

a poet's persona

Poetry club members read personal poems



SPOKEN WORD 1. At the Poetry Out Loud event in the Little Theater, senior Isis Carver shares her poem with the rest of the club. **2.** Reading from his notebook, junior Brayden Dickey recites his poem. **3.** Standing in front of her peers, junior Lauren Thompson reads her poem titled "Purple Walls". **4.** Expressing through his hands, junior David Bumgardner acts out his writing called "Sanctuary". "My poem was about poverty, oppression, social justice and how the church fits into all of that," Bumgardner said. "I served at a ministry in Fort Worth, and every Friday night, they would serve homeless people and show them the love of Jesus. I felt empowered just to express and communicate that through my poem." **5.** Talking to the audience, senior Alexis Anderson recites her poem from memory. *photos by Cammi Skanes*

POWERPLAY 1. Catching the ball, senior Parker Sullins completes the play during a drill Feb. 4. **2.** During a drill, junior Horatio Carter gets tackled with ball in hand. **3.** Before practice started, the club members split into two teams to warm up. "I was surprised how quickly we all picked up on the game," senior James (Jay) Schmidt said. "We only had a couple weeks to prepare for our first tournament against teams who already established their clubs. However, we did extremely well." *photos by Daryn Taylor*



RUGBY ROOKS

New rugby club starts season

Sitting around the room students make posters to advertise the can food drive they are doing for the Arlington Shelter. Collecting boxes and cans of food from students to give to the shelter is just one of the many things they like about Geo Club.

"I joined the club because it's something new that I haven't tried," said senior Elijah Joshlin. "I have changed as a person because I am surrounded by different people."

Members went to monthly meetings to get enough hours to attend the Explore UT trip March 5.

"My favorite thing about the club is hanging out with my friends while volunteering," said senior Michelle Bardales. "I wish people knew how much commitment the Mr. Ellis puts into it. You actually do community service in there. I would recommend the club to people because it is a good way to get community hours and hang out with your friends."

Friendships also grew in Rugby club.

"I have been in the club for four or five weeks," junior Canaan Vega said. "My favorite thing about it is the aggression on the field. There is so much brotherhood and everyone sticks up for each other. We practice and have a good time and bond with friends. The club has brought us together as one." *by Allyson Locke*

CLUBBING AT MARTIN

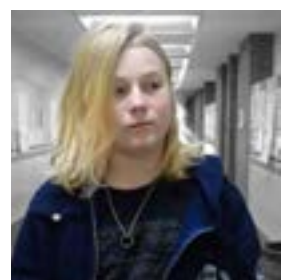
Members share their favorite club



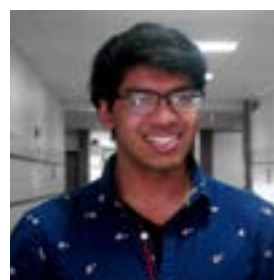
Mahan Karimi, 11
"I joined french club because I'm in my third year of french class and I love learning about the culture. I really like the stuff we do, like kiss a senior goodbye. I also get to interact with people who are in other french classes."



Cheyenna Mitchell, 12
"I signed up for the sports marketing internship and the teachers brought DECA to our attention. It was a really cool way to get involved. This club helped me gain a focus on marketing. It's more a project-based organization, where we compete in both district regionals and state competitions."



Joshua (Josh) Hooston, 10
"Art club has given me a purpose to commit to everyday school activities. It pushes me through, gives me stuff to look forward to, and it makes me really enjoy my time here at Martin. I've always liked drawing and stuff. I may not be super amazing at it, but I love it and it's fun for me."



Shazib Haseen, 11
"As a general member last year, I promoted physics. Last year, we started the stargazing parties. This year I'm the president. If you're having trouble in class, you can come to us and we got you. Physics club serves to support physics students and the UIL science team."



psyched out

Psychology meeting during lunch Feb. 25

ATTENTION PLEASE 1. Playing a brain game, junior Karely Erives and junior Arianna Colbert share their tactics together. **2.** During the activity, the members pass around their scores. **3.** Leading the meeting, president senior Alexandra (Alex) Loftin and Mrs. Peterson begin the meeting and address upcoming events and future meetings. **4.** Listening to Loftin, junior Savanna Reeves and Erives sit together while learning more about psychology. **5.** Taking notes, Colbert thinks about fundraisers the club could host. *photos by Megan Ragsdill*

