Trinity Addresses Faculty’s Sanctuary Campus Request

Administrators and faculty met to discuss Trinity's potential designation as a sanctuary campus

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Following the results of the presidential election, a flurry of college communities across the county have urged their administrations to adopt the status of a "sanctuary campus" in order to protect international students and other members of their communities that may have their status threatened by a Trump presidency.

Trinity College was hit by this snowstorm of support for the status of a sanctuary campus. Vijay Prashad, George and Martha Kellner Chair in South Asian History and Professor of International Studies, recently spearheaded an effort urging "the College establish itself as a 'sanctuary center of higher education,' committed to protecting the members of its community from unfair deportation, investigation, or other intimidation" in a letter signed by almost 100 other faculty members. Other NESCACs have voiced similar concerns and one has already committed to the designation. Wesleyan University President Michael Roth recently declared Wesleyan a sanctuary campus that will not voluntarily support the deportation of students and faculty because of immigration status, as reported by the Hartford Courant.

On Monday, Nov. 21,

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Trinity Hockey Teams Open Season Strong

Men’s hockey dominated over Thanksgiving weekend with two double-digit wins

COURTESY OF Trinity College Athletics

The men’s hockey team faced Post University on Nov. 22.

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Trinity Men’s Ice Hockey started up the season with two conference games and three regular season games. The opening game at Tufts was a tough loss with a 3-1 final score. However, the Bantams didn’t let that stop them from dominating the next three games with a conference win against Connecticut College (4-1), and two huge regular season wins. On Nov. 22, the men played a home game against Post University and absolutely dominated with a final score of 14-0. With seven goals in the first period, the Bantams knew they were there to win. Michael Delisle ’19 started off the game with his first career goal only four minutes into the first period, which was followed by a second goal ten minutes into the period. The men’s hockey team faces Colby College, Bates, and Wesleyan the following weekend.

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"On November 14, 1998, the members of Tectonic Theater Project traveled to Laramie, Wyoming, and conducted interviews with the people of the town." This is the opening line of Moisés Kaufman’s "The Laramie Project" and also the foundation upon which the play was developed and is structured. The Trinity College Department of Theater and Dance performance of the show in Goodwin Theater over the weekend was a powerful one.

"The Laramie Project" Premiers at Austin Arts

Twenty years later, lessons about hate and acceptance in the "The Laramie Project" still ring true

COURTESY OF John Atashain Calabresi ’20 and Mueller ’19 delivered powerful performances.

JOE DiBACCO '19
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Twenty years later, lessons about hate and acceptance in the “The Laramie Project” still ring true. The Laramie Project was first performed in 1998, and its messages are still relevant today. The play is set in Laramie, Wyoming, after the killing of Matthew Shepard, a gay student. The play explores the community’s response to the murder and the impact it had on the residents of Laramie.

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Fracasso Retires

Trinity Vice President of Advancement John Fracasso’s retirement was announced on Nov. 14

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STAFF WRITER

John Fracasso, Trinity’s Vice President of Advancement, is retiring after the 2016-2017 school year. Trinity’s Advancement Office is tasked with the promotion of Trinity’s mission, raising awareness of its goals and values, and fostering mutually-beneficial relationships between Trinity and its constituents, primarily alumni, students, and their families. Advancement is a crucial venture at Trinity in that, if done well, can be quite fruitful. Benefits of productive advancement include networking and internship opportunities for students, and a consistent stream of monetary donations for the school that can be used to improve the Trinity experience for the student body.
The holidays are a time for giving thanks, gifts, cheer, and love. After all, there is a reason why it is called the most wonderful time of the year. However, as the season approaches people tend to lose sight of what is truly important: giving back to the community. There are numerous organizations that are more than happy to provide aid to humans and animals in need year-round. Throughout the holiday season, donating to these organizations is absolutely pivotal. Natural- ly, there is no denying that the holiday season prompts people to give away the unwanted gifts and canned goods leftover from their feasts. But why wait until the holidays are over to do so?

Since the holidays are indeed a time for giving, it strikes a chord knowing just how contradictory people’s actions tend to act during them. For example, many spent time with their families reminiscing on all that they had to be thankful for over the past year. On the following Thursday, only to run out to stores on Black Friday in order to shop for things they would not normally seek out on any other given day. To claim that the majority of society participates in these annual Black Friday excursions is an exaggeration, but based on the amount of articles, advertisements, sales — and honestly — hilariously videos of people fighting each other over gifts is mind-boggling. The holiday season has evolved from an opportunity to spend rare quality time with loved ones to a chance to spend all too much time in your local mall complex. It isn’t just the holiday season anymore: it is a Hallmark holiday season. And these organizations are just in the United States of America, but also all over the world who are in dire need of assistance from those who are more fortunate than they. Instead of dropping hundreds to thousands of dollars on gifts that will most likely be regifted or given away after the holiday season, why not use your time and money wisely by going to your local kitchen or local animal shelter, or assisting non-profit charities in giving gifts to people who will appreciately use them. Instead of finding a well-off person who may just see the gift of clothing just as another “in-season” piece to add to their closet. The holiday season has become a source of stress, anxiety, and depression for the average person in America. Studies have shown that giving back to the community and doing good deeds actually makes a person feel happier, more grateful, and — most importantly — it is incredibly rewarding. If you are someone who feels depressed, anxious, or stressed during the holiday season try giving back to the community. It is a way of feeling knowing that your act of kindness — be it big or small — will have an everlasting effect on a person, people, or animals. For those going through a time of darkness in their lives, receiving love and compassion from others is sure to brighten them up. Yes, the weather outside is frightful. But others do not have a fire that is so delightful. If you truly do not have the time to go to an organization and volunteer, than why not surprise someone sleeping on the street with a bundle of food and water? The point is simple: give back. Don’t just give back right before or after the holiday season; give back any time that you can, a little goes a long way.

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President Berger-Sweeney and administrators met with Professor Pra- shad and faculty members to discuss this possibility of establishing Trinity as a sanctuary campus. The Tripod spoke with Pres- ident Berger-Sweeney and Professor Prashad about the outcome of the meeting and the prog- ress of Trinity’s status as a Sanctuary Campus.

Trinity Tripod: Was the meeting productive?

Did the administration come to any conclusions about Trinity becoming a sanctuary campus?

