

## Lawson Purdy, Class of 1884, Is Dead at 95

On August 30, Lawson Purdy, Trinity's oldest alumnus, died at the age of 95. An 1884 graduate, Mr. Purdy was a noted leader in New York City tax reform and city planning.

President of New York's Department of Taxes and Assessments from 1906-17, he served as vice-chairman of the commission that drew up the city's first zoning law in 1916, and secretary of the commission that led to the 1929 Multiple Dwelling Law. He was general director of the Charity Organization Society from 1918-33, and chairman of the city's Emergency work and Relief Administration in 1932 and 1933.

### Son of Alumnus

Born in 1863, the son of the Rev. James S. Purdy, graduate of Trinity in 1849, Mr. Purdy attended college in compliance with his father's wish. The college in his freshman year, 1880, had been only two years at its present site, and boasted a student body of about 90 men.

In 1898 he was admitted to the bar, but gave up law and business to lead the fight for tax reform. He wrote a number of tax pamphlets during that time. In 1937 he retired as chairman of the tenement house committee of the Charity Organization Society. He was described by civic leaders as a "leader of forward movement." He later became a trustee of Trinity and of the Provident Loan Society, a board member of the Russell Sage Foundation and president of the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation, concerned with tax reform.

## New Chapel Rules Passed by Trustees

Effective this year are several changes in the Chapel requirement program as approved by the Trustees last June. Every student must attend worship services on nine different Sabbaths each term, either in the chapel or in the church of his choice.

Credit will be given for only one service on any one day. Students attending off-campus services must complete a proper form and submit it to monitors within six days of that attendance. Regular weekday Chapel services will continue, but their attendance is voluntary and not credited.

Religion courses and participation in religious groups will henceforth satisfy none of these requirements. Former requirements gave students 25 credits for each course.

Chapel requirements in the past have been: 50 freshmen, 40 sophomores and juniors, 25 seniors with 2 points for each weekday service, 3 for each Sunday service. 5 additional points a semester were awarded for participation in religious groups.

Harmon T. Barber, of Windsor, Conn., has been reelected to a three-year term as Alumni Trustee of Trinity College. Barber, a graduate of the class of 1949, is a vice-president and actuary for the Travelers Insurance Co.

He is a former president of the Trinity Club of Hartford, former president of the college's National Alumni Association and a former general chairman of the Alumni Fund. In 1955 he received the college's Alumni Medal. Mr. Barber has served as Alumni Trustee since 1956.



Lawson Purdy and the late Rev. William Northey Jones '88 lead the 1954 Reunion Parade.

## President Jacobs Announces Ten New Additions to Faculty

President Jacobs during the summer announced ten additions to the faculty for the coming year. These men include Stephen Minot, visiting professor of English; Lt. Col. Richard B. Olney, Air Force ROTC detachment commander; Major John LaMar, associate professor of air science; Dr. Robert A. Battis, assistant professor of economics.

Charles B. Ferguson, instructor in fine arts; Albert L. Gastmann, instructor in modern languages; William A. Johnson, instructor in religion; Nathaniel S. Preston, instructor in government; Paul J. Smith, instructor in English; and Eugen B. Eisenlohr, reference librarian.

Dr. Minot, who specializes in creative writing and in twentieth century literature, received an A.B. degree from Harvard College in 1953 and his M.A. from Johns Hopkins in 1955. He was previously an assistant professor at the University of Connecticut.

Lt. Col. Olney, a 1940 graduate of the Citadel, flew eleven combat missions and logged 68 combat hours in the South Pacific theater during World War II. He received battle stars for action in New Guinea, at Bismark Archipelago, Leyte, and Luzon.

Another addition to the college R.O.T.C. detachment, Major LaMar is a veteran of 17½ years in the Air Force. His World War II services in the Pacific won him an Air Medal and the Oak Leaf Cluster. LaMar, Florida Southern College class of 1958, served as flight instructor at Palm Beach, Fla., before his appointment.

