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ADVANCED PLACEMENT

"High school work seems absurdly simple, basic, unnecessary." So writes a talented young man describing his senior year in high school following a summer's participation in Trinity's Transition to College Plan.

"One of our graduates tells me he is very happy he went to Trinity except that one of his courses is largely a repetition of a course he had at our high school." So speaks a principal of a strong Connecticut high school.

For too many years high schools have chosen to ignore the fact that many of their better students coast through the senior year. And too often colleges have compounded the error by requiring that their freshmen coast down the same slope again.

In the last decade there have been three separate efforts to give continuity to the study of gifted students during their final years of secondary school and first years of college. The first of these was Early Admission under which bright students with excellent records of achievement were permitted to proceed directly from the eleventh grade to the freshman year of college. This plan, although still used by some colleges for a very small number of students each year, has won little approval from parents, schools, or colleges.

Much better received has been Advanced Placement. Under the guidance of the College Entrance Examination Board secondary schools offer college-level courses to talented upperclassmen. At the conclusion of the courses standard examinations are administered and graded by the CEEB and the results supplied to colleges designated by each student. In 1961 over one thousand schools and over six hundred colleges were participating in this program.

Finally, a number of colleges have opened their summer classes to selected secondary school students. One of the earliest and most highly developed plans of this kind is Trinity's Transition to College Plan.

It has become increasingly apparent that the combination of Advanced Placement and the Transition Plan can result in a significant decreasing of the appalling waste of time of our most talented young men and women which still too often characterizes the senior year of secondary school and the freshman year of college. For the individual there can be a saving, not only of time, but of money as well. For example, a recent analysis at Trinity has shown that the student who can enter with credit in

three courses (let us say two Advanced Placement courses and one course under the Transition Plan) can easily reduce his stay in college by one year and the cost of his college education by \$2,610.

Impressive as the growth of Advanced Placement has been, more impressive is the fact that it still has far to go. In a state so long identified with high standards in education as Connecticut, 30 public high schools and 20 private schools participate in the Advanced Placement program, but 80 secondary schools do not participate! Further, many of those who do participate do so in a very limited way. The high school of the boy referred to in the second paragraph is one which obviously should take advantage of the Advanced Placement program. If the boy's current study is indeed repetitious he would undoubtedly have obtained a grade on the Advanced Placement examination sufficiently high that he would have received full credit for the course prior to entering Trinity.

In an effort to encourage schools to introduce, or to expand their work in, Advanced Placement courses the College sponsored on March 29 a statewide conference on Advanced Placement. Four speakers presented a practical, candid picture of Advanced Placement in an effort to explain its advantages and at the same time help schools anticipate the problems and difficulties they will encounter in introducing the program.

Two hundred members of boards of education, teachers, and school administrators attended the conference, about twice the attendance expected. Dean Robert M. Vogel presided over the discussion among five speakers: the response to the speakers matched the enthusiasm indicated by the attendance. It is hoped that some of those who attended will heed the warning of Principal Stanley H. Lorenzen of Westport High School that "an awful lot of Connecticut children are being short changed" as long as this state's participation in Advanced Placement is so small.

Trinity aligned itself very early with Advanced Placement. In 1959 it introduced the Transition Plan, and in 1961 it offered two demonstration Advanced Placement courses in the summer school (there will be three in 1962). Now this conference. It is probably safe to claim that no college has shown greater interest or has expended more effort in the cause of improving the progression of able and ambitious students from secondary school to college.

ALUMNI TRUSTEE NOMINEES

The Nominating Committee of the Alumni Association has announced the names of three candidates for Alumni Trustee for a term of one year to replace Barclay Shaw '35, named a Life Trustee in January, and three candidates for a term of six years.

Recent legislation has made it possible for the Trustees to revise the Charter of the College in respect to the eligibility to vote for and to be nominated for Alumni Trustee. The revision also provides for an eventual total of six instead of three Alumni Trustees, one being elected each successive year for a term of six years.

Complete details concerning the revision, the biographies of the nominees and the ballots will be mailed to all alumni in the near future.

Nominees for a term of one year:

Oliver F.
Johnson '35



Charles T.
Kingston '34



J. Ronald
Regnier '30



William H.
Gorman II '39



Charles F.
Johnson II '42



Harris K.
Prior '32

Nominees for a term of six years:

CERBERUS

The Cerberus, a sophomore-junior society of thirty members which serves the College as official host, has been actively engaged during the year in assisting the Admissions Office by acting as hosts to prospective students who come to visit the College for a weekend—taking the visitor along to class, showing him a bit of social life and generally acquainting him with life at Trinity.

