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IT'S POPPING

As the Raider Varsity football team ran there way onto the field at the Hendrickson game, the student section blew bubbles. "It was something different since we usually do flour or streamers," senior Kayla Freeman said. "It kind of made me feel like a kid again."

photo by Janice McLaughlin



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RAISING THEM HIGH

As the sun sets, junior Cierra Birmingham (right) lines up with the Royals for the football team's entrance at the season opener against Brennan. This was Birmingham's second year as a Royal and first as an officer. "I have never had such an amazing family and sisters that I love waking up to," Birmingham said. "Unforgettable memories are being made and I'm truly blessed to be making them with the Royals." *photo by Zac Franklin*



We
KNOW
what you're
THINKING.

You want to see the pep rally pictures, find the Game Day coverage, look at the crazy decades' outfits from Homecoming Week. You want to flip through the people pages, looking for friends and avoiding your school picture. And of course, you want to search the index to find how many times you're in the book.

But we want you to do more than that. Look at the Homecoming pep rally and recall how the football players and teachers did the Whip and Nae Nae. Witness the mud the girls trudged through at the state cross country meet. Laugh again at the *Leading Ladies'* performances. Remember every moment with a new set of eyes.

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JAPANESE SUNSET

The sun sets during the arena show at the World Scout Jamboree. Senior Justin Fields-Ross, who held the rank of Life Scout in the Boy Scouts of America, spent almost two weeks in Japan for the international event which included teens 14 to 17 years old that are part of national scout organizations. "I met a ton of different scouts all over the world to discuss peace in the world," Fields said. "There was always a unity of peace."

photo by Justin Fields-Ross

CHEER UP

The junior varsity and varsity cheerleaders spent four days at Moody Gardens in Galveston for a National Cheerleading Association camp in early June. Four cheerleaders were named All-Americans.

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CRUISE TO COZUMEL

From New Orleans, junior Alex Bourland hopped on a cruise ship that left Galveston and sailed across the Gulf of Mexico to Cozumel and Progreso, Mexico in August. "I got to see some ancient ruins and I went snorkeling in Cozumel."

FLORIDA FUN

Sophomore Cori Meuth went to Seaside, Florida with her cousin to go have fun and bond with family. "We went to the beach a lot and I got stung by a jellyfish."

GOING BACK TO CALI

Senior Josh Corona flew across the country to see family and hang out on the beaches of California. "I stayed with my grandparents. I met some Cali girls, and I visited a couple of colleges, San Diego State, UC San Diego and UFC."

SCHOOL DAZE

In the final days of August, students trudged back to school. But the first week was a blaze of activity with Meet the Raiders, Volleypalooza and football.

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GREAT SCOT

Sophomore Cody Billeaud took a trip to Scotland in June, visiting Ayr, Prestwick, Edinburgh Inverness, and Glasgow. "I went to see as much of the most interesting and prominent places in the country of Scotland in two weeks."

FISH CAMP

Back at school, Student Council hosted Raider Camp for the incoming freshmen. They held a pep rally, played games and gave tours of campus. "It was fantastic," freshman Ricardo Silverio said. "I got to meet new people, find out where my classes are and the activities were really fun."

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JERSEY GIRL

In August, senior Morgan Spring visited her stepdad's parents in Salem, New Jersey. But Spring wanted to venture to a famous food spot. "Most of my time there was spent visiting with them. But I was actually able to bribe them into going to Hoboken, New Jersey to visit Carlo's Bakery. Visiting the bakery was my favorite part of the whole trip."

ACROSS THE POND

Traveling with 22 other students, junior Cami Poole went to London, Bath, Winchester and Oxford. They also visited the Tower of London, Buckingham Palace and Stonehenge. "I got to explore both the modern and historic sides of England."

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ON MY WAY TO PORT A

Senior Halie Wyatt headed to the coast for a four-day camping trip on the beach at Port Aransas. "We cooked breakfast, lunch and dinner on the shore and spent most of our time in the water. My favorite part of the trip was creating a wave jumping, diving game with my cousins."

