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Honorary Degrees Awarded At Commencement

Gill To Speak At Commencement

Hartford, CT — Trinity College will award six persons honorary degrees at the College's 158th Commencement Sunday, May 20, 1984.

The names of the recipients were announced to the faculty May 8 by President James F. English, Jr.

Those to be honored are: Dr. Bernard Bailyn, Adams University Professor, Harvard University; The Right Reverend Clarence N. Coleridge, Bishop Suffragan of the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut; S. Herbert Evison '12, a conservationist; Brendan Gill, the critic and author; William H. Mortensen, a Hartford civic leader; and Margaret E. Murie, a conservationist and author. Brendan Gill will give the Commencement address, and Bishop Coleridge will preach at the Baccalaureate service.

Bernard Bailyn will receive a Doctor of Humane Letters degree (L.H.D.). An American historian and winner of the Pulitzer Prize, Bailyn has been a member of the Harvard faculty since 1949. His historical work centers on the history of the colonies, the American revolution, and the Anglo-American world in the pre-industrial era.

A native of Hartford, Bailyn is a graduate of Williams College and did his graduate work at Harvard. He was named a full professor at Harvard in 1961, Winthrop Professor of History in 1966, and Adams Professor in 1981.

He was co-editor of the journal, *Perspectives in American History* from 1967-77, and editor of the John Harvard Library from 1962-70.

Bailyn's seven books include two for which he received major awards. *The Ideological Origins of the American Revolution* won the Pulitzer and Bancroft prizes in 1968, and *The Ordeal of Thomas Hutchinson* received a National Book Award in 1975.

Bailyn was president of the American Historical Association in 1981. He holds honorary degrees from eight colleges and universities.

Clarence N. Coleridge will receive a Doctor of Divinity degree (D.D.). A native of Guyana, he is a graduate of Howard University and holds a divinity degree from Drew Theological Seminary, a degree in social work from the University of Connecticut, and a doctor of ministry degree from

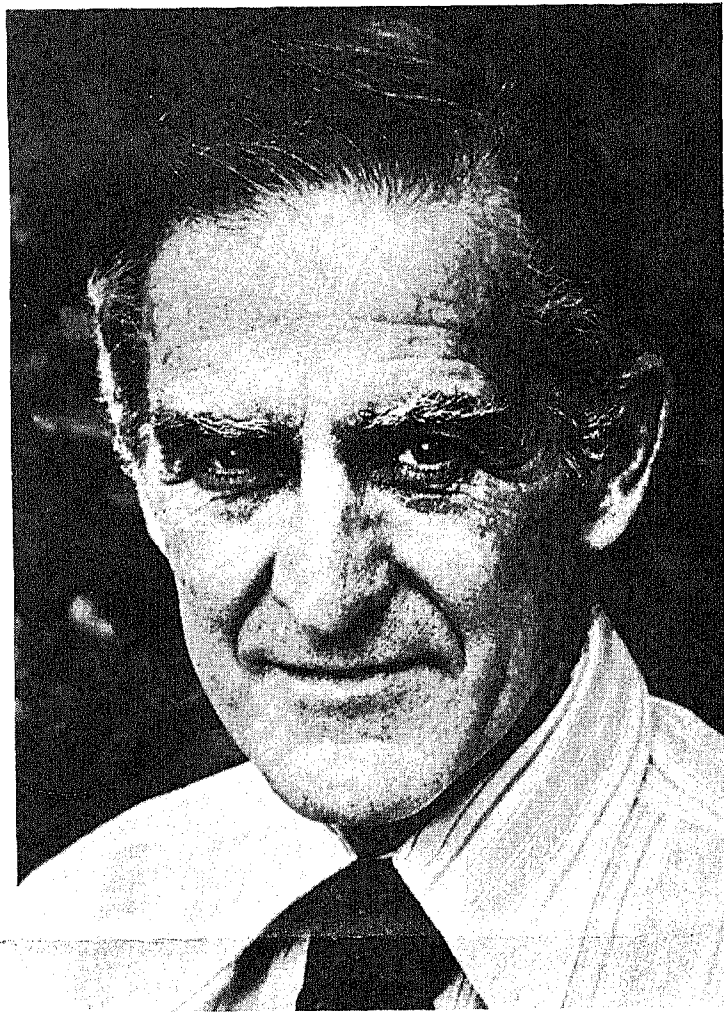
served as a curate in churches in New York before coming to Connecticut as rector of St. Mark's Church, Bridgeport, in 1966, where he served until 1981. He was elected a Bishop Suffragan in 1981, and as such has pastoral oversight of the western part of the diocese, from Litchfield to Greenwich.