Dr. Battis has teaching experience from Lafayette College, Lehigh University, and Muhlenberg College. He received a B.S. degree in business administration at Rutgers in 1948 and his M.A. degree and doctorate from New York University.

Mr. Ferguson, has been a part-time art instructor at Trinity since 1954. He is a member of the Connecticut Academy and has executed murals at several preparatory schools. Mr. Ferguson, an alumnus of Williams, has taught at Williston Academy and Hill School.

A former modern languages instructor at Trinity from 1954 to 1956, Mr. Gastmann is returning to the faculty after studying abroad. He got both his B.A. in 1949 and his M.A. in 1953 from Columbia University. From 1950 until 1954, Gastmann was

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## Library Evokes Policy Change

New library policies have been adopted for the new school year, according to Librarian, Donald B. Engley. These changes were necessitated by the greatly increased circulation and the large number of outsiders using the library.

Under the new provisions, students may check out books for a longer period of time. The new lending period will be one month plus the remaining time until the first of the next month (i.e. a book checked out on September 30, would be due November 1; a book checked out on October 1, would be due December 1). Under this new policy, no renewals will be permitted.

In addition to the new lending period, the College has also adopted new regulations regarding the use of the library by outsiders. Except in certain cases, an annual or a semester fee will be charged for the use of the facilities. In explaining the reason for this step, Engley said that while the College would like to open its library facilities to the community without restrictions, the total number of persons who would avail themselves of the opportunity and the service load placed on a small library staff make this prohibitive.

In the coming year, students and faculty will also be required to present books for inspection at the door, and to present an identification card when checking out books. Engley voiced a fear the students and faculty may find the new system cumbersome at first, but he explained it was necessary.

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The Tripod extends its deepest sympathy to Senate President, Marvin Peterson, on the death of his mother this week.

## 263 Beanied Freshmen Represent 35 States

On Tuesday, September 15, a small army of 263 fledgling scholars converged on Hartford to begin their academic careers at Trinity. Along with high hopes and blue beanies, this freshman class possesses an interesting background.

The freshmen were selected from an initial 2,307 who made preliminary applications and 1,437 who completed application procedure.

## Construction Starts on New Student Union

Construction of Trinity's long-awaited Student Union is progressing toward its expected completion in the fall of 1960. Most of the excavating has been done and the foundation will soon be started. The two-story building will adjoin Hamlin Hall to the south of the quadrangle.

Its architect is Robert B. O'Connor, '16, a trustee of the college, and the contracting firm is the Wadhams and May Company, Hartford.

The first floor will include two student lounges, a snack bar, a new dining hall with a capacity of 300, administrative offices, a cafeteria service area, and kitchens and storage areas. A room 59 feet by 95 feet for assemblies, dances and special events; and activity rooms for the Senate, Medusa, and other organizations will be located on the second story.

The bookstore and post office will be in new enlarged accommodations on the lower level of the building, along with facilities for non-resident students.

### President Comments

"We are everlastingly grateful," said President Jacobs, "to the many alumni, parents, friends, foundations, and business corporation who, through their generosity to the college, have made it possible to start the construction of this much needed facility for use by our students."

Among those who have contributed to the \$1,250,000 cost of the Student Union were: Mr. Karl Hallden '09, Thomaston, Conn., who donated the Margaret Hallden Game Room in honor of his wife; Mr. Francis Boyer, Philadelphia, Pa., who gave the Tripod Room in memory of his son, John Boyer '53; and Mrs. W. S. A. Bulkeley, Pacific Palisades, Calif., whose gift is the Ivy Room in memory of her husband.

Other gifts were donated by Mr. and Mrs. Ellason Downs, Wilmington, Del.; the J. Verner Reed family, Greenwich, Conn.; the Kresge Foundation of Detroit, Mich.; the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving; the James Foundation of New York and several anonymous donors.

The contribution of nearly \$275,000 from parents of students was recognized officially last November 1 when ground-breaking ceremonies were held on Parents' Day.

