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Courtesy of: Greg Warrington
A 35 mm black and white print of recent snow fall.

An Unusually Snowy Fall

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Staff Writer

In Vermont, November and December are often cool, rainy, and sometimes snowy, with freeze and thaw cycles across the diurnal cycle. But this year has been a noticeable exception. November and December 2025 brought multiple major snow events and long stretches of cold weather at an alarmingly early time in the season. By contrast, weather on the West Coast has been at times unseasonably warm. The weather this season has been remarkable to say the least, and in stark contrast to last year's weather patterns. But why exactly has it been like this?

Over the 2025 to 2026 winter season there has been a weak La Niña pattern in the

Central Pacific Ocean. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), a La Niña pattern is when cold water from the Central Pacific Ocean is blown westward by winds towards Asia.

As this happens, cold water subsequently gets blown towards North America, bringing more precipitation and cooler temperatures to places like Vermont. Northern Vermont's first major snow event in 2025 was on the tenth and eleventh of November. Dates this early for the first snowfall are an extremely uncommon occurrence throughout the twenty-first century. While weather like this was expected back in the 1950s, the high temperatures have mostly remained in the

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Censored Chromebooks

Lily Gruber
Managing Editor

What do the words "Quizlet," "blue-footed booby," "Instagram," and "chatbot" have in common? They're all blocked by the school-issued Chromebook. You know that gnome wrapped up in an extension cord that pops up on your screen? Those three spinning blue dots that appear as the page is scanned for "explicit content?" These are a product of the state's safe-search policies.

We've all been affected by the school's protection protocols to a certain extent. Recently, I was doing a research project on Gaylord Nelson, a United States Senator. Each time I searched his name, the dreaded gnomes would envelop my screen. As this continued to occur, I began to wonder: what's behind blocked searches at CVU?

Legally, CVU has to follow the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). All schools and libraries that receive E-Rate reimbursements for internet access, telecommunication services, and affiliated equipment are required to do so, according to The Vermont Agency of Education. As of 2024, that was the majority of Vermont School Districts.

CIPA was enacted by Congress in 2000, hoping to "address concerns about children's access to obscene or harmful content over the Internet," according to the Federal Communication Commission (FCC). Essentially, schools and libraries working with the FCC's E-rate program have to develop policies for keeping kids safe on the internet. Photos deemed "obscene," "harmful to minors," or constitute child pornography

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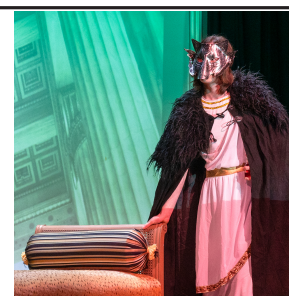
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Dido and Aeneas

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are restricted through CIPA—but how these restrictions are implemented is up to the schools.

CVU uses Sophos as a primary firewall, which fends off malware and botnet attacks. Securelyfilter, implemented Fall of 2025, is used as a secondary filter platform. These filters are used to monitor intellectual piracy, criminal activity, and sexually explicit content. Anything deemed inappropriate is recorded through the Securelyfilter. To give you an idea, that was 3929 “objectionable websites” in a single day in late January.

Sometimes these restrictions can cause unseen problems for classes. “Playspent,” a website used by a Personal Finance class? Flagged. A CVSD program for new hires? Also deemed inappropriate. Content is blocked through categories activated through the platform, which then uses an individual algorithm to determine what searches or sites relate to it.

Getting Involved: Students In Politics

Karmen Wilbur
Managing Editor

This article represents part two of our coverage of this topic. This is a continuation from the December 2025 issue of The Hawks' Nest.

Vermont state is very active in encouraging students to get involved with their government, offering many opportunities for young people to share their voices and ideas.

The Vermont State Youth Council (SYC) was created in 2022 to give students a way to express their opinions to the legislature. The bill that created SYC was sponsored by former representative **Diane Lanpher** and current representative **Mike Mrowicki**. A former teacher, Lanpher was inspired by students working to get a stoplight installed in their town.

Though the bill did not pass when it was introduced in 2020, it was later reintroduced and eventually signed into law in May 2022. The Council’s internal committees focus on a variety of things including education, climate change, and mental health.