Bishop Coleridge is a Diplomate of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors and supervises pastoral counselors in training. He is a member of the Academy of Certified Social Workers. He served on the board of Episcopal Social Service from 1968 to 1972, and has been director of the Unicorn counseling service of ESS, a position which included administering a state-wide network of professional counselors.

In the Connecticut diocese, he has served on the Social Concerns Committee, the Venture in Mission Education Committee, the Task Force on Hunger, and is president of the standing committee. He was elected chairman of the Connecticut Urban Caucus in 1980.

He was founder and administrator of St. Mark's Day Care Center in Bridgeport; a member of the Board of the United Way of Bridgeport; vice president of the board of Bridgeport Day Care, Inc., an agency supervising five day care centers; a member of the board of the YWCA of Bridgeport, and an adjunct professor of Union Graduate School for doctoral studies.

S. Herbert Evison will receive a Doctor of Humane Letters degree (L.H.D.). A New York native and



Brendan Gill

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a 1912 Trinity graduate, Evison has had a long and productive career in the conservation movement. He is largely responsible for the creation of a park system in the state of Washington.

In 1919, Evison established the Natural Parks Association of Washington, and organized grassroots support for a state park system. Two years later, he took a comprehensive state park bill to the legislature. Today, the Washington State park system is comprised of more than 100 units.

In 1929, Evison became executive secretary of the National conference on State Parks. With the establishment of the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1933, Evison was drafted by the National Park Service as supervisor of the State Park Emergency Conservation Work. In 1936, he was named forest manager of Region One of the National Park Service, with responsibility for most states east of Mississippi. He became chief of information for the National Park Service in 1945, a post he held until retirement in 1958.

He played a key role in the preparation of several important land use studies including *The Recreational Use of Land* in the U.S. and a ten-year development plan for the state park system.

Evison is the author of an oral history of the National Park Service, based on more than 400 personal interviews with early leaders in the effort. A book based on fifteen of these interviews is soon to be published.

He was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Medal from the U.S. Department of the Interior in 1958.

Brendan Gill will be awarded a Doctor of Letters degree (Litt.D.). A Hartford native, Gill is a grad-

uate of Yale. He joined the staff of *New Yorker* magazine in 1936, and at various times has been a "Talk" reporter, a fact writer, a novelist, and short story writer, a poet, a Broadway playwright, a movie critic, a drama critic, an historian and biographer. He is author of a dozen books, including the 1975 best seller *Here at the New Yorker*. His most recent project is a biography of architect Stanford White.

Gill wrote his first piece for the *New Yorker* in 1936. After the second World War, he was a frequent book reviewer and became the *New Yorker's* film critic in 1960. In 1968, he became the theatre critic, a post he still holds. He was elected president of the New York Drama Critics Circle in 1981.

In addition to his writing, Gill has for many years been a champion of architectural preservation. He played a part in campaigns to preserve Grand Central Terminal, Radio City Music Hall, the U.S. Customs House at Bowling Green, and the Historic commercial block which includes the Fraunces Tavern in lower Manhattan. He is former president of the Municipal Art Society and chairman of the New York Landmarks Conservancy. In 1980, he was awarded the Thomas Jefferson Award by the American Society of Interior Designers which is "presented each year to those who have made outstanding contributions toward preserving the nation's cultural, intellectual of natural heritage."