## Equitable Donates Educational Grant

The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States has awarded Trinity for the fifth consecutive year a \$1,000 grant, it was announced Monday, Sept. 14 by Dr. Jacobs.

The grant, for the academic year 1959-60, was given under the Society's plan "For Support of Higher Education," which since 1955 has made a

In this group are students from 35 states (nine more than last year), the District of Columbia, Argentina, and the Canal Zone. Two students are from Hawaii, the nation's newest state. Seventy of this class are from Connecticut, 45 of these from the Greater Hartford area. Other large contingents represent New York (36), Pennsylvania (30), Massachusetts (27), New Jersey (24), and Illinois (15).

The Class of 1963 also shows a remarkably even split between public and private school graduates. This year 135 or 50.9% represent public schools. Hartford High contributed the largest single group, seven. The Hill School was next with six.

### Oldest — 22

The oldest freshman is 22 years, eight months; the youngest is 16 years, six months. Eight freshmen are sons of alumni, two are brothers of alumni, and six have brothers now in the undergraduate ranks.

Thus far 144 have declared a B.A. program while 119 will seek B.S. degrees. 64 freshmen have been awarded scholarship aid.

The Class of 1963 has spent the week taking part in the many orientation activities. Officially welcomed to the campus on Tuesday, they picnicked Wednesday at Avon Old Farms. Thursday evening they were guests of President Jacobs at the President's Dinner, annual highlight of the busy week.

Today and tomorrow there will be individual appointments, more tests, more sports, and more meetings before the freshmen get their first chance to live up to their outstanding advance billing.

## Westinghouse Gives To Five-Year Plan

The Westinghouse Educational Foundation of Pittsburgh, Pa., has presented Trinity the second of two installments of \$5,000 as part of the Foundation's Five-Year Program of Support to Education.

The gift was made recently to President Jacobs by Malcolm E. C. Devine, Area Sales Manager for Westinghouse, on behalf of the Foundation. The initial installment was presented Trinity in June 1956.

Dr. Jacobs, on behalf of the Trustees and Faculty of Trinity, expressed to the Trustees of the Foundation "our sincere appreciation for this fine contribution, which will do much to enable us to carry forth our educational program. We are deeply grateful and thank you with all our hearts."

distribution to privately supported colleges and universities.

According to James F. Oates, Jr., President of Equitable Life, "The amounts allotted to individual institutions remain necessarily modest, our feeling being that such gifts made annually prove more effective than larger sums granted on a rotation basis."



# Aims of Student Union Reviewed; Work Begins

By MAC COSTLEY

Why doesn't Trinity College have a place where parents of students can meet their sons? Why doesn't the College have facilities that will make students prefer to spend most of their weekends on campus? Why is Trinity one of the few colleges of its caliber without a student center?

Such questions prompted the overwhelmingly successful Program of Progress launched in the Over of 1955. Construction began early in the Academic year '58-'59, on the heating systems etc., with foundation construction beginning during the summer sessions.

It is accepted that Trinity students chose the College because they considered that it had the right approach to education for our times. The Trinity administration realized what a Student Center can do to help this approach from a different angle — the social side.

First, it can serve as a center for meetings where students can discuss with Department heads the major fields in which they may wish to concentrate.

### Facilities For Growth

Second, it can assist significantly in the intellectual growth of the student and in his aesthetic and cultural development by offering facilities for readings, plays, motion pictures, concerts, record hours, art exhibits and through a book store and facilities for the Tripod, Ivy, and Review.

Third, its lounges and snack shop will provide opportunities for students to learn from their teachers, to meet other members of the faculty, and to get to know their fellow-students.

Fourth, its game room and ball-room will provide healthy activity in leisure time and for social life.

Fifth, by bringing together many college activities, the center will help to develop student interest in these activities, and it will encourage the development of leadership and administrative skills.

Sixth, the very existence of the Center will imbue the students with an awareness of community needs and responsibilities. Thus, the students will be encouraged to serve others—surely one of the main aims of education.

