order to minimize the amount of research on the veterans’ end, Ingalla said his job is to make the transition from active duty into civilian life and education smoother.

According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Web site, the Post-9/11 GI Bill provides “education and housing to individuals with at least 90 days of aggregate service on or after Sept.11, 2001, or individuals discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days. You must have received an honorable discharge to be eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill.”

The GI Bill, which was signed into law by President George W. Bush in July 2008, enhances what veterans receive toward education, Ingalla said.

“It’s pretty much a revamped, finely modified to support the cost of modern education GI Bill,” Chiuppi said.

Ingalla said the new Post-9/11 GI Bill comprises three parts and only veterans who are 100 percent eligible can apply.

In the first part of the GI Bill, the Department of Veterans Affairs pays the school directly for veterans’ tuition and fees.

As long as it stays under the state’s cap — in California it is \$287 per unit — then fees are paid for 100 percent, Ingalla said.

The second part allows veterans to receive monthly housing stipends, and the amounts depend on the school’s location.

“That effects how much they are paid,” Ingalla said. “In Santa Clara County the housing stipend is \$1,956 per month, it is higher in more expensive places like S.F. and L.A.”

The last part of the GI Bill is the book and supply stipend for veterans, which is a maximum of \$1,000 per year.

“If they take 12 units they get \$500 for books and supplies,” Ingalla said. “If they take more units, they get more money for that semester, but for that second semester ... they’ll be getting less. If they get \$750, they only get \$250 next spring.”

The Veteran Services Office is available at all 23 California State University campuses, and it is a federal program, so it is not affected by the CSU budget cuts, said President Jon Whitmore during a press conference with student media on Oct. 20.

There is a veteran and military student task force on campus and they report directly to Whitmore, Ingalla said.

It is comprised of faculty members, staff, and representatives from the Veteran Student Organization, he said.

The task force addresses better ways to service veterans, which includes counseling service, academic services, and career services, Ingalla said.

“I am not a veteran, but I have taken veterans to heart,” he said. “It’s hard enough transitioning from being told where to be, what time to eat and where to go, to now you’re on your own.”

CampusImages



[Christian Garrucho / Contributing Photographer]

Top: Members of Slipknot perform at the Event Center on Friday. Above: A member of the crowd is pulled into the barracades after crowd surfing during the Slipknot concert on Friday.

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involved bikes that were secured with cable or chain locks, and that none of the bikes stolen had U-locks.

“A cable or chain lock can be defeated in less than 30 seconds. A u-lock takes a lot more effort and a lot more time and bigger tools.”

Santos said u-locks cannot be secured on light posts and require a specific type of rack in order to be effective.

“It’s a little bit more inconvenient, but you’re going to keep

you bike,” he said.

Santos said UPD recently arrested suspects who attempted to steal bikes, and said they were not SJSU students.

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.

Also, if a suspect is caught with an allegedly stolen bike, there is no other way to prove that it is stolen.

“Typically they’re from off campus,” Santos said. “This is an open university, and people know

that the community rides bikes.”

Transportation services located inside of the Student Union offer a Lock Exchange Program to students who are currently using cable and chain locks to secure bikes, and replaces them with free u-locks, said Sarvjit Obhi, a transportation services student assistant.

UPD places orange tags on bikes that do not have adequate locks, Obhi said.

U-locks are paid for by UPD and Associated Students.

Students are supposed to follow the directions located on the back and bring the tags to trans-

portation services to receive their free bike locks.

Obhi said it is unclear how many bikes have actually been tagged by UPD since last semester.”

“They’re supposed to come in ... we give out 100 a semester,” she said. “So far we gave out 200 of them, I think. Only 15 people came in to get their locks in the two semesters we’ve done this.

“I know I made 200 of these. I think they tagged 200, but I don’t know how many bikes they tagged. I don’t know how they’re tagging them. I think people take the tags off, like ‘Oh I have a tag on my bike.’”

Sparta Guide

Today

186 Jazz Combo from 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. Doors open at 12:15 p.m. at the Music Building Concert Hall. Listen to fellow students play modern creative jazz. For more information, contact Joan Stübbe at (408) 924-4649.

Where Does My Concentration Go? at 1:30 p.m. in Clark Hall, Room 118. For more information, contact Veronica Mendoza at veronica.mendoza@sjsu.edu.

Tomorrow

Graduation - What’s Next? at 12 p.m. in Clark Hall, Room 118. For more information, contact Veronica Mendoza at veronica.mendoza@sjsu.edu.

Media Ethic Symposium from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Room 189 in the Engineering Building. Stop by at this networking opportunity with free food. For more information, contact Mathew Cabot at mcabot@casa.sjsu.edu.

