

Collectors gone wild

By Sarah Taylor

It's more than likely that we all know someone who is a collector of something. When many of us were children, it was all about our awesome collections.

Collecting is very natural for humans. A collection may be tied to a memory in one's life or an interest or passion.

Collections may be contrived from a series of gifts, souvenirs or practical items in our lives. Sometimes people are curious to learn about something new so they begin a collection.

A collection may be very meaningful to someone and is a way to express oneself through something personal.

The first-year photojournalism students were assigned to find and photograph someone with their unique collection.



Photo by Dillan Cools

Film enthusiast Taz Madden sits with his extensive video cassette collection in his west Toronto apartment. Madden's collection includes everything from Don Cherry's *Rock'Em Sock'Em Hockey 9* to Dr. Seuss's *The Lorax* and have been gathered primarily from thrift stores and the garbage.



(Left) Steve Davis is a collector of many things, including records, Niagara Falls memorabilia, and tobacco. However, his most cherished is his extensive collection of taxidermy. Davis is the proud owner of approximately 40 taxidermy pieces that he has gathered over the last five years.

Photo by Carla Antonio

(Left) Amy Valencourt's vice is collecting crushed-flat cans from different areas, claiming that a lot can be told about the demographics of each particular neighbourhood from which each came. Photo by Bradley Ruszkowski

(Right) Roger Wood is an artist, collector and a flea market junkie. He's been collecting for years, odd, mysterious, eccentric and worn-out things. He's also been a clock maker for years, originally as gifts for friends. Photo by Annie Sakkab



(Above) Kevin Vanclief sits among his treasured and impressive collection of Elvis memorabilia. Vanclief has been collecting Elvis Presley treasures since the death of his mother, whom was a staunch Elvis fan. He owns around 300 Elvis LP's and 50 plus Elvis 45's to name just a few of his prized collectables. Photo by Graeme Murphy

(Left) Japanese-born Hideki Saito is an avid seven-inch vinyls collector. He collects rock and roll from 1950 to 1965. Instead of keeping the records on a shelf, he hangs them on the wall using an antidust spray. He is always going to vinyl fairs and garage sales in search of hidden gems. In his Toronto home, all the walls facing west are covered in his precious collection. Photo by Giovanni Capriotti