HIT THE ROAD

On a seven-day road trip, freshman Bailey Ward trekked across Alabama, Louisiana, Florida and Tennessee. "I loved Tennessee the most because it was very pretty and I got to go horseback riding."

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Only six days into school, the campus opened their doors to parents for the annual Open House, Aug. 31.

BOSOM BUDDIES

When seniors Brian Robinson and Sean Companion commit for a role, they commit. The actors took on the lead roles in *Leading Ladies*, which required wigs, dresses and heels. "It was really fun to try wearing heels," Robinson said. "I was good at it. Sean...Sean wore heels too."

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TESTING 1,2,3

In mid-October, freshmen, sophomores and juniors took the PSAT while 12th graders attended Senior Transition Day. Seniors attended sessions about graduation, college planning and voted for senior favorites.

SHOW THAT SPIRIT

Students had two weeks of dress-up days with Homecoming Week and Red Ribbon Week running back-to-back. From mismatched clothes to show drug-free spirit to Madonna and Hammer look-a-likes for '80s Day, there was a lot of spirit day fun. *pages 32-33 & 44*

SWEET SINGING

Six choir students competed at All-Region Choir Oct. 27 and were part of the All-Region clinic and concert in November. At region, Audrey Dickerson, James Jones, Nate Lunceford, Keaton Pugh and Cole Shuffield qualified for the next round of auditions, Pre-Area. "It feels good to have advanced," Pugh said. "My hard work paid off. Last year was hard, I had to perform a difficult song, but I went to a camp to rehearse and did much better."

KIDS AT HEART

With Oct. 31 falling on a Saturday, Halloween had a few extra trick or treaters and party goers. Freshman Leslie Barron celebrated with a themed party, a Halloween tradition in her family. "The theme was super scary and I loved my costume," Barron said. "Halloween is just a great way for me to express myself in different ways."

FALL FOR FALL

As football season ended, autumn finally ushered its way into town. Cooler temperatures meant holiday lattes, sweaters and boots. "Fall is just the time where everything starts coming together," junior Alexandra Loynes said. "Plus, the weather is beautiful."

QUEENS OF THE COURT

For the second year in a row, the varsity volleyball team made the playoffs. They finished 11-3 in district and faced Lake Travis in bi-district. "The fact that we made it into playoffs and at least had a chance at district champions is really good for our program," junior Casey Tarvin said. *pages 46-47*

IT'S AN HONOR

In the largest National Honor Society induction in school history, 104 new members were recognized, Nov. 3. As part of the tradition, the new members lined up in front of the auditorium and lit candles in recognition of their achievement. "I thought the ceremony was beautiful, especially when we all lit our candles," junior Alyssa Jingling said. "I'm so excited to be part of a huge group of fantastic peers. I'm glad all my hard work and service paid off." *pages 44*

RUNNING ON THE JOB

The varsity girls cross country team defended their district title and advanced to state again. "I'm impressed that we were able to go back to state, since we went last year," senior Makenna Ludwig said. *pages 18-19*

HONORING HEROES

For the annual Veterans Day ceremony, students gathered at the amphitheater to hear a saxophone quartet play "America the Beautiful." A lone trumpet played "Taps" to end the silent ceremony. "It's important because it shows respect towards vets," junior Seth Evans said.

FALL MERIT

More than 100 students were honored at the Fall Merit Ceremony, Nov. 13. The bi-annual ceremony honored students who exemplify LISD's 10 Ethical Principles.