29 Thursday

Sassy Saxophone from 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. Doors open at 12:15 p.m. at the Music Building Concert Hall. Listen to musicians performing music of the 20th century. For more information, contact Joan Stübbe at (408) 924-4649.

Stop Emotional Eating And Start Coping Effectively at 3 p.m. in Clark Hall, Room 118. For more information, contact Veronica Mendoza at veronica.mendoza@sjsu.edu.

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Andrew Soliz
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My grandfather's birthday is on the first of November, so we are celebrating it on the 31, but after the party I am going out.

Hugo Forveca
Junior, Political Science



I am going to Santa Barbara and dressing up as a farmer.

Nerissa Firman
Senior, Industrial Design



It is my first Halloween ever. I am from Australia, so I am going to Santa Barbara to celebrate.

Lyndsay Haack
Sophomore, Hospitality Management



I will be spending Halloween with my boyfriend.

Johnny Vlovic
Senior, Kinesiology



I have a wedding to go to that day.

Celeste Cabral
Senior, Liberal Studies



I just stay at home and hand out candy.

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aids,” said Martin Schuler, director of the Disability Resource Center. “He’s not deaf. He’s not blind, and he’s not showing any mobility impairment. He does have social issues but for all intents and purposes it’s a hidden disability.”

Deeley faced more challenges with his disability before he came to SJSU, he said.

“Growing up, I was always picked on because of my abnormalities,” said Deeley, a management information systems major. “Some of them I do brush off. Some of them I tend to get aggravated (with), to the point where I just want to knock out someone’s teeth.

“After high school I started gaining more and more friends, sparked more and more friendships, and eventually I’m now who I am — someone very social, someone very open.”

He said that the end of last semester his English professor suggested he could benefit from the resources at the Disability Resource Center on campus.

Social Disorders Defined

Someone diagnosed with Asperger’s syndrome may exhibit major difficulties in the areas of social interaction, with limited understanding of social cues and nonverbal behaviors, said Jean Novak, professor and former chair of the department of communicative disorders and sciences.

“Major difficulties in the areas of social interaction are common in ASDs (Autism Spectrum Disorders),” Novak said. “There is a limited understanding of social cues and nonverbal behaviors, which may result in poor social choices or decisions.”

According to the University of Delaware Web site, someone diagnosed with Asperger’s syndrome has characteristics such as deficiencies in social skills, difficulties with change or transitions, prefers sameness, obsessive routines, focuses on one subject of interest, and has difficulty reading nonverbal cues.

Schuler said students with social disabilities might worry about how to not show nervous ticks or obsessive compulsive behavior, how to not become overwhelmed while paying attention to what other people are saying, or how to participate without getting too excited.

Asperger’s syndrome is part of a group called Autism Spectrum

Disorders, which can include Autism, High-Functioning Autism, Childhood Disintegrative Disorder, Rett’s Disorder and Asperger’s syndrome, Novak said.

“Autism Spectrum Disorders are Pervasive Development Disorders,” she said. “So all of them fall under Pervasive Developmental Disorder and then under that they have specific categories such as Autism, High-Functioning Autism, Asperger’s syndrome and so on.”

Throughout the last 10 years, the incidence rate of documented Autism Spectrum Disorders in the United States increased from one in 2,500 to one in 150 and most recently to one in 66, Novak said.

She said there is still discussion of which disorders should be included in the umbrella term of Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Disability Resource Center

“It took that summer to realize that my Asperger’s syndrome is not a curse, it’s more like a blessing, because for students here on campus, the D.R.C. (Disability Resource Center) provides more assistance and more help in anything they can dream on,” Deeley said.

The center is a department mandated by SJSU to hold the records, evaluate needs, look at the legal requirements, and prescribe accommodations of students with disabilities as long as they don’t “fundamentally alter the curriculum,” said Martin Schuler, director of the Disability Resource Center.

“Fundamentally alter the curriculum” means that the accommodations the center provides cannot change the curriculum so that it might conflict with an important aspect in the course, he said.

“In general, the D.R.C. has been here a very long time, oldest in the CSU,” Schuler said.

The center was created in 1972 before there was a legal mandate, he said.

“The first legal mandate came in 1977 when the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in programs run by any Federal institution) was finally passed,” he said.

Initially, the program supported approximately 50 to 60 students with learning disabilities, mobility impairments, hearing impairments or visual impairments at SJSU, but now there are approximately 1,350 students with disabilities ranging

from the Autism Spectrum Disorders to mobility impairment, which includes regularly enrolled and Open University students, Schuler said.

