



Mechanicsburg, Carlisle & Northern Win at Lower Dauphin By Andrew Barbin

Mechanicsburg's Moving Percussion unit scored a 81.6 for first place in the Scholastic World Division at the Lower Dauphin Tournament of Bands Indoor competition at Lower Dauphin. Their show is entitled "Tension and Release." Creative potential is found in the moments between tension and release, in life and in music. Tension creates emotional energy through anticipation and expectation; with that energy, there is potential for resolution through creative release. Through harmony of tension and release the artist evokes both mood and meaning. The Mechanicsburg High School Percussion Ensemble provides an audiovisual representation of these principles in its 2007 production.

Carlisle's Percussion unit scored an 84.9 to take first place in the Scholastic A Division Carlisle's show involves tension *without release*. It features the music of Bernard Herman from the classic Hitchcock thriller Psycho. The set includes blown up pictures of Norman Bates, and a roll on shower scene with victim quick changing from white to red (mercifully only a red dress).

Mechanicsburg's Scholastic Open Guard received a standing ovation from members of other squads for its "Shavings" show. There were a few additions since its last local performance. Five members of the SA Guard joined the original SO Guard as living props with spiral shavings. More changes are due next week when they perform in exhibition at the Mechanicsburg Home Show.

Northern York scored a 73.2 to edge out Mechanicsburg (72.4) for first place in Scholastic A. Northern performed to "Wild Horses" by Natasha Bedingfield as an artistic expression of the desire to break free from everyday existence. Carlisle (68.7) placed third, with its show entitled "Intolerance" which incorporates moving architectural elements to artistically interpret intolerance. Northern York also placed first in Scholastic Open Dance competition, with a score of 71.2. The production was entitled "We Can, Can You? The performance included Can Can dancing to the music of Vanessa Mae. Milton Hershey (65.7) edged out East Pennsboro (63.9) and Camp Hill (63.3) to take first place in the Scholastic Novice A division.

Sitao units took first place in both the Independent Novice Division (66.9) and the Independent A Division (82.8). The Sitao IA unit performs to organ music on a cathedral set, and was also given a standing ovation. They will be performing in exhibition next week at Mechanicsburg.