# St. Mark's, Webster Pew Ends New Additions to Chapel

During the preceding semester, three new pew ends were presented to the College Chapel. One, in honor of the close association between the St. Mark's School and Trinity, was given by the Alumni of both schools and dedicated late in April. The other two, the Lorin Webster and the Holderness-Trinity pew ends, were donated to the Chapel at the 133rd commencement by Dr. Jerome P. Webster '10.

The St. Mark's pew end has a finial, a carving of a winged lion. Underneath it is an inscription of the school's motto, "Age Quod Agis". The two lower panels contain engravings of St. Mark preaching in Rome and figures of the late Dr. William G. Thayer.

The arm rest is a figure of the late William W. Baker, a Trinity graduate and Greek scholar who joined the St. Mark's faculty. The panel beneath it shows St. Peter dictating the gospel of St. Mark and the seals of St. Mark's and Trinity.

Of the two pew ends presented by Dr. Webster, the first was dedicated in memory of the Rev. Lorin Webster, father of Dr. Webster. The Rev. Mr. Webster, 30 years rector of Holderness School, graduated as class salutatorian from Trinity in 1880. For three years he attended the Berkeley Divinity School, graduating in '83, at which time he also received his M.A. degree from Trinity. He was awarded the L.H.D. degree in 1908.

### NEW PROFESSORS —

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a teacher and principal of Abraham Lincoln High School, Lima, Peru.

Mr. Johnson's major field of teaching includes philosophy of religion, philosophy, and historical theology. Once a professional baseball player, he has served as recreation director of a Salvation Army Youth Center and as a Methodist Minister for four different parishes. He was graduated from Owens College with a B.A. in 1953, received a B.D. from Drew Theological Seminary in 1956, and M.A. from Union Theological Seminary in 1958.

Mr. Preston has also taught at Princeton, Tufts, and Boston College. He is currently completing his dissertation for a Ph.D. at Princeton on "The Use and Control of Public Authorities in American State and Local Government." He graduated from Boston University in 1950 with a B.A. and got his M.A. in 1951 from the University of Pennsylvania.

Smith, a graduate of the University of Rochester, holds his M.A. degree from Harvard. He has also studied at Syracuse University and the University of London. While at Harvard he held a teaching fellowship in history and literature during 1956, 1957, and 1958.

After graduating from Bard College and the Library School of Pratt Institute, Mr. Eisenlohr was associated for several years with the William Sloane House Y.M.C.A. in New York City and the New York Public Library. Most recently he has been principal reference librarian at the Newark Public Library.

**CAR REGISTRATION**  
All cars and motorcycles must be registered with the Buildings and Grounds office by Monday, September 28th.

# Frosh Reviews College Life's 1st Impression

By MARSH BLUME

Before I even had arrived at Trinity, I had formed many opinions concerning college life. College life, I believed, would be much less regulated than it had been at prep school. Also I thought that there would be a party almost every night. Strangely, my thoughts never included anything about studying. When I arrived on campus, these opinions were quickly shattered.

Arriving on Monday, I was one of the few freshmen on campus, which posed a difficult problem. A Junior grabbed me upon arrival to take some of his baggage from New Dorm to Vernon Street. Being a docile freshman, I was happy to do this small service, but on my way back to Elton, I was accosted again to do some other work. This process went on all afternoon. Finally, I maneuvered to my room, only to find it so jammed with sofas, lamps, and the like that I could not unpack completely. Luckily, the janitor counseled me before I threw all the furniture out into the hall.

### Song Fest

Dinner Monday night presented another problem. My roommate and I were determined to avoid the football team, so we went to dinner at five because we learned that the team ate at five-thirty. However, the team showed up at five-fifteen. Trying to mind our own business, we must have looked quite conspicuous because the team members called us over to sing a song. We were a little frightened, particularly one in the group, who had not memorized his songs. Finally, we left the dining room backwards, bowing to the team and saying, "Allah." When we were outside, we almost ran back to the dorm. Yet, there was no party that night, to my disappointment.