The IT department gets some flak for this, according to Network Administrator **Nick Clark**. Sometimes the platform where the site is published or a keyword in its link is enough to restrict student access, although its content may not be inappropriate on its own. Specific sites and keywords that fall under this distinction have to be manually unblocked by the IT department. For example, “hunt” and “hunting,” searches used in a Natural Resources class, were added to Securelyfilter and Sophos’ “allow” lists per a teacher’s request.

The platform’s approach is “block everything except what we allow,” while CVU’s preferred approach is more “allow everything except what we block,” commented Clark. He was involved in implementing Securely Classroom, a new platform as of this school year.

Teachers, primarily in the Core and sciences, use this platform to limit student’s browsers to select categories when in their class. This software helps students stay on-task and maintain the integrity of their work,

One committee—for Equity and Anti-Racism—is chaired by CVU student **Hailley Hem ‘27**. This is her first year on the Council. She says of her work within the SYC: “What I feel most passionate about is racial justice and equity issues... think that [is shown] in my position... as a member of the Equity and Anti-Racism Committee.” Every two years, the Committee makes recommendations on laws or changes that they would like to see. These are presented to the legislature and governor in person.

According to the chair of the Youth Mental Health Committee, **Claire Zandstra**, “You have to write an essay ... and there’s lots of questions like ‘Why do you want to be on [the] Youth Council?’ and ‘What are some things in the state that you think could be better?’” Application to the program is a competitive process due to limited space.

In December 2025, students were invited to the State House for a one day program designed to introduce them to how the legislature works. The program, run by the Governor’s Institute, allows students to act as legislators, advocates, or journalists for the day.

Council member **Aiden Otterman**, who has

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Snelling House Director **Amy Wardwell** described.

Another key component of cybersecurity at CVU is student data privacy. Remember Quizlet? They wouldn’t sign CVU’s digital privacy agreement, according to Digital Learning Leader **Charlie MacFadyen**. Recently, “there’s a lot more concern about data privacy [at a district level],” commented Wardwell.

Chromebooks in schools, now used on the daily, are still a pretty recent phenomenon. It was under a decade ago that teachers needed to wheel carts of computers from the library to classrooms.

Decisions around Chromebook use and safety are largely driven by administration policy and legal requirements, which are bound to evolve with our understanding of digital technology.

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Students in Politics

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been a member of the SYC since 2024, believes that students should have a voice in their government.

He remarked, “Kids are experiencing things, even if they’re not adults on the state and federal levels. ... We need to hear from the younger generations and we need to advocate on our behalf because it’s our future that’s on the line.” Otterman is planning to bring back some of the things he learned during his time at the State House to his work on the Student Youth Council.

Some students have decided that they don’t want to wait to take action. Stowe High School students **Dean Roy** and **Charlie Bass** are running for governor and lieutenant governor of Vermont, respectively. Roy was inspired to run after being a page at the State House. A large focus of his campaign is on affordable housing.

Roy has mainly been trying to reach people through social media: “I really think using

tools we have in social media and email and text newsletters ... that’s a great way to to start your career in politics and it can help you learn a lot of stuff not only from commenters and your other followers, but also just in the process of trying to create something.”

About his decision to run, Roy says, “I want to use it as a way to spread the message that the youth are able to speak about politics and that [you’re] never too young to start learning about politics and start getting involved.”

While it is nearly always agreed that young people being involved with politics and running for office is a good thing, there are challenges. One of the biggest, Lanpher believes, is the pay. Legislators are often those with a means to support themselves outside of their pay check.

Zapata worries that this is a barrier for young people. “In Vermont, you don’t get paid enough as a representative to actually support your living so it’s not really workable to be a young person in government.”

Legislators and government employees work hard to make Vermont's government accessible for young people.

There are organizations for students to join, programs for them to try, and opportunities to connect with legislators.

With so many youth excited and invested in politics, Vermont is on its way to having a government that includes the ideas, opinions, and wishes of the next generation.



