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Morrell's play is *Through Blind Eyes* and is the tale of a woman who has lost some of her perspective and the man who offers her some of his.

"I wrote it last summer and I always wanted to create a character that had lost one of their senses. I picked that character and then tried to figure out how his situation could help someone else," Morell said.

deMeurers and Morrell chose each other's play to direct after a blind reading.

"I'm just trying to take her work and make it my own while being respectful to what she wrote," deMeurers said.

Morrell found an instant connection in *The Little Things*.

"I thought it was really funny and satirical. It was a play I could understand because of the conflicts happening," Morrell said.

Sophomore Abrianna Feinauer's inspiration came at 2 a.m. with a deadline looming and can be summed up in two words: undead love.

"It starts out with a zombie named Howard and

his adventures finding love in a modern world. There's troublesome girls, dating apps and oblivious friends who don't understand that he's a zombie," Feinauer said.

The resulting play is titled *Howard vs. Love* and is directed by Cameron Engle. Feinauer just completed her first-ever creative writing class and she never quite expected to be picked for the festival.

"It was crazy, it was so exciting because every part of that play has a part of me in it," she said.

If Feinauer was shooting for comedy, junior Raina Hickman ran in the opposite direction with *Break Free* directed by Gloria White.

"It starts out with the worst moment of an abusive relationship and then rewinds to earlier in the relationship showing how it got to that point," Hickman said.

Her cast of characters includes the families of both the victim and the abuser in an attempt to show all sides. While it's a heavy topic, she hopes the audience connects with the emotional center.

"I hope that people don't relate to it but that they find it emotional," Hickman said.

Senior Jaida Watson's *Ethan*

and *Anna Travel Through the Universe* is a delightful mouthful and follows the adventures of two friends in their quest to defeat the evil Dr. Obsidian.

"Part of the play takes place in their imaginations, but they end up with a real world problem that they have to deal with," Watson said.

As with Feinauer, the muse arrived in the heat of the moment.

"I was sitting in class and I was one of the only people without an outline done. I plugged my headphones in and wrote it out in that moment," Watson said.

*Ethan and Anna* is directed by Elise LeDuc.

McNary alum David Henderson wrote his play, *Quester's Delight*, when he was still a senior. It's directed by Osvaldo Torres.

"It's a romance-comedy-tragedy," Henderson said. "It's about two characters who come together to play a video game, but they are fighting in real life over a girl and giving each other advice about what they should do."

When Henderson found out his work had been selected for the festival via e-mail he decided it was best to just walk away from the computer for a

while. He's excited now.

"I'm excited to see what the audience thinks about it. I'm interested to see when they laugh and how they react to it," he said. "This is something I created and now they are taking it a step further to make something else out of it."

Hoag had a loaded schedule already when she signed up to take playwriting last fall. She was one of two writers to have a play produced for last year's One Act Festival. Celt drama department director Dallas Myers tasked her with writing a comedy after a more serious piece last year. The result is *Aimee's Adventure* directed by Dorothy Woolford.

"It's about a little girl who goes to bed and finds her mom is gone. From that point on her stuffed animals come to life and it's all about her journey to go and find her mom," she said. "I didn't want to go for romantic love I wanted it to be like little kid love."

She's also part of a technical theater class this semester.

"I'm loving everything that's going into it. I'm trying really hard not to act excited because I don't want her to do things because I like them, but it's hard because I love everything going into it," Hoag said.

# STARBUCKS,

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building and construction of a new building shell was listed for 4943 River Road. The valuation was listed as \$233,163 for a 1,850 square foot building.

A second permit for the address was submitted to the city on Jan. 15 from Steve Clendaniel of Seattle, affiliated with architecture and planning firm KDW Salas O'Brien. On that permit, the site owner is listed as Krosman Inc., which is what Marion County records for the property show as well. A site contact number on the application traces back to 2401

Utah Avenue South in Seattle, which is the corporate address for Starbucks. The work is described as tenant improvement for Starbucks worth \$187,000.

The topic was also brought up last week on the Keizer, OR Facebook page. Keizer City Councilor Marlene Parsons responded to a query that Starbucks is indeed moving to the new location.

"The new owners of Schoolhouse Square are remodeling and putting in new tenants," Parsons wrote on Feb. 28. "Starbucks chose to move. They want a drive through. The owners decided to sell. It will put new construction into an old area. It's a win-win for Keizer."

# HERO,

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The announcement is just the latest recent change at Schoolhouse Square, which was bought by Washington-based Bloch Properties in December. A new BFit gym is coming (see pg. A3), next to the Anytime Fitness that closed at the end of January. Longtime State Farm agent George Goesch turned his business over to Scott Ayres at the end of 2015, while Starbucks is moving just down River Road.

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