Individual counselors at the center work with students, coaching them, giving them suggestions, and trying to help them with scheduling so that they are in classes where they know faculty have had more experience and more understanding with the students’ disabilities, he said.

Past Tensions with Faculty

“A lot of tensions began in the ’90s with many more students with hidden disabilities, like Oliver,” Schuler said.

During the 1990s, the number of persons reported to be receiving services for Autism Spectrum Disorders increased substantially (one to seven), according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention Web site.

“I’ve had many doors and many possibilities because of my brain, my intelligence, so what I can do is practically limitless right now.”

*- Oliver Deeley
Management Information Systems Major*

According to the California Department of Developmental Services Web site, the net growth of persons diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder on average is about three percent greater each year.

“This increase has elevated public concern regarding prevalence of conditions in the autism spectrum and underscores the need for systematic public health monitoring,” states the CDC Web site.

Other hidden disabilities such as attention-deficit disorder (a condition characterized by behavioral and learning disorders), attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (neurological disorder that causes hyperactivity, impulsive behavior and attention problems) and other invisible disabilities posed problems that faculty did not know how to deal with in the ’90s, he said.

“They (faculty) would just say, ‘No, I don’t see a disability,’” he said. “So they refused to give the student additional time or accommodate them in advance. Well, we got some lawsuits.”

The Office of Civil Rights, a government organization that serves student populations facing discrimination in academic institutions, mandated that the campus and president create some sort of policy, whether it was an academic

senate policy or a presidential directive, Schuler said.

Presidential Directive 97-03 states, “It is the policy of SJSU that otherwise specified qualified students who have disabilities shall be given academic adjustments and auxiliary aids as necessary to ensure access to all SJSU services, programs and activities.”

The directive defines the role of the faculty, the student and the center, and gave the center authority to recommend accommodations, Schuler said.

“If we recommended an accommodation and the faculty said ‘no,’ what would happen would be the accommodation would keep going until the board (Accommodations Review Board) could quickly convene and review the dispute,” he said.

The Accommodations Review Board mostly consists of faculty members, one center representative,

of the center, key physicians and the vice provost, Schuler said.

It settles disputes between students with disabilities, the faculty and the center, Schuler said.

If the Accommodations Review Board found the center wrong, then the accommodation was denied to the students, Schuler said.

If it found the center was right then the accommodation would stand, he said.

“It was amazing,” he said. “After the directive (Presidential Directive 97-03) very few complaints were happening.”

Current Conflicts

Schuler said he and Cindy Marota, associate director of the Disability Resource Center, have spent more time dealing with faculty complaints about accommodation recommendations than they have since the Presidential Directive 97-03 was created in 1977.

“The nature of it is so overwhelming that it’s bogging the office down and our staff because (of) the time it takes to resolve a conflict,” he said.

If faculty members decide to ignore the recommended accommodation from the center, they are essentially denying the student equal access to education, which puts faculty members out of a compliance with the directive, along with causing the center to be out of compliance with the directive, which is a great risk for both parties, he said.

“Faculty are arguing over all kinds of issues,” he said. “They don’t want the student to have extra time. They don’t want the student to use an adaptive device or piece of equipment. Some faculty has argued about the delivery method of exams to our testing center.”

Ever since the beginning of the Fall 2009 semester, the center and faculty have been at odds, he said.

“This year, for some reason, we are having a contentious time with the faculty beyond all belief,” Schuler said. “I can only say it has to be the budget and stress of the furloughs that is making the faculty so disgruntled. And I won’t say it’s all faculty, clearly not, but quite a few.”

Professors may have difficulty with being asked too many questions from students with Asperger’s syndrome, said Jean Novak, professor and former chair of the department of communicative disorders and sciences.

If unfamiliar with Autism Spectrum Disorders, professors may not understand that students are unable to do group work, students may not understand assignments because of lack of clear information or examples, and if a professor changes assignments last minute the student may not be able to completely prepare, Novak said.

“We haven’t developed anything that faculty can go to, to gain knowledge or learning from because it’s been an extremely challenging thing to get faculty to go workshops with their busy schedule,” Schuler said.

Professors can enhance the learning environment for students with Asperger’s syndrome by structuring the class with a clear outline or semantic map — not just an outline but a visual, graphic organizer so that the information in a three-hour lecture does not overwhelm, Novak said.

“Understand that these students may have difficulty with group activities due to limited ability to interact cooperatively to complete a task,” she said. “Providing working independent options may reduce anxiety in a peer group assignment.”

If the faculty member has not experienced these types of disabilities, it may overwhelm them because the student can sometimes be disruptive or students can pose challenges, he said.