J.B. Berger-Sweeney: The meeting was productive. The purpose of the meet- ing was to determine with greater clarity what the faculty members were re- questing in their letter. The letter requested that “the College establish it- self as a ‘sanctuary center of higher education.’” We discussed with the facul- ty what that means and what aspects of sanctu- ary they were requesting. We discussed whether the term “sanctuary” was critical in a declaration, which is what Wesleyan declared, or whether the statements made by the President of Pomona Col- lege, which did not use the term “sanctuary” but defined specific policies, was more important for our campus. The admin- istration also shared with faculty members that Connecticut and Hartford, and Connecticut has statewide policies that are consistent with one definition of sanctu- ary. The meeting was very productive. About 22 faculty members came for the meeting. We shared our concerns with the President about the question of undocumented and other vulnerable students (and staff). The President said that she would consider our views and – in conversation with the Trustees – would make a decision on the question of a sanctuary.

Trinity Tripod: Was the Board of Trustees included in the meeting or con- sulted prior to or fol- lowing the meeting?

JBS: As president of the College, I am a member of the Board of Trustees and I was in attendance. No other members of the board attended the meet- ing. I notified the Chair of the Board, Corné Thorne- burgh, about the meeting.

TT: What are Trin- ity’s next steps in ad- dressing this issue?

JBS: The administration agreed to compose a letter and share it with the members of the Board. The President agreed that it would be important for Trinity College to make a public statement by the end of the week on this issue. I have draft- ed a statement that I will share with other trustees early in the week. We ex- pect to be able to share a statement with the public later in the week.

TT: Do you think the student body and alumni will react to Trinity’s decision to be- come or not to become a sanctuary campus?

JBS: I continue to think that it is important to determine more explic- itly what we are agreeing to do and not to do and recognize that the new administration of Presi- dent-elect Trump has not made a statement or cre- ated any specific policies to which to react. I con- tinue to be concerned that we define specific actions rather than make sym- bolic statements. Given how divided the U.S. is on the issue of immigration, I can only imagine that any statement related to immigration status and Trinity College would not please everyone. Here at Trinity, we continue to support our families and those that unify us as Bantams.

VP: We hope that the students and alumni would see the ethical im- portance of such a deci- sion. Whatever econom- ic problems the United States faces, it is unlikely to be solved by raids on educational institutions against students. An- trimmigrant sentiment shows – largely a po- litical tool and it will not facilitate the necessary economic changes needed in the country. That requires a reasoned dis- cussion over a long term. Thus far, there has be little evidence of such a conversation. What we have instead is fear-mong- ering. This is dangerous. A liberal arts college must always caution against slogansaying and call for serious dialogue to- wards solving problems.

TT: What issues or con- cerns are preventing Trini- ty from making a decision?

JBS: It is important that we make decisions for Trinity College that are in the best interest of our College and our stu- dents. It is not crystal clear at the moment what the best interest of Trinity and our students.

TT: This week, Wes- leyan’s President Michael Roth declared Wesley- an a sanctuary campus. What do you think of your peer institution’s decision to become a sanctuary campus? Does this have any effect on how Trinity is addressing the issue?

JBS: I am pleased that President Roth has consulted with his board and made a declaration that he considers in the best interest of Wesley- an and Wesleyan’s stu- dents. Trinity College is currently discerning those decisions for itself. VP: We believe Trinity should join this national movement. We hope that students and alumni will see the merits of such a move and join to make the campus as enriching an intellectual and social environment as possible.

Students, Hartford Residents March for Equality

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On Nov. 20, 14 Trinity students marched through Hartford to protest Don- ald Trump’s election to the presidency as part of the Equality March that took place downtown. Or- ganized by Hartford area activists, Trinity’s visit to the protest was organized by members of the College Democrats, a political club

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new to Trinity’s campus. According to the event’s Facebook page, the Equal- ity March was organized “in light of all the pain and hurt that many are feeling post-election.” The event’s description continued, “We thought it would be best to call this an equal- ity march versus an ‘an- ti-Trump’ protest because it is counterproductive to be ANTI. We should all be FOR equality and justice.” Participants gathered outside of the Old State House around noon on Sunday, huddled in small knots against the cold. Marchers ranged in age from elderly to young children, some of whom had written their own signs. “Hate Never Made Us Great,” read a ban- ner larger than its young authors, subtitled “Kids Against Trump,” next to a drawing of Trump labeled “bully.” Using a mega- phone, Tiffany Wallace, an activist and organiz- er who put the event to- gether, rallied the pro- testers, explaining the demonstration’s peaceful intentions and reviewing slogans. Walker could not be reached by the Tri- pod for comment, though activity on the event’s Facebook page sug- gested that such events might occur in the future. The march departed from the Old State House and made its way to Con- necticut’s Capitol build- ing. They chanted al- l-purpose: “women’s rights are human rights, immigrant rights are human rights,” across Bushnell Park as the capitol was appro- ached the Capitol. After circling the Cap- itol building, the demon- strators settled on the grass, still brandishing signs. Using the mega- phone provided by Walk- er, participants took turns speaking. Hailing from a variety of towns and neighborhoods in the greater Hartford area, speakers articulated their concerns over Trump’s election weeks ago, citing his inflammatory and di- visive rhetoric, controver- sial cabinet appointments, and contentious proposal to limit immigration. Section of their discontent. Most speakers, including the children who had created the “bully” banner, reiterated their commit- ment to continuing advo- cacy and desire for unity. The College Democrats, for their part, will contin- ue to organize events around historic and neighborhoods in the greater Hartford area, speakers articulated their concerns over Trump’s election weeks ago, citing his inflammatory and di- visive rhetoric, controver- sial cabinet appointments, and contentious proposal to limit immigration. Most of the demonstration broke up after about an hour as participants scattering to their cars and to the city buses. Many speakers stated a desire for more action like the demonstra- tion on the 20th: many extended invitations to discussion groups at in- terfaith houses and other centers of the Hartford community to continue processing the election.
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Trinity’s Pre-Law Society will be hosting an event on campus this coming Friday, Dec. 2 titled “Ca- reers in Law: A Pre Law Society Speaker Series.” This event invites speak- ers from the legal and po- litical career world onto Trinity’s campus to speak about their professional experiences, the path they took to attain their current employment, and any ad- vice they have for students seeking a career in the law. This Friday’s event presenters are Eleanor Michael, Deputy Coun- sel to the Governor of Connecticut, and Abigail Williamson, professor of Political Science and Public Policy and Law here at Trinity College. Before assuming the role of Deputy Counsel to the Governor of Connecti- cut, Michael worked in policy analysis for the Con- necticut State Democrats, as a Law Clerk to the U.S. District Court, as well as a number of other roles. She attended Wesleyan Uni- versity where she received her B.A. in American Studies, and later pursued her J.D. at the Universi- ty of Connecticut School of Law. On Friday she will be speaking about her cur- rent role as Deputy Legal Counsel, her experience in getting to this role, and any advice she has to stu- dents seeking a career in the policy and law world. Professor Williamson has had extensive experi- ence both internationally and domestically. Cur- rently a professor of both Public Policy and Law and Political Science, she has a particu- lar interest in im- migration, and is currently writing a book that focuses on immigrant populations. Professor Williamson re- ceived her Bachelor’s De- gree from Williams College and later pursued both a M.P.P. from Harvard Ken- nedy School, and her Ph.D. from Harvard University. On Dec. 2, Professor Wil- liamson will be discussing the distinct career path she took, her interest in research, and advice to any students that may be interested in pursuing their M.P.P. versus a J.D.

