

Club president, Linc Pennock, running a Film Club meeting. Photo Credit: Sofia Sudofsky

FILM CLUB MAKES STRIDES AT ORR

BY ELISE MELLO

In a world where streaming services, such as Netflix, release new original movies practically every week, it can be difficult for people to decide which films are worth dedicating up to 2 hours of their lives to. Motivating oneself to think critically about any given movie can be a challenge, especially when constantly tempted to indulge in mindless Adam Sandler flicks. Many movie-goers choose what to watch based off of what's trendy and end up forming their opinions of the films, not on merit, but instead on how attractive the leading actor is. Luckily, for cinephile students of the tri-town, a club exists at ORR that helps students explore the world of film while challenging themselves and their peers to think for themselves. If you want to look beyond the surface and dive deeper into plot, characterization, and meaning in different movies, Film Club is just the place for you.

In 2017, club President, Linc Pennock, decided that he wanted to start a club for his fellow movie-lovers. Latin teacher and club adviser,

Ms. Durgin, ran the Film Club at her high school as well, and saw this club as an opportunity to carry on its legacy.

Film Club is open to all students. Linc and Ms. Durgin both agree that this is a place not just for movie nerds, but anyone who's interested in film or analyzing movies. Whether you're a Spielberg connoisseur or just someone who just thoroughly enjoyed Black Panther, all that matters is whether or not you're prepared to have an insightful conversation with other students.

If you're looking to simply sit around and mindlessly watch movies for an hour and a half, this is not the club for you. Weekly meetings are often filled with extremely analytical discussions that focus on specific aspects of cinema. For example, a few weeks ago, Linc did a presentation about fight scenes in action movies and how to tell whether or not they're well done. Throughout this meeting, he showed various clips of these types of scenes and discussed what made the good scenes so interesting and what made the tacky scenes so forced. Four people, all of whom were seniors, were in attendance, and both Linc and Ms. Durgin agreed that they were thrilled by how engaged all the students were. Luckily, this means there is still plenty of room for prospective members!

Even if Film Club doesn't seem like your cup of tea, Ms. Durgin and Linc are always around if you're looking for movie recommendations. I even tested their knowledge by asking what movies are a waste of time, and they definitely delivered. According to Linc, Suicide Squad was a "hot garbage fire" which overcompensated for its mediocre acting and lack of backstories with a bombardment of irrelevant special effects.

Film Club has taken on a very important role in the Old Rochester community. "I think the biggest thing Film Club contributes to the school community is opening up the minds of students and helping them form their own opinions," said Linc. "I see people often judge a movie based on what critics say without judging the movie for themselves. It's also a creative outlet for learning how to shoot and produce your own movie ideas." Film Club provides a place at school for cinephiles to debate with one another and think critically about movies, and Linc is excited for the club's bright future. "The main hope I have for film club is for it to become a long-lasting club where film lovers and people curious about film can come together in a safe place to discuss different movie related topics."

Film Club meets Tuesdays from 2:00-3:30 in Ms. Durgin's room. All are welcome! Linc Pennock welcomes you to email him at lincpennock@oldrochester.org with any questions.

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CLUB FEATURES

GENDER POLITICS CLUB PROMOTES POLITICAL ACTIVISM IN ORR COMMUNITY

BY SIMPSON

Back for its second year at ORR, Gender Politics Club hosted its first meeting of the season in the library computer lab on September 11, 2018. Under the leadership of Mr. Apperson, Kelly Bruce, Payton Lord, and Spencer Perez-Dormitzer, the first meeting was set to outline the purpose of Gender Politics Club to new members and get a sense of what members wanted to learn.

The Gender Politics Club, as explained by its leaders, is a place where students can discuss gender and world politics, civil activism, and share information and awareness regarding important social issues. However, they stressed that this isn't a 'feminist only' club. "If you have a completely opposing view to everyone else in this room, we want you here," said Kelly Bruce, senior and co-founder of the club. "This is an open space to discuss people's political views." Inclusivity is an important pillar of Gender Politics. The club's veteran members have expressed hope for more debates and open discussion.