Courtesy of: Karmen Wilbur
Students learning how to within a committee

Grace Warrington
Editor-in-chief

Crossword

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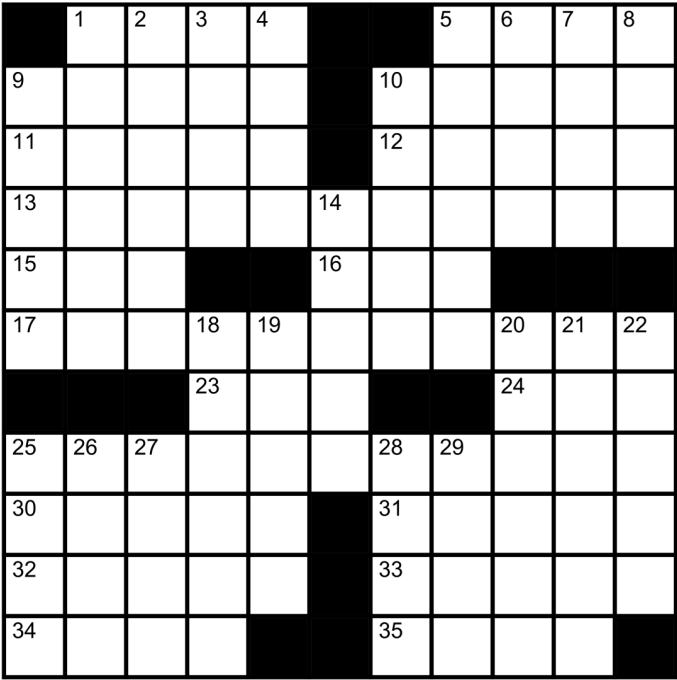
1. Sound partner?
5. Lanteen or jib
9. Actor Jason
10. Verso opposite, to Shakespeare
11. Diarist Angela ____ Juana Antolina Rosa Edelmira Nin y Culmell
12. ____ Island, former immigration entry point
13. Sit in an attic
15. "Yip" alternative
16. One part of the "+" in LGBTQ+
17. "Just one sec"
23. Rage
24. Homer exclamation

25. Metaphor for the passage of years
30. Mexican marinade
31. Helicopter top part
32. Entered quickly
33. Love
34. "Oh, sure"
35. Yesteryear

Down

1. Mexican state bordering Arizona
2. Coast in southern Italy
3. Word following tin or aluminum
4. A life of ____

5. Rarely
6. Free speech grp.
7. "Indeed"
8. Drama series from the 2000s
9. Parrot family
10. Nostalgic style
14. Bit part, of a sort
18. Interesting morsel
19. Crime that might lead to a firing?
20. Newspaper writer's boss
21. "Enough!"
22. No here
25. Traditional Indian garb



26. Not much, as of glue
27. Opposite of all
28. Become unwoven
29. Kind of list

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40s and 50s for the past twenty years. Temperatures did return to normal a few days after the snow stopped, but were followed by similarly surprising weather in December. The temperatures remained below freezing for nearly the entirety of December. While this is not as unusual as November's weather, it has not been the norm since the early 2000s.

It is certainly no stretch to say that the late fall and early winter of 2025 has been quite the surprise for weather. It has provided

great skiing, well below average temperatures, and even record-breaking low daily high temperatures. Unfortunately, this was accompanied by some nasty road conditions at times, causing a lot of ice formation. This has resulted in snow days and delayed openings throughout the state. Some traditions such as the 2026 Special Olympics Vermont Penguin Plunge in Burlington have been postponed from its original February date.

With two months left of winter, one thing is certain: this season will be one for the history books.



Courtesy of: Greg Warrington
A tractor on a snowy day in Chittenden County.

Local Waterway Restoration Efforts

*Mamta Rimal
Staff Writer*

Local efforts are working to restore native populations in Vermont's waterways. Native salmon populations, which are essential to the vitality of Lake Champlain and Vermont's rivers, are dwindling in part due to impeded migration routes. This obstruction has slashed spawning habitats, shrinking both their reach and their suitability for salmon trying to return home.

