

# EXIT...STAGE LEFT

## THE LAKE BRADDOCK THEATRE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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### Shakespeare Champion Crowned

On Thursday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, English teachers selected this year's Lake Braddock Shakespeare Champion. Senior **Rachael Ulmer** defended her 2010 crown and won the right to represent Lake Braddock at the metro Competition in DC this March. The competition was open to students in grades 10, 11, and 12 at Braddock. Students competing must enact a monologue of approximately 20 lines from one of Shakespeare's plays and recite from memory one of his sonnets. Joining Rachael in the competition was first runner up senior **Alisa Akers** and junior **Dillon Ercolano**. Below are the previous LBT Shakespeare Champions:

*Before 1994, Fairfax County did not participate*

1994 David Burns (D. C. Metro Champion)

1995 Silvija Ozols (D. C. Metro Finalist)

1996 Chris Koch

1997 Michael Patrick

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1999 Matt Continetti

2000 Roya Zarrinnahad (D. C. Metro First Runner-up)

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2003 Kerry Kaleba

2004 Kathleen Mason

2005 Adam Ressa (D. C. Metro First Runner-up)

2006 Stephanie Ramsey (D. C. Metro Finalist)

2007 Stephanie Ramsey (D. C. Metro Finalist)

2008 Stephanie Ramsey

2010 Rachael Ulmer

### Leapin' Lizards!

### It's Little Orphan Bruins!

January 27 – 29, 2011, The Lake Braddock Musical Theatre presents the Smash Broadway Hit Musical **Annie**. Since the inception of The Lake Braddock Musical Theatre (which combines the Performing Arts resources of Lake Braddock High School and Middle School Orchestra, Band, Choir, and Theatre Arts Departments) in 2003, LBT has participated in various LBMT productions technically and artistically. \$12 tickets are onsale online at [www.lbmusical.webs.com](http://www.lbmusical.webs.com) for the following performances:

Thursday, January 27, 2011 7:30 pm

Friday, January 28, 2011 7:30 pm

Saturday, January 29, 2011 2:30 and 8 pm

Previous LBMT productions:

**Bye, Bye, Birdie** (2003)

**Hello Dolly** (2004)

**Into the Woods** (2005)

**Oklahoma** (2006)

**The Sound of Music** (2007)

**High School Musical** (2008)

**Thoroughly Modern Mille** (2009)

**Guys and Dolls** (2010)

### Storybook Theatre and

### The Power Mutants

In May 2010, Lake Braddock Theatre staged **The Princess and the Pea** for the highly acclaimed and richly rewarding Lake Braddock Storybook Theatre. The program's goal is to give all participants a low-stress/fun theatrical experience. Auditions were open to all, however, due to time and commitment restraints, those with large roles in mainstage shows did not expect large parts in Storybook. Senior **Rachael Ulmer** has agreed to direct Storybook Theatre's latest production, **Little Red Riding Hood and the Power Mutants** by LBT second most produced playwright - Ed Monk. Below is a list of important dates for this production:

- Interest meeting: Monday, January 10, 2011
- Friday, March 4, 2011: OPENING NIGHT!
- Saturday, March 5, 2011=:Matinee performance/  
closing afternoon with strike after the performance

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## LBT to Host District and Regional One-Act Play Festivals...Again

On Monday, January 31<sup>th</sup>, 2011, Lake Braddock Theatre will host its tenth Patriot District One-Act Play Festival. Overall, it marks the 15<sup>th</sup> Virginia High School League theatrical event held at the Lake since the building opened in 1973. The old Fairfax County Short Play Festival was a three-day event that saw performances from all twenty four high schools in Fairfax County as well as T. C. Williams High from Alexandria, was held here in 1983, 1984, 1992 and 1993. Since the Patriot District was created in 1995, Lake Braddock has been the host for the festival in 1995, 1999, 2000, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2008, 2009 and 2010. The supposed “home field advantage” has been a mixed bag of results for LBT as they have advanced to the Regional festival just four times while only winning the Patriot title once in 2000 when hosting. LBT’s two other Patriot District titles occurred on the road at T. C. Williams in 1996 and South County in 2006. Five days later, LBT will host the Regional festival in which the Patriot and three other districts (National, Liberty, Concorde) will send their top two finishers to perform. This will be the sixth Northern Region Festival held at Lake Braddock, the others taking place in 1996, 1999, 2008, 2009 and 2010. Below is a list of previous Patriot District Champions and runner-ups:

	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CHAMPION</u>	<u>RUNNER-UP</u>
<b>1995</b>	Lake Braddock	T. C. Williams	Annandale
<b>1996</b>	T. C. Williams	Lake Braddock	Hayfield <sup>2</sup>
<b>1997</b>	West Potomac	James Robinson	West Springfield
<b>1998</b>	West Potomac	West Springfield <sup>1</sup>	Hayfield
<b>1999</b>	Lake Braddock	West Springfield	Lake Braddock
<b>2000</b>	Lake Braddock	Lake Braddock	James Robinson
<b>2001</b>	T. C. Williams	West Springfield	West Potomac
<b>2002</b>	T. C. Williams	West Potomac	West Springfield
<b>2003</b>	Lake Braddock	West Potomac	Hayfield
<b>2004</b>	Lake Braddock	Hayfield	Lake Braddock <sup>2</sup>
<b>2005</b>	Lake Braddock	Annandale	Lake Braddock
<b>2006<sup>3</sup></b>	South County	Lake Braddock	West Potomac
<b>2007</b>	South County	West Springfield	Lake Braddock
<b>2008</b>	Lake Braddock	South County	Lake Braddock
<b>2009</b>	Lake Braddock	Hayfield	South County
<b>2010<sup>4</sup></b>	Lake Braddock	Annandale	T. C. Williams

<sup>1</sup>Went on to become State Champion

<sup>2</sup>Went on to become State Finalist

<sup>3</sup>James Robinson left the Patriot District and was replaced by Robert E. Lee and South County

<sup>4</sup>Hayfield left the Patriot District and was replaced by W. T. Woodson

# SENIOR-ITIS

A MONTHLY COLUMN FROM THE THEATRE'S SENIORS

**COURTNEY BRADSHAW**

Hello LBT-ers! I guess I could start out by saying how strange it feels being a senior and how I’ve always read everyone else’s Senioritis and never thought I would be writing one, but that is so trite and besides, it’s not entirely true. I’ve given my Senioritis a lot of thought. That being said, I’ll tell you right now that it won’t be the best one you’ve read. I’m not clever and witty like Jimmy and Luke, and I probably don’t have half as much to say about LBT and its excellence as Rachael will, but I will tell you what it’s meant to me in the time I’ve been involved. I joined at the very end of my sophomore year, starting with a little show called *A Streetcar Named Desire*. Long story short, I sat up in the booth and watched the magic unfold from there, and occasionally, I pressed PLAY on the CD player. I’m sure people have great stories about what happened backstage during all of these shows, but let me tell you: watching those same stories take place from up high is sometimes even better. I watched Kit come onstage shivering after an ice-cold bucket of water was poured on him, I heard Ben trying to pronounce “seven card stud” wrong every night, I DID NOT watch those stupid apparitions (I swear it wasn’t my fault) but I did watch the witches trying to cover for them, and my personal favorite, I was a firsthand witness to Rachael’s backwards dress fiasco. I guess it’s the little moments we observe from afar, when we’ve taken a step back to really look at the greatness we’ve got here, that we can really appreciate all LBT has to offer. I can only hope that the youngens sit backstage or in the booth and laugh at our stupid mistakes, and someday realize that LBT is the best high school experience that many, many people have had. I love you all, and I wish you all the best. Love, Trannie.