

In a resume of Connecticut teams, the Guide says, "Trinity had one of its strongest teams in many years, possibly the best in its history. Only two games were lost, to United States

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FOOTBALL—LOOKING FORWARD

Before talk of football becomes entirely out of order, there are one or two things in connection with this sport at Trinity that should be discussed in these columns. We are growing a trifle weary of listening to the complaints of irritated alumni and undergraduates concerning the schedule for next year. We are growing irritated ourselves, for we can find no reason for the existence of such a schedule. Therefore, that our unhappy frame of mind may be dispelled, we humbly ask someone who knows to inform us and a considerable number of curious individuals why, after the season its team has just completed, Trinity should be forced into a schedule such as the one drawn up for 1934.

Perhaps not everyone knows or recalls the nature of next fall's gridiron program. Well, it seems that Trinity is to have a "set-up" for its opening game. This was no doubt arranged with a worthy motive in mind—that of re-arranging the schedule so that the team might work up, through a series of games increasingly difficult, to the season's climax—the Wesleyan game. But we can't see that a "set-up" would benefit a Trinity team. In the first place, such games are the privilege only of the mightier and more athletically astute universities of the land. Secondly, we think that in our case a contest of this sort would merely postpone the necessary opportunity to engage in competition that might give the players an accurate idea of their capabilities and the coach a line on his team. Indeed, we have overheard more than one member of the team express preference for defeat at the hands of a good team rather than a landslide victory over a team far out of our class.

There is also the matter of the annual game with a neighboring institution, which generally comes in mid-season. It has now reached the point where this contest reveals nothing more than a minimum of good football, much of the undesirable type of play that we shall refer to merely as "rough", and a reaction on the part of the team wholly unfavorable to the peak of spirit and condition that is expected at the half-way mark. Again and again players have expressed their aversion to this annual affair, but it continues to grace our schedule.

We have reliable information to the effect that Brown wants us listed among its opponents next year. The details of the matter we do not know, but we should like to see a partial restoration of the type of opposition that Trinity's pre-war teams encountered. How much more satisfying it would be to have Brown as a prospective rival than the team now on our schedule! In short, why can't our football team have a schedule worthy of its ability? We look for an explanation from the powers that be.

COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of the Trinity Tripod:

Thank you for the Alumni issue of the Tripod. I have read it from cover to cover. Kindly enter my subscription and enclosed please find my check.

The team this year was very good, and its success put joy in the hearts of us oldtimers.

On page 3, under "Statistics of Teams from 1900 to Present"—you state "In both 1907 and 1911 the teams were defeated, but twice in eight games." May a very ancient

alumnus make a correction?

The 1911 team was not defeated. Brown and New York University held the team to tie scores; but Colgate, Amherst, Wesleyan, and the other teams on the schedule were defeated. You do not mention the team of 1910, which won seven straight games and lost the last game to the Army, 17 to 0.

Please pardon an old man's pride in the teams of his time.

However, you did have a splendid team this year and we are very proud of you.

Very truly yours,
JOHN B. MOORE, 1913.

COLLEGE LIFE HERE ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

The letters written home by Henry and William Elliott give indication of the development of postal facilities during this century. Envelopes and postage stamps had not then come into use. The letters were so folded that none of the writing except the address appeared on the outside, and they were then sealed in wax.

One gathers from these letters that cut-throat rushing was quite the custom in these days.

"What an easy & pleasant time Freshmen have for the first three days. They are glutted with pies, oysters, cigars, ale, &c., to their fill. They have twenty in their room from five in the morning till eleven at night. All is attention & politeness. Thus the world goes. The poor Fresh, have finally joined our society, & I suppose are glad to gain a little repose."

Here is some interesting advice about preparation for entrance examinations, which little Sophia is asked to pass on to Samuel. It is surely applicable today.

".....Nothing very special has occurred since Monday other than that two new students from Virginia have entered our class, & there is a little electioneering among the societies....."