Members of Cerberus spent part of their spring recess working for the College in the recruitment of students from their own secondary schools. This activity, originally undertaken by the Senate, has now become a regular function of the Cerberus.

Each member is responsible for the showing of the new Admissions film-strip and narration of life at Trinity to high school sophomores and juniors. The Cerberus representative answers questions, giving the undergraduate's point of view, and is often able to meet and talk with students and recommend good Trinity prospects to the Admissions Office. Some Cerberus members have shown the film-strip to as many as five or six schools and will continue the program until June.

Stanley J. Marcuss Jr. '63, president of Cerberus, and J. Stanley Snowden Jr. '64, chairman of recruitment, have been instrumental in the planning and execution of this outstanding program.

FACULTY NOTES

Dr. **Edmond LaB. Cherbonnier**, chairman of the religion department, has received a post-doctoral Lilly Fellowship for 1962-63. Dr. Cherbonnier, who has been a member of the Trinity faculty since 1955, was awarded the fellowship to do research in England on the philosophy of religion. He has been granted a sabbatical leave to complete this work.

Dr. **Philip C. F. Bankwitz**, associate professor of history, has been awarded the William Koren Prize for 1961 given annually for the best article by an American or Canadian author on French history. Dr. Bankwitz's article, "Maxime Weygand and the Army-Nation Concept in the Modern French Army," was published in the *French Historical Studies*.

Dr. **Gustave W. Andrian** '40 delivered his inaugural address as Professor of Modern Languages, speaking on "The Foreign Language and Literature in the Liberal Arts Curriculum." Dr. Andrian stated in his address that language is "the most highly developed single system in human behavior." He will spend Trinity Term 1963 on sabbatical leave completing a literary text for first-year Spanish courses.

Professor **Karl Kurth** of the physical education department in his inaugural address, "Fitness: A Presidential Challenge to American Colleges and Universities," said that "destruction follows neglect, whether it be the mind or the physical body," and added that colleges "must meet individual needs with individual programming."

STUDENT HONORS

Twenty-six Dean's List students were honored by the College at a dinner held in recognition of academic achievement. Dr. Jacobs spoke to the scholars, all of whom have maintained an average of ninety or better during the past term. Trustees Henry S. Beers '18, president of the Aetna Life Affiliated Companies, and Ostrom Enders, chairman of the Hartford National Bank and Trust Company, and Dr. Arthur H. Hughes, vice president and dean of the faculty, were also present to honor the scholars.

Three seniors have been awarded fellowships for graduate study on recommendation of the faculty: David J. Gates of Needham Heights, Mass., the Mary A. Terry Fellowship; David E. Wilson of Milwaukee, Wis., the H. E. Russell Fellowship; Mark Shapiro of Hartford, the W. H. Russell Fellowship.

Gates, who was recently named a Woodrow Wilson Fellow, is majoring in economics. Wilson, who received honorable mention in the national Woodrow Wilson Fellowships, is a classics and history major, and Shapiro intends to do advanced work in mathematics and physics.

Rockefeller Brothers Fund Fellowships have been awarded to two seniors. Although the Fellowship provides funds for one year at the seminary of the Fellow's choice, it does not obligate the students to continue their theological studies after one "trial year." The recipients, both religion majors, are William M. Polk of New York City and Peter B. Morrill of Ridgewood, New Jersey.

BANTAM'S-EYE VIEW OF SPORTS

While the Major Leaguers were still playing for grapefruits and most college nines were playing exhibitions, Trinity was putting its record on the line. The one victory and two losses hardly reflect the fact that Trinity has one of the best fielding and hitting units on any campus in the East.

If a warm spring and hard work can take the kinks out of the pitching, the Bantam's final record will bear out this observation; otherwise, it may remain shrouded in losses due to mediocre pitching.

But whatever happens the members of this team like to play baseball and have fun while they do. Unlike some reports coming out of the big leagues, there is no dissension on this team and no holdouts.

Leaving Trinity at 7 A.M. the team journeyed to the University of Delaware where they faced the Mid Atlantic Coast Champions at 4 P.M. Undaunted by the long trip, the team took its first game 12-7 in six innings. Darkness as well as the Bantams overtook the Blue Hens.

After a downpour in Washington, D.C., which allowed George Washington University to escape with a 6-4 victory after 5½ innings, many Trin players huddled under a tree and talked to alumni who came out for the game.