Deeley’s Inspiration

Deeley said his father also has Asperger’s syndrome.

“A little bit about my brain — it is actually inherited from my father, a man who’s by far one of the most extraordinary men I’ve ever met,” he said. “He has quite an intelligent mind, people can only dream about designing integrated, multimedia systems, but he’s done it.”

Deeley said his father is his inspiration, although when he was younger he never got along with him.

“Nowadays I started to get along with him more and more,” he said. “I see eye to eye. I see that he’s trying to help me, better me.”

Deeley said he is taking a course at SJSU about the art of film and is considering a future career in filmmaking.

“I’ve had many doors and many possibilities because of my brain, my intelligence, so what I can do is practically limitless right now,” he said.

He said that he enjoys being an only child.

“The beauty of being an only child (is) not only do I get all the help, but all the attention and plus entertaining myself is no problem as an only child,” Deeley said. “I would just lock myself (in my room), take whatever pieces I could find and build something else.”



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Kamal leading women’s soccer team’s surge toward WAC title

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By Leonard Lai
Staff Writer

Roxy Kamal, a senior business marketing major, is leading the SJSU women’s soccer team with 20 points, from six goals and eight assists.

Center forward Kamal was a 2008 Academic All-Western Athletic Conference honoree, and was twice named the conference’s Offensive Player of the Week this year.

She is one of two team captains and said she was inspired to play soccer by her father.

“My dad is my rock,” Kamal said.

Her father was also a forward when he played soccer, she said.

Kamal said she is excited for the season, going through a

13-game unbeaten streak, and having the potential to go to the NCAA Division-I Championships.

Center midfielder Hallsie Pacheco said Kamal sets a good

“It was a long process, as I had to work hard to become captain.”

She said she has been comfortable with the way everyone on the team plays, and enjoys

Pacheco said she has developed chemistry with Kamal after playing together for four years.

“It kinda happens, we’re always able to find each other on the field,” Pacheco said. “We’re in synch with each other, and we always know what to do.”

Jeff Leightman, head coach of SJSU women’s soccer team, said Kamal has proven herself as a leader.

“Her fitness was a big challenge for her,” Leightman said. “She came around though and was able to get over it.”

He said in future games he hopes Kamal does the same thing she has been doing every season — set up goals and score goals.

“She has a really attacking personality,” Leightman said. “It allows for her creative side to come out on the field.”

Kamal is well liked, respected and sets a good example on and off the field, he said.

He said people need to go beyond just finding who they are — it’s also about finding out how to be winners, and Kamal has shown herself to be a winner.

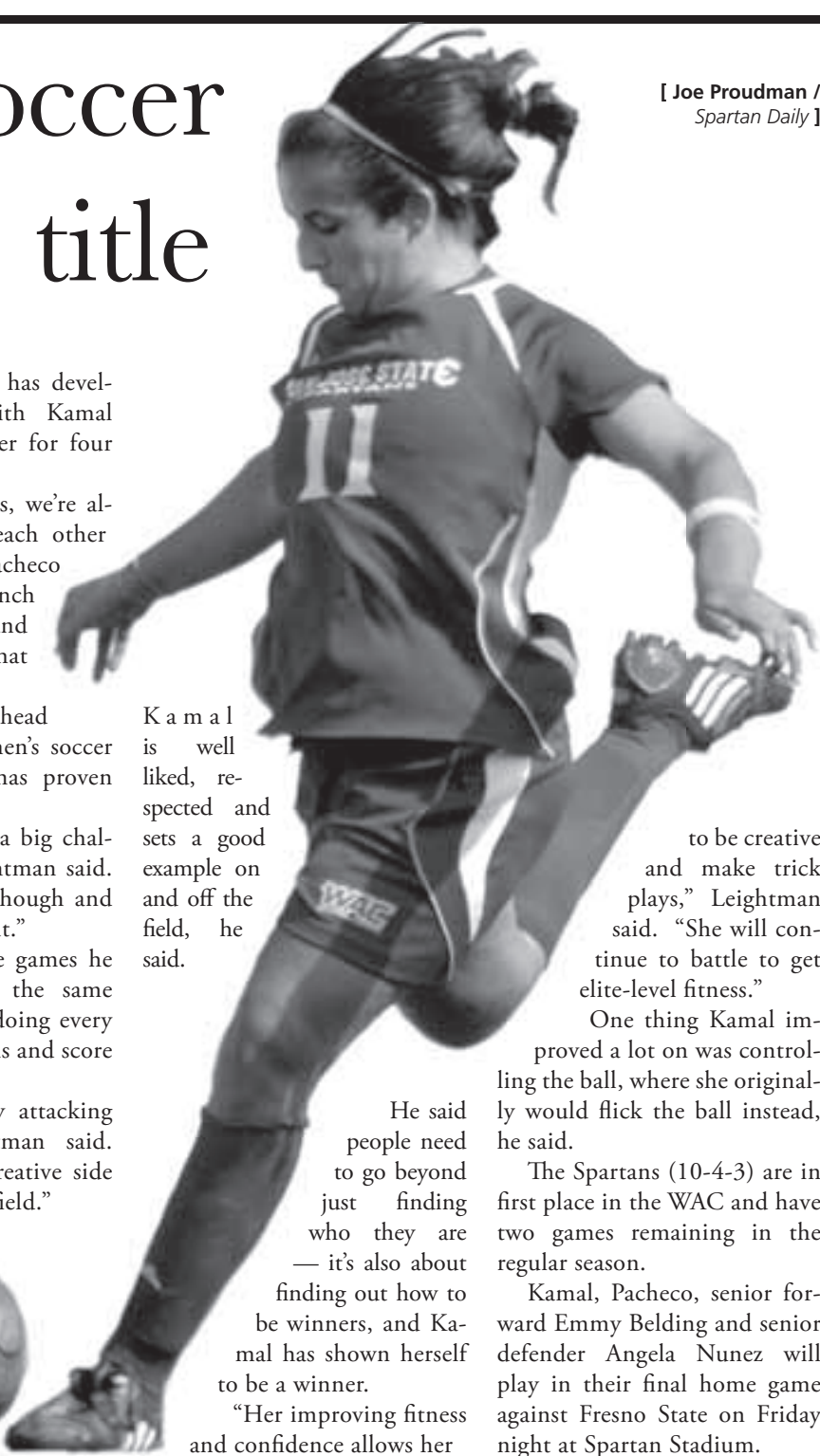
“Her improving fitness and confidence allows her

