



# The Trinity Tripod

## Trinity's Basketball Team Meets Improved Wesleyan Five in Chief Test of Year

### SQUAD IN TOP SHAPE

## Revenge Uppermost as Blue and Gold Seek to Erase Defeat Suffered in Football

When the Trinity basketball team takes on the Wesleyan Cardinals this evening, there will be one thought uppermost in their minds: "Revenge." They will be seeking to wreak some measure of vengeance upon the Cardinals, in payment for that football disaster of the past year. And it is hoped that Trin's hoopsters will receive some support from the student body, which will be evidenced by a unanimous turn-out.

### Very Erratic

The record of the Wesleyan team this year has shown it to be a hot and cold combination. After a spectacular victory over Harvard in the season's opener, Wes Fesler's boys proceeded to drop the next few games in rapid, unimpressive succession. After mid-years the team experienced a slight renaissance when it out-fought Coast Guard to gain a tough 45-44 win. This game was followed by a 54-37 loss to a powerful Brown Bear. From the games they have played this year, it appears that the Wesleyan team is one that relies for any success it has gained this year on speed, long set shots, and recoveries off the backboard. Short passing has very little to do with their offense, many a Wesleyan double-decker resulting from floor-length passes.

### Good Defense

Captain Don Johnson, outstanding factor in the Cardinal hard-pressing man-to-man defense, Chip Stone, who is the fastest man on the team, and Willie Slitt, formerly of Hartford's Weaver High School, are the stand-outs on this ball club. Slitt was a bench warmer for most of the season, (Continued on page 3.)

## Glee Club on Air

The Trinity College Radio program will be back on the air again this week for the second half of its current series. Friday's program will be a concert by the Glee Club from the Colledge Chapel at 8.15 p. m. Other programs this month will be a forum, and the first act of "Your Quaint Honor" by the Jesters.

## Sixteen Ousted at Mid-Years Sixty-Four Make Dean's List

### Graded Student Classification Follows Institution of New Cut System

Though detailed figures are not as yet available, Dean Hughes was able to provide a fairly comprehensive picture of the academic situation for the half year.

Primarily, sixteen students have left our ranks for the Great Beyond because of scholastic deficiency. Ten of this number were from the freshman class. In addition, fifty-eight students have been placed on probation for various reasons.

The new cut system goes into effect this semester, and the computation of members in each division has been made. The Dean's List, Class I, has 64 individuals; Class II, 117; Class III, 126; and Class IV contains an understandable majority of 192.

At mid-years 62% of the student body had an average of 70 or better. Despite the added pressure on and off the campus, the Dean stated there is actually evidence of a slight gain in the class average.

Dean Hughes further announced that his office would possess the record of a man's relative standing in his own class. This information will be dispensed to anyone desirous of knowing his rank upon inquiry. Furthermore, if the record is favorable, it may be sent along to military authorities or professional schools, should such a necessity exist.

## Spengler's "The Decline of the West" Refuted by Myers

### Trinity Professor Illustrates Two Flaws in Philosophy of Western Doom

"The fact that Spengler overlooks the unpredictable element in human psychological reactions is the primary flaw in his analysis of 'The Decline of the West,'" Dr. Myers declared last Wednesday at the weekly Chapel service.

### Two Flaws

Dr. Myers found two flaws in the Spengler hypothesis and offered a solution to the pessimistic outlook which he feels is fast pervading the United States. Mr. Spengler, he says, likens society to an organism which must be born, live, and die. The cycle continues Spengler is almost completed. Western society is in its winter. Dr. Myers feels that Spengler is stretching his analogy. "Society," he said, "is a relation between individuals caused by a coincidence of individual fields of action. It is then a common ground on which members meet." No one can carry the simile of the organism to its ultimate without stretching it too far.

### Limited Part

The second flaw that Dr. Myers found was that Spengler's arguments apply not to the whole of the western civilization, but only to a very limited part—East Prussia. Dr. Myers feels that his attempt to reduce history to an inevitable sequence, Spengler is making his greatest mistake. "History depends ultimately upon the individual, and the individual is inscrutable," said Myers. Historical sequences are, therefore, cataclysmic, not inevitable.

To illustrate this point, Myers cited the case of the group which was formed at Oxford in 1936. They pledged themselves to absolute pacifism in case of any war. Today they are fighting. The same is true of the group at Princeton. They are now in the trenches and on battle-ships. The psychological reactions of the human are absolutely unpredictable, and consequently so is history.

### Noble Reaction

Dr. Myers sees all crises which confront a society as a challenge to which a people or a nation must react. If a state reacts nobly and morally, it will live. Great Britain and the United States have met the present crisis in stride. The individual members have shown themselves to be men and are reacting to the challenge nobly and morally. This is the factor which Spengler overlooked in his analysis and which is proving to be the savior of the allied cause.

## Jesters to Present Natalie Keating's "Your Quaint Honor"

### Dramatic Club Will Give New Production Its First Showing

#### HELMBOLD DIRECTOR

### Committee Heads Appointed for Comedy of College Life; Tryouts on Thursday

Sunday, February 8—Norman Hall, president of the Jesters, announced today that the spring production, to be given at the West Middle School on April 17, would be "Your Quaint Honor." This is a shining new play by Natalie Keating which will have its initial performance by the Jesters.

