



(Photo by D'Niopi)

### Teacher on wheels

Yes, that's a school corridor and that's a mathematics teacher racing his tricycle. But Thornlea Secondary was no ordinary school for a few hours last Friday, when students and staff took the afternoon off to enjoy a festival

in honor of a mythical character named Pharly J. Kumquat. After a series of shenanigans, the students got back to normal Friday night with a dance featuring Columbus.

## Hi-jinks honor mythical hero

By Mike Tennant

THORNHILL — There was a Pharly J. Kumquat Memorial Festival held at Thornlea Secondary School last Friday.

The funny thing is, Pharly J. Kumquat is not dead. He isn't even sick.

He is in fact a cartoon character, champion of all sports, matinee idol, expert surgeon, etc., who was given recognition by his school.

Students had the afternoon free to indulge in some of the many untypical events.

They made history Before the day's events were kicked off though, history was made in Thornlea's very halls.

Andre F. Bourbeau, alias the Bourbonic Man, with a finely tuned tricycle, an aviator's cap and goggles, stepped out of his usual role of teaching math, to jump over nine cups of water, an apparent record for the school at least. This was much to the delight of the enormous crowd gathered in the halls.

Gunky pie fight

Following that came a pie-eating contest, which led into a short but gunky pie fight. A small percentage of people managed to make it home

without smelling like banana cream.

With one fine mess after another, there was a Twit Tournament, with eligible teachers and students competing for the title of "best twit."

This, of course, was derived from a bed-ridden Monty Python gag.

Then came the nightmare, at least for me. I had to face a seemingly enormous crowd while hosting a beauty contest — between boys who were dressed up as girls.

It was a horror straight from a Vincent Price movie, seeing my sweetheart in the first row of the crowd while a bristle-faced transvestite attempts to smother me.

There was even a balloon-breaking session, in which several contestants were (pun intended) knocked flat.

Music a relief

When that was over, the Bourbonic Man, obviously exhausted by his triumph just hours before, could not manage a win in the teacher's tricycle race.

During the afternoon, there were ordinary rock and roll bands, playing ordinary (apparently good) music in the ordinary gymnasium. A welcome relief.

That night too, there was a dance featuring Columbus.

If Pharly was watching, he was certainly confused.

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