New members should expect in-depth discussion and new information about events in the world of politics and gender. Last year, topics included the pink tax (a phenomenon observed in the marketing and cost of women's products versus men's), the #MeToo movement (a movement which highlights the prevalence of sexual misconduct in today's society), and the Women's Marches which erupted all over the world following Trump's inaugu-

ration. The club also seeks to promote activism. In fact, last year's Gender Politics team went to the Women's March in Providence Rhode Island to demonstrate peacefully. Gender Politics additionally sponsored a series of TEDx-style presentations which revolved around themes of gender. These talks will continue this school year.

This year's Gender Politics team is planning on starting some new club traditions and improving on old ones. Mr. Apperson hopes to make the club more proactive by

spreading awareness about gender issues throughout ORR.

The club also hopes to promote community involvement. As a first step, Gender Politics has met with several other groups in the Tri-Town to organize a voter registration drive in preparation for the upcoming elections.

As the first meeting of the school year wrapped up, Bruce made a powerful call to action, asking any and all who may be interested to reach out to

club figures and see what Gender Politics is about. The more students who join, the more politically proactive the school community will become. As Bruce put it, "A club isn't a club without you." If you're interested in joining the Gender Politics Club, or just want to check it out, meetings are held on Thursdays in the library lab from 2:15 to 3:15. Students are encouraged to contact Mr. Apperson (andrewapperson@oldrochester.org) with any questions or concerns.



Last year's Gender Politics team demonstrating at the Rhode Island Women's March.



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Mr. Linane's room

COMMUNITY

GIVE A GOOD PET A GOOD HOME

BY JADA FIELDS

As you read this, approximately 6.5 million animals in the U.S. are in an animal shelter. 1.5 million of those animals are euthanized every year. Pets all over the country are in desperate need of homes. Have you ever thought about gaining a best friend and in the process, saving a life? Fairhaven animal shelter can give you that opportunity.

Open 9am-3pm every day, the animal shelter houses a wide variety of cats and dogs searching for a loving home. Though the shelter does not accept online adoption applications, they strongly encourage those interested to visit the shelter in person. A bonus of adopting from Fairhaven is that nearly all of their animals are house trained. Since every pet has their own personality, Fairhaven Animal Shelter provides profiles for each pet available for adoption, which includes their behavioral tendencies, likes/dislikes, and compatibility with children.

So why not tell a friend, volunteer, or adopt today? Any kind of help one can offer Fairhaven's animals could go a long way.



This is Arnold, a Fairhaven Animal Shelter dog with a big heart who is awaiting adoption. Image source: Fairhaven Animal Shelter Facebook Page



TEACHER TRIVIA!

Our teachers are fascinating people, and everyday, we learn a little more about them. How close have you been paying attention? Test your knowledge with our new column, teacher trivia!

The answers to the following trivia questions are on page 10!

Question 1: In it's luscious former glory, what color was Mr. White's hair?

Question 2: Which one of our teachers, in their high school years, was a journalist for the Paw Prints Newspaper?

Question 3: Which teacher once performed standup comedy while in the military?

Question 4: Which one of our history teachers is a skilled bagpipe player?



OPINION

TO GIVE OR NOT TO GIVE?

Charity is not always as simple as you think.

BY EMILY WILSON

The season of giving is fast approaching, and around the time of the winter holidays, charitable donations tend to skyrocket. Charity seems like an idyllic concept. Good samaritans donate money, clothing, toys, and food to those less fortunate in return for nothing except the feeling of gratification, and perhaps a bit of pride. By giving money or goods, a stranger's neglected needs are met temporarily, until the next time someone decides to make a sacrifice, whether it be out of guilt, obligation, or pure heart. There's no doubt, being charitable is a selfless and enviable trait to possess, and nothing should stop a person from giving. There is one problem: charity is not always an efficient solution to the world's most vexing issues, and sometimes it's no solution at all. Global matters are complicated and multifaceted, and in some cases, charity and other types of aid can worsen them. Attacking a problem at its source is key, and some seemingly innocent charitable initiatives can seriously disrupt this process.

