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Freshman Gretchen Stevens, sophomore Breanna Crye, senior Eric Wolff and freshman Connor Harrington rehearse while the set crew works in the background in preparation for the musical *Once Upon A Mattress* which opens May 6.

## Once Upon a Mattress cast, crew prepare for May show

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For almost two months, the cast, crews, and pit orchestra have been preparing for Southview's spring musical, *Once Upon a Mattress*, opening on Thursday, May 6 at 7:30 p.m., and also showing on Friday, May 7, and Saturday, May 8 at 7:30 p.m. in Southview's theater.

After being cast in various roles at tryouts held on Monday, Feb. 22 through Wednesday, Feb. 24, the cast got right to work preparing for the show's run in May. Rehearsals started on Monday, March 1, and ever since the cast members have been working toward perfecting dance routines, songs, and characterization.

"In a typical rehearsal, we generally do blocking, dancing, singing, and acting. Sometimes it's a lot to keep straight, but it's a very rewarding feeling when you finally get it right," said

junior Austin Twine, who plays the Minstrel.

After spending so much time working on the same songs at every rehearsal, many of the cast members have chosen a favorite number from the show.

"My favorite song is *Shy* because I get to flirt with Princess Winnifred [senior Lauren Fontana] and it's pretty funny to act out," said junior male chorus member Andy Pickle.

In addition to the cast's preparations, the set and tech crews have been also preparing for opening night.

The set crew began working at the same time as the cast, and has been building sets every day after school, often working over the weekend as well. The crew's main focus in building a castle that will be the centerpiece on-stage.

"We're creating the inside of a castle, so we have to make walls that look like stone. We

use different shades of gray paint, and we also have to do a stone border around the doors and windows," said set crew head junior Laura Hoffman. "It's all very time consuming work."

Three weeks prior to show week, the run crew will begin. Select members of the set crew will be chosen to move the sets that have been created throughout the actual performances. Run crew head, junior Samantha Harsh, is excited to be part of a new run crew this year. Also a member of crew is the stage manager, who ensures that everything backstage goes well. This year's stage manager is junior Kaylah Duling.

The Southview tech crew has also been working in and out of school to have the sound and light systems ready for the show.

"We do a lot of different  
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## Med Tech students qualify for statewide competition

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Several Sylvania Med Tech students qualified to participate in a state wide competition hosted by Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) on March 25-26. HOSA is an organization made up of students that promotes career prospects in the medical field. Student members go beyond basic medical learning and incorporate technology into the healthcare environment. HOSA also integrates leadership skills into the lesson plan. Junior Med Tech student Corrin Stacey acknowledges the numerous leadership opportunities.

"Because of HOSA, we vote for class presidents in Med Tech, and hold meetings every Friday to talk about different ways to plan fundraisers to help the program as well as the community," said Stacey.

HOSA is hosting the state championship in Columbus

this year. Juniors Amber Toth, Heidi Paul, Tyler Falor, Amine Mahmud, Sydney Swiczkoski, McKenzie Black, Olmi Rollison, and Samantha Kezur all qualified to represent Southview at the state competition. Toth and Paul participated in health career display and focused specifically on the field of dentistry and placed first at the regional competition held at Northview on Feb. 25.

The top three students in every category advance to the state competition. Categories such as career health display, CPR, medical math, and sports medical training are only few of the many areas students can compete in. The judges panel for the regional competition included Northview Med Tech teachers and Northview parents.

Placing at states would be quite an accomplishment for any student planning on focusing their career in the medical field. Colleges value students' skill

to take knowledge and express it through models, complex illustrations, and research projects. Mahmud will compete in the career health display focusing on plastic surgery with partner Swiczkoski.

"In my round, my partner (Swiczkoski) and I have to work on what we're going to say and work on our board. The board has a digital frame on it," said Mahmud.