Along Vermont's waterways, restoration efforts are blooming, opening free-flowing stretches that nurture fish such as our landlocked Atlantic salmon. Students at the University of Vermont (UVM) and Vermont State University are also turning to these rivers for insight into hydropower's footprint on Lake Champlain's basin, from science lessons that unpack dam flows to mapping salmon pathways on tributaries like Otter Creek and the Winooski River. Their work traces where fish meet concrete barriers, highlighting spots where even small changes in flow could mean survival.

This labor reaches beyond the classroom and is a testament to the passion students carry for Vermont's rivers. It shines as a sign of promise, revealing young hands eager to heal our currents and restore a more natural balance between power and passage.

Professor **Jack Gierzynski** from UVM's Rubenstein School notes that dams drown gravel spawning beds under still water, warm cold streams that salmon depend on, and can

strand eggs when flows are suddenly dropped to match peak power demand. Countless smolts can be killed by turbine blades, cut down mid-migration. Reservoirs trap sediment, fuel algae blooms, and reduce oxygen levels that fish and insects need to survive.

In 2025 alone, nine Vermont dams were removed, reconnecting more than 125 miles of river, a record year driven by the Vermont Dam Task Force and local watershed partners. These removals reflect a resolve not just to protect nature in the abstract, but to revive living, working community streams where kids can fish, towns can withstand floods more safely, and salmon can once again push upstream. Vermont State University has encouraged students to take part in this work by offering classes, field opportunities, and research support, even as limited funding and staffing make it hard for everyone who wants in to secure a spot.

Anna Jefferson, Professor at the Rubenstein School in Watershed Science and Planning at UVM, stresses that not all hydropower operates the same. Run-of-river setups and well-designed fish ladders can perform relatively well; with modest tweaks and careful relicensing, they can pass more fish, restore more natural flow patterns, and avoid the worst sediment build-ups.

Scouts and student researchers have walked the tributaries feeding Lake Champlain, marking fry hotspots above and below barriers, and sketching out where targeted upgrades or removals could unbind salmon and honor Vermont's liquid legacy.

A Vermont State University student, who asked to remain anonymous, voiced a

tension many feel about dam removal: "We can't just stop all this overnight, we rely on it too much to suddenly walk away."

Vermont leans heavily on renewable energy, and while only a fraction of the state's total electricity comes from in-state hydropower, more than half of the power generated within Vermont's borders is produced by dams.

That dependence sharpens the debate—every megawatt lost from local rivers has to be replaced, often with imported power whose impacts are less visible on Vermont's own shores.

Climate change adds another layer of urgency and uncertainty. Heavier floods and deeper dry spells are reshaping river flows faster than regulations and infrastructure can adapt. Even as optimism rises for unbound reaches and reconnected miles, unease runs through conversations about how to keep salmon populations viable in rivers.

Some individuals from UVM have acknowledged that it is a balance between ecology and green energy. Vermont's recent surge in dam removals guided by the Dam Task Force and embraced by towns across the state, shows that progress is possible when science, policy, and community line up.

The struggle to rebuild sturdy salmon runs may stretch across years or decades, but its outcome will hinge on how our communities choose to show up now. For our own safety and for the salmon that trace these waters, programs like these are striving to keep Vermont's green energy banner flying with integrity.

The 2026 Annual Snow Ball

Grace Warrington
Editor-in-chief

This year's Snow Ball—renamed from the Winter Ball—was a resounding success. Elegantly organized by this year's CVU's Senior Class Council, the Snow Ball was held at the Champlain Hotel in Burlington. The Snow Ball this year took place on Saturday, January 24th.

Chaperones at CVU's school dances are made up of volunteers from the faculty, as well as the senior class advisor (**Leanne Morton**) and a subset of the school's administrators.

TJ Mead, one of this year's Snow Ball chaperones, said of his role: "Ideally, ... students don't really notice the chaperones! We are there to guide students to safe choices and if they are already making them, then we have very little involvement. But we do love seeing everyone dressed up."

Amy Wardwell, a CVU administrator and another of this year's chaperones, remarked, "The site was beautifully decorated and the seniors did a great job organizing the event. There was plenty of space to move around

and the smaller number of students made the event more manageable. Despite the really cold night it seemed like folks were having a good time."

Tickets for the Snow Ball were priced at \$20, and the attendees have been limited to only the classes of 2026 and 2027, due to lack of

space. To accommodate this, the freshmen and sophomores also have a similar Snow Ball planned for March.