World hunger is one of the most pressing issues of the modern era. With 7 billion humans of various social classes sharing the planet, nearly 800 million of them hungry, the right to food can seem like a privilege. Food insecurity is everywhere, but it is particularly prevalent in developing countries. In an effort to combat this issue, some nations, including the U.S., are sending various types of aid to the countries suffering the most. Some agencies, like the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), are sending foreign aid responsibly. Other agencies are sending aid (or have sent aid in the past) without planning ahead. Sending aid without restoration efforts is a counter-productive solution. With food aid, there are usually immediate results, but not necessarily the right kind.

Small businesses are of vital importance in the developing world. They sustain entire families by providing a source of income, free of the oppressive and exploitative iron fist of corporations, and they provide customers with locally-sourced, quality goods. The distribution of free goods from aid organizations can obliterate small companies very easily. This can be a problem because once assistance leaves the developing area, no farmers or small businesses are left to sustain the population. For example, an American food aid program called Food for Peace has come under fire in recent years for forcing farmers to lower their prices rather than providing market incentives for farmers to produce more.

Unsustainable population growth is another problem that can arise from irresponsible foreign assistance. When the public health of a population suddenly becomes pristine, the birth rate tends to skyrocket, especially when access to contraceptives is limited, as it is in many developing nations. One thing that has been known to improve health is food security. When comfortable amounts of food are suddenly made available to a hungry community and the birth rate inevitably increases, more food is necessary to sustain it. The population will continue to grow until aid is cut off. At that point, no small businesses or farms are left to support the large group, and by then, food is not so easy to come by. After all, food had been free for years and years. This situation is a recipe for disaster, and with suddenly no foreign assistance, the population is doomed to suffer and decrease. This vicious cycle is an example of what can happen when charities do not take the necessary precautions to supporting sustainable growth.

Irresponsible approaches to charity are not just limited to food aid. The Toms Shoes corporation has been guilty of it for years. The "Buy one, Give one" business model has been wildly successful in just that - business. By enticing people to buy shoes with the promise of helping poor people abroad, Toms has made hundreds of millions of dollars. The biggest issue, however, is the "Give one" part of the slogan. Toms claims that they give shoes to the desperately poor because it's a human need, but in reality, shoes are not an absolute necessity in most cases. Employment, food, water, contraceptives, education, child care, sanitation, health care, transportation, and money are all much higher on the list of basic human needs than shoes. In most cases, local shoemakers exist in these communities, and small businesses are vital to economic development. Toms has been putting them out of business since 2013 with their hand outs. If Toms genuinely wanted to help solve extreme poverty, they'd donate money, build schools, or find other ways to contribute to developing economies, ways that will last. Toms should be doing this anyway, especially since their shoes cost \$4 to make and they sell for upwards of



Blake Mycoskie, the founder of Toms Shoes, giving shoes to children in developing countries. Source: The Today Show

\$60. Their so-called charitable business approach doesn't seem so charitable when they're only sacrificing \$4 to poor families each sale, leaving the

remaining \$56 for the company to collect.

The best solutions for intricate problems are policy change, community support, and careful economic/political rewiring. Instead of throwing money or goods at a problem, leaders must carefully examine the causes of an issue. For example, food insecurity is not caused by people simply not having enough to eat. At its root, it is caused by factors such as political corruption, incredibly low wages, climate change, technological underdevelopment, lack of resources, and widely gapped social classes. For example, policy change which calls for reduced carbon emissions can, in the long run, support the developing world in food security. This will help restore the predictability of crop yields all over the world, allowing hungry areas to be self-reliant. Policy change is the only way to achieve this, as corporations cannot be trusted to uphold promises without a solid, airtight legal component holding them to their obligations, nor can they be trusted to make a positive impact on real world problems without the interference of greed, as companies like Toms have demonstrated.