The event will be held in Seabury N130 at 12:30 p.m. and pizza will be served.

AASA Hosts Intercollegiate Asian American Night

BY ETHAN YANG ’20
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On Nov. 18, five Asian cultural clubs from five different colleges convened at Trinity College for the first Intercolligate Asian American Night. This event was hosted by two first-years Ethan Yang and Hamna Tariq, who are the First Year Representatives for Trinity’s Asian Amer- ican Student Association (AASA). Also in attendance were the Wesleyan Korean Student Association (KSA), the UConn Filipino Amer- ican Student Association (FASA), the Connecticut College Asian and Asian American Students In Ac- tion (ASIA), and Eastern Connecticut State Asian Cultural Society (ACS). Dean Spurlock-Evans attended the event, as well as President Berger-Sweene- they and Dean DiChristina, who joined in the evening’s events with their fami-

lies. Both were incredibly pleased with the event, recognizing that it was an unprecedented and histor- ic step in the furthering of Asian American affairs, not just at Trinity, but in the state of Connecticut.

The main event of the evening was a Thanksgiving-style potluck dinner. Each organization for the various colleges and univer- sities brought unique Asian dishes to be served amongst those attending. This sym- bolized the unity that Trin- ity AASA hopes to establish throughout Connecticut.

After introductions and dinner, Yang discussed the possible ways students could create a base foun- dation for a statewide co- alition of Asian American clubs. The goals of the co- alition are aimed towards facilitating collaboration, unity, as well as commu- nication, with regard to Asian American culture in a state where the cur- rent conversation is some- what nonexistent. The coalition marks the birth of a movement that will augment the presence of Asian American culture as well as diversity within the state of Connecticut.

Once the idea for coali- tion was introduced, enthusi- asm erupted in the crowd and the event proceeded to an open microphone ses- sion. During this time, stu- dents from countless differ- ent backgrounds shared their personal thoughts on the Asian American iden- tity. Eastern Connecticut ACS President, Benony Touch, shared his personal experience of having immi-grant parents. This expe- rience created tremendous tension in his family when it came to tradition and his new American life. Anoth- er student spoke about the experience of being both white and Asian. He ex- plained that because of his background, others often criticize him for claiming his Asian heritage because some do not think he looks Asian enough. Matt Franco, a member of UConn FASA, shared a rap he composed about being an Asian Amer- ican and the struggle of try- ing to be accepted as part of a predominantly white America. Yang from Trin- ity AASA shared a speech about the Asian American issue of being caught in the middle. He pointed out that cultural differences have separated Asian Ameri- cans from international Asias as well as the oth- er ethnic groups that com- pose the rest of America.

As the event drew to a close, it was apparent that the concept of coalition was backed by a tremen- dous amount of momen- tum. Members from differ- ent schools shared their ideas and secreted the need for collaboration to unprecedent- ed levels. Both President Berger-Sweeney and the two Deans in attendance stated that they hope for more events like this from AASA, recognizing the po- tential for Trinity to be a leader in the cultural de- velopment of Connecticut. Trinity AASA Social Chair Timothy Lee ’18 commented, “this event just put Trinity AASA out there, we are present now.”

AASA President Lisa Lee ’17 and Vice President San- jay Thapa ’17 stated, “We are incredibly proud of the leadership our freshman reps have shown in hosting this event and making this such a success.” Yang con- cluded the conference, ex- cusing the crowd with a few par- ting words, “this will only be the first in many collaborations to come... us college students we are the future, we write the laws, we make the rules, we set the boundaries, and it’s going to be us that decides the future of America.”

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The Asian American Student Association’s event hosted students from colleges including Wesleyan, University of Connecticut, and Eastern Connecticut.
Underground Holds “Surviving New England” Event

The event was attended by Trinity students from all over the country and all over the world.

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A worldly group convened this past Thursday, Nov. 17 in the Underground Coffeehouse to discuss the difficulties associated with attending college in New England.

Students from Tanzania, Rwanda, Morocco, India, France, Trinidad and Tobago, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, southern California, and elsewhere all joined for the event titled “Surviving New England,” but often referred to as “Trinity’s Traveling Fellows” in informal nature and, Fahrenheit) all year.

About 32 degrees Celsius, average temperature stays mild winter was trouble-some for students from climates where the av-

enge temperature stays about 32 degrees Celsius (about 100 degrees Fahrenheit) all year.

The meeting had a fur-

id, informal nature and, although it was run by Transition Fellows Con- suelo Pedro ’15 and Mer- edith Friedman, it was easy to forget that Friedman and Pedro were not fellow students speaking as equals. To add to the welcoming atmosphere, Pedro and Friedman generously bought each per-

son attending a drink of their choice. The women in attendance outnumber-

bered the men, and most students who attended were members of mi-

nority ethnic groups.

