

Some say that summer vacation is like panda on a snow slide.



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Horrors and mysteries of HUB



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As the end of the semester rapidly approaches, I find myself experiencing an overwhelming feeling of emptiness. I'm not sure that I'm ready to leave the University for four months without having a few questions answered and picking on a few people in the process. So here it is, my first-year exposé on HUB Mall.

First, I'd like to focus on the fact that HUB smells really bad—not Tory bad or even Bio Sci bad, but icky-greasy-food bad, which is worse. I understand that the plethora of food retailers have no other option but to release the smells of their various ethnic cuisines into the mall, but that's nothing an intricate network of tubes can't fix.

No, I don't mean the Internet, just better ventilation. And though you might think that HUB does have ventilation—as those giant fans hanging from the ceiling would suggest—those don't count, as the dust and grease residue anchored to each of them is so thick that I imagine it will one day come to life and terrorize people standing in the massive lineup at Edo. And those fans don't purify air—they just contribute to the problem. Now, I'll admit that I've never smelled one up close, but I'm sure that it's about as far away from honeysuckle as you can possibly get.

What's worse is the effect HUB's

atmosphere has had on the local fauna. When you sit on the FAB side of HUB, you get the opportunity to hear the pleasant chirping of a little birdie, and for a second, you're transported out of another mundane school day straight into a Bounce commercial.

However, being the omnivorous animal sympathizer that I am, I feel terrible that this little creature lives in a place with such polluted air.

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Hearing this birdie's pleasant chirps has led to me believe that it can't possibly be a mere bird, but is most likely some type of mutated avian creature—I like to think it's a former HUB Mall resident that experienced an unfortunate series of accidents with month-old cooking grease and hazardous waste from the chemistry building.

Whatever this creature may be, it would still need to get fed—I mean, what does this thing eat? Sure, it could forage for scraps in the overfilled garbage cans, but a creature clever enough to survive in the harshly toxic wasteland that is HUB has to be more original than that. Perhaps this bird breaks into Subway late at night and make itself a six inch ham and cheese sub with ranch dressing and

sub-sauce, or maybe there's a caretaker that feeds it.

The question also remains as to where this bird might sleep. There could be an apartment in HUB rented out to a group of these bird people, or it might have nested on the roof someplace where it hibernates. If anyone knows any information about this mystical bird creature, I strongly urge you to write a letter to the Gateway to let me know. How am I supposed to enjoy my four months of captivity inside the fenced prison that is the Toys R Us electronics department when this mystery hangs above my head?

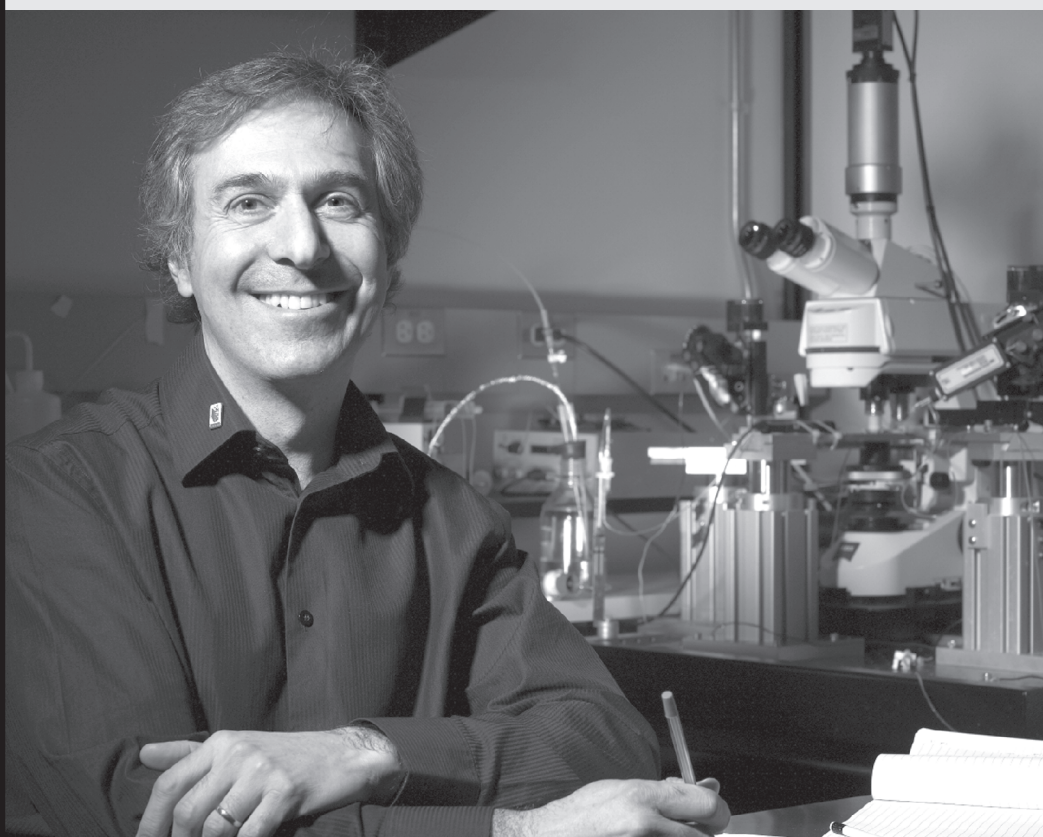
I'd also like to inform students about the safety hazards of walking against oncoming traffic in the mall. During any other time of the school year, it would be nothing more than a nuisance or an activity that caused minor bruising after inevitably experiencing a violent beating from at least five different backpacks. However, with the forthcoming arrival of final exams, many normal, cautious people will be walking around HUB with their eyes glued to a textbook. As a result, said traffic violations will become more common and serious. Even if you're not reading or staring at the ceiling in hopes of catching a glimpse of the mystical bird, be careful when you can, and remember to play dodge-that-kid.

No matter how entertaining a fight between two sleep-deprived students appears to be, I strongly encourage tolerance and understanding. After all, everyone wants to make it out alive, breathe clean air, and, like me, end the mystery surrounding the bird people of HUB Mall.

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