



By Cliff Hicks

## 'Frighteners' unsuccessful, entertaining

OK, not many of you have gone out and seen "The Frighteners," and I'm about to slap you all silly. There's only so much I can take.

You know? "The Frighteners?" Stars Michael J. Fox? Extremely cool special effects? Good blend of comedy, horror and suspense? Well-written plot?

Maybe the plot thing is why no one went to see it.

The summer was filled with great flicks, there's no doubt about it. There was something for everyone.

"The Rock" was one of the best damn action films I've ever seen. The cinematography was great, Nicholas Cage was marvelous and Sean Connery was... well, Sean Connery. Plus he swore a lot, which he very rarely does, and while that isn't necessarily a good thing, it created a whole new character for Connery.

"Independence Day" was a big budget B-film. It's the type of thing that would have happened if someone gave the people who are making movies for bad cable channels a lot of money. A lot of special effects, thin plot line and more special effects. It was worth a watch or two, but it wasn't "The Rock."

There was "Courage Under Fire" for those out looking for a good drama and "The Nutty Professor" for those who wanted a zany comedy that marked the return of Eddie Murphy to successful film.

And then, of course, there was "The Frighteners."

I've given a lot of thought — and I mean a lot — as to why "The Frighteners" hasn't succeeded as a film. I've seen the film five times now, and I never see a film this much. Not in theaters, anyway.

No one was really quite sure how to market the film. "The Frighteners" blends comedy, supernatural thriller and horror film all into the masterful mix that rivals the "Tales From The Crypt" series.

But with anything with "Tales From The Crypt" on it, you've got a fan-base who already know generally what to expect. With "The Frighteners," no one really knew what to expect.

The preview had a wall leaning out to grab a girl, Michael J. Fox doing a campy "spirit cleansing" and the title. I think everyone who saw the ad thought, "Well, what kind of film is it?"

After five times, I'm still not sure how I would've marketed it. I'd have tried to tap into the "Tales From The Crypt" fan-base myself.

And I have found people who didn't think the film was great, but none of them have disliked it, so at the very least, you'll see some cool special effects and have some fun.

It's too late to go see it at the Starship 9, but the minute it comes out on video, rush to the video store, beat down the walls and rent a copy. Trust me.

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## Skater safety, courtesy important

By ANN STACK  
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For students tired of running around in circles at the Lee and Helene Sapp Campus Recreation Center, in-line skating is a great way to get in shape and have fun at the same time.

It's also a prime way to get to class or work, but rollerbladers must avoid potential disasters in the forms of rocks, railroad tracks and pedestrians.

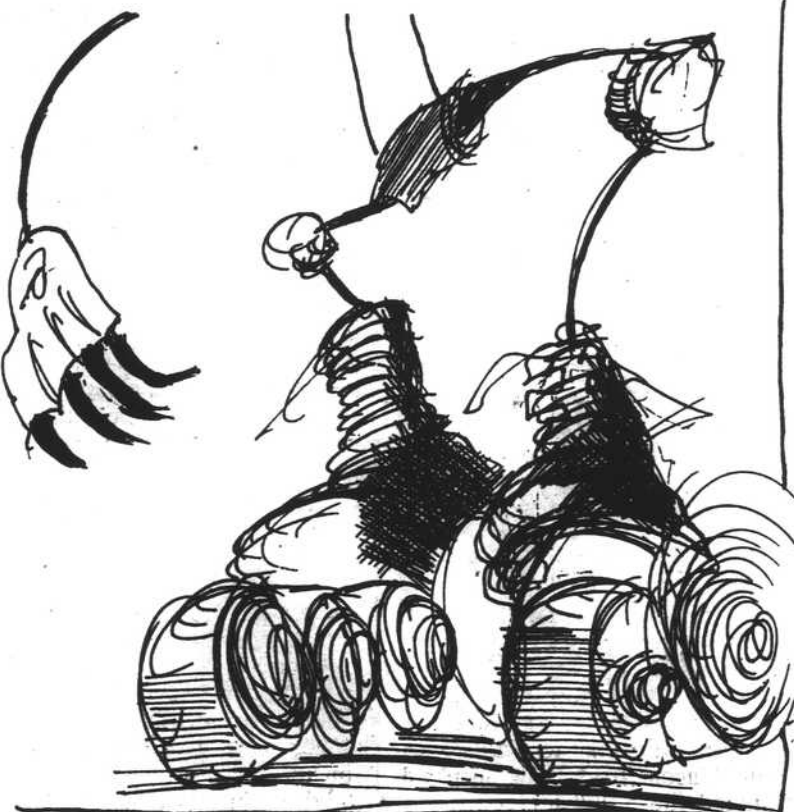
In-line skating is the official term for the activity commonly called "rollerblading" because Rollerblade Inc. produced the first widely recognized model of in-line skates.