#### College Life

The play is concerned with college life in a mid-western university which, it would seem, is a bit different from college life as we know it. The plot centers around the rivalry for two graduate students for an appointment to the faculty of a nearby college. One of these, whimsically named Barnaby Richards, is an extremely clever and sardonic individual who manages to place his companions in all sorts of ridiculous positions. However, the matter of the appointment becomes, as the play progresses, somewhat subsidiary to the struggle between Barnaby and Victoria Jones, also a graduate student and the pride of all the professors. Barnaby makes several malicious attempts to turn Miss Jones from a scholar into a woman, but with little success until Victoria herself decides that two can play the game of deus ex machina as well as one. Miss Jones takes on femininity with such a vengeance that even Barnaby is caught unawares.

#### Younger Brother

Her success is greatly aided by the confessions of Peter, Barnaby's younger brother, who has a genius for borrowing ties and overhearing things never meant for his tender ears. In the last act Victoria turns on her tormentors with spirit and logic which leaves them all in a state of surprise and dismay.

The cast also includes John, a cockney servant with an extremely incredible tale of how he came to find himself in the Mid-west; James, a classical scholar who refuses to take a degree until he learns more than his professors; and Joe and Lucy Spiggot, father and daughter, who run a nearby bar and grill and man-

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## College Calendar

- Tuesday, February 10:
  - 4 p. m. Faculty Meeting.
  - Basketball vs. Wesleyan, here;
  - Squash vs. Wesleyan, away.
- Wednesday, February 11:
  - 8.30 a. m. College Mass Meeting in Auditorium
- Friday, February 13:
  - 7.30 p. m. Lecture by Dr. E. L. Kropa on "Polymeric Compounds", in Chemistry Auditorium.
  - 8.15 p. m. Glee Club Concert over WHTT from Chapel.
  - Basketball vs. Haverford, away.
- Saturday, February 14:
  - Basketball vs. Swarthmore, away.
  - Squash vs. M. I. T., here.
- Sunday, February 15:
  - Chapel Services 8, 11 and 5 o'clock.
- Monday, February 16:
  - Registration for Selective Service.
- Tuesday, February 17:
  - 8 p. m. Faculty Party.
  - Squash vs. Williams, here.
  - 8 p. m. Swimming vs. M. I. T., here.

## Squash Quintet Blanked at Amherst in Second Tourney

### Frosh Make Debut; Weisenfluh, McCloud Eliminated from East Championships

Trinity's newest recognized sport, squash, had a busy but fruitless period last week. Amherst held too much power and Dan Jessee's varsity racquet-wielders were blanked for the second time in as many starts. Meanwhile, Dick Weisenfluh, number one man, and Walt McCloud, freshman basketball coach, were eliminated in the Connecticut-Western Massachusetts championships at the Hartford Golf Club.

All five of Jessee's men were blasted off the courts at Amherst Saturday. In the best match of the day, Ted Heisler downed Weisenfluh, 15-11, 15-9, 15-17, 15-13. Palmer whipped Chet Siems in straight games, 15-4, 15-10, 15-11. Jac Cushman took the first two games from Bower of Amherst, 18-17, 17-16, but could not maintain the pace and dropped the last three, 9-15, 14-16, 9-15. Pfeiffer routed Don Puffer, (Continued on page 4.)

## Ex-Trinity Man, Now with Royal Canadian Air Force, Writes of Training Experiences

### Airman Winslow Ayer Describes Blizzard, Lack of Planes And Slow Drill

Trinity has given a good many men to the armed forces both of this country and of Canada. Some of them are in training and others have seen actual combat in the Far East. Trinity men in every war have given themselves to the last measure, and the present conflict is no exception. The Royal Canadian Air Force, the American Army Air Corps, the Infantry, the Cavalry, the Coast Artillery, the American Navy, the Royal Navy—all have Trinity men in their ranks.

We, the Trinity men who have not yet gone into service, want to hear from these soldiers and sailors who were once our classmates. We should like—and we are now talking directly to them in the hope they will see this

and respond—to get letters from them telling of their experiences and their lives in the army. Perhaps they do not realize the great interest with which Trinity men watch the progress of the war, and perhaps they do not realize that any news from the front in the Philippines, from the army camps and training centers all over the country, or from the various A.E.F.'s abroad is headline news to those they have left behind. We do not want military secrets; we could not print them. But we do like to hear what Trinity men are doing. This is their paper. It is Trinity's paper. (Editor's note.)

The following consists of some extracts from a letter written by Airman Winslow B. Ayer, R.C.A.F., ex-'43, who is at present training in Canada: (Continued on page 4.)

## Irate Undergraduates Remonstrate at Beginning of Rising Sun Time Scheme

Helpfully suggested by Mr. Roosevelt, and eagerly promulgated by Congress, a bill proposing a new "war time," was recently signed, sealed and delivered, which has promised an early-to-bed-early-to-rise motif to be adopted by the United States for the duration, plus six months of post-war recuperation. Accordingly, and by mandate of President Ogilby, Trinity's six-odd clocks registered, at 2 a. m. on Monday, 3.05 o'clock.