to be creative and make trick plays,” Leightman said. “She will continue to battle to get elite-level fitness.”

One thing Kamal improved a lot on was controlling the ball, where she originally would flick the ball instead, he said.

The Spartans (10-4-3) are in first place in the WAC and have two games remaining in the regular season.

Kamal, Pacheco, senior forward Emmy Belding and senior defender Angela Nunez will play in their final home game against Fresno State on Friday night at Spartan Stadium.



Kamal’s season game log

Team	Goals	Assists	Result
vs. Santa Clara	0	0	L 0-4
vs. San Diego State	0	0	L 0-1
vs. Fairfield*	0	0	L 1-2
vs. Long Island*	0	0	L 0-2
@ Lafayette	1	0	W 4-1
@ Howard	1	3	W 8-0
vs. UC Davis	0	1	W 1-0 (2OT)
vs. Notre Dame de Namur	0	0	W 1-0
vs. Air Force	2	0	W 4-0
@ Hawaii	0	0	W 1-0
@ Cal State Sacramento	0	0	T 1-1
vs. Louisiana Tech	1	1	W 3-1
vs. New Mexico State	0	0	T 0-0
@ Nevada	1	0	W 3-1
@ Utah State	0	0	T 1-1
vs. Idaho	0	2	W 2-1
@ Cal State Bakersfield	0	1	W 2-0
Season Totals	6	8	10-4-3

*Games played at University of San Francisco

WAC Standings

Team	WAC Record	Overall Record	Games Left
1. SJSU	4-0-2	10-4-3	2
2. New Mexico State	4-1-1	9-6-1	2
3. Fresno State	4-3	6-11	1
4. Utah State	3-2-1	8-8-2	2
T5. Boise State	3-3	8-6-4	2
T5. Nevada	3-3	6-11	2
7. Hawaii	2-4	6-10-1	2
8. Idaho	2-5	9-9	1
9. Louisiana Tech	1-5	12-5-1	2

(Spartans remaining games: vs. Fresno State, @ Boise State)

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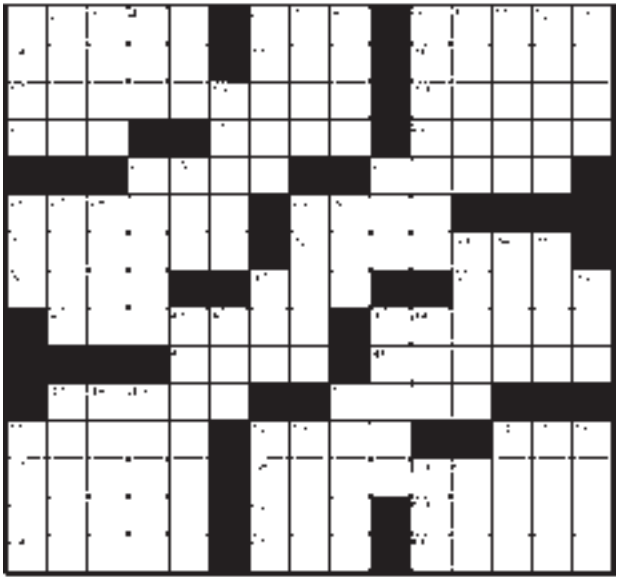
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Manga is my source for drama