The venue for this year's Snow Ball has also been changed, moving from the Burlington Hula Lakeside where it was held back in 2025.



Courtesy of: TJ Mead
Students at the 2026 Snow Ball at the Champlain Hotel in Burlington.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Operations

Lou Turner
and Vivien Nelson
Staff Writers

This is the first part of The Hawks' Nest's Op-ed on ICE and the recent national protests.

This year, on January 7 and January 24, Immigration Customs and Enforcement (ICE) agents killed **Renee Good** and **Alex Pretti** in Minnesota. Good, was an American citizen and mother of three who was in her car, partially blocking the street, attempting to warn others in the neighborhood that the ICE agents were present.

As a result, she was shot three times and killed by ICE agent **Jonathan Ross**. Weeks later, Pretti, a veteran's ICU nurse and

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American citizen was killed after attempting to help a woman who had just been physically assaulted by ICE.

Whilst being pinned to the ground by a group of Border Patrol agents, an agent then appeared to unarm Pretti who had a legally concealed handgun on him. He was quickly shot ten times while on the ground; ICE claimed the shots were out of defense. Both of these victims were then labeled as domestic terrorists. However, the death of Pretti has now been called a homicide.

ICE, the enforcement arm of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), was founded in 2003 as part of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, a reaction to the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

The agency's original mission was to

protect national security and public safety by enforcing federal immigration, customs, and trade laws.

The mission of ICE has changed under the second Trump administration, and many find that its officers have lost accountability and expanded their authority beyond what is allowed by the U.S. Constitution. Furthermore, the training time for an ICE officer has reduced from roughly 16 weeks to around 6 and a half weeks. In addition, ICE agents get a \$50,000 signing bonus and make about \$68,000 per year on average.

Not only has the agency grown and increased its funding, but the number of people being arrested or held in detention centers has increased. In just one year after Trump took office, the number of people being held in detention centers increased by roughly 75%, from around 40,000 to 73,000.

This article will be continued in the March issue.

CVU Performs Its First Opera

Grace Warrington
Editor-in-chief

This January, CVU put on the very first opera in the school's history—a production of Henry Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas*, in collaboration with the Vermont Opera Company.

The Vermont Opera Company has toured *Dido and Aeneas* around to schools across the state. **Sarah Cullins**, a representative of the company, came to CVU earlier this winter to begin working with our Treble Choir and Latin V programs. Cullins has previously taught the opera to student choral groups at Burlington High School, Colchester High School, and the combined high schools of Addison County.



Courtesy of: Greg Warrington
Dido, performed by **Marin Walsh '26**, at CVU's first opera concert.

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Chorus Director **Cameron Brownell** also helped to teach students to sing in an operatic style. He said about the experience, "It was so wonderful to see how [Cullins] was able to pull these operatic sounds out of the students. Singing opera requires a different technique than singing musical theater, or even choral music. It's very athletic and requires singers to support their sound in new ways."

Leanne Morton, the Latin teacher, said of her involvement in the project: "Early on in the process, Cameron Brownell, our CVU Choral Instructor, reached out to the Latin Department to invite student participation in the process. CVU's Latin V students, Myrrh Pitkin, Grace Warrington and Karmen Wilbur read the original Latin text, Vergil's *Aeneid*, on which the opera was based. The Latin students found ways to add narration to the opera to elaborate on the storyline and give a fuller picture of who the characters were and what their lives had been or were destined to be."

Purcell's opera is based on parts of Vergil's epic poem *The Aeneid*, and was one of the first popular operas to be written in English. Accordingly, the opera was prepared in conjunction with our own Latin program, led by Morton with the aid of the three Latin V students: **Myrrh Pitkin '26**, **Grace Warrington '26**, and **Karmen Wilbur '26**. It is the first time that the Vermont Opera Company has been able to collaborate with local Latin students in order to better convey the story itself.

Wilbur, along with working on the classical elements of the opera, also aided with costumes. She said of the performance: "It was wonderful to see the months of work put in come together. All the singers worked very hard and sounded incredible the night of. The story of *Dido and Aeneas* is a tragic one and I definitely got emotional seeing my classmates bring it to life."