Aside from the light-hearted stories of miscommunication and of adapting to New En-

gland’s cultural idiosyn-

crasies, a deeper topic emerged through some of the slightly more personal anecdotes. One interna-
tional student confessed a feeling that other mem-

bers of the Trinity com-

munity seemed to have less interest or concern about her unique experi-

ence and viewpoint than about the more common experiences and view-

points of those who might be termed “typical” Trinity students. Many of the other students in the group echoed this sentiment, prompting Transi-

tion Fellow Pedro to an-

nounce to the entire group that Trinity professors, and in many cases Trini-

ty students, as well as the Transition Fellows and many of the other admin-

istrators, doctors, dentists, both interest and concern about the experiences of students for whom the culture of Trinity and New England is unfa-

miliar and challenging.

Yet another, all the more poignant topic was brought up as well: the fact that, for many inter-

ational students, the typ-

ical citizens of their home country are financially supporting themselves, often raising children, and living independently as an adult, while Trinity students of the same age or older are partying and relying on their parents for financial support. This perspective made some students wonder if their experience here was tru-

ly warranted in the name of education, or if it’s merely a self-indulgent prolonging of childhood.
The Climate Change, Energy, and Health panel discussion took place in the Alumni Lounge on Thurs day, Nov. 17 as part of a “Week of Action” advocating for renewable energy. Over 50 events were held across the country as part of “The Week of Action for Renew able Energy,” a collaboration between The Climate Reality Project, Environment America, the Student PIRGs, and other partner companies. The event’s subtitle was “100% Committed. 100% Renew able.” According to these groups, these events were held in order to show support for renewable energy in the face of President-Elect Donald Trump’s “outdated and dangerous energy platform” that could set the climate movement back decades. All four panelists at the panel discussion were calling for a nationwide commitment to 100% renewable energy. The discussion focused on the need for our society to transform the way the world produces and consumes energy. As of today, 19 cities nationwide have made the commitment, including Salt Lake City, Utah, and Aspen, Colorado. The purpose of the “Week of Action” was to encourage more cities to make this commitment, as using entirely renewable energy is a manageable goal.

Solar power has tripled in the last two years with a new home or business going solar every three minutes. Wind power is now cheaper than gas and coal in many states. Scientists say we need to get off carbon by 2050 if we are going to hold climate change to a manageable level. The first speaker, James Albis, a member of the Connecticut House of Representatives representing the 99th District, described the legislative aspect of environmental actions. He stated that the state budget has to be balanced and unfortunately, money is usually taken from the environmental fund to achieve this balance. Despite this, many policies have recently been proposed and implemented that don’t cost the state money or even go so far as to make the state money. Mike Truhan, the next speaker, serves as the Executive Director of Solar Connecticut, “a non-profit organization based in Connecticut,” whose mission is “to facilitate the building of a state-wide ‘community’ of ‘stakeholders’ including industry, installers, community leaders, educators, outreach organizations and government with specific interest in the use of solar energy through website, regular networking events and newsletters,” as well as “tapping into a body of ‘experts’ to discuss market opportunities, technology developments, regulation, best practices, government programs and other relevant issues.” Truhan said that in the future solar panels on everyone’s house will have to power both their house and their electric cars if we are to have a world with 100% renewable energy. He also recommended that we should take measures to reduce the many obstacles one has to overcome in order to get a permit for solar energy. By making this process easier and less time consuming, it will encourage more people to do it.

The third speaker, Mary Jane Williams, the Chair of Government Relations for the Connecticut Nurses’ Association, for the last ten years, discussed the public health impacts of climate change. She described the change in the severity and frequency of health problems and also the increase in the amount of health problems in general. She also raised the question of how climate change affects workers and athletes and suggested that we study all groups and evaluate how we are meeting our needs and other relevant issues. Finally, Melissa Everett from Clean Water Action, an organization which “campaigns statewide and locally to reduce and eliminate toxic chemical exposures in our everyday lives,” discussed how we can get people involved despite what their preconceived notions or political party affiliations may be. She mentioned that people need to consider human nature when determining a strategy because we aren’t going to reach this goal through the usual incremental methods. People concerned about climate change should strive to be inspiring, engaging and interesting in order to transform the way we produce and consume energy.

“Local support for action on the climate crisis is more important now than ever,” says Ken Berlin, President and CEO of The Climate Reality Project. “College campuses, mountain communities, businesses, cities and towns across the country are committing themselves to renewable energy that will lower our emissions and, more importantly, help to build a national movement demanding an end to carbon pollution.”
The Electoral College: An Affront to U.S. Democracy

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Everyone knows that America is a democrat-ic nation with a govern-ment that is "by the peo-ple, for the people, and of the people," as outlined by President Lincoln in his Gettysburg Address. America prides itself on electing leaders chosen by its citizens, yet there is an institution that stands in firm opposition to that no-tion: the Electoral College. On Nov. 8, Americans may have cast their ballots, but the next occupant of the White House will not truly be chosen until Dec. 19, when the electors meet. The trouble is that the Electoral College does not vote the same way the American public does, and four times in American history, it has selected a candidate that lost the popular vote. How can a democratic nation defy the will of the people? The Electoral College was established by Article Two of the United States Constitution. There are 538 electors sent from the states to choose the next president. Electoral votes are mostly divided among the states based on each state's population, but not exactly. Every state has a minimum of three electoral votes, as does Washington D.C. The re-maining votes are divided among states based upon which states have the largest populations. Electors are decided on the first Tues-day in November and they pledge to vote the way their state did. Most states, 48 out of 50, have a winner-take-all system.

"Two million Amer-i-cans voted for but those votes more Amer-i-cans, Hillary Clinton, are wasted..."

This means that whoever wins one of these states, even by the slimmest margin, gets all of that state's electoral votes. Only two states, Maine and Ne-braska, allocate their votes in a system based on congressional district.

So who are these elec-tors? Electors are nom-i-nated by parties within each state. If chosen, electors are then sent to the Electoral College based on either the winner-take-all, or the "congressional dis-trict method" employed by Maine and Nebraska. The trouble with the electors is that, despite their pledge to vote as their state did, they are not, in fact, bound to do so. As of 2015 there have been 157 instances of electors breaking their pledges. These people are known as "faithless elec-tors. Twenty states have laws to prevent faithless electors, yet the penalties are minor, and have not been enforced in the past. To date, faithless electors have not swung any US presidential elections. From faithless electors to the winner-take-all sys-tem, the Electoral College does not seem designed to follow the will of the people. Connecticut has a population of 3.597 mil-lion as of 2014 and seven electoral votes. Hypotheti-cally, if 2 million voters se-lected a Democrat, and 1.5 million selected a Republi-can, the state would send... millions of Americans liv-ing within the 50 states, but what about the mil-lions of American citizens that reside outside of the fifty states. Americans living in the District of Columbia get the same number of electoral votes as those living in states. Americans living overseas in some states have no right to vote at all. Americans that live in Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, etc. have no say in who the next president will be, despite the fact that they are American citizens. The Electoral College does an excellent job of ignor-ing what Americans want.