Leonard Lai
Staff Writer

I waited on the edge of my seat for the main character to nervously defuse a bomb.

With only two seconds left on the clock, could he do it?

Boom!

A side character ran up, shouting the main character's name.

Unfortunately for me, I would have to wait until next week to find out whether the hero died, jumped out the window at the last second — like the cool character he is — or somehow fell down the stairs in a showing of dumb luck, or many other possible outcomes.

This scene didn't come from any show on TV, it came from manga — comics or cartoons conforming to a style originating in

Japan.

Whenever I talk to someone about manga, they think that cartoons and comics should only stay in the mind of little kids, that there would be no reason for adults to get attached to immature things.

Manga is comparable to the shows on TV. Both feature adult themes, have engrossing stories and have just as much drama as any primetime hit such as “24,” “Heroes” or “Lost.”

Just because people grew up watching cartoons and have now matured, doesn't mean cartoons themselves haven't grown up and matured with us.

Themes from manga include mature content shown on TV ev-

eryday — sex, drugs, adult scenes, and violence — things I would hardly call “kids stuff.”

Sure, still images can't project any sound or motion, but I would rather leave it up to the imagination on how the scene went down, rather than see it on TV later only to realize my imagination did a better job making the scene than the director.

Also, manga doesn't stop after the season is over only to continue the story several months later.

It continues to be printed every week.

That means no waiting for cliffhangers only to find out that everything was really a dream — disappointing seven months later.

Just like getting into a new series, manga is easily accessible.

No matter what the reader is into — action, romance, suspense, drama or any other genre — there are hundreds of manga genres from which to read.

Web sites such as Onemanga

and Mangafox offer filters to look for genres of manga and have filters to warn readers what adult themes can come up if parents don't want younger kids reading certain series.

Just like many other drama junkies, I fill my needs by reading more than 30 series at the same time.

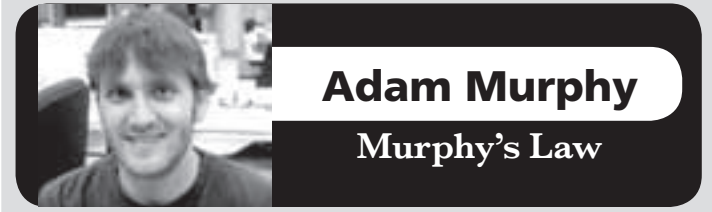
I'm a sucker for romance series such as “Skip Beat,” “Ane Doki” and “Negima.” But even I need a little action, so I turn to more action based series such as “Saint Seiya,” “Akagi” and “Eyeshield 21.”

The amount of themes is so vast. There are series all about tennis, mahjong, cooking and everything else one can think up.

In the end, both manga and TV shows spring from creative minds.

The medium may be different, but they both have a point — to get people hooked and to entertain.

Save yourself: quit school



Adam Murphy
Murphy's Law

Please do everyone a favor and stop reading this. Stop reading this and drop out of college. Please.

Life would be so much easier if you did. Cut your losses, sell your books, wave goodbye to SJSU and join the workforce.

Leave the undergraduate degree to everyone else.

The job market would be much less competitive. One less resume for future employers to deal with might be the difference between a recent graduate getting a professional job or working at Starbucks.

Recent graduates working at Starbucks or another similar unskilled position is all too common today.

I have heard countless horror stories of recent graduates working minimum wage jobs after earning degrees.

Servers, baristas and bartenders with graduate degrees seem to be becoming the norm.

It's a disturbing trend that looks to have no end in sight.

Our parents always told us to go to college and get a degree, as if that little piece of paper would be the key to unlocking all the doors.

Get good grades, stay in school, work hard, get your degree and you will get ahead they said.

That way of thinking seems naïve now.

An undergraduate degree doesn't guarantee anything, partly because there are so many graduates every year.

Between 1997 and 2007 enrollment increased from 14.5 million to 18.2 million, a 26 percent increase, according to the National Center for Education Statistics.

Did all of those roughly four million graduates find a job in their major?