Dido was performed by **Marin Walsh '26** and *Aeneas* was played by **Kieran Coolidge '27**. **Madi Tucker '26**, **Rowan Williams '26**, **Harrison Melo '28**, and **Alex Carr '28**, **Bill Fidler '26** were some of the other named roles.



Courtesy of: Greg Warrington
Hermes, depicted by **Harrison Melo '26**, and *Aeneas*, played by **Kieran Coolidge '27**, in *Dido and Aeneas*.

Midwinter Music Night

Grace Warrington
Editor-in-chief

The Modern and Jazz Bands held a joint performance January 29th, showcasing the pieces they have been learning this season.

This concert was a feature of Midwinter Music Night, an event featuring the talents of the CVU Performing Arts Department. The showcase was free and open to the broader community.

The Jazz Band performed several jazz standards, including one called "The Tiger of San Pedro." Bandleader Tim Buckingham said of the piece: "The Tiger of San Pedro

refers to a character, an overthrown Central American dictator named Don Juan Morillo, in *The Adventure of Wisteria Lodge*, a Sherlock Holmes short story.

This Latin-style tune was made popular by the composer's big band (John LaBarbera) and won a Grammy from a recording by the Bill Waltrous' Band."

Both groups performed several covers (including one each by The Beatles) and the Jazz Band also performed two originals ("Afterburner"—a funk tune—and "Nora," a ballad featuring alto saxophonist **Lu Hackerman '27**).

Guitarist **Charlie Schramm '26** spoke of the Modern Band's performance: "We

performed a mix of classic and contemporary songs that really show the

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Courtesy of Jacob Hansen:
Midwinter Music Night at CVU.

Sports

Cordelia Thomas and Annika Scott
Sports Editors

Girls' Hockey

The first season for Chittenden Charge (a team combining South Burlington, CVU, and MMU athletes) has been nothing short of impressive. As of early February 2026, the team holds a solid 8-4-1 record and has secured the #3 spot in the Vermont Varsity Insider power rankings. Their dominant form was evident from the start, highlighted by a 8-0 shutout in their season opener.

Alpine Skiing

The alpine team is coming off a powerful 2025 season where they swept the team titles at the High School Alpine Skiing State Championships last March. At the Championships, both boys' and girls' teams took first place. The Redhawks began their season with strong performances in 2026, with top results in boys' and girls' events.

Boys' Basketball

The boys' basketball team is having a strong season so far, with notable wins over St. Johnsbury (87-52), and Rice (56-55). The team scored twelve out of sixteen three-pointers against St. Johnsbury.

Gymnastics

Coming off a good performance in the 2025 season, the CVU gymnastics team is back in the gym. Notable high performers are **Gabriella Serafini '26** (bars), and **Chloe Crowder '27** (floor).



Courtesy of: Karmen Wilbur
CVU faces off against Essex on February 7th.

Boys' Hockey

The boys' hockey team is having a great season so far with a record of 9-5, with notable wins over Rice (1-0) and South Burlington (4-3). The team is led by coach **J.P. Benoit** and captains **Jack Bryan '26**, **Jameson Yandow '26**, and **Brady Jones '26**.

Nordic Skiing

The Nordic ski team is coming off a strong 2025 season, where the boys came in a close second to Mount Mansfield at the state championship and the girls earned third. Leading the team this season are captains **Luke Buehler '26**, **Senja Erickson '26**, **Annika Johnson '26**, **Lilyanna Mittelstadt '26**, **Charlie Schramm '26** and **Willam Wallace '26** and coached by **Sarah Strack**.

Girls Basketball

Captains **Zoey McNabb '26**, **Maggie Smith '26** and **Deirdre Higgins '26** lead the Redhawks with an 11-5 record, with a recent 78-29 win against Saranac where senior McNabb scored a CVU record 41 points.

Wrestling

The wrestling season started well for the Hawks. The team earned third place overall at the Don Allen International, with **Luke Helmer '29** and **Camden Ayer '26** earning third in their weight classes and **Rian Carrol '27** earning second. Coached by **Kyle Streete**, the Hawks hope to continue to dominate the competition.