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When Americans cast their bal-lots on Nov. 8, they are voting for the Democratic candi-date, Al Gore would have won in 2000, and Hillary Clinton would have won in 2016, but the Electoral College has once again proven its ability to thwart democracy in America. If Americans actually got to choose their president, Al Gore would have won in 2000, and Hillary Clinton would have won in 2016, but the Electoral College has once again proven its ability to thwart democracy in America. NOW is the time to end the Electoral College. If the states are commit-ted to its democratic prin-ciples, it must abolish the Electoral College. Though polit-i-cians may resist this move, it is for the good of the country. Concerned citizens everywhere should call their congress-men and senators. A con-stitutional amendment must be put forward to save American democracy.

Are People Reacting Too Strongly to the Election?

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On Wednesday, Nov. 9, protests erupted around the country as Donald Trump had just been elected pres-ident, and many people were not happy about it. Social media feeds were full of #NotMyPresident, and with people talking about moving to Canada. It was easy to get swept up in the feeling of dread that coursed through the internet and real life fol-low-ing Election Day, but is this dread warranted or simply an overreaction? The Founding Fathers implemented a system of checks and balances to prevent government offi-cials from having as much power as the British mon-

“No, I don’t have con-cerns. I have never met the guy. I don’t know Steve Bannon, so I have no concerns. I trust Don-ald’s judgment,” said Paul Ryan on Trump’s appoint-ment of racist and an-ti-semitic "alt-right" lead-er Steve Bannon. Ryan says that this has nothing to do with Trump’s tendency to change his mind on policy, or the bad decisions he has made as president. He will definitely appoint Scalia’s replacement, as the Republicans have failed to pass judgment on President Obama’s pick, Merrick Garland. There are also three oth-er justices nearing retire-ment. Since Justices serve for life, these appoint-ments would affect pol-icy and law in our coun-try for decades to come. He also chooses mem-

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Expensive Meal Plans Fail to Suit Student Lifestyle

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Bannon’s appointment was former leader of the KKK, David Duke, who called it “excellent”. Trump has appointed Betsy DeVos as Secretary of Education, who supports defunding public schools, allowing child labor, and removing mandatory public schooling. Trump is expected to tap Ben Carson, who has no government experience, for Housing and Urban Development Secretary. Many of his picks are people such as DeVos, who helped fund and support his campaign.

This man has an extreme amount of power, and he has already proven he will not use it wisely. While there may have been some overreaction directly following the election, as the dust settles it is not at all illogical to be worried about Trump being in charge of our nation. It is up to concerned Americans to do what they can and use their political voices to try to push back against Trump and his administration these next four years.

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I want to talk about the election. So do I, I imagine. This particular election cycle has given Americans across the country new ammunition for vituperative debate and caustic social controver-
sy. This has led people to certain unnecessarily hostile thoughts. I’ve heard people say that it is a great 
time in the brief period between Nov. 8 and writ-
ing this article, that the election was unjust, and that ideas of hatred and prejudice have triumphed over 
some rationalism. Indeed, I could see that as a real possibility, but somewhat false. What is true is important: too many people have let themself’s be swayed by their opinions and become too 
captured with the truth as they see it. Too many, far more than I think, limit their thinking and allow them to dwell no longer on them.

The point I want to make is simple: when we let our personal opinions overtake our shared ide-
als, the results can be devastating. And I mean 
to think that we, as rational people, do not just 
act on our own biases. In 2008, and again four 
years later, the cries were just as strong, just 
as innately opposed, as the popular fervor of the last 
week. I believe we have forgotten the cornerstone of this nation, what makes us, in some humble way, unique. American democ-
acy is predicated on the peaceful transition of pow-
er from one party to their 

opposing party. When we assert our private opin-
ions loudly and loudly, what is 

and always should be enacted, that our borders should be open and free — over these fundamental principles of our democ-

racy, we destroy the political entity through which we can carry our ideas through. I have heard in some quarters the wish to secede from the Union. It is with some alarm that I consider this concept, be-
cause it was a very similar sentiment that inspired eleven Southern states to form the Confederacy un-
der Jefferson Davis. The liberal breakaway nation motives that led them to de-
clare independence are the same; putting personal be-
moves, day by day, sometimes 

quickly, sometimes not at all. You owe it to all the people Trump would seek 
to disenfranchise to stick it out for the next four years, to fight for what you believe, because this is a democracy. You, the individual, the citizen, the voter. Professor Aron G. Winer, if you don’t like Trump, become an 
advocacy group for the 

"We must not lose faith in our democ-

racy, the same faith that guided men and women, like Martin Luther King, like Susan B. Anthony, like so many others."

Trinity’s Thanksgiving Break: All Work and No Play

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Many professors assign long-term projects or have tests right after Thanksgiving break. Is this OK? Should Thanksgiving break be a more “academic break?” so that students can spend time with their fam-
ilies? Or should Thanksgiving break be longer to accom-
modate these assignments?