Probably not realizing the efficiency of this novel plan—that 736,282,000 kilowatt hours were mysteriously going to be saved and given to the government to produce 70 million pounds of aluminum—many otherwise patriotic Hilltoppers felt rather nasty about thus aborting the rising sun. On the other hand, there was a smattering of undergraduates, et al., mostly members of our local Y.M.C.A., who asserted that a new time arising would be splendid for Ericksonian exercises to send their plasma coursing through their veins.

A number of students were questioned by the enterprising information bureau of the Tripod. Their candid, unbiased opinions appear here below.

Charles Harrington Hodgkins, III, '43; "I can't be clever in twenty-five additional words or less."

Dr. Irwin A. Buell, instructor in education: "I'm all for it. I like more daylight in the afternoon, and

am willing to get up earlier to get it."

Jacques Bloch, '45: "I want to get paid for this. You cannot have it for nothing; I think thirty cents a line is all right. The Tripod? It's a Nazi paper."

Edwin Andrews, '43; "Reaction to it? Oh, jeez. Fine, I guess."

Courtenay Page, '45: "As the season goes on, we'll save electricity after supper. Atlantic City is a pretty place without lights, isn't it?"

Norton Hinckley, '45: "Forsan et (Continued on page 3.)

## Organization Pictures for IVY

Organization pictures will be taken for the 1943 IVY on Tuesday in the Woodward Lounge and on Wednesday in the Cook Lounge. It is impossible to change the schedule, so all students are urged to be a few minutes early, if possible. The format of the IVY is such that if one group does not appear, three OTHER organizations will have to be omitted—PLEASE COÖPERATE. Faculty members are invited to sit with their clubs.

	TUESDAY (Woodward Lounge)	WEDNESDAY (Cook Lounge)
Time		
3.50	Senate	Varsity Club
4.00	Medusa	Rifle Club
4.10	Radio Club	Political Science Club
4.30	French Club	Jesters
4.40	Debating Club	Student Defense Committee
4.50	Newman Club	Tripod
5.00	Phi Beta Kappa	Radio Program Committee
5.10	Pi Gamma Mu	IVY
5.20	Chemistry Club	Sophomore Dining Club
5.30	Choir (in Chapel)	Sophomore Hop Committee
5.40	Seabury Society (in Chapel)	Glee Club (wear tux)

Organization heads are asked to post lists of members or in some other way make certain that not too many "ringers" arrive.

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## REACTION

Although final facts and figures have not yet been disclosed by the Dean's office on the results of the mid-year examinations, preliminary reports show a marked improvement in the general college average, and in the number of students making the Dean's list. Sixty-four undergraduates, approximately twelve per cent. of the student body made the Dean's list in a record-breaking assault on the realms of glory. Nearly seventy per cent. of the students have averages of 70 or better, and only sixteen flunked out.

We wish to commend all undergraduates for the fine record they have made and would like to suggest that the increase in scholarship is in a large part the result of the present national emergency. Perhaps the students realize the gravity of the situation which they are facing, even more than is realized. Perhaps their improved scholarship record is merely a reflection of American society, meeting a crisis in stride and reacting to it intelligently, sanely and morally as it has in the past and is doing in the present.

We feel that in our present national emergency the actions of the individual as he strives with his fellows, is of utmost importance. The necessity for sane, intelligent action is imperative. To the American citizen, action of this sort means giving his best at all times—in his work and in his play, in the factory and in the home, on the battlefield and in the air.

To the college student, studies may not seem so glamorous as the soldier's life, nor so practical as the factory worker's job, but by meeting the situations which present themselves and by dealing with them intelligently, the college student may do his part. We feel that the excellent record made by Trinitarians at the last marking period, reflects in no small measure this quality of American people to deal competently with crises as they arise.

## DOING OUR PART

Professor Taylor, his committee and the college administration have made elaborate plans for the protection of the college body in case of an air raid. They have spared neither time nor effort in their attempt to insure a maximum of order and a minimum of loss. Precise instructions have been issued to the air raid wardens on how to execute their various duties. The college has attained fire-fighting equipment for use during raids. Several mass meetings have been held to explain these plans to the entire student body. In addition to all this, emergency squadrons have been organized, first-aid courses are under way, and several students are receiving training as hospital orderlies.

All these preparations have not been made just for fun. It is regrettable but true that the public never seems to take anything seriously until after a disaster results. The Army and Navy commands evidently didn't take the threat of Japanese attack seriously until after the Pearl Harbor debacle. England and France evidently didn't take the threats of totalitarianism seriously until after those threats were expressed by deeds which wreaked havoc and destruction upon millions of people.

If planes from an enemy aircraft carrier anchored off the At-

## Colbert Plays Young School Marm, "Remember the Day"

PAYNE STARS

### Mechanical Training Instructor Breaks Monotony of Life in Small Provincial Town

By Morgan Gleszer

If you chance to drop in at Loew's Poli's this week, be sure you carry a full supply of handkerchiefs with you. For there you will find Claudette Colbert, recent fugitive from a "Sky-lark," going through all the poignant-pathetic, nostalgic-sentimental histrionics in rare form in her latest opus, "Remember the Day."

Aided and abetted by John Payne, recently of "Sun Valley," who now serves as the object of all her remorse, Miss Colbert portrays a level-headed young school marm in a mid-western town back in the days of World War I.

