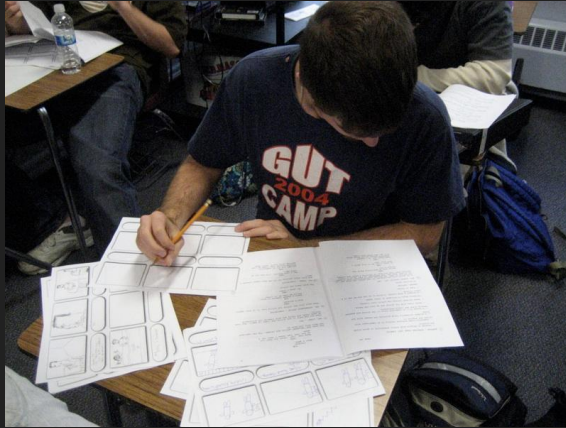




Tuesday, December 4, 2007

For the first time in the Film Festival we've had a movie picked up for production based solely on the concept. Chris Stott and Dennis Tower came up with the idea for a zombie movie called "28 Minutes Later". Although they borrow the title from Danny Boyle's zombie movie "28 Days Later", their movie idea is more in the vein of "Shaun of the Dead." Jon Meyers and Ryan Whittemore were excited by the concept and have agreed to direct the forth-coming screenplay. Ryan has even agreed to help in the writing process.

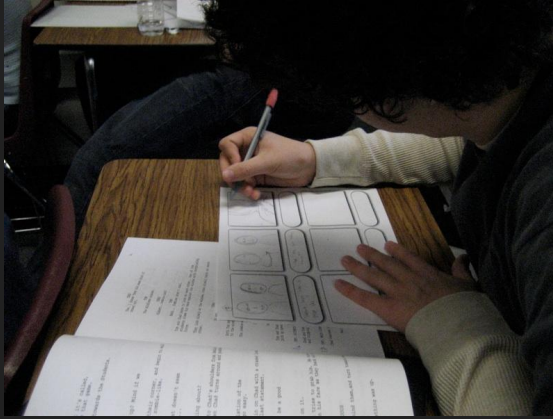
-Mr. Alan



Friday, December 14, 2007

Jon and I decided on picking up a Movie, 28 Minutes Later. The only problem is that the movie was without a script. So throughout the week we spent time slaving over getting the script done. I was allowed to skip studies to help write the script during Mr. Alan's period one creative writing class. Also Jon and I stayed after to try and get more done. Finally after 2 and one half days the final draft of 28 Days Later was handed in. Now comes the task of story boarding, casting, and scheduling.

-Whitty



Friday, January 4, 2008

Today is January 4, 2008 and is the launch of a new year and a major start for the movie 28 minutes later. So far our group started doing a little more filming. We filmed a few scenes in the hallway and outside of school. We have been doing a lot of brainstorming for costumes and extras in our film and been closing out on major ideas that will soon be placed on film. Since this is our second day in officially filming, the way our cast has been working together shows great signs for the upcoming weeks of making our film 28 minutes later a success.



Thursday, January 10, 2008

Well, 28 minutes later is underway and going well. We've shot several scenes already and have done a decent amount of editing. It's tough to film scenes where there are supposed to be no one around. We've had the good fortune to be granted permission to be able to film during february vacation which is when we will do most of our major zombie scenes. A special thanks to Chris Barnes for letting us borrow his eye for a key montage sequence. He may have severe retina damage, but it'll be worth it in the end. We'll make sure to blog as much as possible to keep everyone updated. Thanks for the interest.

-Jon, Guava out.



Wednesday, January 30, 2008

Well hey. Most recently guava has shot one pretty major scene. We had to come into the school on a Saturday morning to shoot so we could use the school while it was completely empty. This wouldn't have been possible if Mr. Alan didn't come in too. So thanks to him. For all of those 28 Days fans, we know that one of the most monumental scenes is the beginning sequence where Jim is walking around a completely empty London. We recreated this scene and it looks great. Whitty is roaming a deserted school utterly confused (which was easy for Whitty to act). It has a very creepy feel to it. We can't wait to get down and dirty with all the zombie action.

-Guava.