This past Thursday, Trinity students received an email from Tim Cresswell, Dean of the Faculty and Vice President for Ac-
ademical Affairs, concerning the upcoming Thanksgiving break. The email’s purpose: to 

refocus students on the school’s position regarding class attendance on the eve of the break. In the email, Cresswell reminds us, it is not meant to miss classes for any reason besides a “health Academic Break.” Though the email is keen to point out that only a “handful” of students have seemed to miss the school’s policy and they are addressing a “minor- 
ity,” many students leave

campus before the assigned vacation dates. While I am 
hesitant to disagree with Dean Cresswell, I can’t help but sympathize with the countless Bantams that have already flew the coop. Thanksgiving break is the time for students to catch their breath as they prepare for finals. Un-
fortunately, it is everything but that. Perhaps I hold bias 
as a student myself, but our Thanksgiving break seems entirely too short. For most college students mid-Nov-

ember already brings on an onslaught of mixed emotion. The fall semester is quickly coming to an end, and nearly everyone is on a time crunch. Midterms are wrapping up in time for final assignments to start cropping up. Even assignments and readings. While we all meet deadlines for grading papers, projects, and tests. It is palpable in the air on campus: everything smells like stress, anxiety, and pumpkin-spiced flavoring. It seems as though students have been counting down the days and hours, until they can get a slight reprieve. Thanksgiving break

needs to be a time for students to counter the stress brought upon by school as’ 
signs with relaxation, food, and family. By this point in the semester, stu-
dents deserve to put down their books and other assignments for a few days, to see family that they may not have seen since the start of the semester. This year, however, Thanksgiving break is marked on Trini-

ty’s Academic Calendar as falling between the dates of Wed. 23 to Sun. 27, which means only three days of classes are cancelled. It’s difficult, if not impossible, to manage travel, school-
work, and holiday plans in that short amount of time. The holidays, though en-
joyable, aren’t all fun and 
games. They certainly have their stresses. While many students do live rela-
tively close by – we all know those kids who live “right outside of Boston” – travel isn’t as easy for a portion of Trinity students. Thanks-
giving is notoriously known for its traffic delays and ex-
pensive fares. Many have to spend hours in a car, train, 
bus, or plane before they

can see their family mem-
bers and eat their turkey. The short length of this vacation makes it nearly counterproductive. Students don’t just get a “break,” they also get even more stress as they now try to balance travel expenses, and schoolwork within such a narrow time frame. I’m not arguing that Thanksgiving break should be an assignment-free zone or that professors should lighten course work around the holidays; we aren’t at-
wning this prestigious school to be babied. My goal is to simply point out how inconvenient the short time frame we have to work with is. This complaint isn’t ex-
clusive to Trinity either. Other college campuses have extra-long breaks as well. While many students do live rela-
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from the Vice President for Academic Affairs at the time, Jordan Francke ’13, and he couldn’t have been more correct. A Thanksgiving break this short just puts more of a strain on stu-
dents, both on their minds and in their wallets, leaving them feeling the opposite of relaxed when they return. I completely understand that the plans of students leaving early to get to their various break destinations do not coincide with the school’s policy with atten-
dance. This, of course, is non-
egotiable. I will suggest, however, that the admin-
istration should consider lengthen Thanksgiving break. Professors shouldn’t, and 
don’t, lighten the work load around this time of year, so please stick to the school’s rules if the students were able to have a little more time at home to work on them. That, combined with the money students would save by having more flexibil-
ity regarding travel arrange-
ments, would have students returning to campus feel-
ing well rested and more ready to tackle finals.

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Holiday Break in NYC: A Visit to the Guggenheim Museum

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A great Thanksgiving break activity for those who live close to New York City is visiting the museum mile. Over this break I went to the Guggenheim Museum on the Upper East Side. The Guggenheim is a modern-art museum known for its architecturally intriguing spiral rotunda. As you walk the inclined circular path, the walls are lined with simple pieces of art many listed as “Untitled.” There are several exhibits running in rooms tangent to the main walkway; all of which could mesmerize visitors for hours while appreciating the art.

“Tales of Our Time”, an exhibit on display until Mar. 10, was one of my favorites. These commissioned works challenge the conventional understanding of place. The exhibit titled “Can’t Help Myself” is particularly interesting. This installation employed an industrial robot, visual recognition sensors, and software systems in order to examine our increasingly automated global reality. Created by Sun Yuan and Peng Yu, it represents the ever-increasing relationship between human and machine.

Another very interesting exhibit was “America.” This exhibit had an hour-long wait, because of its individual, participatory nature. So I did not participate. The exhibit is a bathroom in which the toilet has been replaced with a 18-karat gold replica cast. Created by Italian artist, Maurizio Cattelan, the exhibit is intended to be used and is fully functional. There are several other exhibits featuring artists such as Pablo Picasso.

As mentioned before, the Guggenheim is among many museums on museum mile, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Cooper Hewitt. After a trip to the museum, I suggest taking a walk around the Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis Reservoir, located right across the street in Central Park.
Gilmore Girls Revival Struggles to Find Itself in Modern Age

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This past Friday, Nov. 25, a day traditionally noted as Black Friday, a time for stores to promote slightly better sales than usual to increase traffic and consumption of their holiday products, was important to consumer culture in another way: it was "Gilmore Girls" day. Netflix released a four-part special revival series of the popular CW, and later WB show, titled "Gilmore Girls: A Year in the Life:"

The revival was written and directed by Amy Sherman-Palladino and Dan Palladino, who wrote the first six seasons of the original show but due to contract negotiations, did not sign on to finish off the series for the final seventh season. The revival series was not only a chance for the fans to get their second fix, of their beloved show, but a chance for the writers to finish the story the way they always wanted.

Netflix has been in the habit of releasing revival shows with cult-like following: earlier this year, the streaming service produced "Fuller House," a modern day spin off of the 90s sitcom "Full House," which is currently in its second season. This cult following was evident in events sprinkled throughout the months leading up to the revival. In October, Netflix released a four-hour mini-series of the popular CW, and later WB show, titled "Gilmore Girls: A Year in the Life:"

The first four episodes were subsequently named after each season, Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall. Some fans, who perhaps grew up directly alongside one of the show's protagonist Gilmore's – Rory – filling out college applications and sharing first loves at the same time watched the show for a sense of nostalgia. Others, however, may have spent the past three weeks binge-watching the show to catch up on the experience and to express their excitement for the return of their favorite mother-daughter duo. Instead of watching about Rory stress about getting accepted to Harvard, or about her entrance into the world of journalism upon her enrollment and arrival at Yale University, fans saw Rory stress in a familiar, yet seemingly by-perfect world for a woman that once seemed to have the next five years of her life planned, she begins to crumble during season seven and doesn't seem to find her way through national newspapers and magazines. The show continues to deal with the themes that originally appeared in the show – socioeconomic divides between Lorelei and her mother Emily, empowerment for independent, self-sufficient women, and a unique closeness and comfort between the mother-daughter team. "A Year in the Life," however, doesn't seem to manage these topics in a refreshing or positive way. Even though Lorelei happily maintains her partner to whom she mother discards as nothing more than a roommate, Rory is still tied down to decades old boyfriends and fails to keep a steady repository of publishers and editors as she attempts to succeed as a freelance journalist. When she fails to impress the cosmetic and depthless Sandee of the fictional "Sandee Says," a start up gossip website that Rory appellate hensively interviews for.

