

# READY FOR ACT II

UNDERCLASSMEN ENSEMBLE RECEIVE COLLEGIATE INTEREST AT PLAZA THEATRE SHOWCASE

## SPECIAL ADDENDUMS

### SARAH SIMS

All Star Cast  
*District*  
Best Actress  
*Bi-District*  
All Star Cast  
*Area*



### RUSSELL ZAHRADNIK

All Star Cast  
*Bi-District*



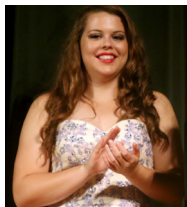
### SARA MARIE BERRETT

Best Actress  
*District*  
All Star Cast  
*Bi-District*  
Honorable Mention  
*Area*



### SHELBY ASCHENBECK

Honorable Mention  
*Bi-District*



### MAREN ELLIS

Honorable Mention  
*District*

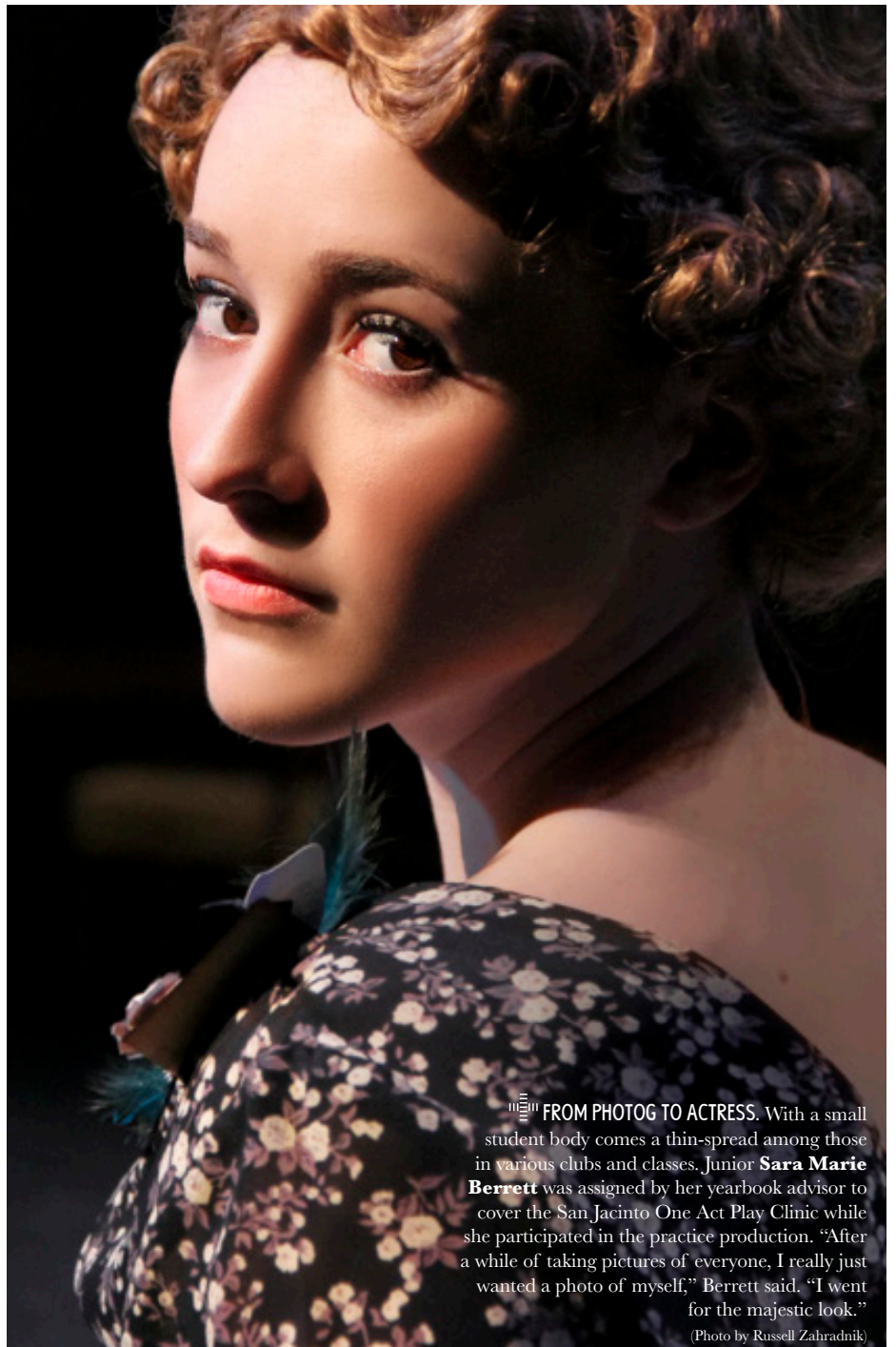


### KEATON MCDONALD

Honorable Mention  
*Bi-District*  
Honorable Mention  
*Area*



(Photos by Ashley Harris)



**FROM PHOTOG TO ACTRESS.** With a small student body comes a thin-spread among those in various clubs and classes. Junior **Sara Marie Berrett** was assigned by her yearbook advisor to cover the San Jacinto One Act Play Clinic while she participated in the practice production. "After a while of taking pictures of everyone, I really just wanted a photo of myself," Berrett said. "I went for the majestic look."  
(Photo by Russell Zahradnik)

**SIGHT FOR SORE EYES.** One Act Play director, **Mrs. Janice McDonald**, walks out to the parking lot after eating when she jumped into an eye-level bar as she tried to avoid a puddle. "The thought I had after hitting my head was, 'Wow, it's raining?' but it was actually my own blood on my face," McDonald said.



**D**ramatic. That was the most appropriate word to describe the 2015 One Act Play season. From broken noses to runaway wigs, the cast and crew of *Radium Girls* had enough drama to last a lifetime. The most significant moment of the season came when Mr. Richard Turner of San Jacinto College attended the group's last performance of *Radium Girls* at the Plaza Theater in Wharton, TX.

"I met Mr. Richard Turner my freshman year when our One Act group attended San Jacinto's clinic," junior **Sara Marie Berrett** said. "He asked what my plans for college were and I told him I had no idea. But three years later, he watched me perform again and that time I had a different answer to his question: I wanted to go to college and become a star."

The university's talented professor commended the entire cast on their camaraderie and talent after their performance.

