

FRIGHTENING AMOUNT OF MOVIE-MAKING TALENT



FANGS VERY MUCH: St Peter's director Michael Stokes has won an award for his latest horror film thak031105horro01

SPINE-CHILLING St Peter's director Michael Stokes has won a prize in a national horror film competition.

by **Nick Dorman**

Thanet university student Michael, 23, wowed judges at Margate's Two Days Later horror show with his shocking short, Tales of Terror.

Michael first saw the contest advertised a couple of years ago and finally managed to get his entry in this time round.

Sticking to the rules, Michael had just 48 hours to shoot his flick but was more than happy with the results.

"The screening was great. They had people there who had been in programmes such as The Bill," he said.

The former Hartsdown college student said: "You had to put in stuff so they could see you had actually made it in 48 hours, but it was good."

Michael, who lists oddball classic Don't Look Now as his all-time favourite chiller, won a week's use of a professional camera kit.

The part-time labourer, who lives in the High Street, studied media at Thanet college before starting his university degree. Michael is hoping



VIDEO NASTY: A scene from Tales of Terror

to go right to the top like his favourite director, Goodfellas legend Martin Scorsese.

"Ever since I was small I have enjoyed watching films, then I got a camera five years ago and developed ideas from there.

"I want to work my way through the industry. I'm interested in get-

ting into editing. I would like to make something full of suspense, maybe a kind of film noir," he said.

Festival organiser Mick Etherton said "The films are so good we are producing a compilation DVD of the past three years' entries."

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