William H. Mortensen will receive a Doctor of Laws degree (L.L.D.). A native of Hartford, Mortensen has had a distinguished career as a civic leader.

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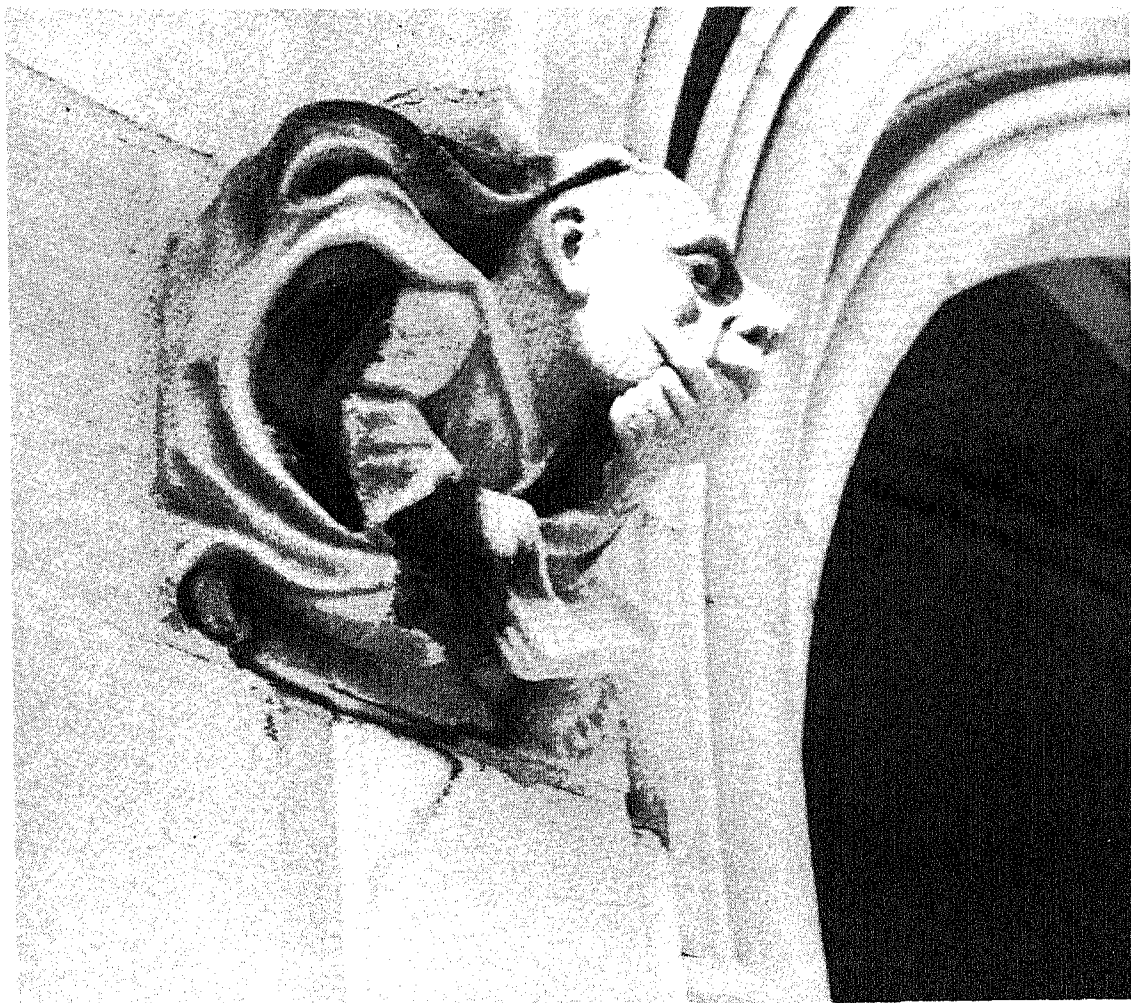


Margaret E. Murie

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Andover-Newton School of Theology. He studied at the American Foundation of Religion and Psychiatry for two years.