STANDING HIGH

The sun rises over Old Settlers Park in Round Rock before the District 13-6A cross country meet. Four photographers and two RNN staffers traveled with the team to district to cover all the freshman, junior varsity and varsity races. "Before the first race I was wandering around and saw this scene and all I could do was keep taking pictures of it with different lighting," sophomore Bayleigh Foret said.

photo by Bayleigh Foret



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0, CHRISTMAS TREE

Thousands of colored lights create the Zilker Holiday Tree in Austin. The tree stood at 155 feet tall and has 39 streamers which each held 81 multi-colored bulbs. The famous landmark in Zilker Park at the end of the Trail of Lights was a popular holiday spot for students during the Christmas season. "I really liked all the activities, they had one for the kids to dance and just play in the lights," freshman Lily Villarreal said. "Also, I liked that there were families and friends there enjoying the light show." *photo by Zac Franklin*



SEE YOU IN SEATTLE

The Wind Ensemble played at The Western International Band Clinic in Seattle, Nov. 21. They performed a 45-minute concert before an international crowd of band directors and students. "It's pretty much a really big honor because only a couple of bands get picked out of the nation," senior Sammy Walczak said. "It's kind of a big deal." *page 127*

THAT'S KIND OF YOU

C² hosted 21 Days of Kindness for the last three weeks of the first semester. Each day had a different challenge that was posted on Twitter. "21 Days of Kindness is important because it helps to keep acts of kindness around our campus," sophomore Austin Jbeili said. "It's interesting to see how the student body fulfills each kindness challenge of each day."

PHOTO FUN

For their annual field trip, the Art Photography and PhotoJournalism classes visited three places - the Photo Methode Gallery, the Lady Bird Hike and Bike Trail and Hope Outdoor Gallery, more commonly known as Graffiti Park. "I liked the opportunity we had to go because it was really cool to go with a group of people that have the same hobbies as you," sophomore Abbigail Spillane said.

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TOY TIME

As part of their annual charity giving, the National Spanish Honor Society collected \$340 to buy gifts for the local Blue Santa toy drive. "Blue Santa was a really great experience," junior Rachel O'Brien said. "I enjoyed picking out toys for kids of various ages. It felt great knowing the toys we chose went to children who don't usually get a lot of toys for Christmas."

IT FEELS A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS

Students were treated to a two week break from school, Dec. 19-Jan. 3. "I think it's good to have a break cause people don't have to worry about work or school and just spend time with family," freshman Mara Everson said.

SCHOOL DAZE

After the Texas Legislature changed the requirements from 180 days to 75,600 minutes in school, LISD added five minutes to the school day. Starting in January, classes began at 8:40 a.m.

LOTS OF LAPTOPS

Lenovo laptops were distributed to the freshman class, Jan. 19-20 as part of the mLISD initiative. "The new laptops are very helpful and they gave me a lot of resources for projects and homework. It's a lot easier than using my phone," freshman Jordan Schneider said.

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SAY CHEESE

More than 40 clubs descended on the Lecture Hall Jan. 21 for the yearbook's Club Picture Day.

IT'S COOL WITHOUT SCHOOL

While teachers spent Feb. 1-2 at the annual February Conference, students received an extra two days off. Seventy five seniors took advantage of the time to attend COOL Week, interning at local businesses to learn more about potential careers. "We went to NASA and got to test out the virtual reality trainings and also got to do astronaut things so it was cool to put yourself in the shoes of the astronaut," senior Connor Rodriguez said.

RED CAUSE

HOSA hosted the annual Wear Red Day Feb. 5 to raise awareness for heart health. The club sold more than 100 T-shirts with the funds going to the American Heart Association, which sponsors the national campaign. *page 135*

MAROON MEN

Thirteen senior guys walked the catwalk for the Mr. Maroon pageant, Feb. 13. The contestants danced together, wore evening wear and performed a talent. The Royals, Royal Rookies and Rhythm Dance Company performed between acts. "I had a lot of fun at Mr. Maroon this year and it was pretty cool to be nominated. Just being able to compete against my friends and goof around was seriously great," senior Brandin Carrier said. "I had a great time and I'm sure my competitors did too."

