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Hypnotist The Incredible Boris
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Hello Boris,

Here is a hard copy of the review from *The Medium* which includes your show during frosh week. Let me know of other shows you are doing in the area during the school year and I'll try to get someone to cover it. I enjoyed your show very much. I hope you are hired for future Frosh weeks. Feel free to contact me by e-mail or phone.

Sincerely,

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Bikes, bands, breakers and Boris entertain

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There was plenty of entertainment set up for the incoming students this year. In conjunction with the Carnival put on by the Students' Administrative Council (SAC) on Tuesday September 7, several acts put on a show under a tent in parking lot 8, organized by Vibe Radio.

The **BMX Bike Show**, which took place just to the side of the tent, started things off. The bikers executed a number of tricks, including jumping from block to block and spinning down off a tire-thin railing. The goal was partly to raise awareness about biking in advance of the Bike Share program starting soon at UTM.

Fo' Real, a tri-campus dance team, and **UTM Dance Team** put on a short demonstration of their talent, performing one and two dances, respectively. Only qualified dancers can join the teams, a criterion that is clear when watching them. A group of UTM break-dancers entertained the crowd with some well-practiced moves to close out the dance portion of the evening.

Out of Options, winners of Vibe's

Battle of the Bands last year, took the stage shortly after the dancers and began by throwing **Axe** into the crowd. Unfortunately, many of the audience members made immediate use of the body spray, leaving the semi-enclosed performance area soaked in fumes. The loud, pumping nature of the band's music allowed them to be heard away from the Axe smell, however. After several hardcore songs, the group ended with the mel-lower "Sad Story" (also see Wonderland coverage on page 7).

Kwansa Shelley and the Boogaloo Tribe were up next. Many people grooved to **Shelley's** soulful voice as it soared over the hip-hop stylings of her brother Patrick's group, **Boogaloo Tribe**, originally from Ottawa. Relatively new to the music scene, recent U of T graduate



photo of Johanna Kristolaitis
Jump from big blocks with a bike? No problem!

Shelley sang like a veteran, giving a great show to all in attendance; check her out if you ever get the chance.

The Incredible Boris was the main and final act of the night; his hypnotic introduction put many audience members out while drawing more under the tent and into the show. Eight of the hypnotized audience members acted out scenarios under **Boris's** guidance to hilarious effect. From a white water rafting trip down the Colorado River to the world's greatest conga line to a talk-show hosted by Arnold Schwarzenegger and featuring Britney Spears, Eminem and Michael Jackson, the whole show was too funny for words, partly thanks to the one-liners of Thom Rosseel, first-year Theatre student, who spent most of the show as Chip.

Before Boris brought his participants back to full consciousness, he planted healthy hypnotic suggestions like eating well, quitting smoking and stressing less.

"It's a thank you from me for their participation," Boris said after the show. "They give up their self-control for entertainment, so this gives them a positive reason they did it."