Into the dull routine of her life comes a dashing young mechanical-training instructor (Payne) who, in a thoroughly disarming manner, completely disrupts her conventional existence. Then the old conflict of love versus respectability rears its ugly head. Miss Prinell (Colbert) resists at first, but finally, like all good heroines should, she gives in against her better judgment. Payne has persuaded her to spend a part of the summer vacation with him. Although this little interlude is perfectly innocent, the gossips of the town—always seeking food for scandal—begin to talk, and Payne is forced to leave the school.

He joins the army, comes back on a two-weeks' furlough, and he and the school teacher run off and get married. When he has to return to the army, out comes Miss Colbert's handkerchief—and everyone else's in the audience. After much of this sentimental shilly-shallying, our soldier boy is off, as Miss Colbert waves a liquid farewell. The rest is left to anyone's imagination.

It would not be quite fair to stop here and say nothing about some of the most delightful scenes of grammar school life that we have ever seen on the screen, and especially of the very capable performance of Douglas Croft as the star pitcher of the school's baseball team and Ann Todd as the little girl who worships him. They provide an immensely effective comic parallel to the grown-up romance of Colbert and Payne.

The picture has been directed in a tenderly reminiscent manner, and the life and manners of a small town in 1916 have been faithfully reproduced. Despite its utter sentimentalism, which at times borders on saccharinity, "Remember the Day" remains a remarkable poignant love story.

But don't forget the handkerchiefs.

## Science Lectures

The science department of Trinity College has arranged for a series of lectures to be given every Friday night throughout February, at 7.30 in the Chemistry Auditorium. Dr. E. L. Kropa, of the American Cyanamid Company, will be the lecturer and his topic is, "Polymeric Compounds." All students are invited to attend.

The first of these lectures was given last Friday night, February 6, at which time Dr. Kropa explained the structure of high-molecular compounds.

lantic coast were to bomb Hartford, wrecking Pratt and Whitney or Colt's and killing a few dozen people, the general public, as well as Trinity students, would realize that this country is at war. The bombing of Hartford is not beyond the realm of possibility. With the silvery reflection of the Connecticut River to guide them, enemy planes could very easily find this city, with its huge armament factories. Why, then, does the average student seem to take the air raid precautions so lightly?

Others, even many of our former classmates, are giving twenty-four hours out of every day to the protection of this country in the armed services. Many of them will eventually give their lives, others merely an arm or a leg. How, therefore, can we refuse to do the little that is now asked of us?

The *Tripod* urges every student to cooperate to the utmost with the air raid wardens in the practice raids scheduled for the near future. Unless everyone of us acts as if it were an actual bombing raid, the practice will lose its value and all the work of the committee and wardens will be in vain. This is our part, let's do it.



This is for Alumni... Just because you are graduated you have no reason to assume that you are disowned. How about letting us hear from you, yes, and you too. In these days many of you are doing interesting and important work; we'd be glad to hear about it. You've got stilt while we are still pretty close to the ground. We would like to know how your horizon compares with ours. Give us your ideas. If you collect worn rubber heels—tell us about it. If you just came back from a war zone—tell us about it. If you have any criticisms or suggestions concerning college—let us know of them, the least we can do is publish them. Maybe you would like to contribute a few million gallons of water to the swimming pool, well, we might be able to handle it. If you are wondering about a long-shot contemporary, we could place the name in a "lost and found" column for you. In short, we would like an articulate, active alumni group reporting to us. Please... send your letters to this column... as an added attraction we are not asking for checks, money orders, or box tops... let's go!

Why doesn't some one in the office straighten the Faculty out on the college roster? One lad left eight weeks ago, but his name is still on the rolls... The war has even cut into the white tie trade. The Stork Club has reduced its Coca Cola output. Since it has, there doesn't seem to be any reason for the continuance of the week-end excursions to Bagdad. Or are we wrong?... Congress Wins News Honors: They vote pensions for the most needy body in the country—themselves. But since the bill caused a stink, the Congressmen felt they ought to repeal the pension bill—for the benefit of the country, no doubt.

## Blanchfield Stars As Frosh Win Easily

The Trinity Freshman basketball club, paced by Bill Blanchfield, won an impressive 50-31 victory over Westminster Saturday afternoon. Flashing their best form of the season, the yearlings in racking up their third win against one loss, shot into an early lead which they never relinquished. All season long the Frosh, hampered by the inadequate court they were forced to practice on, showed a deficiency in the passing department. But Saturday their passing and quick-breaking attack really was something to see. The courtsters for the first time this year were looking for someone to pass to whenever they got possession of the ball. Willie Turner and Kev Brennan turned in their best games of the season. For Westminster, Reeve and Weltmer were outstanding.

## Sports Sidelights

The Trinity College Wrestling team, under the direction of Mr. George James of Hall High School, has apparently gotten under way in earnest. Among those reporting for the first practice last Friday were Harry Balfe, John Dolan, Dick Doty, Michael Zaccaria, George Nelson, Robert Cross, Alec Hunter, Bruce Weatherly, and Drew Brinckerhoff. There will be nothing in the way of formal matches with other colleges, but informal meetings will almost certainly be held. There will be an open meet at Wesleyan in March, at which Trinity will be represented, if they can get men for each class. Of the men there now, Nelson seems to have the best knowledge of wrestling holds, and Dolan has the most brute force. Athletic Director Oosting says that this wrestling team has the whole-hearted support of the athletic department, mainly because of the necessity for such a body-building sport during the present war emergency. A blanket invitation has also been extended to the wrestling squad by Springfield College for a meet to be held at Trinity's convenience.