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range of our group. The performance was a real success - it felt great to share our music with the community.”

There was a mutual sense of community between the band, and the small size of each group is integral to their strong collaboration.

“Rebuilding Modern Band this year hasn’t been easy, but nights like this make it all worthwhile. I’ve really enjoyed working with such a dedicated and creative group of musicians, and I’m proud of how far we’ve come together,” Schramm continued.



Courtesy of Jacob Hansen
Modern Band performers included, from left to right: **Noah Wheeler '28**, **Owen Scriver '28**, **Finn Cray-Budington '28**, **Olen Purcell '29**, **Dylan Lutters '28**, **Alex Carr '28**, **Tessa Gordon '27**, **Izzy Schwendler '26**, **Charlie Schramm '26**, and **Jacob Hansen '26**.

Dear Amber

Dear Amber receives and responds to questions as submitted in advance of publication. If you have questions for Amber, please consider submitting. The questions (Q) and answers (A) are posed anonymously. Dear Amber is a regular feature of The Hawks' Nest.

Q: Dear Amber,
My parents want me to stay close to home for college, but I want to go as far away as I can. It's not that I don't like my family, it's just Vermont is small and I want to try something new. Any ideas?

A: Location when looking at colleges is one of a hundred different variables that needs to be taken into consideration. So many other factors go into finding the school that's right for you, size, affordability, programs, you've got other things to consider.

I get that Vermont can be stifling, I relate to that feeling of wanting to be anywhere but

here, but even out of Vermont, New England has some of the nicest schools in the world, something new isn't as far away as you think. The school that's right for you may be in Germany for all you know.

Research is extremely important when it comes to this big decision, but UVM may also be the best school for you.

There's no shame in staying local, and there's no shame in hightailing it far away from here, but you need to value your parents' input as you're gonna need them as you grow up. there's a balance, and you've gotta find it.

Q: Dear Amber,
I know it's early to start thinking about this but prom is coming up and I want to go but I can't afford a dress that will look even okay. I've been keeping my eye out at the local thrift shops but no luck so far. Should I just skip it?

A: The dress isn't all that matters, I

remember a girl a few years ago that knit her dress, what matters is finding something that feels good for you. Keep scouring the thrift stores, don't write off the ReStore or ReScore in Williston, I've found plenty of gems there.

Retro is "In" right now, so why not raid your mom's closet? There's about a dozen thrift stores within thirty minutes of us: there's definitely something, somewhere you can feel confident in. As long as you feel good in your own skin and can look at yourself and feel ok, the dress doesn't matter.

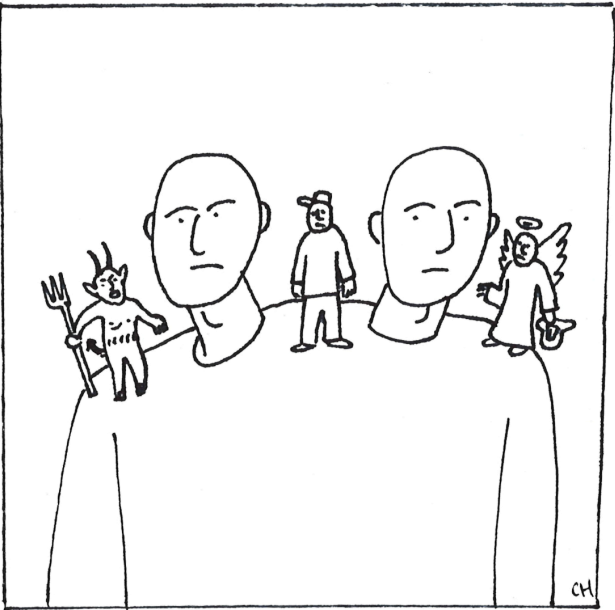
For future submissions to Amber, please either scan the QR code or email directly to cvuhawksnest@cvsdvt.org.



Cartoons



sleep paralysis gnome



Courtesy of: Canute Hoehn

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Day
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Fundraiser

Check your emails for the order form to give the perfect gift for that special someone

Email: jackbryan@cvsdvt.org with questions

Answers from Puzzle

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