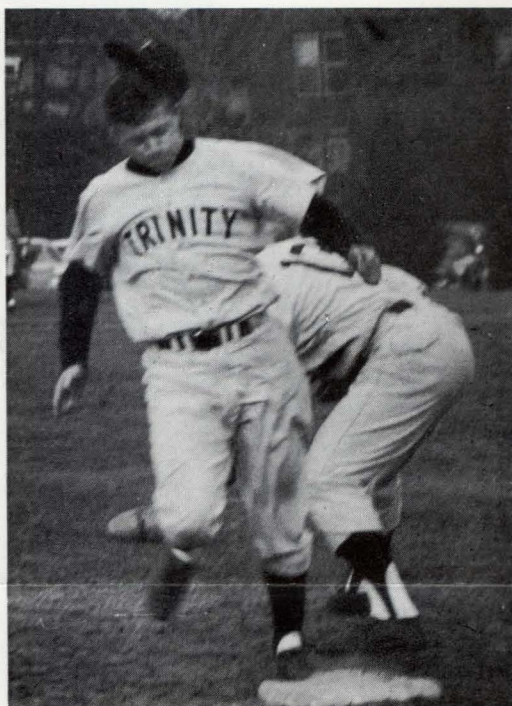
About 100 Trinity rooters arrived at Baker Field to watch the Bantams battle highly talented Columbia before losing 5-3 in a tilt that was anybody's game until the final out. Some of Trin's best pitching came in this game with Pete Landerman relieving in the fifth with no outs, and two base runners. He retired the Lions on 12 pitches. He allowed only one run over the next three innings.

Trinity has lettermen at every position: Doug Anderson, 1b; Bill Polk, 2b; Tom Halloran, ss; Wes Feshler, 3b; Rollie Johnson, c; and outfielders Tom Calabrese, Sam Winner, Dave Raymond and Bill Leahy.

In the three games mentioned, Trinity batters collected 19 hits with Polk leading the sluggers with five for 10; Anderson, four for 11; and Johnson and Calabrese, three for 10.

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No doubt there is no more industrious a group than the hard-working Trinity College Rowing Association. During spring vacation Trinity's crew (informal sport) launched the season auspiciously with a victory



Shortstop Tom Halloran of Storrs beats out infield hit in game against Yale. Trin won 5-3 behind effective relief pitching of Pete Landerman. It was Trinity's fifth baseball victory over Yale in six years.

over Drexel on the Schuylkill River. The rowers, still waiting for their new shell, outrowed their Philadelphia opponents by three-quarters of a length over the mile and 5/16 course in a shell borrowed last year from Clark University.

Trinity's first race on "home waters" in 22 years was held on the Connecticut River in a triangular race with Clark and Iona April 28.

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SOME FOOTNOTES TO THAT WINTER SPORTS BANQUET: The swimming team, Trinity's most successful in 15 years, pulled a real switch when they presented a trophy to the College rather than the other way around. Said the mermen's articulate captain, Tom Bundy, "We felt, in honor of our coach Bob Slaughter, that the College should have this plaque to be awarded annually to the most improved swimmer." With-

out his suspecting why, the seniors had learned from Coach Slaughter who he thought was the most improved swimmer, and then had the plaque engraved: "Most Improved Swimmer 1961-62, Donald McLagan." The sophomore breast-stroker from Manchester had clipped 10 seconds from his time during the course of many hours of practice which included voluntary workouts on Sundays.

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The captains of each team traditionally make a post-season report at the dinner and, although only a club activity, the hockey team was represented and Bill Polk came up with this gem . . . "I think the high point of our season was when we beat Amherst, and the low point was reached when Trinity traveled to Choate to play Wesleyan while Wesleyan traveled to Loomis to play Trinity."

SPORTS AT HOME

Baseball:

May 9	Coast Guard	3:30
May 12	Wesleyan	2:30
May 15	Worcester Tech	3:30

Lacrosse:

May 1	Union	3:30
May 19	Wesleyan	2:30

Crew:

May 19	Marist College	2:00
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Track:

May 5	Vermont	2:00
May 8	Worcester Tech	3:15
May 16	Amherst	3:15

Freshman Parents Day Baseball Game:

May 5	Univ. of Mass.	2:30
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WE QUOTE

"The freedom of our generation can only be preserved if we coordinate our effort in economic and commercial fields more than we have in the past. The European Community (Common Market) has progressed faster than anticipated and is now three years ahead of schedule. . . . For a lasting peace we must give up certain sovereign rites to an international assembly. First, economically, and second, politically. The first will lead to the second."—

Dr. Philipp Schmidt-Schlegel (German Consul, Boston) *Wean Lounge*.