Thursday, January 31, 2008

This movie has a great story behind the making of the film: picked up as a pitch from Chris Stott and Dennis Tower in my first semester Creative Writing course, and quickly written as a screenplay and given the green light, all within a three week span. Now they need to get the footage. So far, they have very creative shots showing Whitty in a deserted school. But this is a zombie movie, and we need to see plenty of zombie action for this movie to work. So, till the zombies come through on screen, it will be tough to get a feel for how the movie will turn out.(By the way, anyone interested in playing a zombie(adults included)contact Jon Meyers or Ryan Whittemore.)



Friday, February 8, 2008

First off I would like to apologize for not blogging in a while. Soon after Mr. Alan informed me that there was a large scale public outcry to know what is going on in the movie I decided he was right. Anyways filming has been going great. We had to come into school on a Saturday to film and shot a creepy scene when Chad walks around the empty school. We are just getting into the action scenes that will be shot over vacation. These should be the most exciting to film due to the fact that they will be full of zombie-butt-kicking-action. Until next time.

-Whitty



Thursday, February 14, 2008

Well we had our fair share of zombies this week. We had a great turn out of getting several extras who were willing to dress up as zombies and get beaten up. The entire shoot was a blast. We're ready to get even more extras and shoot more crazy zombie scenes over vacation, anybody who reads this and wants to help out just let Mr. Alan know. I will be back.

-Whitty





Thursday, February 21, 2008

Well its been a rather productive vacation. We got two important zombie fight scenes filmed and ready to edit. We've also been touching up some already edited sequences. In the course of the shooting this vacation, we've had two injuries. Joe Brady inflicted quite the rug burn on Whitty. He'll be ok. Justin Cotellessa received a wound to the eyelid when I accidentally hit him during a fight scene. The good news is it looked great on film...



Friday, February 29, 2008

It seems that guava has temporarily hit the wall. We are at a standstill and Whitty and I hate it. We're working furiously now to schedule and re-schedule so that we can finish our filming asap. Unfortunately we've been having some cast problems which has led to a lack of filming. We're going to have to fix this problem one way or another. Although temporarily in a rut, Whitty and I are still optimistic. We are confident that we can get this movie done, and done well, even if that means staying after school everyday and coming in on weekends. In the meantime, besides scheduling we are editing as much as we can so that when we get the remaining scenes filmed, we can put it together as soon as possible. Stay strong.

-Jon,director, guava enthusiast.



Wednesday, March 12, 2008

I swear I didn't mean for that to rhyme, whatever. So we should be done filming on Saturday. That's the goal anyway. We still have a lot of editing to do, but it's going to feel good once all the filming is done. We're anxious to edit the large fight scene, which will look amazing when it's all done. Recently, we have filmed some more fight scene footage which has come out fantastic, thanks to some very dedicated extras. A rough cut is getting put together so we can see what needs to be added. I hope everyone is ready for an action packed, zombie-butt kicking, hilarious, film fest movie. Guava out.

-Jon "Hates nick names" Meyers



Wednesday, March 19, 2008

Well it's crunch time. We're coming down to the wire but that's okay. Guava is about to order some really sweet t-shirts, in the manliest color possible, pink. We have one more zombie scene to shoot and then a pretty good amount of editing. I might want to get started on that now.

-Whitty



Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Well the zombies are closing in. And by zombies I mean summer. This is the last day for seniors, and it is definitely time to reflect upon what we have done in school. To Whitty and I that means one thing, 28 Minutes Later. The only thing worth mentioning. It has been without a doubt, an amazing experience. We worked very hard to put together an entertaining, exciting, scary, but above all humorous film. And I believe that we achieved this. A lot of time was put into the production of 28 min and I feel like it shows. Yes, it was difficult and a lot of work, but it was also extremely fun. It was probably the best thing I did while in high school. I'm sure that Whitty and I will look back on high school fondly and one of the first things to come to mind will be film festival. It is an experience unlike any other. Mr. Alan dedicated his life to it, and we have to thank him for that. It was a pleasure working with Pete, Maeve, and Maria. My only regret is that I didn't get involved earlier.

It's been real.

-Guava, out. (Jon, Whitty, Pete, Maeve, Maria)