He was ordained a priest in the Episcopal Church in 1962, and



Coleridge to Preach At Baccalaureate

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He was named at the age of 25, managing director of the newly-opened Horace Bushnell Memo-



Clarence N. Coleridge

rial Hall, a post he held for nearly forty years (1929-1968). Largely through his influence, the Bushnell developed a broad and varied program which made it the center of the arts in Hartford, as well as a meeting place for political and civic groups. Mortensen established the Symphony series that brings orchestras from all over the world to Hartford annually, and was a leader in founding the Connecticut Opera Association.

He was a state senator from 1942-44 and mayor of Hartford from 1943-45. He served on the Hartford board of education from 1935-39, was chairman of the Citizens Charter Committee from 1946-54 and was commissioner of the Metropolitan District Commission from 1954-60.



Bernard Bailyn

He has been a director of Connecticut Bank and Trust Company, National Fire Insurance Company, Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Southern New England, Transcontinental Insurance of New York, and Hublein. He has been a trustee of director of numerous other organizations, including the Hartford Public Library (President 1968-1970), Hartford College for Women, the Mark Twain Memorial, and the Connecticut Commission for Higher Education. Mortensen at-



S. Herbert Evison

tended Antioch College and has an honorary degree from the University of Hartford.

Margaret E. Murie will receive a Doctor of Humane Letters degree (L.H.D.). A native of Seattle, Washington, Murie grew up in Alaska and was the first woman graduate of the University of Alaska. With her late husband, the noted biologist Olaus J. Murie, she worked on wildlife studies and on conservation causes in Wyoming, Alaska, New Zealand and Europe. She has continued this work since her husband's death in 1963, and is considered a pioneer of the conservation move-



William H. Mortensen

ment. She is the author of three books, the wilderness classic *Two in the Far North*, *Island Between*, and *Wapiti Wilderness* and was editor of her husband's book *Journey to the Far North*. Murie was honored in 1982 by the National Park Service as one of the all-time greats of the conservation movement. She was the first woman to receive the John Muir Award from the Sierra Club in 1982, and has received other awards from the Isaak Walton League and the Audubon Society. Murie is a member of the council of the Wilderness Society, which her husband led first as director and later as president. Now 82, Murie spends more than half her time giving talks on behalf of conservation causes.

Trinity's Commencement will be held Sunday, May 20 at 2 p.m. on the Quad. In case of rain, the Commencement will be held in Ferris Athletic Center.



Spruance Reminsces About Th

by Lea Spruance

The reality of Trinity is living in High Rise and 216 New Britain. It's living in a quad with three other people and in a single by yourself. It's imagining that you are Diana Ross and the Supremes, strutting your stuff across the make-believe stage, using a stick of roll-on deodorant or a blow-dryer as your microphone. It's turning on the television precisely at 1:00 p.m. for the favorite soap and Wednesday nights at 9:00

p.m. to imagine that you are Crystal Carrington of *Dynasty*. I know the reality of munching on a bag of M&M's, a bowl of hot popcorn, a Wendy's salad, a Campus pizza or a six pack of Tab. I know the reality of having serious talks late at night about our lives, our families, our freshmen crushes and our problems. We'd laugh, cry, giggle or fight or just sit around in silence, gazing at the ivy walls covered with posters, picture framed collages, rejection letters and Bert & Ernie of Sesame Street. I know the reality of sitting on a bench in the Quad, watching the sunset, listening to the radio, or just sitting there, thinking about life. I know the reality of being a student at Trinity College, and I know the reality of being a member of the Trinity College community.

First Annual Tripod Editorial Awards

Among this year's graduating class there are a number of people who were active on the *Tripod* during their four years here. The staff wishes to thank these students for their contribution in our own peculiar way.