Political and economic rewiring must also take place. Often times, poverty is at the root of other humanitarian crises. By weeding corrupt politicians and toxic ideologies out of office and ensuring that all workers are fairly paid, and that jobs are available in the first place, countries overwhelmed by poverty can slowly climb the economic ladder. Politicians with the best interest of the rich and powerful are ones to avoid, but this is easier said than done. A good way to promote this change would be through education, since an educated society tends to make more informed political decisions.

These changes will take time, money, patience, and support, but it is imperative that the global community invests in long-term solutions to create sustainable, self-reliant, and successful communities. This piece is not to say that everyone should stop donating, it is to say that everyone must support charities which foster the growth of underprivileged populations with not necessarily the simplest solution, but the best solution.



OPINION

LET'S GET ORR TO SKIP THE STRAW

BY EMILY WILSON

When you throw away your plastic drinking straw every morning, do you ever stop and think, "Where will this straw end up?" Very few people realize the impact their plastic straws have on our environment, and as a result, plastic pollution is only becoming worse. Everyday in the United States, 500 million plastic straws are used and disposed of, according to the National Park Service. Since they cannot be recycled and cannot biodegrade, plastic straws find their way into our waterways and animals. But, luckily, there are other safe, cheap, and easy options. Biodegradable and reusable straws are within our grasp not only as individuals, but as a school. Right now, plastic straws are up for grabs in the cafeteria on the daily. If our cafeteria would change to another straw type, it could reduce our carbon footprint and potentially

influence other schools to make the switch. In order to accomplish this, ORR students need to come together to demonstrate that we care about our planet's health, and are willing to sacrifice plastic for something more environmentally friendly.

Plastic straws are among the most littered items on the planet, and are especially harmful to birds and sea life. Mary Lou Frey Nicholson, founder of Be the Solution to Pollution, a local beach cleanup group, is an outspoken advocate for reusable straws. She is mainly

concerned about the effect plastic straws have on animals. "Plastic straws are always one of top 5 items we find on beach cleanups," Nicolson claimed. "They are affecting seabirds. What happens is they eat the plastic and get ingestion problems because it blocks their digestive tract, usually killing them."

There is no question that plastic straws are a problem, but what can be done? Reusable metal, glass, and bamboo straws are very easy to obtain and can be purchased on Amazon for as little as \$1.29. They can also be found in stores like Target and Walmart. Some come with their own cleaning brushes, designed to scrub the tube's hard-to-reach interior. As individuals, it's relatively easy to be rid of single-use straws, but can we rally a large institution to do the same?

ORR's Director of Food Service, Jill Henesey, is considering biodegradable straws for environmental reasons. Henesey is in charge of cafeteria purchasing for the entire ORR district. Henesey commented, "It is a consideration for the coming year as long as the price will be cost effective, which may ultimately lead to doing away with straws altogether. If I can find a cost effective way to eliminate the plastic straws, then I can do so by possibly changing to biodegradable." Federal regulations require all food to be sourced locally and American made. Henesey also ensures that the salad containers are made from 100% recycled plastic. The cafeteria is doing well in terms of sustainability, and the staff clearly cares about our environmental impact. With the support of students, switching to paper straws, or eliminating them completely, should be doable.

When considering a replacement for plastic straws, especially for a large establishment such as a high school, it is important to research the cost and what kind of budget changes it would entail. Unfortunately, since the cost of plastic is so low, switching to another type of straw would prove costly. According to Henesey, one box of plastic straws costs \$2.17. One case costs \$27.72. For paper straws, the unit price is about 100 times greater. Although straws do not need to be repurposed often, the school would still need to increase its cafeteria budget in order to accommodate this change, proving the switch to be a burdensome transition.