Did roughly four million professional jobs open up between 1997 and 2007?

I have a hard time believing that there will be enough jobs for

the ever increasing number of college graduates.

Thanks to our ever shrinking economy, there are now fewer jobs out there to meet the needs of an ever expanding professional workforce.

Only around one-fifth of all college graduates that sent out resumes were hired, according to the National Association of Colleges and Employers.

That means that college students are keeping the jobs they had in college instead of entering professional fields.

Many of those students not getting jobs are entering master's programs.

Graduate degree enrollment increased 67 percent between 1985 and 2007. Apparently all those graduate students have already figured out that a four-year degree just doesn't cut it in most cases.

The only problem is that far too many have figured this out.

Now it seems as if a doctorate is needed to distinguish one resume from the next.

Enrollment in doctorate programs increased 18 percent from 1997 to 2007, still a healthy increase.

Educating students for jobs that aren't there doesn't make a lot of sense to me. Instead of emphasis being placed on a piece of paper, it should be placed on skills that will allow the recent graduate to succeed.

That is where the university system can improve.

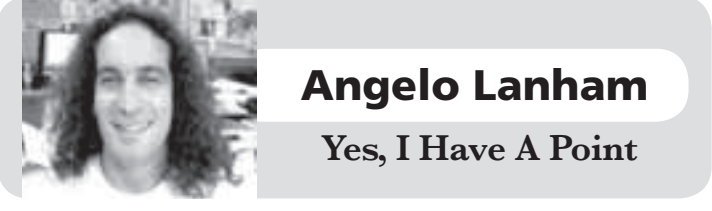
Too often students entering the workforce don't have the necessary skills needed to get a foot in the door, let alone succeed.

There is a disconnect between what is being taught and the skills needed to succeed in the workplace.

So please, once again, quit while you're ahead.

Adam Murphy is a Spartan Daily sports editor. “Murphy's Law” appears every Tuesday.

Whatever happened to 24/7, 364?



Angelo Lanham
Yes, I Have A Point

What do you think of when people tell you they have to attend a meeting?

If you're like me, you think of a bunch of marginally racist, old white men in suits, puffing cigars, minding an established pecking order, and having a round-table discussion about some business strategy that some schmuck underling in the company won't like.

Well, I went to a meeting the other day. I'm not old or racist, and neither were any of my fellow restaurant workers who had the pleasure of attending last weekend's mandatory Saturday morning meeting.

Matter of fact, we're not even that important. And only important people have to go to meetings, right? Important people with six-figure incomes, that is.

That is the secret of restaurant meetings. None of us, except the head honcho who showed up and the general manager, are very

important.

We are phalanges at the extremity of a corporate body, and one of the helper brains of the corporate body came in to tell us what's what.

There is no two-way communication in these meetings. Any input by the phalanges will only cause an unwelcome delay of the meeting's completion.

If you're smart, you just sit there, shut up and listen. All you restaurant workers know what I'm talking about.

A corporate restaurant meeting is the telling of bad news with a slight attempt to make it seem like good news. The last time we got good news at a meeting, we had to start opening at six in the morning.

This time, the good news is that my restaurant will be joining the ranks of the equally classy 7-Eleven, Walgreens, Winchell's and Denny's, and will be open on Christmas Day.

First thing's first, these are tough economic times — you may have heard — and we're all grasping at straws to try to make ends meet. Naturally, corporations are doing the same, occasionally getting rid of corporate types to cut the fat.

But my restaurant, gentle readers, is not lending to being open on Christmas.

It doesn't make sense.

There are only two real menu options on that day, and if you came around for Thanksgiving, you've already had them.

And yet, we were told to be excruciatingly excited about the ability to work on Christmas Day, all for the same minimum wage we get every normal day, plus whatever tips Christmas cheer possesses the seven schmucks who actually show up.

The best part is that everyone from every restaurant in the chain is apparently running over one another for a chance to work this half day.

Who wouldn't want to work half of a national holiday for minimum wage plus tips?

Now, I know this column seems like it's about me, but it's really about you. I'm not even talking about all that Jesus stuff. If you're concerned with that, then OK. But I'm thinking of our national unity.

This country is a melting pot — you've probably heard that phrase many times before, and you won't stop hearing it.

This is a good thing. Increasingly, our collective roots are more and more varied. Not every country can brag about a large number of ethnic groups with diverse religious backgrounds pretty much getting along.

Most of the time.

OK, some of the time.

The drawback is that as a country, we don't have any overarching folk songs or traditions common to the majority to draw us together. It's why we're so stuck on the sort of

You'll probably want someone on-hand at the power plant, for example, but who really wants to go out and get a dozen doughnuts on Christmas?