PLAYOFF BOUND

With a 9-5 record, the varsity boys basketball team finished second in district and made the playoffs. "It's an amazing feeling being able to finish second in a tough district and going to playoffs with a great group of guys makes it that much better," junior Gavin Sharp said. *page 154*



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FLOWER FUN

In bunches of 25, roses wait to be sorted by the newspaper staff afterschool. For the *Raider Rumbler's* annual Valentine's Day fundraiser, staff members sold 650 roses and carnations to help pay for a spring issue. "It was a lot of fun working with the flowers because how pretty they all were," sophomore Emily Rowe said. "Although, every now and then you'd get pricked by a thorn." *photo by Jules Kasper*

SHATTERED DREAMS

RRADD hosted Shattered Dreams, March 3-4. The education program dramatized a car crash to remind students about the dangers of drinking and driving. Juniors and seniors watched a video, witnessed the crash site and attended a memorial. "Shattered Dreams really drives the point," senior Gene Tucker said. "It's entertaining the way they put it together. It's really well done." *pages 182-183*

BLOOD DRIVE

HOSA sponsored a blood drive March 4 in the wrestling gym. About 43 units were collected for The Central Blood Bank of Texas. "It's important because it's helping those who need the blood, and it makes those who donate a better person," junior Sierra Solorio said.

WISHFUL PLAYING

For the annual Make-A-Wish campaign, Student Council held bubble soccer games between the classes. Clubs nominated players from each grade with the freshmen playing sophomores, and juniors facing the seniors. "Bubble soccer was really fun even though I fell down a lot," senior Janice McLaughlin said. "I would totally play during the summer." *pages 178-179*

BREAK TIME

Students took a week off for Spring Break, March 13-19. While some enjoyed seven days of a staycation, students like sophomore Alyssa Perez went to Disney World and Universal Studios. "My favorite part was Animal Kingdom with my little sister," Perez said. "I rode Mount Everest and saw a presentation called 'It's Tough to be a Bug.'"

BREAK, WHAT BREAK?

The week off in March wasn't exactly a break for working students. Senior Shelby Johnson put in 30 hours at Mardel's. "I like getting all the money, although no free time is a downer."

ULTIMATE FUN

Ultimate frisbee competed in a four week tournament every Saturday in April. "I enjoy playing because i like running and catching frisbee with my friends," junior Ragan Henry said.

HONORING STUDENTS

At the annual Spring Merit Ceremony, April 8, students were honored for exemplifying one of LISD's 10 Ethical Behaviors.

PAGE BY PAGE

Friends of the Library Club attended the North Texas Teen Book Festival, April 23. "The authors you like are there and you get their autographs on your favorite books from them," sophomore Elizabeth Watson said.

WALK THE WALK

NHS volunteered at the MDA Muscle Walk, April 30 to raise money for a local student with muscular dystrophy. "It allows me to interact with the community and see the effects of what we've done to help people in the community," junior Mitchell George said.

TEST TIME

Two weeks of AP testing continued, May 2-13. "It felt like the last step in the course," junior Kateryna Kryuchkova said. "It was a challenging test, one of the hardest I've ever taken."

PROM PLANNING

All of the Prom Club's planning finally came to fruition May 7. The club asked students on social media to vote and the theme, 'Old Hollywood' won. "Old Hollywood was a super cool theme for Rouse this year," senior Samantha Hernandez said. "Some of the prom club staff really like the Old Hollywood era so we took that and ran with it so I think people got a kick out of it."

INDUCTION

The National Spanish Honor Society inducted new members, May 16. "It's cool because Spanish is hard so it's a good accomplishment to make good grades in that class," sophomore Bethany Hill said.

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NO TASSEL AT ALL

Seniors wore a new gown for graduation. The gowns, from Herff Jones, were a richer red color, included black trim and had the Rouse logo on the left side. The Class of 2016 graduated at the Cedar Park Center, June 4.
photo by Janice McLaughlin

WHATEVER FLOATS YOUR BOAT

In September, clubs and sports decorated floats for the Homecoming parade. "I liked how everyone contributed and showed that they were representing Rouse," sophomore Zachary Ingram said.