The *Tripod Cleanliness-is-next-to-Godliness Award* goes to Jennifer F.E. Wolfe, who edited the *Tripod* during the Fall of 1983.

Jennifer, who will go down in history as the only editor who ever confused Professor Egan with Professor Kassow, will also be fondly remembered for her insistence on having a fastidiously spotless office; an ambition which has yet to be fulfilled.

Jennifer also holds the dubious honor of being the shortest *Tripod* editor in history. More than once she could be seen sitting on the phone book, peering over her computer keypad at the glowing green lights of the Apple computer screen.

Jennifer also receives the *Reckless Driver Award*. More than one editor has sworn never to be caught dead in the SGA wagon or any other vehicular mode of transportation with Jennifer.

After editing the *Tripod* Jennifer went on to co-edit the newly formed *Questioner*.

Jennifer will spend this summer working on her home town newspaper and will then teach in Portugal. She plans to attend law school in the Fall of 1985.

The *Tripod Black Lung Award* goes to A. Marc Ackerman who never failed to introduce the young and inexperienced *Tripod* editors to new and different ways to smoke cigarettes. Marc is also to be thanked for coming up with those great Writing Center Ads, as well as some fine additions to the *Tripod* ceiling graffiti collection.

As a Mather supervisor, Marc is one of the few people who has stepped on almost every flat surface of Mather with bare feet. Did you ever finish your logs, Marc?

Our next award is the *Tripod Computer Endurance Award*

which is being awarded to Mary Ann Corderman who was editor during the Fall of 1982. Mary Ann was responsible for the *Tripod* moving from the Dark Ages into the world of computer technology. She also changed the lay-out format to it's present state. When we think of Mary Ann's editorship we remember late nights, John "Okaaaaaay" Hardy, Bob-the-Vegetable and massive computer screw-ups.

During her term as editor, the *Tripod* staff, disgruntled with continued and trying computer problems, went on strike. The strike lasted for a week and slowly, but surely, the computer process at the *Tripod* became smooth.

The *Tripod Ivy League Car-Packing Award* also goes to Mary Ann, who holds the record for stuffing eight editors into a sub-compact car. This record was recently challenged by Royce Dalby, who managed to cram seven editors into a two-door Subaru. Better luck next time, Royce.

The *Tripod Mellow Man Award* goes to Steve Klots, who has been involved in the paper in one form or another for quite a while. He has held the position of reporter, Managing Editor and Advertising Manager.

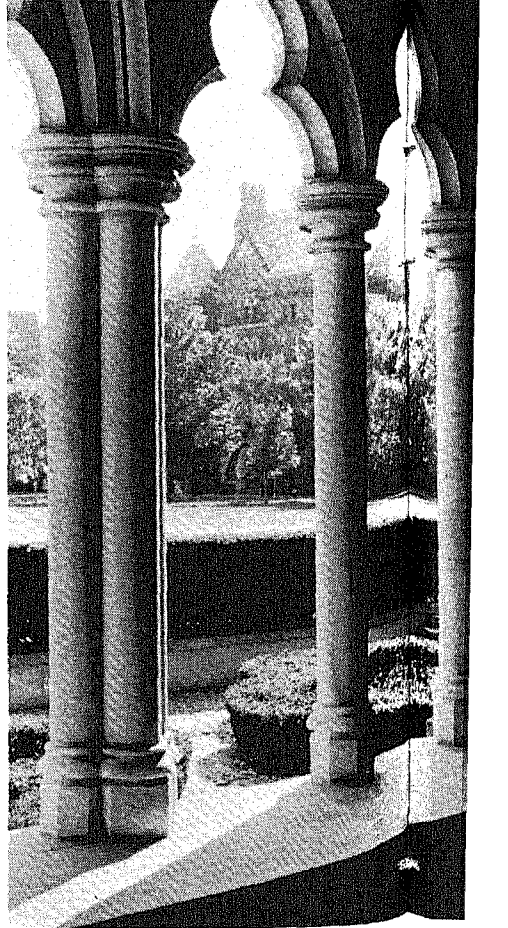
Steve, along with being an accomplished runner, holds the *Tripod Late-Night Headline Writing Award*. Steve, always a stickler for proper grammar, came up with some of the all-time great headlines known to college journalism.

