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Special Issue— Welcome Back To Campus

Kegs Banned In All Dorms

On August 28th, returning students and new students alike were startled to receive a letter from the Dean of Students Office regarding a change in the alcohol policy at Trinity College.

In response to what Director of Residential Life, Kathy Duggan, called "ongoing concerns... about disorderly behavior in the dorms," the Dean of Students Office and Office of Residential Life have conducted numerous studies regarding alcohol's place in the social atmosphere at Trinity, particularly the role of kegs in the residence halls.

It was concluded that "by their very nature, kegs invite large parties with free-flowing beer, and these are the kinds of gatherings our dormitories cannot physically sustain. Consequently, we [the Dean of Students Office] are extending the ban of kegs from freshman residences to all residences."

This is despite the results of the SGA-sponsored referendum of 1994 in which approximately half of the campus participated, which revealed that 90% of those voting opposed banning kegs from dorms.

While kegs will no longer be permitted in the residence halls, kegs may be present at functions in "approved community areas (e.g. Mather Hall and fraternity residences)." The Dean of Students Office hopes that this policy will "create safer, more comfortable residences for all."

Dorm Lounges A Reality

This year, new dormitory spaces were designated as lounges. Some renovations were made to spaces that needed upgrading, but for the most part, the spaces are still empty. According to the Director of the Office of Residential Life, Kathy Duggan, these spaces will be fully furnished and contain televisions with cable.

During the summer, cable television wires were installed to feed the lounges.

Dean Of Students In Hospital

Dean of Students David Winer has been in the hospital for the last week. According to Dean Thomas, Senior Associate Dean of Students, "He's been ill for about two weeks, with a high fever." She added that he was in the hospital, but may be leaving as soon as today. Winer was scheduled to teach a freshman seminar entitled "Transitions," which has been cancelled. The students in the seminar were also supposed to have Winer as their advisor, and have been told to select another freshman seminar.

Vernon Street To Become One Way

Members of the Trinity Administration convinced the Hartford City Council to place a traffic restriction on Vernon Street, the only city street running through the Trinity Campus. According to Director of Campus Safety, Brian Kelly, traffic will be unrestricted traveling eastbound down Vernon Street, but cars will not be able to enter the campus from the intersection of Broad and Vernon.

Eddie Perez, Director of Community Relations told *The Hartford Courant*, "In [the College's] opinion, Vernon Street is an accident waiting to happen."

Post Office

The Trinity Post Office underwent some major changes over the summer. All of the mailboxes were replaced and additional ones were added. In the past, some students were required to share post office boxes because there were not enough. Also, to avoid the occasional problem with Trinity mail being sent to Hartford post office boxes, the mailboxes are no longer numbered from 1 to 2,000. The new numbering system does not overlap with Hartford's post offices, as Trinity's boxes are numbered starting at 700,000.

From The Editor:

What's this, you say— an issue of *The Tripod* before classes even start? *The Tripod* decided that there had been an extraordinary amount of news over the summer break, and that a special issue of the newspaper would be a good way to get out the word a week earlier. This issue briefly covers the major stories that we will be working on for our first real issue which will be published on September 6. For those who aren't familiar with *The Tripod*, our normal look is 20-24 pages published on newsprint.

J.L.B.

Gerety News

Former Trinity President Tom Gerety was in the news this summer, in various articles including a recent one in *The Boston Globe*. Gerety left Trinity in the spring, shocking the campus with his announcement that he had accepted the Presidency of Amherst. Gerety was on the cover of the Spring 1994 issue of *Amherst Magazine*, where the Amherst Chairman of the Board of Trustees said, "We are confident we have found in Tom Gerety a person who will lead us to new distinction."

Gerety was quoted as saying, "I think Amherst is the best liberal arts college in the country. It has a special quality of intellectualism, the best students, the best faculty."

Gerety's inauguration ceremony will be held on Sunday, October 23rd at Amherst.

New Dean Of Faculty

Last month, Jill Reich was appointed to the position of Dean of Faculty. Her appointment follows Jan Cohn's announcement of resignation in October of last year. Many issues will face Dean Reich in the upcoming year, including the continuing implementation of the Strategic Plan.

Fire Alarm Kills Dance

The freshman orientation video dance party was interrupted when the fire alarm was pulled in Mather Hall. According to the President of TCAC, over 100 people were in attendance when the alarm went off, and almost none returned when the building reopened.

High Rise Installs New Locks

This year High Rise quads are sporting a new look with the installation of high-tech security locks. The locks are composed of a ten-digit panel. Each member of the room has a unique combination that opens the quad's door. The purpose of this, according to one resident, was so that Security would be able to monitor the traffic that flows through High Rise and to cut down on dormitory damage. This resident continued to say that currently the system is "confusing" and doubts that the plan will achieve its anticipated results.

Net News

This year, large scale availability of EtherNet became a reality on the Trinity Campus. EtherNet is a faster speed computer network, as opposed to the older AppleTalk network. All Macintoshes sold through the Computer Store this fall have EtherNet, and come with the necessary cables to hook into the new network. Computers without built-in EtherNet can be attached to the new network, but require a \$75-100 card. The new network is identical to the existing AppleTalk network, but is approximately ten times faster.

On a related note, EtherNet will not be available in Doonesbury dormitory for some time, as the fiber optics required to carry the EtherNet between buildings are still not fully installed. City of Hartford building inspectors stopped the installation this summer, when it was discovered that there was no building permit issued for the job.