Leslie MacMitchell, New York University senior, who is considered the best miler in the world, has a pulse beat of 39 per minute... The University of Mexico is sending their basketball team on a tour of the United States, where they are playing leading college quintets. They will engage Columbia on Thursday, and the U-Penns on Saturday... The Big Three has unanimously decided to revoke the Freshman rule in regard to intercollegiate competition... It is a fact that while the University of Michigan has only 500 reporting for the various Varsity and Freshman squads, 4500 are participating in the extensive intramural program covering 36 sports!

Bill Lee of the "Courant" recently raised the question as to whether basketball was becoming too fast for the health and safety of the players. The game has certainly become much more thrilling from the spectators' standpoint, but it's pretty fatiguing on the contestants.

Lee pointed out that while a final score of 25-23 was about average in the old days, that same score is more like the average for half-time today. One has only to notice Rhode Island States' 83-56 thumping of Worcester Tech to get a line on the typical modern "firehouse" type of game.

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## Communications

To the Editor of the Tripod:

Your article in the January 27 issue of the Tripod tends to belittle the work which the orderlies from Trinity are performing at the Hartford Hospital. However, we are greatly appreciated at the hospital for our work. It is true that the coarser portions of our work deals with the subject treated in "Gray's Anatomy." The point that you do not bring out is that these tasks are, by no means, in the majority. We find more "sugar" with our "vinegar" than you would lead people to believe, even in these times of proposed sugar rationing.

It is an undeniable fact that a few things at any hospital might turn a stomach. The re-use of bandages, which you hinted at, is one thing which did turn stomachs. Indeed, several nurses and doctors winced when they came to that absurd suggestion. I hope no one seriously considered that suggestion as a fact, for it casts aspersions on both the hospital and the medical profession.

May I also correct a technicality in your article? Any "relationships" of a "lovely simplicity" nature which come about between Trinity orderlies and nurses, take place with the "black-stockinged Flo Nightingales", as the student nurses are the ones we have the most contact with, and who are, incidentally, our immediate superiors.

(Signed)

A Well-Sweetened Orderly.

### Trin Cagers in Top Shape For Tilt with Wesleyan

#### O'Malley Now Finding Basket; Maxwell, Tullar, Beidler, Fink to Start

(Continued from page 1.) but will be used regularly after the great performance he made in the last two games, when he swished the cords with several long set shots. Ralph Hurst is another good defensive player for Wesleyan.

The Trinity club is in the best form of the season. Coach Erickson believes that the boys have never been in better shape all year, and are rarin' to go in this, their major task. There has been a concerted practicing on foul-shooting, the heretofore weakest department. Ned O'Malley has been sharpening up his eye and is in better shape than he has been all season. The loose ball handling in evidence at the early-season losses to Colby, Massachusetts State, and Worcester, has been improving since the victory over Union. The squad met Springfield College in a recent practice game and gave a good account of itself.

Ned Maxwell, who scored 20 points in the victory over Union is all set to go after recovering from an ankle injury. Dick Tullar, Joe Beidler, and Johnny Fink, the most improved player on the team, will most likely round out the starting team. More short passing and less individual play has been a source of recent happiness to the coach.

### Two New Instructors Appointed to Faculty

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, two new appointments were made to the faculty. These are Robert N. Feery of Hartford, and Henry Sheppard of Farmington.

Mr. Feery has been appointed as a part-time instructor in physics and radio. He will teach the radio course newly inaugurated at Trinity as an aid to national defense.

Mr. Sheppard has been appointed as a part-time instructor in economics and will present another new course dealing with industrial organization, the position of the consumer in the market, and the regulation of public utilities with special emphasis on the railroads.

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### ON OTHER FRONTS

**The War:** Harvard is offering a new eighteen-months graduate course leading to a M.B.A. degree and a reserve officer's commission in the Quartermaster Corps... Among teams playing military opponents in the last week have been Long Island U., Wesleyan Freshmen, and University of Vermont... Dr. F. J. Brown from Washington put in a full day at Muhlenberg (Pa.) College, explaining the Selective Service Act. No classes were held. (Sounds like a good idea from both standpoints)... The Brown University "Herald" is back on a bi-weekly schedule. Founded as a daily in 1891, it was forced into a two-a-week schedule for the first time in 1917. Loss of personnel and rising costs are chief reasons for the change.

**This and That:** Fairmont State College of West Virginia has been broadcasting from its own station for nearly twelve years... Ten thousand students per day and evening invade Hunter College's new skyscraper in New York City... Winona (Minn.) State Teachers College placed 144 out of 151 students from last year's senior class in some position... University of Vermont students have drawn up a new constitution as their governing law... Old Queens Building at Rutgers University, built in 1809 and in continuous use since then, now is the seat of administration of the 175-year-old institution... The cornerstone of Bentley Hall, laid in 1820 at Allegheny (Pa.) College, contains a piece of Plymouth Rock, marble from Dido's Temple, mortar from the Tomb of Virgil, and brick from the Tower of Babel.