Students not only have to construct a display about the area of the medical field they are assigned, but they also must explain the career to judges as well as showcase the project and its purpose. Mahmud is excited to have qualified and looks forward to the competition.

"I am very excited to be qualified for states because it's a good experience. I look forward to seeing what competition we have ahead of us. I cannot wait until I can compete and do my best," said Mahmud.

## Catalyst members attend 42nd annual Media Day at U of Toledo; win 15 awards

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On Tuesday, April 20, the staff of Southview's newspaper, *The Catalyst*, attended the University of Toledo's 42nd annual Media Day event. The event highlighted journalistic skills and critiqued works submitted by many schools in the greater Toledo area.

The day was comprised of various workshops, a time to view other schools' newspapers, and an award ceremony for all content submitted.

After all schools and students were registered, two hours were set aside for students to attend workshops. There were multiple choices of workshops, and students could attend whichever one they chose. These included "Managing a Social Media Newsroom," "Censorship in High School Media," and "Special Session: Advisers Only," among others.

"The man who taught our workshop is the future Editor-in-Chief of the Independent Collegiate [UT's newspaper]. He was really informative. I learned a lot from what he taught," said junior Julia Manolukas, who will be Editor-in-Chief of *The Catalyst* next year.

There was also an opportunity for students to learn about comedic broadcast, in

"Leno, Letterman, and Lowry: Making it in Late Night TV," a class focused on late night television, and UT Television, the University's television production club. They produce a variety of shows, such as a late night talk show, and a reality show called *The Freshman 15*.

"Our teacher was hilarious, and his show was really funny too," said sophomore Brandon Sinram, *The Catalyst's* most junior member.

The workshops were followed by an opportunity for the schools to show off their newspapers. Each school had a station set up with a tri-fold board, and stacks of their newspaper to hand out.

"I thought overall they were a lot different than ours because they were magazine style newspapers, instead of tabloid, like ours' and Northview's. It was nice to see what other schools do with their communication department," said senior Mallory Gebers, who also serves as *The Catalyst's* Opinions editor.

In the latter half of Media Day, there were speakers from the field of journalism, and an award ceremony. Speakers included co-anchors of UT's news program Phil Levering and Amanda Patton and Features Editor of *The Blade*, Rod Lockwood.

Levering and Patton showed

their Emmy-winning news clip, and talked to students about their beginnings in broadcast journalism.

Rod Lockwood also talked about his past and beginning in journalism, but he brought a message of keeping journalism alive in a technology-filled world, and following passions to make them turn into realities.

While students ate lunch, Levering and Patton announced the award winning entries in many journalistic categories, including news story, sports story, feature story, sports photo, news photo, political cartoon, and others.

Southview took home a total of four honorable mention awards, two third place awards, four second place awards, and five first place awards in the category of tabloid newspaper.

"I was really surprised to get both second and first place for my news stories. It feels nice to be honored for doing something that I love," said senior Leisha Lininger, copy editor for *The Catalyst*.

Gail Bishop, adviser of *The Catalyst*, was happy with the outcome of the event.

"I was really pleased with our performance in the news and editorial categories. To me, that's what a newspaper's all about; writing news and addressing controversy," said

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## Parents meet with McMurray, discuss questionable dancing

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On Tuesday, April 20 at 7 p.m., Principal Dave McMurray held a meeting for all parents to discuss the dancing style of students during school sponsored dances.

McMurray opened the meeting with a presentation and then the parents broke up into small groups to discuss solutions to the dance problem. In the presentation, McMurray had a parent share his experience after observing the recent ComingHome dance. Mr. Guyman, the parent observer, talked about his experience observing the dance and he explained in great detail how "almost every student" was dancing. In addition to this explanation, Guyman explained that students have three options with the dances. They can either

choose not to go, give in to peer pressure and grind anyway, or try to avoid it but eventually give in.