TV shows and pop stars manufactured by RCA and the like — our collective mythology exists not.

For a long time, Christmas was the national occasion in which everyone in the country paused and took a breath. It's the guaranteed holiday, and if you didn't get it off, you got paid big bucks to work it.

Since it's been stripped of its original Christian meaning years ago — even believers admit Jesus wasn't really a Capricorn, as Wally Pleasant noted years ago — it's more or less a fun time in which it's OK to drink during the day, wear abrasive red and green sweaters, and overeat.

Now, there has never been a time in our history when someone somewhere wasn't working on Christmas. But over the years, the facilities open for the day became less and less sensible.

You'll probably want someone on-hand at the power plant, for example, but who really wants to go out and get a dozen doughnuts on Christmas?

Those of you who raised your hands can go to hell. Doughnuts are not Christmas food.

Now, I'd like you to join a movement. People around here take themselves so damn seriously. There's an impression that anyone who doesn't operate “24-7” is some sort of slacker.

I hate this. It's lame. And this whole Christmas working thing is an extension of that.

Here's the movement: Don't go anywhere on Christmas Day. I won't be. I've been doing it for years. It's easy.

Even if you want to patronize some Christmas blowout sale, please resist. We have to show those CEOs that we miss our national step-back-and-take-a-breath day.

Angelo Lanham is a Spartan Daily copy editor. “Yes, I have A Point” appears every Tuesday.

Ruminations

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Children: F sharp

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Campy, low-budget horror films don't quite thrill

Review: Thrillville

By Dominique Dumadaug
Staff Writer

Naked women dancing around on screen were not what I was expecting to see when I attended the Thrillville event, hosted by Camera 3 on Thursday night.

I thought scary movies were going to be shown, but when I got there, many other strange things were waiting to be seen.

Thrillville, according to its Web site, is a cabaret series showing B movies and cult films, and has been going on for 12 years.

During the 1930s and '40s, theaters would show two movies.

One was a bigger feature, the "A" movie and the other was a lower-budget, more obscure movie, the "B" movie, according to GreenCine's Web site.

Thrillville originated in Oakland and has been hosted by Camera 3 for four years, according to one of its hosts, Will the Thrill.

When I first walked into the theater before the show was about to start, I was shocked at the aforementioned naked women dancing on screen.

It was some strange movie from the '70s where some scientist was trying to make the perfect woman and control her.

So of course, he made them do a bunch of things naked.

After seeing this, I knew these movies would be different from my expectations.

The night's hosts, Will the Thrill and his wife Monica Tiki Goddess, were fun and lively.

The couple interacted with the audience very well and asked ridiculous trivia questions that had even more ridiculous answers for funny prizes such as more "B" movies.

The couple cracked a lot of jokes about the movies shown.

I found it weird that Tiki Goddess didn't even stay to watch any of the movies and snuck out as soon as the movies were about to start to read a book in the lobby.

Will the Thrill, however, stayed to watch the movies.

The first movie shown was the horror comedy "Hollywood Chainsaw Hookers," a really bad movie from 1988 directed by Fred Olsen Ray.

Never had I seen so many naked women in one night — ever.

The movie was about a detective that goes to Hollywood to look for a teenage runaway.

When he finds her, he stumbles onto something much bigger — a cult of chainsaw-worshipping hookers that kill their clients to appease the chainsaw gods.



The movie, complete with bad puns, stupid jokes and outrageous one-liners, was hilariously bad and stupidly funny.

I kind of liked 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 watching bad movies having seen enough of them to last a few lifetimes.

Bay Area band Actual Rafiq played three songs in between the movies. They probably could have played more, but they kept messing up.

An audience member made a comment that it was the first time he had seen a band unable to play, because they were distracted. He was referring to the guys being distracted by the naked women running around on the movie screen.

I enjoyed Rafiq's music, which sounded like surf music — cool and fun.

Even though it wasn't the thrill I was looking for, Thrillville was still a lot of fun. The audience enjoyed its time there.

If you like cheesy B movies, Thrillville is time well spent.

The next Thrillville event is Dec. 3 at Camera 3. I may 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.



[Photo courtesy of Movie Poster Database Web site]

A movie poster for "Hollywood Chainsaw Hookers" played at Camera 3 on Thursday.



[Left and far left photos courtesy of Thrillville's official Web site]

Left: Co-hosts Will the Thrill and wife, Monica Tiki Goddess, at a previous Thrillville event on May 7.

Far left: A poster for an upcoming Thrillville event happening Friday in San Francisco.

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