Steve has also been helpful when it comes to knowing nearly every single type of beer brewed in the world. Not only does he

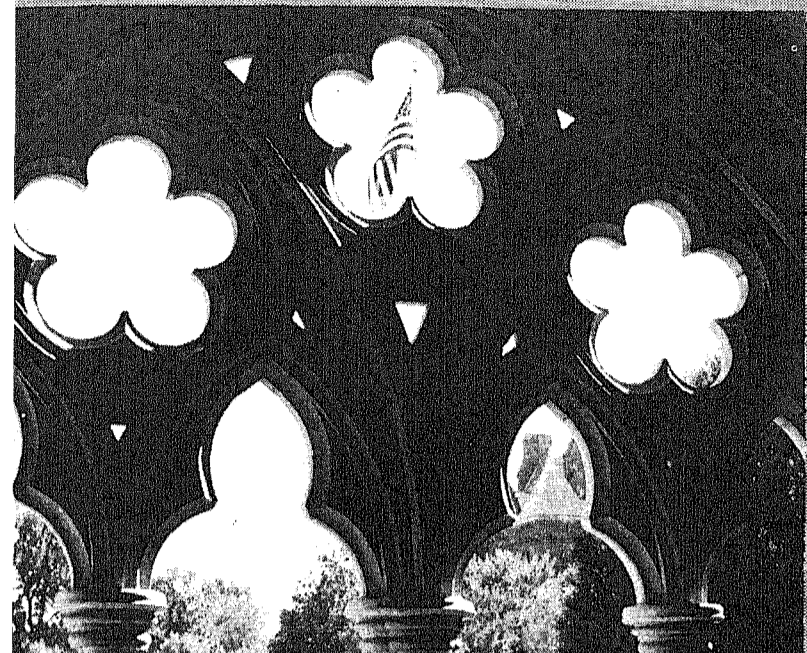
know their names, he's even drank most of them.

Tripod Honorable Mentions go to Bill Gregg, Carl Rosen, Andrew Yurkovsky, Kurt Kusiak, Ian McFarland, Martha Townes and Martha Cross.

Thanks for all your help and good luck.



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The Good and Bad Times At Trinity

Sesame Street. I know the reality of skipping classes for a drive in the country, sunbathing on the Quad or a run to Friendly's for ice cream.

The reality of Trinity is the reality of being there and more. It's shooting baskets in Unit D, playing on a varsity team, going to dances in the Washington Room, singing carols in the Chapel, listening to the Pipes sing in Hamlin Hall, walking down the Long Walk, browsing through the Watkinson Library, pulling an all

nighter to study for an exam or to type a twenty-page paper, buying books at Follett's, standing in the long line at Saga for lunch, visiting an art exhibition at the Austin Arts Center, the lottery system for housing, tolerating registration each semester, working behind the grill at Saga, and meeting your advisor about your major in the Cave.

On the more serious side, the reality of Trinity is selecting stimulating courses geared toward your major or your interests. The

reality of Trinity is the "freedom to develop the mind," an open curriculum, tradition, internships, and becoming aware through the Trinity Alcohol Awareness Program or Awareness Day...The reality of Trinity is being there to have this experience. As a senior, reflection upon these past four years provokes a sense of sadness and yet, at the same time, a sense of gladness. Sadness because the end is near and gladness because the past four years have been among the best in my life. Here's to you, Class of 1984!



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Crews Grab 3 Medals At Dad Vail Regatta

by Stephen K. Gellman
Sports Editor

Trinity's rowers came through with a strong performance last weekend, winning three medals and finishing third overall at the Dad Vail Regatta in Philadelphia.