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PICTURE PERFECT

Twelfth graders took seniors portraits for the yearbook through the first week of November. For the first time, portraits were taken on a black background instead of the usual gray. Seniors also took pictures in an official cap and gown. "I really like my picture because now I can go look back on it and be reminded about my senior year," senior Alyssa Hernandez said.

MOVE OVER DRESSING

The school had their annual Thanksgiving dinner Friday, Nov. 20. The cafeteria workers prepared turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans and pumpkin pie for the final day before the fall break. In addition, teachers baked desserts for the first-ever Faculty Bake-off.

GOING FOR THE GOLD

Physics classes held a Physics Olympics in January. The classes participated in a series of winter-inspired Olympics including ice hockey, curling, bobsled racing and uphill skiing. "The Physics Olympics were fun and I loved the competition between smarts and the ability to perform," junior Dalton Childress said.

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ON THE PODIUM

Three wrestlers competed at the state meet, Feb. 12-13 with junior Dylan Rowling placing fourth in the 160 weight class.

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SEE THE BIG PICTURE

The school held their first-ever Big Picture Night, Feb. 17. The evening included a sports pep rally, curriculum fair and sessions about financial aid, programs and the new high school opening.

LATIN WIN

Six Latin students placed at the area Junior Classical League contest, Feb. 20. The team won third overall sweepstakes in the lower division. "I thought it went pretty well," sophomore Becky Kirby said. "It was my first competition for Latin club and I won three awards."

SHOWING OFF

The Art department hosted their annual Student Art Show, March 10. Drawings, paintings, photos and sculptures were part of the show in the ACT building. Attendees also had a chance to vote for the favorite art pieces.

"I had a great experience," junior Eric Hernandez said. "It was nice to see my work being displayed."

BATTER'S UP

At their first tournament the varsity softball team went 5-for-5, winning every game. They scored 54 runs at the February tournament in Mansfield. "We all played really hard," sophomore Yvonne Castillo said. "I think this season we are all working as a team. We are just having fun winning. No matter what, we are working together as a team and we are happy with the outcome."

SING A SONG

The InTone Nation Show Choir held their annual concert, April 21. "When I'm on stage it doesn't feel like I'm performing for a bunch of people. It just feels like I'm having fun," junior Noah Austin said.

SUPER SENIORS

The top 10 were recognized at the Senior Awards, May 17. The evening also included the outstanding senior for academic departments, military recruits and scholarship honors.

WORTH THE TASSEL

The Class of 2016 graduated June 4 at the Cedar Park Center. "Graduation is always sad, but it's also exciting," senior Taylor Cochran said. "It's cool to finally be in a position where I can make my own decisions and move on in life. I mean, the thought of the unknown is crazy."



LEARNING THE ROPES

Holding hands, Student Council members Kirsten Pechacek, Sydney Lemanski, Lindsey Lambert, Kiersten Bunn and Caleigh Kelley balance on a tight rope at Camp Wannaleada. Camp Wannaleada was a leadership camp StuCo attended spring. "We do a lot of team building games and activities that bring us closer together as an organization," Lambert said.

photo by Andrea Breeden





We *KNOW* what you're **THINKING.**

You're done. You've made it to the end of the book. You've re-lived the faculty basketball game, watching teachers battle it out on the court instead of lecturing in the classroom. You remembered the car crash scene, mock obits and memorial after seeing the Shattered Dreams page. You laughed again at the bubble soccer game photos.

But you don't have to be done. You can flip back through this book any time, looking at each moment closer. Find yourself in the crowd on the Game Day spread. Admire the gorgeous art, graphic design and photography pages. Search the index again for your name and your friends. Remember every moment with a new set of eyes.