I like the college more and more the longer I stay....As soon as you get this letter, I wish you would counsel Samuel a little about his studies. For instance in this manner. (Samuel, if you do not have time to go over all your studies thoroughly, do not try, for you need not fear that you will not be received because you have not read all the books prescribed. The professors look more to the general qualifications, the thoroughness with which the student has read the studies which he has gone over. Above all, you will find it for your advantage to learn well the grammars & parsing & arithmetick. I would not read much of Sallust unless you have plenty of time, enough to get his stile. Nor should I be very scrupulous to read all the Greek reader. One that entered with me had not read the last hundred pages or so. I would read most of Cicero, and that thoroughly."

The final quotation from the letters of these two brothers gives an interesting comparison between Washington College on the one hand, and Harvard and Yale on the other. Publications in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and New Haven, Connecticut, may copy!

"This forenoon, Mr. Williams, a member of the senior class and a real excellent fellow was in our room. He was for freshman and sophomore year a member of Cambridge College, the first in rank of any in our land. He left it for this one on account of a change in his religious belief. He said that the standard of study was not near as high there as it is here, that they recite but once a day, & not the half of the time in the senior class on account of the absence of the professor. He said he had tried to get some of the students to come here, but they thought they could get along easier there, that they were not examined after the Freshman year, nor for degrees. At Yale College this is much the case. They study hard when a prize is held out—then it is over. It is not the steady, effectual study which we have here. We recite three times a day, & where the numbers are so small, it is but reasonable to suppose that our professors would be active to gain the college a reputation, & that is the fact. They are always regular at their post, hard-working men. For this & sundry reasons I really think it is best for my Brattleboro friends to come here to college. Mr. Holland says he knows of twenty-two that are coming next fall."

COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of the Trinity Tripod:

Unlike most freshmen, I had already decided my course of study. I wished to major in English, not intending to follow this course for mercenary gains, but for my own pleasure and enjoyment, a paramount consideration in selecting a course of study.

I was unpleasantly surprised when I learned that another course in Mathematics was necessary for my degree—this, regardless of the fact that I had had four years of the subject in preparatory school. After I had finished talking to my adviser at registration, I found one English course on my schedule. The biggest blow of all was the fact that I had to take French and German, two years of each. I had already completed two years of Latin and three of Spanish! Then Chemistry was forced upon me, with the understanding that I was to take two other sciences before graduation.

I found myself free to select one course, and pounced upon History. I wandered back to my room in Northam in a daze. What was this all about? I had come to college to pursue a course I was interested in, and found myself taking every other course, but the one that I had selected. Could it be that the classrooms in that subject were filled? No, everyone could not want to take English.

During my second and third years I have almost completed my requirements for a degree. I am finishing two courses in Geology, and my four language courses. I consider myself extremely fortunate in taking so far, five English courses, and intend to take as many more as possible before my college career ends. It is most unusual for a student to be able to take so many courses in his major subject.

Some will say that a bit of everything is necessary in a complete education. They may be right. This idea has made present-day education practically worthless. The main reason for our conditions today, is that our education is far behind our scientific advances. Why? Because our present system has no hope of following the terrific pace set by science. It has no hope because it has too much system and red tape.

I entered my first classes expecting to hear friendly open-hearted discussion. I expected to find students and teacher in a liberal discussion. Ideas against ideas, and then the result being reached. Mistakes being made and like most errors, profitable ones. I looked forward to finding the instructor seated among his students, everyone on their toes; and education forging ahead in the only possible way.

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(From an address delivered at Milton Academy.)

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p. m. the hosts, the Senate and the
Medusa, and the guests assembled in
the Dining Hall to commence the eve-
ning's festivities. The prominent
Hartford business men present were:
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ler, Roger W. Davis, Harrison B.
Freeman, J. B. Howard, Robert
Newell, George Nicholson, William
Putnam. Mr. Newell, guest of honor,
was invited to carve the turkey. After
dinner the group adjourned to the
Lounge where smoking and conversa-
tion continued for an hour or so. Charles
Kingston, President of the
Senate, presided. Because of the inter-
est taken in the meeting, it is ex-
pected to become an annual affair.

BASKETBALL OPENS.
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Kobrowsky, Freshman football star,
who has shown ability on the court.
This group will make up the varsity
squad for the present.
Junior varsity uniforms have been
issued to Stenz, Shenker, Mountford,
and Anthony. These men and the
new members of the varsity will be
the representatives of Trinity against
junior varsity squads of other college
teams.