Although in-line skaters and bikers are often referred to as "public nuisances" on campus, UNL Police Chief Ken Cauble said he doesn't have a problem with skaters as long as they don't damage university property.

"The areas we'd prefer people not rollerblade on are marked with signs," he said. These areas are by the Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery and sculpture garden.

"If they're trying to do tricks or causing damage to the property, we'd have to cite them for vandalism," he said.

But so far, the campus police have



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had relatively few problems with skaters.

"Most rollerbladers are fairly courteous to pedestrians," he said. "I'm more concerned with bikers."

As far as places students and faculty can skate on campus, it's free game, Cauble said.

"They can go through the interior of the campus, as long as they follow

the rules of safety," Cauble said. "They seem to be a good mode of transportation."

Anyone who has experienced the pain of a rollerblading wipe-out knows that wearing the proper protection is very important to in-line skating. That includes a helmet, knee and elbow pads and wrist guards.

Over the summer, a Kansas woman visiting Omaha died from in-line skating injuries after hitting her head on the pavement. She was not wearing a helmet.

"I'd like to see people wear head protection," Cauble said.

Molly Tomkins, a sophomore criminal justice major, has been in-line skating for five years, and has only fallen twice. The second time was a month ago, after she got new wheels and bearings for her skates. Like many students, she doesn't wear safety equipment.

"Wrist guards are basically all I need," she said. "Knee pads and helmets look stupid."

Linda Herrmann, medical director at the University Health Center, said she treats relatively few people for skating injuries.

"Maybe they're using more body protection," she said.

### Restaurant review

## New pub and grill's wide variety of wings comes with hot warnings, contests, more

By SEAN MCCARTHY  
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Warning: The "blazin'" hot sauce is actually capable of stripping the paint off a wall.

That particular sauce, blazin', is one of 11 different sauces you can try with your wings at the new pub and grill, bw3. The pub, 1328 P St., sits next to the Coffee House and has been in business since Sept. 10. The pub's speciality, of course, is buffalo wings. Taco salads, hamburgers and appetizers are also available.

Capable of seating over 250 people, bw3 seems to be on its way to becoming a fixture in the downtown bar scene. There's a good arrangement of booths and tables to prevent crowding. Two big-screen TVs and an abundance of smaller sets make it a great place to watch a game while you're chowing on their wings. Dart boards and pool tables are also available.

Though bw3 has been open for almost two weeks, it has yet to have a grand opening, owner Kevin Haran said. Haran chose to wait until his staff is fully trained and tested before that event comes. The staff was tested well last weekend when the pub was packed to capacity on both nights, Haran said.

The "w3" in bw3 stands for wild wings and weck. The weck is a specialty roll that is put on hamburgers or eaten separately. It is a kaiser roll with rock salt and caraway seed that's a perfect neutralizer after eating some of the hotter varieties of wings.



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**KITCHEN CLERK** Brian Patrick shakes up another batch of buffalo wings during the lunch hour Monday afternoon in the kitchen of bw3 Pub and Grill.

And the wings, yes, the wings. A better variety of wings can't be found in Lincoln. The spicy garlic and the hot barbecue wings are the more popular choices.

The hottest wing, blazin', lives up to its name. Legend has it that at one of the chains, a worker accidentally spilled a container of the blazin' sauce on a wall. The sauce actually took the paint off the wall, Haran said. If that doesn't convince you, there is also a warning label that comes with the order.

The quality of the wings is great.

However, the title for best wings in Lincoln still goes to either The Watering Hole or Grandmother's. The variety of the sauces is what makes bw3 stand out. Those who crave milder wings will take to the honey mustard or sweet barbecue wings. Those who want hot should choose the blazin'.

For sheer enjoyment, bw3 offers a "cluck-off" during Monday Night Football. During halftime, a contest is held to see how many people can eat 50 wings in 15 minutes. The winners go to the semifinals during the

National Football League playoffs.

Finally, four winners will be selected for the Super Bowl, where a free-for-all contest to see how many wings the winner can eat in an hour will take place. Prizes such as T-shirts will be given away at Monday's game.

For those who like wings, or a great hamburger off the grill, bw3 is worth checking out. The pub and grill is clean and the layout fits any informal occasion. Take a couple friends after work, but just remember to keep a glass of water near you for the blazin' wings.