After Guyman's own personal experience was shared, McMurray went on with his presentation. In the presentation, McMurray referenced pictures of students dancing at the ComingHome dance. This collection of pictures came from both students' Facebook sites and pictures that had been taken by the Meridian Staff. While showing these pictures McMurray said, "Nearly 100% of the students were taking part in this type of dancing."

In addition to the pictures, McMurray also showed a video that was taken directly from Youtube. The video showed a couple grinding in a dorm-like setting and during the video the girl continuously bended over to

hold on to her knees. During the video, Guyman noted that many girls were doing the exact same dance moves during the dance as depicted on the video.

The ComingHome editorial and political cartoon were both referenced during the meeting. The editorial raised the question if drugs and alcohol were a factor in the extreme dancing. After this brief discussion, the parents broke up into five small groups.

In the small groups, the parents discussed many factors about the dance including the dress, the music, the setting, and the style of dancing. Also, McMurray asked the parents to answer three questions: What is appropriate dancing? What changes should be put in place before our next Homecoming dance? How should the changes

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## Senior government chooses 2010 Prom theme; students prepare to "Unmask Your Wild Side" at Toledo Zoo May 1

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Prom will take place tomorrow, May 1, from 6:00 p.m.-11:30 p.m. at the Nairobi Events Pavilion at the Toledo Zoo. The theme for this year's prom is *Unmask Your Wild Side*. Preparations for prom include designing and selling shirts and bids, picking out linens, looking at the zoo facilities, picking out activities to do while at the zoo, and deciding on the menu. Senior government did not have to worry about the decorations for the evening because the zoo will decorate for the event.

Last year's prom was also held at the Toledo Zoo. Senior Leslie Daschner enjoyed the previous year's venue.

"I really liked having prom at the zoo. I thought it was really fun and the food was really good. The carousel and the train were some of the highlights," said Daschner.

This year's prom court features an unusually large number of nominees. For the boys, ten seniors were selected by the class of 2010. Five girls were selected as well. Nominee Ryan Aridi was surprised to be chosen for the court.

"It was very unexpected and when I heard I was nominated, I was filled with honor and pride. It's a great experience and hopefully I can come out victorious to establish the tradition of big men being prom king," said Aridi.

During the course of the evening, Prom King and Queen will also be announced. Other senior boys on the court include: Everett Barton, A.J. Coulson, Zack Dooley, John Eckhart, Patrick Harrington, Derek Justice, Ryan Martin, Joe Ranallo, and Andrew Rothschild. The girls' court includes seniors Ally Gligor, Sarah Manolukas, Anjali Naik, Elly Napierala, and Kenzie

Wall. Gligor feels honored to be nominated for the prom court.

"I was surprised and honored when I found out I was nominated, because I couldn't believe that my classmates thought of me when voting. Being nominated is such an honor," said Gligor.

With the large number of seniors nominated for court, Manolukas feels that the competition for prom queen is very close.

"Anyone that's nominated deserves to win," said Manolukas.

Once prom has ended, students are to report back to Southview by 12:45 p.m. for A Passport to the World, this year's AfterProm. If any students have not arrived by that time, the doors will be locked and parents will be called to inform them that their children did not show up at AfterProm. Cheryl Rothschild, president of the Parent's Club, is co-



Senior Kyle Zaborski hands junior Mariana Parisca their bid for the 2010 prom. This year's theme is "Unmask Your Wild Side" and will be held at the Toledo Zoo on May 1 where the Prom King and Queen will be announced.

chairperson for the AfterProm committee.

"Traditionally activities, as well as decorations, are kept as a surprise until the students arrive at midnight," said Rothschild.

With the large prom court,

prom being held at the zoo for the second year in a row, and the surprises at AfterProm, this year's prom promises to be an exciting and fun-filled celebration for the graduating class of 2010.

"I'm looking forward to it because it's at the zoo and I don't usually go to dances at the zoo," said senior Gabi Cohen. Rain is expected but the pavilion will be tented and heaters utilized if necessary.