COMMUNICATION.
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Instead I found the instructor seated on his dais like a Greek god. For fifty minutes he talked, the human phono-
graph. He gave us his ideas, ideas
from books, and every idea was to be
taken in; our own to be thrown away.
At the end of the period, I arose be-
wildered, was this education? Was
it education or merely memory work.
Was the difficult and most important
task of thinking ignored entirely? It
was.

What caused this situation to go on
unchecked? The probable answer came
to me when I heard a professors state
that his pupils were clams. But we
are clams, because we are forced to
take courses, that we are interested
only in passing. Where can we get
time to think, we are too busy memor-
izing lecture notes and text-books?
Our clam complex becomes habitual,
and is carried even into the classes
we really enjoy.

Our "best" students of today are
those with the greatest powers in
memorization. In the end they are
often Phi Beta Kappa, and more often
nothing more. Because we can not
reason, because we have become
sponges, intellectual famine and un-
employment rule. The unemployment
of the parts of our mind that are not
mere filing cases.—'35.

**EASTMAN APPOINTED TO
NEW COLLEGE POSITION**

Trustees Elect Trinity Graduate
to Office as Assistant
to the President

At the last meeting of the executive committee of the Board of Trustees it was voted to establish the position of Assistant to the President. The idea of this action is to provide for a man to handle certain details in Dr. Ogilby's absences, and relieve him of a large amount of correspondence.

Mr. Roger Eastman of Woodstock, Vermont, has been appointed to this position and will take office early in January. Mr. Eastman is a graduate of Trinity, in the Class of 1924, and for the past seven years has been secretary to Dr. Drury, Headmaster of St. Paul's School, Concord, New Hampshire.

On Wednesday, December 27, Mr. Eastman will marry Miss Elizabeth Barss, daughter of Mr. J. E. Barss, long a teacher of Latin at Loomis School, Windsor, Conn.



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ATHENAEUM.
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bar pointed out that the tax exemp-
tion of a public industry would in-
crease the general tax burden. They
also showed that the government, in
order to compete with private power
companies would have to sell under
the present cost, at a loss. This, con-
tinued the negative side, would only
increase the already heavy public debt.
The last point against a public com-
pany was that experts, not politicians,
were needed to operate a power com-
pany successfully.

The affirmative side argued that a
public company would make rates
nationally uniform and lower. Sen-
tleben and Martino also stated that
it would prevent unprofitable dupli-
cation in equipment. Government
control, continued the affirmative,
would take the profits away from the
capitalists, and use them to increase
the extensions of service.

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1933 TEAM PRAISED.

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Coast Guard Academy, and Wesleyan, while ten victories were gained. Trinity tallied 446 points to 296 for their opponents. The team did especially well at the foul line, making 55 per cent. of its tries against 48 per cent. for the opposition. Walter Duksa, a guard, was the only senior, so the outlook is most brilliant."

For the first time in a number of years, Trinity men received honorable mention on the All-New England mythical team. The two players to receive this coveted award were Pepper Martens, forward, and Bob Daut, center and last year's captain.

BOSTON CONVENTION.

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8, at the Hotel Statler was an important occasion. It is the custom of the Association to have as speakers at that dinner all those men who have taken office as college presidents in New England during the past year. This year President Conant of Harvard was the chief speaker. President Beatly of Simmons College, President Baker of Massachusetts State College, and Dr. Fuess, the new Headmaster of Andover, also spoke.

On Saturday morning Mr. Buell attended the session devoted especially to the problem of the Junior College in New England.

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Interfraternity Council

At a meeting of the Interfraternity Council held in the Cook Hall lounge Thursday, December 7, it was voted that membership in the Council consist of three men from each fraternity: the head of the house, a member of the junior class, who will automatically become the senior delegate in place of the head of the house next year, and an alumnus. The new ruling was made in order to make the membership more consistent.

ATHENAEUM.

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After the debate, the judges together with the president, offered suggestions for improvement. President Senf reminded the debaters to be literally and mathematically correct in all their statements. Rex Howard stressed the importance of correct pronunciation and clear enunciation. Dumont explained the need of proving every assertion with specific illustrations.

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