**These and Those:** Mass. State English Professor to freshman student: "Correct this sentence, 'Girls is better-looking than boys.'" Reply: "Girls is artificially better-looking than boys."... Union has already received 1000 inquiries from prospective freshmen... And from "Concordensis", Union's weekly: "One Hundred Years Ago Today in Pearson's Diary: 'Jan. 28, 1842: Col. Dwight of Stockbridge, Mass., among the reformed drunkards who are now lecturing about the country, addressed the students in Chapel... Feb. 2, 1842: Col. Dwight, while here, was suspected by some of being in liquor, which turned out to be true.'"

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### Trinity Pole-Vaulter Receives Advice from Cornelius Warmerdam, World-Record Maker

#### California Ace, Far Superior to All Competitors, Explains Secrets of Success

A very few years ago sports writers and other supposed experts were predicting that no human being would ever be able to pole-vault over 15 feet. They pointed out that very little improvement had been made in preceding years and then it had been so very infinitesimal that super-men would have to be developed in order to clear 15 feet. A couple of Californians, Bill Sefton and Earle Meadows, then came along and startled the sports world by their jumping, Meadows winning the Olympic and making a new world's record in 1936 with a jump of 14 feet 3 1/4 inches at Berlin. Meadows later made another record by vaulting 14 feet 7 1/2 inches last spring. But meantime a certain Cornelius Warmerdam, now member of the San Francisco Athletic Club, had been doing some astounding vaulting in unofficial meets, meets where the records did not go down in the books as accepted world's marks. In June 29, 1940, he was the first human to pole-vault over 15 feet—his mark that day was 15 feet 1 1/2 inches.

Last Saturday in the Millrose games in Madison Square Garden at New York, Warmerdam, still the only man to go over 15 feet, vaulted 15 feet 5/8 inches to make a new indoor world's record. This was the thirteenth time in less than two years that he has vaulted over that "mark that would never be surpassed."

One of the vaulters here at Trinity who has been interested in improving his own vaulting wrote to Mr. Warmerdam and received in short time a very fine letter from the California ace. Excerpts of it follow:

"I am going to list for you some of the things I have learned from seventeen years of competition in the vault and hope you can get some help from

them. "The approach speed is all important. Do lots of running, dashes as well as running over low hurdles, so that when you come down the runway you can go at top speed without straining. Do lots of running with the pole.

"The take-off: Timing here should be perfect. As pole hits the box the left foot (for right-handed vaulters) should be directly under the hands; the left hand being shifted up close to the right as the pole is thrust into the box. Right leg is then swung up quickly after a slight delay or 'gather'.

"The pull and push-off: Get the legs up as high as possible, always keeping the body as close to pole as is feasible. The right leg is then brought over the left in a turn or scissor-like action to bring the body over so that the stomach faces the bar. All the time the arms should be pulling for all their worth. This pull merges with a push-off and up as the body reaches the bar. Pole should not be released until almost at right angles to the ground.

"Exercises: Lots of work on the parallel and horizontal bars during the winter, walking on hands, doing push-ups, etc. Swinging and climbing ropes are also excellent.

"Hope this fills the bill and gives you the needed information to win for

### Crazy Responses Reflect Student Indifference to New Daylight Saving Time

#### "A Good Thing, But Cows Hate to Be Milked Early; Much More Time to Play"

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Neil Kiendl, '45: "Mirabile dictu."

Dr. Louis H. Naylor, Associate Professor of Romance Languages: "Oh, I think it's ideal. It will give people more time for out-of-door sport and football. It won't be very good for the farmers, though: the cows won't like being milked earlier."

Harold W. Gleason, Jr., '45: "Fudge. My most fascinating dreams come at dawn."

Walter Simpson, '45: "No, it's no good. Of course, I'll be up to greet the new year in."

Frank W. Eichorn, '44: "You may tell my readers it's a good thing."

Richard Gager, '43: "I believe that it is an excellent gesture on the part of our President."

Emory J. Cook, '45: "Not in the slightest. More daylight, more time to play."

Arthur L. Foster, '43: "What?"

Trinity. If you want any more information, be sure and write.

Sincerely,  
Cornelius Warmerdam."

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## Eight Roles to Be Cast for "Your Quaint Honor" Next Thursday; Competition Hot

A FOOLISH FARCE

New Play Gives Jesters Chance To Act Unrestrained by Set Conventions

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age to complicate the lives of unwary students.

Much of the dialogue is delightfully amusing, and situations are often farcical. Since "Your Quaint Honor" is a new play it will give the Jesters an excellent opportunity to see what they can do unrestrained by the example of a Broadway production.

Dr. Helmbold will direct this, his fifth Jesters' play in the past three years. Tryouts will be held in the Greek room Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m.

The following committee heads have been appointed: Production, Wells E. Farnsworth, '44; stage, Winfield T. Maye, Jr., '45; properties, James Cunningham, '45; ushers and program, M. Olcott Colton, '42; publicity, Morgan Gleszer, '44; tickets, John Tweedy, '44.