With the high cost of biodegradable straws in mind, purchasing no straws at all may be a more efficient solution. According to Henesey, plastic



Customers at a Malibu restaurant using pasta straws. Photo Credit: KCBS-TV/KCAL-TV/CNN

drinking straws need to be repurchased only one time per year or less. Freshman Amanda Wheeler commented, "I've never seen anyone use a cafeteria straw." Instead of the school spending 100 times more on biodegradable straws, this solution would actually reduce costs.

The boycotting or banning of plastic straws is a hot-button issue. Recently, news broke of the European Commission's proposal to ban plastic straws, along with plastic plates and cutlery. According to the Financial Times, Jyrki Katainen, commission vice-

president, said: "Plastic can be fantastic, but we need to use it more responsibly. Single use plastics were not a smart economic or environmental choice." If this proposal is acted on, Europe would need to invest in sustainable products for schools, businesses, hospitals, and other facilities. In February of 2018, when a plastic straw ban was instituted in Malibu, California, restaurant owners had to get creative. One restaurant switched to pasta straws as an alternative. They were an instant hit among customers because they don't change the flavor of the beverage and they produce no harmful plastic waste.

The best way to persuade our district to make the switch is to show that we care. We can do this by using sustainable products, supporting our Environmental Club, and also, by speaking our minds. The only way to make change is to voice our opinions, and it is important that we feel comfortable doing so. If you feel strongly that the cafeteria needs to stop purchasing plastic straws, say something. Henesey encourages students to voice their feedback about anything cafeteria related, including our school's purchasing choices. She commented, "Elementary school kids are asking me [about biodegradable straws]. I had a sit-down conversation with elementary school kids about their environmental concerns." Henesey always appreciates constructive criticism. "If no one comes to talk to me about their concerns or honest feedback, then how will I know what students want or what their concerns are?" If you would like to meet with Ms. Jill Henesey to discuss your concerns about cafeteria purchasing, email her at jillhenesey@oldrochester.org to make a difference.

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SATIRE: ORR IMPLEMENTS CONTROVERSIAL NEW DRESSCODE POLICY

BY CARLY O'CONNELL AND MICHAELA MATTSON



A leg-less ORR girl (left) and a shoulder-less ORR girl (right) enjoying the sunny courtyard.

Effective December 1st, 2018, Old Rochester Regional High School will initiate a new dress code policy to prevent adolescent girls' shoulders from distracting boys from



A shoulderless female student happy that she can finally wear tank tops to school.

their studies. This policy requires that everyone who identifies as female either invests in some flamboyant 80's blazers with shoulder pads to wear on a daily basis, or remove their shoulders altogether.



A female student with no legs peacefully chatting with a male student.

The purpose of this new policy is to allow males to receive an education uninterrupted by the sex appeal of bare shoulders. Dress code critics have voiced their opinion that this policy is taking it too far, but supporters believe that it has not been taken far enough. One ORR administrator, who wished to remain anonymous, said this: "Not only should girls' shoulders be cut off, but their thighs as well. Since half-covered thighs practically scream 'sex,' the only appropriate way to counteract this is to completely get rid of them."

Others, with half a feminist bone in their bodies, claim that this new dress code is objectifying young women's bodies and removing them from an educational setting to scold them about their everyday clothing. To that, we say "No way! Not at the progressive Old Rochester!" Productivity in classrooms is expected to skyrocket with the addition of this rule. Boys of the Old Rochester community can finally learn in peace, unplagued by the site of naked shoulders.

At the most recent school board meeting, parents and students alike expressed frustration over this new policy, claiming that 80's shoulder pads are unnecessary, and that the fabric of regular clothes is enough. They also claimed that removing girls' shoulders is much too harsh. The implementers of this rule shot back: "No one technically *has* to remove their shoulders! Massive 80's shoulder pads are an option too, and they're expected to make distraction in classrooms impossible."

