













Dedicated to Mrs. Sharon Miller, who can do more in two hours than most do all day.



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MARTIN HIGH SCHOOL

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seeing eye to eye On October 16, the stands filled one by one with individuals who each played a crucial role in the Warrior student section. During the third quarter of the

student threw in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness.

Selfie sticks rose above crowds, fitting as many faces into the frame as possible. Students documented events such as pep rallies, which had placed an emphasis on positive school spirit. The tradition of booing incoming freshman at the first pep rally was banned to encourage unity between grade levels. Fall pep rallies led to a warm Texas winter. Temperatures stayed above 38 degrees. In November, Martin united with the rest of the world in the #PrayForParis movement after terrorists attacked the French capital and other highly populated places in the country. In recognition of the 130 people that were killed, students covered their social media profile pictures with a transparent blue, white and red French flag.

As the year went on, first impressions changed, and students learned more about the world outside of their own. We realized that there was so much more to our lives than met the eye.

> After tweeting and asking which students should be featured on the Student Life divider page, junior Audrey Dao replied: "@ThePhoenixYB @ ngocjulile bc she inspires me and she so coo." The reply received the most likes, meaning we see Julie as representative

Ngoc (Julie) Le, 11



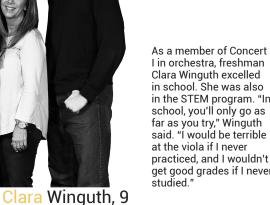
ARTS & ACADEMICS sight unseen

> The end of a school day generally seemed like a call for the rush of cars from the West Lot to their next destination.

> Band, choir and orchestra members spent hours after school everyday, perfecting their performance for Carnegie Hall March 21. Freshmen from all over the district came to Martin to participate in the newly introduced STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) program. The UIL Calculator and Computer Science teams placed first in their practice UIL competition meets. Nineteen students from band, choir and orchestra received the All-State musician titles.

> To honor the thirtieth anniversary of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Mr. Dan Darr's Art I students created a mural of Dr. King. Meanwhile, in AP Government, students discussed the loss of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, who was appointed Associate Justice thirty years ago, and how his death affected more than just the Supreme Court.

> At first glance, the students faced tasks that seemed difficult and, at times, unachievable. But after taking a second look, we accomplished the challenges were with determination and new perspectives.



Clara Winguth excelled in school. She was also in the STEM program. "In school, you'll only go as far as you try," Winguth said. "I would be terrible at the viola if I never practiced, and I wouldn't get good grades if I never studied."



eye on the prize

The whistle of an arrow slicing through the air and the whir of a fishing line soaring into the water sounded of new opportunity for athletes.

Archery and bass fishing were clubs that were implemented as sports for the first time in the school's history. The archery team ranked second in the state of Texas. Bass fishing placed in the top 20 boats out of 185.

Students chose team preferences when the Denver Broncos faced the Carolina Panthers in the 50th annual Super Bowl. The Broncos won 24-10, one month before quarterback Peyton Manning announced his retirement. The nation celebrated when the U.S. Women's National Soccer team defeated Japan in the seventh Women's FIFA World Cup July 5. After Kobe Bryant's retirement announcement, students and the legendary basketball star watched with awe as Dirk Nowitzki made the game-winning shot in the last game they played against each other.

With the inspiration from its favorite sports teams and the motivation from the student section and Heckle Squad who supported it every step of the way, the athletics department's tunnel vision focused on one goal: making a name for our school.



Carla Gonzalez, 12

Senior Carla Gonzalez was mentioned in a reply on Twitter by sophomore Natalie Panella. "@ThePhoenixYB @gonzalezcarla97 bc she represents student athletes at Martin." Gonzalez made the Venezuelan National Swim Team in November 2014 and trained to qualify for the 2016 Summer Olympics.



ORGANIZATIONS field of vision

> Students on the bleachers listen to a guest speaker discuss a new issue. Seekers often has pastors come and talk to students about navigating Christianity. Organizations give students the opportunity to support and discuss topics they are passionate about.

> As the year went on, student outlooks on the school and the world changed. Students in the Gay-Straight Alliance Club and school rejoiced with the rest of the nation when the U.S. Supreme Court legalized same-sex marriage June 26.

> The world united to provide aid to the victims of Nepal after a 7.8 magnitude earthquake hit the country. Organizations such as Doctors Without Borders and UNICEF (United Nations Children's Emergency Fund) delivered medical aid, food and water. The United States, United Kingdom and Chinese governments funded helicopters.

> The start of organizations such as Rugby Club and Math National Honor Society provided a new perspective. While these clubs had a fresh beginning, the literary magazine The Coup held it's 10th annual Martin Idol.

> We were able to use clubs and organizations as outlets, setting our sights on achieving goals that benefited others rather than ourselves.



Stevie Griffith, 12

Senior Stevie Griffith was involved in several organizations such as Seekers, Junior World Affairs Council and Ping Pong Club. "The only thing I regret is not joining my freshman and sophomore years," Griffith said. "I would say staying involved in clubs is the best way to enjoy high school."



PEOPLE

perceiving limits

Seniors wait in primary poll lines, anxious to vote for the first time. After they cast their ballot, they reach for the infamous "I VOTED" sticker before posting pictures on their SnapChat stories. Students use social media as an outlet where they can share opinions on local and global issues.

While tweeting about the presidential primaries, students switched to "liking," rather than "favoriting" tweets due to a new Twitter update. SnapChat also created GeoFilters that changed depending on the time and location. Students flooded social media with pictures that included the first "Martin Warriors" GeoFilter when it was released in March.

Social media was used to debate controversial topics such as politics, the Syrian Refugee crisis, the removal of the Confederate Flag from South Carolina's Capitol building and the "affluenza" teen Ethan Couch.

Debates were also spurred from tragedy within the student body. Students came together to remember and mourn the loss of alum Taylor Helland. After the loss of two students to suicide, there were many "tweefs" about depression and mental health. We used social media to share our different *points of view* with the world and to express ourselves.



Sharon Miller, theater teacher

After teaching at Martin for 13 years, theater teacher Mrs. Sharon Miller announced her retirement after the 2015-2016 school year. "Mrs. Miller is all hands-on-deck," senior Nicole Safavi said. "She's especially gifted in costume design and makeup."





acute vision

The chatter of conversations ring throughout Gyms C and D as students browse the various booths set up at First Event. Organizations such as PTSA and CRASH attract students with their brightly colored shirts. As they walk out with a handful of new T-shirts that will last them for the year, freshmen and seniors alike gather around the Hawaiian-themed Kona-Ice snow cone truck.

The opening of Torchy's in the Arlington Highlands resulted in a new weekly lunch spot. Students flocked to Chick-Fil-A to receive their "12 Chick-Fil-A Days of Christmas" free giveaway specials. In September, Apple introduced the rose gold iPhone at the release of their iPhone 6s. Fans flocked to Wrestlemania 32 at the AT&T Stadium on April 3. Stars like Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson and John Cena made their way back into the ring.

School organizations held fundraisers like "Band on the Run" in order to raise money for the band program. The run raised close to \$13,000. Along with technological inventions, students created businesses based on their computer science skills.

Local stores and restaurants provided places of refuge for us after school hours and helped our fellow peers *discover* their individuality and creativity.



Senior Kesi Maduka created new apps throughout the year. He was Web Master of National Honor Society, for which he created a brand new website that was personalized for each of the members. Maduka also operated the unsanctioned Assassins's game website and Twitter with senior Tom Overman.

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