## "All Work and No Play in R.C.A.F.," says Ayer

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"I miss college, and I miss all that goes with college life, the carefree days, the lack of responsibilities, the easy studies, the friends I made, and yet I'm not sorry for the step I've taken. I know there were a good many of the boys at college who thought me pretty foolish for joining up and not waiting to be drafted, and the first two or three days when I had to get up at five-thirty in the cold and the black and the gloom I agreed with them. But after the United States went in I was awfully glad, and I've been getting more and more glad ever since.

"So far we have not done any flying, have hardly seen an airplane, in fact. We've been kept very busy learning how to march, the manual of arms, and, above all, how to walk a guard post at four o'clock in a driving blizzard. They call this part of the training the 'conditioning period'.

"After I got back from the Christmas furlough I was sent off on a ten-day stretch at guard duty on a plane crash. There were just two of us, doing day and night duty, and the weather was really chilly. A hundred and four miles north of camp, which is in turn sixty or seventy miles north of Toronto, we were a long way out of touch with civilization. The only human habitation we saw during the ten days we were there was the farm where we stayed, and before very long we began to wish we hadn't even seen that. There was no running water, no electricity, no heat, except what the kitchen stove gave off, and the privy was outside by a good ten minutes' walk and frozen solid. The average temperature was 20 degrees below zero, and it blizzarded for a straight week. I've never seen so much snow.

"I'm beginning to get pretty good with a rifle and can hit the bull's eye more times now than I miss, which is a sign of something or other. I like the drill rather well, too. It's a great deal different than anything I've ever seen in America and much easier, I should say. It is very slow and deliberate and lets the new recruit take a while to think about what he should do next. I've talked to men in the American army, and it seems that they have to move much quicker than we do. I should think it would be harder for a new man to learn how to do the manual and how to march under the American system.

"I and the men who are in my class here are due to be moved to an I. T. S. (Initial Training School) soon, and we all have our fingers crossed that it will be Toronto. The thought of being stuck out in Alberta or Saskatchewan doesn't particularly appeal. We haven't been told what we'd be taught during this next period of training, but as we're supposedly in

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## Taylor Enumerates Duties Of Various Air Raid Wardens

Special College Mass Meeting Is An Attempt to Coordinate Students and Wardens

Dr. Philip Taylor, leading a special college mass meeting last Wednesday, discussed and issued to all wardens complete air raid instructions so that Trinity will be organized on a war-time basis. Held in the Chemistry Auditorium, the weekly meeting was called in an effort to coordinate the student safety plan on an efficient and intelligent scale.

Five separate instruction sheets had been prepared for the meeting and were distributed as soon as the wardens came in. Section Wardens, Shelter Wardens, Reporting Wardens, Fire Watchers, and Summit Street Watchers were all given separate instruction sheets outlining their duties in the event of an emergency.

The entire program is well organized. The Section Wardens are instructed to circulate the "Trinity College Air Raid Instructions" sign to every student on the campus. They answer any questions and are directly responsible for arousing and directing the students in their sections the moment an alarm sounds. When all have been evacuated, the Section Wardens remain in the dormitory to deal with incendiary bombs and report any damage to the Reporting Wardens.

Shelter Wardens must see that the shelters are opened and blacked out; they must count the evacuees who pour in, avoid panic conditions, and keep the Reporting Wardens posted as to accidents or missing persons.

The Reporting Wardens must coordinate the efforts of all other wardens and see that any damage is reported immediately.

Fire Watchers are posted in zones and must understand the methods of handling fire-fighting equipment. They patrol their zones, keeping a sharp lookout for fire, and report any damage first before attempting to extinguish the flames.

Watchers are also posted on Summit Street so that automobiles may be stopped and their occupants directed toward the Trinity Air Raid Shelters.

## Sports Sidelights

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Several people have suggested that none of the teams take the five timeouts they are allowed per half. Also it might be possible to work out some team system comparable to ice hockey with sets of forwards and guards alternating every five minutes or so.

Wesleyan has added a new sport to its winter schedule. The Cardinal fencing team made a successful debut by turning back Boston College, 13-9, on Saturday.

We notice that Jack Tyler frequently turns in better times in the 220 and 440 events than the best Harvard and Dartmouth could do in their meet last week. . . . Also our times have been better in several events than Wesleyan's vs. Mass. State. But the Middletown squad lost by only 39-36, so we're in for trouble.

the Air Force, we think it will have something to do with airplanes."

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## Trinity Riot Ends Up in Red Print in New York Journal

INTERCLASS FRACAS

Students Literally Paint Town Red in Bloody Battle; 20 Reported Injured

The annual St. Patrick's Day scrap of 1911 at Trinity was a wild and woolly affair which finally wound up in red print in the New York "Journal." During that period it was customary for there to be a contest between the Freshman and Sophomore classes to see who could obtain and keep control of a banner which was secreted in an appropriate tree on campus by a member of the Senior class. Always hotly contested, there appeared this year some new rules which brought the inter-class feeling to a boiling point. The new rules were that no Sophomore could ascend the tree before a Freshman had, that the use of automobiles was prohibited, and that it was illegal to coat the tree with grease, oil, or other slippery substances.

For three days prior to the event, fiery Freshman and Sophomore class meetings were held so that each class could plan its strategy of action, and a Tripod member is purported to have disguised himself as an aged Italian paperhanger and wandered from secret meeting to secret meeting in search of a "scoop."