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Barisat Kelly Vaughan '17 and Elly Worlay '17 served coffee at Peter B's on "Luke's Diner Day."
Kappa Kappa Gamma Leads Successful GIRLS Academy Event

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On the weekend of Nov. 12-13, 13 members of Trinity’s chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority partnered with the GIRLS Leadership Academy to host an overnight program for middle school students. “GIRLS” stands for “girls in-spiring respect, leadership, and services,” and many other chapters of Kappa Kappa Gamma across the country host similar events with the GIRLS Leadership Academy. The program took place at East Hartford Middle School and included activities such as round table discussions, breakout sessions, and a number of other leadership-oriented activities.

It was hosted by Kappa Kappa Gamma’s Trinity chapter, Greater Hartford Alumni Association, and national head- quarters, and sponsored by Dunkin’ Donuts and ShopRite.

The Trinity Tripod spoke with Kappa Kappa Gamma member Nia Vogel ’18, who was heavily involved with planning the overnight program. Trinity Tripod took three years of planning and fundraising for the event to happen. How involved were the current and past members of Trinity’s chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma in this process?

Nia Vogel: About three years ago, an active member applied to have our chapter selected as one of the facilitators for GIRLS Academy. I’m not sure what kind of involvement active members had after the application process until last spring. Our alumni advisors reached out to Austen Peterson ’17, our Philanthropy Chair, to help with the coordination in the last few months leading up to the event. However, Austen was really busy with her senior year, her other involvements on campus and Kappa. I volunteered to help Austen coordinate the event in order to help take some stress off of her plate. In addition to myself, the entire event was run mostly by our active members. Our chapter members

worked directly with the girls doing small group workshops, skills-based activities, doing set-up/deck-up, and even doing the “Jujutsu on the Beat” with the girls. I’m so happy with the amount of involvement we had. Almost our entire chapter went to the graduation ceremony on the Sunday morning.

TT: What were your goals going into the event?

NV: My personal goal was to have the event run as seamlessly as possible. Thankfully, it did! The goal of the program itself is to help give middle school girls a voice for one weekend. We lead different leadership and goal-oriented workshops for the girls and they had an open forum to share whatever they felt necessary. I think the girls truly embraced the opportunity they were given. It was honestly astounding to hear some of the comments they made regarding confidence, self-image, bullying, etc. I think the girls we worked with are wise beyond their years.

TT: How do you think the event went?

NV: I think the event went really well. Just like putting on a play, sometimes the behind-the-scenes logistics felt a little more jumbled than they probably were, but we put on an amazing show. The girls learned a lot and I’m excited to receive their post-event evaluations in the upcoming week.

TT: What did members of Kappa Kappa Gamma take away from the event?

NV: I think that we all forgot what it’s like to be in middle school. As cliché as it sounds, middle school can be some of the best times of your life, but also some of the worst. I think our chapter members left more inspired after working with the girls.

TT: What do you think the middle school participants took away from the event?

NV: I think the middle school girls learned that everything they have to say is important. Because the whole weekend was about the middle school girls, they always had our undivided attention. Whether they were participating in a discussion or even making a joke during lunch, we were there to listen. Middle school is always so competitive so I think it was nice that each girl had at least a little time in the spotlight.

TT: Do you feel this event helped strengthen ties between Trinity and the greater Hartford community?

NV: I do think this helped strengthen ties with the community! The principal of the middle school was so grateful that EHMS (East Hartford Middle School) was chosen for this event and I know he already wants us to do another weekend. He was really impressed that we devoted a weekend to GIRLS Academy. Hopefully we can continue the connection we have made!

Many members of Kappa who participated had great things to say about the event. Megan Tighe ’17, who served as a small group facilitator and participated in the leadership board at the event, reflected on the weekend, “I think that the middle school girls were able to see real-life college women in a supportive setting, so when we talked about college and their futures it seemed more attainable because we were able to relate to them.”

Thinking forward on how to maintain Kappa’s relationship with the middle school, Tighe said, “It was a really cool experience, and we definitely want to follow up with the middle school in the future. We talked about doing other philanthropy events at the middle school because part of the GIRLS Academy is to maintain contact with the participants following the event.”

Tighe also discussed how missing out on events on campus for one weekend was a small sacrifice by saying, “Although it is difficult to give up a fun weekend at college, events like these demonstrate another great way to spend and enjoy a weekend doing something fun that gives back to the community.”
The Laramie Project sheds light on issues of hate

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theatre students, faculty and staff at the University of Wyoming.

Upon walking into Goodwin Theater, audi-
ence members observed the cast sitting and walk-
ing around on stage, read-
ing indistinct pieces of white paper and occasion-
ally putting them to the side in order to be put into a large backdrop which, by the time the play began, was nearly-covered in the white paper. The backdrop served as a projector screen that was critical to the performance’s narrative.

“The Laramie Project” is not written linearly—the story is told in moments that form a semi-chron-
ological but entirely coher-
ent story. The decision by director Barbara Karger to add a backdrop that re-
mained downstage for the majority of the show did not distract from the sen-
sitive and powerful sub-
ject matter of the script. If anything, the title slides, videos, and pictures that filled the screen eloquent-
ly complemented and supplemented the words being spoken by the actors.

Another unconventional feature of the performance was the decision to split the ten person cast across the 40+ speaking roles. The small cast - James Ca-
labresi ’20, Caroline Can-
on ’18, Anya Forsberg ’19, Peter Hecht ’17, to feel Mueller ’19, Precious Ogu-
20, Claire Pritchard ’20, William Tjeltveit 20, Sar-
ah-Christina Vuong ’19, and Dayla Whaley ’20 —seamlessly transitioned be-
tween roles that were each easily distinguishable despite minimal to no changes in costumes for the actors. Karger’s directorial de-

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“The Laramie Project” was performed at Trinity’s Austin Arts Center.