### Many Meetings

Tuesday and the rest of the week included similar incidents but not as often. However, there were many meetings to take up our time—some which I found very humorous; others very boring. The most humorous meeting concerned a program presented by the Air Force Detachment. This program included a movie, which tried to convince the freshmen that ROTC was a desirable course. Principally, it pointed out that there is a military ball, but the girls at the ball were so ugly that I and most of the others freshmen had to laugh. Later the commandant apologized for the ridiculousness of the movie and said that his unit was not like the one in the movie. Anyway, we all had refreshments at the ROTC office in the library afterwards. Some other meetings were very dull. A speaker would announce that he would speak for a short time because he said he knew he would be boring us by speaking any longer and then proceeded to talk for an hour on nothing but introducing his department. Finally we realized that we should bring along something to read at these meetings. Thus the week passed for me—avoiding upperclassmen and attending meetings, but still I had not attended any big parties.

### LIBRARY —

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essary to protect the students' investment in the library which receives partial support from tuition fees.

Mr. Engley further cited figures of the library's growth which necessitated these changes in procedure. In the past year, student circulation increased by 40% which faculty increased by 13% and outside increased by 20%. The overall increase in circulation was 26%.

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Ready for action tomorrow against Denison are Captain Roger LeClerc and Coach Dan Jessee.

# Denison First Rival; LeClerc Leads Squad

By MATT LEVINE

It would probably be just as well that you freshmen realize from the outset that Trinity is not a football school. This is not Louisiana State, Mississippi, or Army. Charlie Sticka, Trinity's claim to fame in LIFE magazine, has been gone for three years. Paul Dietzel or Red Blaik is not on the coaching lines . . . but we do have a few individuals whose names are worth indelible in your minds. These individuals will be putting on big college performances trying to better the Bantams' mediocre four win - four loss of last year.

Dan Jessee . . . Roger LeClerc . . . Bill deColigny . . . Bob Johnson . . . Tom Wyckoff. For those who have been curious enough, you know that Dan Jessee is as much a part of the Trinity campus as your own frosh beanies and the Brownell statue. A 35-man squad would be a big one for the Hilltoppers, thus this year's 28-man turnout is not much smaller than local elevens of the past. Jessee always comes up with some devious means to make up for his lack of depth. He has coached here for 27 years, and his only losing season since World War II evolved in 1957 when more than half of his diminutive squad was felled by the Asian Flu . . . This year he has a strong opening array, one that can match with virtually any opponent on our schedule. But eleven men can't play 60 minutes a game at full tilt against depth-ridden opposition.

Rog LeClerc is the 1959 captain . . . a 6'2" 235 lb. captain . . . Trinity's answer to Big Daddy Lipscomb . . . and a Chicago Bear draft choice all rolled into one. Anchoring down the center position, he disengaged all opposition playing across from him in a recent scrimmage against a Connecticut teachers' college. With LeClerc at center, 5'9" quarterback Tony Sanders may just as well be on the other side of the Gardol wall.

Bill deColigny is no bouncing baby. He tips the scale at 235 lbs., and forgets about all of his imbred southern hospitality when he is manning the tackle spot on Dan Jessee's strong side of the line. An All-New England choice who wears no. 77, he too will arouse the enmity of all sadists.

The Bantams' answer of Messrs. Inside and Outside are Bob Johnson and Tom Wyckoff. Johnson is a rugged fullback who gained close to seven yards a carry last year while leading the team in total yards gained via the rushing route. Wyckoff, the second half of the senior running duo, was a nearby second behind Johnson for the '58 running crown. He'll be at halfback, and don't be surprised if he is seen snagging a few of quarterback Tony Sanders' aerials as has been his accustomed habit.

The team has more than four players of noteworthy ability . . . but these are the best. Tomorrow's opponent Denison has hired its publicists to shed tears about their lack of depth and abundance of spirit. However, they are not as wilted as one might think. They have seventeen lettermen returning compared to our meagre ten. Coming off a disappointing 1958 season, the Big Red will still have to be taken down a peg . . . or two, for the Blue and Gold to emerge successfully.

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