ORR students have mixed opinions about this new rule. One anonymous male

student had this to say: "I'm glad I can finally focus on learning without any distractions. Now, are we done here? I'm trying to play fortnite." These words of wisdom resonate with many ORR students, who also think the sight of distracting exposed shoulders is a breach of their rights. Female students have spoken out about this new rule, claiming that girls' education and dignity is being undervalued and disrespected. Their quotes were much too bossy and hysterical to publish, but one thing is for sure: these new dress code amend



An ORR staff member teaching an improperly dressed student that "character" counts.

ments are for the best. Distraction is a serious problem in modern classrooms, and massive 80's shoulders pads combined with shoulder-less students will certainly promote uninterrupted learning.

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SPORTS

SPORTS UPDATES: VARSITY FOOTBALL STAYS ON TOP

BY JADA FIELDS



The Boys Varsity Football Team during their undefeated season.
Photo Credit: ORR Boys Varsity Football

This year, the Boys Varsity Football Team has had a perfect season. The athletes started their season with three shutouts in a row leading up to their 9-0 winning streak. They are the second team in over 40 years to start with 3 back to back shutouts. Their supporters have faith that the team will win Friday, November 9th's game against Ashland to advance Gillette for the Super Bowl. Both teams are, 9-0 but that hasn't stopped the Dogs before. Two weeks ago at an away game, the Dogs took on the undefeated Cardinals. In the end, the Dogs came out on top. Last week, the Dogs defeated another highly successful team at home, the Dedham Marauders who, before encountering ORR, were undefeated 8-0. They won 34-14, hopefully setting the tone for next Friday's semifinals game. Good luck against Ashland, Bulldogs!

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CAREER CORNER

A CAREER PATH WORTHWHILE: INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIR

BY KATELYN LUONG AND EMMA VIVINO

In high school, students are put under an enormous amount of pressure to find a 4-year college that suits their desired major. They are bombarded with voices, coming from all directions, that scream, "College is the right path!" and blasted with emails from universities begging "Pick me!" Experts agree that pressure to attend college is not healthy for modern teenagers and that other options should be made more accessible.

"There's that perception of the bachelor's degree being the American dream, the best bang for your buck," said Kate Blossveren Kreamer, deputy executive director of Advance CTE, an association of state officials who work in career and technical education. "The challenge is that in many cases it's become the fallback. People are going to college without a plan, without a career in mind, because the mindset in high school is just, 'Go to college.' "

What is often overlooked during these crucial years is the importance of alternative trades which don't usually require a 4-year degree. These lines of work are vital to a functioning society and economy, yet students are not always given the same opportunities to explore them. There are many career paths which require the minimum of a high school diploma along with an associates degree or training, one field being installation, maintenance, and repair. A career in this field can be very worthwhile and requires a skilled craftsperson. These workers are in high demand and the job outlook is great, which is beneficial to anyone pursuing this path, as the job search will not last long for the right person. Installation, maintenance, and repair is the busi-

ness of fixing and maintaining machines, mechanical equipment, and buildings. A person working in this field may be expected to paint, repair floors, and work on plumbing, electrical, air-conditioning, and heating systems.

"People are going to college without a plan, without a career in mind, because the mindset in high school is just, 'Go to college.' "

By 2026, the number of jobs in this field is projected to grow by 7%. As of May 2017, the median annual wage for a job

in installation, maintenance, and repair was \$44,520. Comparatively, this annual salary is \$6,830 higher than the median wage for all occupations. Choosing a career in this field pays well and is in high demand.

One example of a career in this field is a line installer and repairer. Lineworkers either install and repair electrical power lines or telecommunications lines. A person can become a line worker with a high school diploma, job-specific training, and an associates degree in power distribution technology. This job is vital to most modern societies across the world.

New Bedford resident, George Wilson, is employed as an Overhead Leader in the Line Department at Eversource Energy. "My primary responsibilities are to perform linework, manage our truck, fill out timesheets and other required reports, and most importantly,

ensure the safety of my crew," stated Wilson. Wilson has been employed as a line worker for 31 years and has completed extensive training based mainly on electrical theory and safety. To be successful as a lineworker, Wilson emphasizes that one must have a specific skill set. "First and foremost, following directions and safety regulations is key. You can't be afraid of heights or electricity, and mechanical skills are also necessary." During his high school years, Wilson had a strong aptitude for science and electrical theory and recommends that prospective lineworkers gain exposure to these subjects to ensure that this career is right for them. In closing, Wilson stated: "This is an excellent trade. It has benefits, it pays well, it's stable, meaning you'll always be able to find work. You could go anywhere in the world to do this."