The night before St. Patrick's Day was one to be well remembered by both Hartford's merchants and Police force. After having been given the sign of the Boot from one hotel, they ensconced themselves in another until the fateful hour of 1 a. m. arrived. At this point they went out into the streets of downtown Hartford and literally painted the town red. Huge red and white signs reading "1914" adorned the fashionable business houses of Metropolitan Hartford. Several unfortunate Sophomores fell into the hands of the uproarious Freshmen and the local gendarmerie experienced a veritable "bank night."

The long awaited morning arrived with the Freshmen somewhat the worse for wear and tear, but still downtown and definitely in the spirit required for the occasion. On their return to campus they "advanced to the cheers of the many onlookers. Their plans had long been formulated and were quickly carried out: charged forward and fought the Sophs, who were hugging the tree for dear life. Then the second group, composed mostly of the big men of the class, charged, made a wedge between the thickly grouped Sophomores around the tree, and tossed their hopes aloft in the person of one of their number." After ten more minutes of individual wrestling bouts and many massed plays, the Freshmen were proclaimed the winners, but were then disqualified for violating the rule prohibiting painting up Hartford on the night before. Each group then went off to celebrate its victory.

The aftermath came when a lurid account of the whole procedure ap-

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## Weisenfluh, McCloud Lose Close Matches

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15-7, 15-9, 15-3, and Ed Kelly was stopped by Richard of the Lord Jeffs in a four-set duel, 15-3, 3-15, 10-5, 9-15.

In the Connecticut-Western Massachusetts championship, McCloud was defeated by F. R. Myers of Hartford in one of the best matches of the tourney. McCloud won the opening game by a close 17-16 count. Myers duplicated that score, but this time was on the long end. The city player then ran out the string, 15-10 and 18-16.

Weisenfluh won his first match by downing W. H. Marsh of Wesleyan, 15-11, 15-14, 15-8. However, he ran into the champion Jimmy Batterson in his second round and succumbed in straight games.

Trinity's first freshman squash team will make its debut against Wesleyan's yearlings at Middletown on Tuesday. Dick Petterson will play number one for the Blue and Gold with Lee Montgomery, Manny Goodspeed, Fred Race, and Al Foster probably ranged in that order.

## Tripod Correction

In the article about Professor Bates in the issue of January 27, the Tripod stated, "Two weeks after receiving his B.S. degree at the University of Michigan, Professor Bates was on his way to the Peiyang University at Tin-Sin, China. . . ." The degree should have been his Ph.D., and the city Tientsin.

peared in red ink in the New York "Journal" and was later written up under the title of "Yellow Journalism. New York Paper Prints Some Red-Hot Fiction." According to the March 21, 1911 edition of the Tripod, we find that the "Journal" claimed: "20 Students Hurt, 2 Arrested in Riot at Trinity College." The article, written in the best traditions of the "yellow journalism" of the day, claimed among other things that ornate business houses received special attention by the sign painters, two students were arrested in a huge clash with the law, and that three students were so badly hurt in the scrap itself that they had to be carried from the campus. The Tripod conceded numerous barked shins and several aching skulls; it further admitted that two of the sign painters were arrested but were immediately released when their noble purpose had been discovered.

The Tripod further countered the Journal's" journalistic thrust by pointing out that the President of the Freshman class was in receipt of a round-robin letter from Hartford business men complimenting the neophytes on their ability as sign painters, while the President of the Sophomore class was in receipt of a similar communication thanking the Sophomores for attempting to curtail the Freshmen's activities.

In summing up, the Tripod stated that it would never again believe any articles printed in red ink in the yellow press.

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## Office News

A cabinet of carved oak, the work of Verger Lewis Wallace, was unveiled and blessed at the vesper services Sunday evening. It is known as a Credentia, which was in the Middle Ages placed to the right of the high altar to hold the sacred vessels.

Mr. Wallace designed and executed the entire work himself. He was the Master Mason in charge of the building of the Chapel and ever since it has been completed, nine years ago, has taken entire care of the building. This is the first time that he has done any carving in wood and the beauty of this work by his hands is indeed worthy of the chapel.

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On Sunday, February 8, after the morning service, Dr. Ogilby baptized in the Chapel of the Perfect Friendship, Marjorie Chapin Comstock, the daughter of David A. Comstock, ex-'29.

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Captain A. T. Rogers, ex-'33, came to Hartford recently in command of the First Battalion of the 71st Coast Artillery to take over the anti-aircraft defense of Hartford. The regiment in charge of the defense of the Hartford area is established at Manchester.

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The regular monthly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees was held last Wednesday, February 4. The Trustees received a report from President Ogilby about the plans for summer school and gave their approval to the action taken by the college. They were especially appreciative of the idea of cooperation with Wesleyan.

The general tone of some of the articles appearing in the Tripod was discussed. The Trustees were definite in their conviction that the principle of freedom of the press should apply to the Tripod, giving full facilities for criticism of the administration. However, they felt that the introduction of articles intended to be humorous and containing vulgar or personal allusions lowered the standard of the paper and would give a bad impression to readers outside the college. As the Trustees, at the request of the students, collect the subscriptions to the Tripod on the college bills, they felt that the President should call this matter to the attention of the Tripod authorities.

The President reported on the state of the college, and laid before the meeting statements covering administration of the budget.

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