Topping the bill was the J.V. lightweight eight. The JVs capped an amazing come back from a winless season in 1983 with a silver medal performance in Philly. The J.V. lights easily won their semifinal and gained the silver by rowing through Drexel over the final 500 meters. Coast Guard took the gold, finishing 2.1 seconds ahead of the Bantams.

Earning bronze medals were the varsity women's eight and the varsity lightweight eight.

The varsity women found out exactly how tough the competition for the gold would be on Friday when they finished second in their heat, 6.5 seconds behind eventual gold medalists Minnesota. Minnesota, Trinity, and Simmons moved on to Saturday's semis, but defending champion Georgetown was eliminated.

On Saturday morning, the Bantams won their heat, barely edging Williams, and joined New Hampshire, George Washington, Simmons, Minnesota, and Williams in the final. The Golden Gophers pulled ahead and were never challenged in taking the gold. UNH was second, 2.7 seconds ahead of Trin but 6.9 seconds in back of Minnesota, and Williams was fourth.

The lightweight eight went to Philly as the pre-race favorites and cemented that position with their performance before the finals. Trin won Friday's heat, defeating Coast Guard by 3.7 seconds, and Saturday's semifinal, 3/10 of a second ahead of URI and 4/10 of a second ahead of UNH, and earned the fourth lane for the final.

"The first 1000 meters were good strokes," said six seat Andy Merrill of the final, "but the second 1000 fell apart."

URI took a decisive lead and cruised to the gold. Trinity was caught in a dog-fight with Coast Guard and Georgetown. The Bantams managed to hold off the Hoyas by 6/10 of a second but finished 5/10 of a second behind Coast Guard.

Three other Trinity boats qual-

ified for the finals but did not earn medals.

The varsity heavyweights rowed perhaps their best race of the year in the semis, defeating Conn College by 3.5 seconds in taking second behind Purdue.

The heavyweight final broke down into three races. At the front, Temple and Purdue engaged in a thrilling 2000-meter duel which Temple won in the last five strokes. The margin of victory was 5/10 of a second. The race for the bronze took place on the outside of the course and UNH took the medal by 2.4 seconds over Conn College.

Trinity, racing on the inside, defeated Coast Guard by 3.0 seconds but lost touch with UNH and Conn midway through the race and finished fifth.

Also finishing fifth was the freshmen lightweight eight. The

top three boats, Coast Guard, UNH, and Jacksonville, pulled ahead early and Trinity was left to battle with Kansas and FIT. Kansas held off a strong Trinity sprint to take fourth and FIT was another length back in sixth.

The novice women's eight finished sixth in their final. Minnesota took the gold, UNH the silver and Georgetown the bronze.

The team championship came down to the varsity heavyweight final. UNH trailed Coast Guard by a single point going into that race, but gained the title (52 points for UNH to 50 for Coast Guard) on the strength of their third place finish. Trinity was third with 35 points (21 coming from the three varsity boats); defending team champion Georgetown was fourth with 32 and Florida Institute of Technology was fifth with 30.

Boats' Standards Determine Reaction

When Trinity's varsity women's eight rowed up to the dock after finishing third in last Saturday's Dad Vail Regatta, their coach Mary Steele Ferguson presented each rower with a yellow rose and a hug. For coxswain Martha Erskine there was a yellow umbrella which she put up as the eight rowed away on the aluminum foil river. It was a happy scene which contrasted dramatically with that surrounding the varsity lightweights' trip to the same dock only a half hour earlier to receive their bronze medals.

The lightweights came to the dock with forced grins on their faces. It was the second straight bronze medal for the Bantam lights, but it was obvious to even the most casual observer that this crew had come south for more than a bronze medal.

"We had a gold medal in us but we rowed a bronze medal race," commented six seat Andy Merrill. "I don't think we would have felt much better with second place."