With the many intense storms this past winter, countless people in the affected areas were without power for days. Line installers and repairers were needed around the clock. Some workers had to travel all the way from Canada as well as other states. Unfortunately, with increased demand comes atypical work hours. Line workers may have to work holidays, weekends or nights. However, overtime pay generally compensates for irregular or inconvenient hours. The median annual pay for electrical power-line installers and repairers was \$69,380, while the median annual pay for telecommunications line installers and repairers was \$55,060, as of May 2017.

Featuring a wide range of careers



George Wilson beside the truck he manages.
Photo Credit: Emily Wilson

from electricians to mobile equipment technicians, installation, maintenance, and repair is an excellent option for many students who want to find employment in a trade rather than a 4-year degree. The ORR Guidance Department, which consists of 3 school counselors, Ms. McPhee, Ms. Perry, & Ms. Shields would like to invite students interested in pursuing a career in the skilled trade field to make an appointment with us to discuss in further detail.

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George Wilson demonstrating the proper way to wear grafts, a tool used for climbing wooden electrical poles. Photo Credit: Emily Wilson



An Eversource Energy truck. Photo Credit: Emily Wilson

ENTERTAINMENT

POETRY CORNER

American Circus

By Mariana Hebert

if you were to ask
someone like me,
i'd have to say
we are a broken people

not that we can be fixed
not everything can be fixed
but what if we are just lost,
Helplessly

maybe if we had tried
harder;
to learn each other's names,
appreciate the sound of rain.
but there was never time for
that

we were always so busy
looking for new ways to
keep busy, buying and
wasting time were our
favorite hobbies

that's not what we were
Meant to be, American
Dream,
live your life to the fullest
every day's a circus
and you shouldn't have to
buy your way in

that ticket was too expensive
anyway, i didn't really want
to go
anyway, the circus
was never my cup of tea.

TEACHER TRIVIA ANSWERS:

(Questions taken from page 3)

1. Dark Brown
2. Mr. Allain
3. Mr. McElroy
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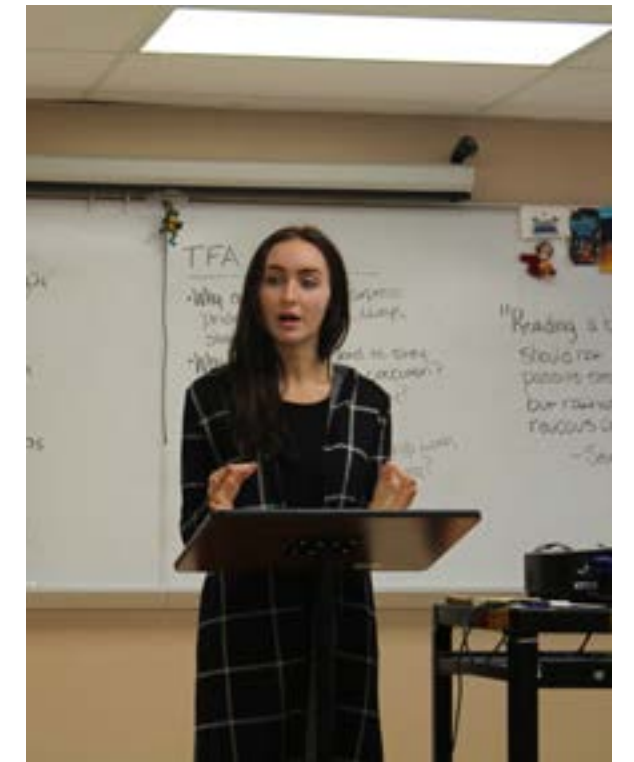
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