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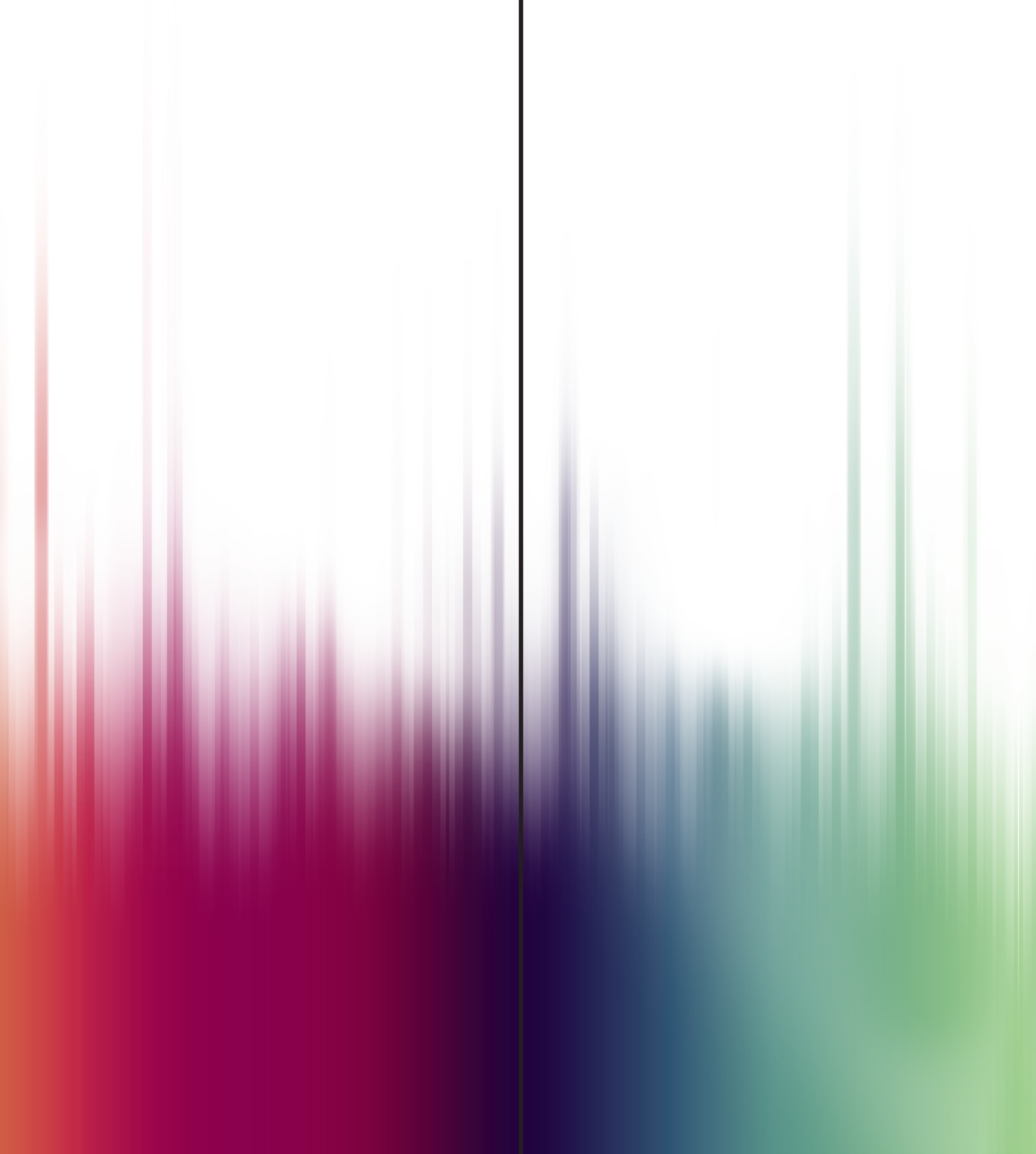
During the varsity Round Rock football game, senior Weston Bonnet directs the marching band while performing their competition show "Fragile." Bonnet was one of the four drum majors. "It was such an honor to be a drum major of the Rouse band my senior year," Bonnet said. "The band is a second family to me and being a part of the program has been one of the greatest experiences of my life."

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