The lightweights were easily the most disappointed boat of the six that qualified for the finals. The women took their bronze with great pleasure.

"The only teams we lost to were huge," noted Sally Weissinger, and Ann Procter added "we all worked very hard because we were aware we didn't have tall and big people."

In fact, the average weight of the victorious Minnesota eight was higher than that of any single rower in Trinity's boat. The silver medalist

Tuesday Afternoon

by Stephen K. Gellman

from the University of New Hampshire also outweighed the Bantam eight.

Trinity's silver medal J.V. lightweights found their smiles in the same treasure chest as the varsity women. Both boats had pushed themselves higher than even some of their teammates believed they could. The J.V.s went through the spring of 1983 without winning a race. In 1984 the J.V. lights lost only to Dartmouth before finishing second to Coast Guard in Philly.

"The thing is that everyone kept their heads on, rowed their own race, and did the best they could," explained coxswain Stephanie Blessey of the final race.

Did the best they could is also a correct description of the varsity heavyweights. There was only one problem; the varsity eight left Philly feeling they had rowed their best race a few hours too early — in Saturday morning's semifinal.

"They were excited out beating Conn in the semi. The boat was going very fast in the morning," commented coach Burt Apfelbaum. "They rowed too hard in the morning because they didn't have confidence."

In the afternoon, the Bantams were in lane two and Conn in five. Trinity lost touch with the Camels who lost a duel for third with UNH. Trin had to be satisfied with a fifth place row ahead of traditional rival Coast Guard. Nevertheless, a positive feeling surrounded the performance.

"It was a great Vail," said stroke Tim Nash. "That's the best we could have done. We came off a mediocre season and finished fifth out of 24."

The only true mixed emotions in the boat house belonged to the freshmen lightweights and the novice women's eight. The lights finished fifth and the novice eight came in sixth in their final.

"We were pretty psyched after the race," remembered coxswain Rhonda Kaplan. "After thinking about it we were not that psyched. Before Princeton we were expected to get a medal."

Before Princeton the freshmen lights were undefeated but they did not finish first in a race again until Friday's preliminary. The fifth place finish was encouraging considering their finish but disappointing considering earlier hopes. Get the picture, mixed.

And the novice women. This up and down eight finished dead last in the final but left Philly feeling fine.

"I don't think we could have rowed any better than we did," said stroke Ann Percy.

And if you've done your best you've done enough.



Relay 4th At Div. I Meet

by Krister Johnson
Senior Sports Staff

The men's track team took a step up from Division III competition this past weekend to compete in the Division I New Englands at Dartmouth College. Despite poor weather and tough competition, the Bantams turned in several fine performances in a meet which had very quick qualifying times.

The finest performance of the day was turned in by the 400 meter relay team of Matt Harthun, Dave Banta, Steve Drew, and Femi Obi. The quartet, which only lost one race prior to the Division

I meet, finished a close fourth with an excellent time of 42.65. This was the relay's fastest time of the season.

Later in the day, Drew ran in the finals of the 400-meter intermediate hurdles, finishing with a fine time of 54.0 and taking seventh place.

Obi and Banta wound up their seasons with fine performances in the 200-meter dash. The two fine sprinters combined for a six-seven finish respectively.

Rick Hayber competed in the javelin competition and Dave Barry wound up his season in the 800-meter run. Neither Hayber or Barry placed, yet their performances on the season were some of

the finest in Trinity's history.

Heyber and Drew will finish their seasons next week at the Division III National Championship in Minnesota.

Trinity's women's team also wound up their season this past weekend, competing at the ECAC New Englands at Fitchburg State. The Bants were led by the efforts of their two-mile relay team: Alex Steinert, Meredith Lynch, Erica Thurman, and Bonnie Loughlin.

Each ran their best 800-meter time of the season to place second as a team. Loughlin and Alix Woodford also competed in the individual 800 and 400-meter runs respectively.