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Who Does Eric Doll Think He Is?

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How long have you been unicycling?
Two years.

How did you get into it?
Well I started off in the juggling club, and I became the president. They gave me the keys to the locker where we keep the juggling stuff, and I decided to look around one day. I looked into the unicycle locker too, and there were about 10 unicycles in there. I wondered if it was really that hard, so I tried it.

How long did it take you to learn?
About a month.

So can you juggle while riding the unicycle?
I can. It’s one of my specialties.

Where do you park it when you ride it to class?
Mostly in the bike racks, but it’s great because you can park it along the fences that say “no bicycles.” One time I took it on a bus and the driver looked at me and said, “No bicycles on the bus.” I said, “OK,” and kept walking down the aisle. Then he was like, “Hey, no bicycles!” I was like, “It’s a unicycle, not a bicycle.” So he just turned around and let me go.

How do people react when they see you coming down the sidewalk?
People freak out. They will go 10 feet into the grass to avoid me.

Do you ever tried to freak them out on purpose?
Oh yeah, I’ll mess with them. When they go into the grass, I’ll go into the grass too and be like, “Oh no, it’s a unicycle, better watch out!” I’ll make a scene.

What’s the best part about riding a unicycle?
Well you can hold your coffee in one hand, talk on the phone and ride it—all at the same time.

What kind of tricks can you do?
I can hop up and down stairs, on benches, and ride along really skinny ledges. I recently found I’m able to jump the whole staircase leading up the library.

What is one thing you would like to say to everyone about unicycling?
When you see one on a sidewalk, don’t freak out, give me a high five or something.