

RUN ZOMBIE RUN

Interactive experience puts audience in action

A FEMA disaster camp theme set the scene in The Zombie Experience, an interactive event that combined an obstacle course, haunted house, and the magic of theatre.

"It was tremendous for the students to be able to work in different environments," director Nicole Malone said.

The Zombie Experience was something new and innovative for the theatre department and was designed to help raise funds for a trip to New York City.

Junior Erin Eckert worked as stage manager of the Zombie Experience.

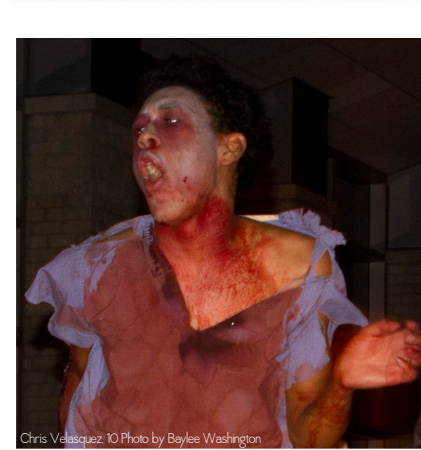
"Every day Malone and I would go through the course," Eckert said. "We went through four drafts of the story and course, changing things we didn't like."

The process consisted of students working as a team to develop the story, create the set, and rehearse multiple days after school.

"It is one of the most student driven products we've done at this school," Eckert said. "To see it all come together was really cool."



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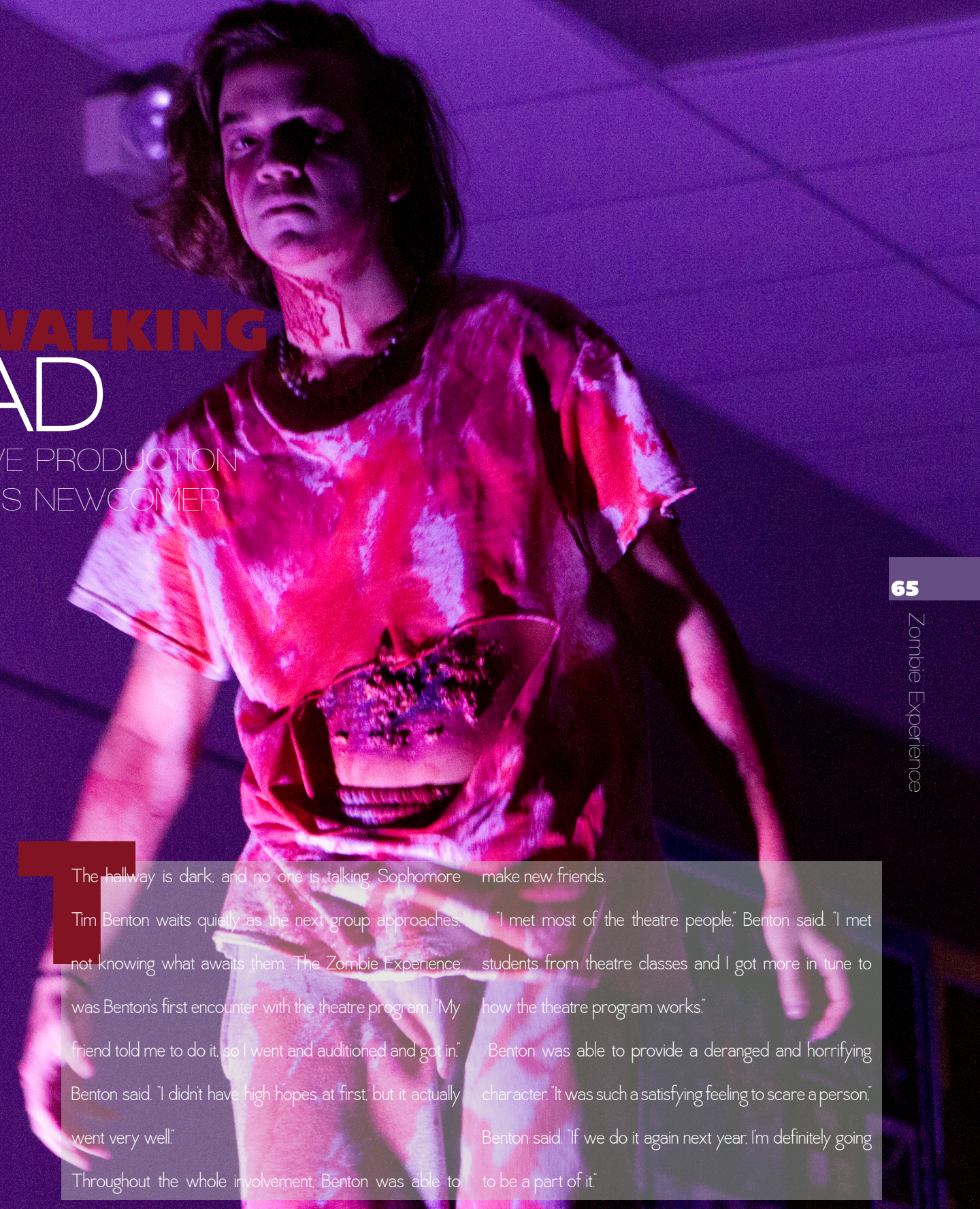
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THE WALKING DEAD

INTERACTIVE PRODUCTION ENLIGHTENS NEWCOMER



The hallway is dark, and no one is talking. Sophomore Tim Benton waits quietly as the next group approaches, not knowing what awaits them. The Zombie Experience was Benton's first encounter with the theatre program. "My friend told me to do it, so I went and auditioned and got in," Benton said. "I didn't have high hopes at first, but it actually went very well."

Throughout the whole involvement, Benton was able to

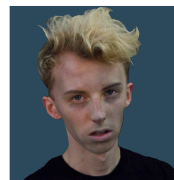
make new friends. "I met most of the theatre people," Benton said. "I met students from theatre classes and I got more in tune to how the theatre program works." Benton was able to provide a deranged and horrifying character. "It was such a satisfying feeling to scare a person," Benton said. "If we do it again next year, I'm definitely going to be a part of it."

Stories by Chris Ayala Photo by Victoria Hoeng

re-incarnation What was your favorite part about being a zombie?



"My favorite part about being a zombie was scaring people because it was fun. The look on their face is hilarious because they aren't expecting me."
- Maeve Lindell, 9



"It was really fun to play an insane zombie. It gave me a lot of opportunity to make it my own. That character was really fun to play."
- Price Foster, 11



"Every time a new group had to come through, I had to be very odd. My favorite part was hitting myself in the face and laughing."
- Jordan Miles, 11



"My favorite part about being a zombie was when people would walk by and get scared because it made me feel like I was doing a good job."
- Karista Richie, 9



"My favorite part about being a zombie was getting to take that journey with people who came in. They saw us go from normal to bloodthirsty."
- Samantha Zinni, 11



"My favorite part about being a zombie was scaring people whenever they would come near. When they'd see me, they'd get scared and run."
- Kenzie Cordova, 11