"Marxism attempts to explain the relationship of man to man, and man to society, but it does not explain the relationship of man to the cosmos. It explains the pain in one's stomach, but not the universe and why things are."—**Rabbi Israel Mowshowitz** (Hillcrest Jewish Center) *12th Annual Embassy Day*.

"We must recognize that Communist Russia is a managerial, class conscious bureaucracy and that Marx would turn over in his grave if he saw what was going on there today."—**Dr. William A. Johnson** (Trinity College Religion Department) *12th Annual Embassy Day*.

"Choice is possible in Quantum Mechanics, yet it transcends it. Choice cannot be defined. Physics has taken freedom out of the wastebasket of doubt and confusion. Physics will not solve the problem of choice by itself. Science will be even further extended and humanized."—

Dr. Henry Margenau (Yale University) *John E. Candele Memorial Phi Beta Kappa Lecture*.

"The trend in Africa is toward the American system of education. We voted this year to change our calendar year to coincide with the one in this country. . . . I am grateful to Trinity for its interest in Cuttington College and hope to further the relationship between our colleges."—

Christian E. W. Baker (President, Cuttington College, Liberia, West Africa) *Cuttington Committee of the Chapel Vestry*.

"The southern Negro will win his battle for civil liberties and equality within five years. . . . Final emancipation of the Negro will be an economic necessity for the South, rather than an intellectual concession. It is a common fact that industry will not enter areas of grave conflict and unstable social conditions."—**Professor Clement Eaton** (University of Kentucky) *Mead History Lecture*.



The 30-foot antenna located atop the Chemistry building boosts power of WRTC-FM so it can now be heard as far away as Springfield and New Haven.

CAMPUS NEWS

The Glee Club, directed by Dr. Clarence Barber, toured five states during spring vacation. While passing through New Concord, Ohio, the group stopped and sang a very informal concert for Astronaut John Glenn's parents, who gave them a photograph of their famous son—the club had presented the Glenns a Trinity ashtray as a souvenir of their visit.

The club gave a concert with the Colby Junior College Concert Choir April 14 in Mather Hall. The two choirs joined in singing Randall Thompson's "Choruses from the American Mercury," a selection which uses reprints from newspaper articles as its musical setting, as well as Gilbert and Sullivan's "Yeoman of the Guard," with Peter Fish '62 as narrator.

The Trinidads performed at the University of Michigan with five

other colleges recently. The University of Michigan Interfraternity Council, which flew the Trinidads out to Ann Arbor for the event, reported that the concert was completely sold out.

The Campus Chest fund netted \$6,450 in its annual drive, student chairman Robert J. Mason announced. The money will be divided among eight groups: the Cross Roads Africa Project, \$1,250; the Albert Schweitzer Hospital in Haiti; Athens College; the World University Service; and the National Student Fund for Negro Students, \$940 each.

Trinity was host to the New England group of the National Association of Educational Buyers at its spring meeting, April 3–5. About 120 members of the group were welcomed by Dr. Jacobs at the Thursday luncheon. Mr. Ben A. Hudelson, general manager of Connecticut Educational Television which maintains offices and studio at the College, was the speaker at the opening dinner. After seminars at the College, the group toured Connecticut General Life Insurance Company then returned to the College for a session on office furniture.

Lt. Colonel Richard B. Olney, USAF, professor of air science, was the pilot of the SAC Transport which airlifted 42 selected Air Force ROTC cadets to the Arnold Air Society National Conclave at Los Angeles, April 11–14. The Arnold Air Society is an AFROTC honor society named for the late General Hap Arnold, a pioneer of aviation and the first Chief of Staff of the Air Force. Accompanying Colonel Olney from Trinity were Cadets Hiram R. Gooden '64, Balboa, Canal Zone, and Frederick L. Ashworth Jr. '64 of Bethesda, Maryland.

REFLECTIONS ON REUNION

"... reunion isn't all classmates, though, or parties. Almost more than anything else I enjoyed just sitting on the wide campus, more beautiful even than when we knew it, under the giant elms bending in a strong west wind, their shadows running back and forth over the grass like living things at play, and the Bishop standing there as always, giving his benediction to another graduating class. . . .

"It was thrilling to walk down the row of old buildings and the row of new ones, to sense the strength and authority that is in Trinity, and to see it in the faces of the men you passed."

Anonymous—

Excerpt from a letter to a classmate from his Class Secretary.