

Test Movie Moves to Semifinals

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LOCAL AUTHOR'S TEST FILM MOVES TO SEMIFINALS

While BYU's Vocal Point had the spotlight on NBC's "Sing Off" a lesser-known team from BYU's philosophy department is battling it out for a million dollar prize on Amazon Studios.

BYU student, Ken Merrell, along with Professor Dennis Packard and other philosophy students have produced a test movie, Identity Check, which has now advanced to the semifinals (only 8 semifinalists) against hundreds of other contestants for the monthly 100k prize. If the film wins the monthly first place prize, it becomes eligible for the 2011 grand prize contest of one million dollars.

By applying the philosophies taught in both the philosophy and film and philosophy and literature classes, the team has made incredible advances only 15 days after submitting their production.

Semifinalists will be announced on Amazon Studios on the 16th of November and the finalists will be announced on November 22, with the monthly winner being announced on November 29th. Students can view and vote now.

<http://studios.amazon.com/movies/10995>

Identity Check is an action/comedy about Nurse, a homeless woman wandering the streets of Las Vegas, who defines herself by her own false identity constructed by her abusive past—but with the help of a ragtag bunch of homeless sleuths, she finds peace in the present, and confidence in her own identity, by disbanding a powerful identity theft ring.