"He was actually speechless; that was the first time he had seen us since our clinic with him," junior **Russell Zahradnik** said. "He told us how impressed he was that we accomplished such success with *Radium Girls* without an auditorium."

The woman behind the production was also complimentary of her cast's maturity.

"I knew they were talented, but it was rewarding to watch as they measured up to the world's yard stick," director **Janice McDonald** said. "I've planned to choose a musical and One Act production for next season that will play to their strengths," McDonald said. "I also wanted to open an East Bernard chapter of the International Thespian Society so that the juniors specifically will be exposed to more opportunities to be awarded scholarships."



**FEARFUL FACTS.** Reading the medical report of a deceased factory worker, senior **Andrew Hudgins** fulfills his character as Doctor Harrison Martland. Hudgins also played four other roles in the One Act play. "My character as the doctor set rumors straight from previous scenes in which it was guessed the way a factory worker died," Hudgins said. "I reported that the woman did not die of syphilis, but in fact radium poisoning."

**BOW IN GOODBYE.** As they begin their last curtain call, the cast recognizes the conclusion to the UIL One Act 2015 season. The group performed their final rendition of *Radium Girls* for the community at the Wharton Plaza Theatre. "I was cast as an alternate, but an opportunity arose for me to fill in for a main character and I was happy to accept the role," freshman **Josh Hlavinka** said.



**FROM THE MADAMES MOUTH.** With the commencement of the scene, senior **Lissa Blackert** and other cast members develop the twisted plot of *Radium Girls* via acting. "I could sympathize with the character in how she believed what she was doing was right," Blackert said. "Of course, though, Madame Curie wasn't right about everything and hurt many people, just as ignorance usually does."



**SARA(H)?** Senior **Sarah Sims** shares emotions of disgust with junior **Sara Marie Berrett** during one scene in their performance of *Radium Girls* at the Wharton Plaza. The cast used a different brand of blood capsules that had a higher volume of liquid than ever used before that show. "The scene that I was to use my blood capsule was before Sara Marie's, so when I saw how violently the capsule broke in her mouth, all I could think about was what my experience was going to be like," Sims said.