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The mission of the new exhibit, "Transformation: Modern Metamorphoses," is to showcase "artistic and visual talents of students from diverse backgrounds and majors at Trinity College." The theme of transformation was inspired by the physical, emotional, and intellectual transformation of students as they progress through college. Each of the 80 student works in the exhibition invites the viewer to discover that which is transformed or revealed by the artist. At the opening, Henry’s words, "When every day is change, whether it is the transformation of the material or the introduction of a new idea or story, these artists use eclectic mediums, light, angles, movement, biography, and fantasy to interpret this theme in many different ways.

This technique was most memorably employed by Bowman in a workshop lead by Bowman. The inspiration for the screenplay came from the changes in prescription drug marketing that occurred in the late 1990s. New laws now permitted pharmaceutical companies to market directly to consumers—a practice still illegal in many countries. Following the screening, Bowman will screen the students’ films as well as his movie "Knucklehead," which follows a young woman’s struggle with her drinking problem as she seeks a new treatment for his mental disorder. The inspiration for the screenplay came from the changes in prescription drug marketing that occurred in the late 1990s. New laws now permitted pharmaceutical companies to market directly to consumers—a practice still illegal in many countries. Following the screening, Bowman will screen the students’ films as well as his movie "Knucklehead," which follows a young woman’s struggle with her drinking problem as she seeks a new treatment for his mental disorder.

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Men's Squash Cruises in First Three Matches of Season

Samantha Beaty '17 STAFF WRITER

The Trinity College Men's Squash team opened up their season with two matches against Bates and Bowdoin College on Nov. 19. The Bantams got two easy wins at 9-0 each, led by their No. 2 in the rotation, Kush Kumar '20. Kumar is one of five first-years on the team, coached by Af- feeq Ismail '17, Nick Giacco '17, and Rick Penders '18.

Head Coach Paul Assai- iante said of his talented first-years, “I keep forgetting that freshman are just that: freshman. They have so much to learn and in particular a whole new educational sys- tem. They are great guys, hard workers, but they have a long way to go.”

The Bates win was very special for Coach Assaiante who garnered his 400th win in his 23-year career at Trinity, something he says he hardly noticed. “I was just happy with the way the boys played on that day. Numbers mean absolutely nothing to me.”

On Sunday, Nov. 20, the Bantams got their third win of the season against Drexel University with another 9-0 win. Drexel pushed the team more than the first two opponents, forcing five four set match- es and one five-set match. The Bantams will have their first challenges of the season against Columbia University and Dartmouth College this upcoming weekend. The Bantams will finish the weekend against another NES- CAC opponent, Colby. The scheduling this weekend is a bit unusual as the team will play at home on Fri- day and Sunday, but travel to Hanover, N.H. on Sat- urday to play Dartmouth.

Assaiante said of the Ivy League match- ups, “Columbia is re- ally good this year and are coached by a Trinity alum. And don’t forget that Dartmouth beat Har- vard last year so it will be a good test weekend.”

This weekend’s trio of matchups will be the last for the Bantams for over a month as they break for the end of term. Their sixth match of the season will take place on Jan. 8 against University of Pennsylva- nia, followed by a contest with Princeton on Jan. 9.

Women’s Squash 3-0

Ian MacDonald ‘20 STAFF WRITER

In the pre-season polls, the Trinity Women’s Squash team came in at No. 3 in the nation, only behind Har- vard and the University of Pennsylvania. Needless to say, the expectations are high for the 2016-17 season.

In the opening match for the Bantams, they faced the No. 16 ranked Bates Bob- cats and the No. 18 Bowdoin Polar Bears. The Bantams were led by Baneem Sharaf ‘18 and Anna Kimberley ‘17 in the No. 1 and 2 spots in the lineup. They set the tone for the rest of the day win- ning each game by six or more points. The Bantams only lost two of the nine matches leading to an im- pressive 7-2 victory over the Bobcats. Other highlights from the match included: Vanessa Raj ‘20 in the No. 4 spot allowing a mere five points in her victory over Eliza Dunham of Bates. Trinity kept the momen- tum going against Bowdo- in in their next match for the day. The Bantams only dropped one set in the en- tire match against the Polar Bears. Dominant perfor- mances were handed in by Jenny Hailey ‘19 and Julia LeCoq ‘18. Haley only al- lowed a total of 12 points in her two victories on the day and LeCoq shut down Chloe Polkoff of Bowdo- in, holding her scoreless in one of the games. Phoebe Carlisle ‘17 had an im- pressive comeback victory after dropping the first game 5-11, she came back to win three straight, 11-3, 11-9, 14-12.

To finish off the weekend, the Drexel Dragons, ranked No. 10, came to the Kellner Center to try and knock off the 2-0 Bantams. Trinity handled Drexel in relative ease, however, winning the match 8-1. Salma Alam El Din ‘20 had the most elec- tric performance allowing a measly six points in her match. This victory brought the Bantams to a 3-0 start to the season, with impres- sive victories all against top-20 teams in the country.

Later this week, they hope to keep the winning streak going, taking on No. 7 Columbia on Friday, No. 9 Dartmouth on Saturday, and No. 19 Colby on Sun- day. The matches against Columbia and Colby will be hosted at the Kellner Center.

Women’s Basketball Starts Solid

Nate Choukas ‘18 CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Women’s basketball opened their season 1-1, fin- ishing third in the Curry College Tip-Off Tournament. The Bantams, led by head coach Emily Garner in her first year, dropped their first game to the MIT Engineers 69-47, before defeating the Pine Manor Gators 71-46 in the consolation game. Guard Rebecca Reifler ’19 set career highs offensive- ly in both games, scoring 11 and 14 points respectively. Reifler also tallied eight reb-ounds against the Gators.

Despite strong perfor- mances from Reifler and forward Emily Leonessa ‘18, the Bantams were unable to overcome a 34-17 halftime deficit against MIT. The Far- gineers capitalized on 24 Bantam turnovers, scoring 20 points. While Trinity led in rebounds, MIT convert- ed rebounds to points twice as often in the paint, 30-16.

Sunday’s contest was a different story, as Trinity cruised to victory against the Gators of Pine Man- or. Offensively, the Bantams had a balanced attack shooting 43% from the field, and seven players scored at least six points. In addi- tion to Reifler’s 14 points, the Bantams got nine points from Peace Kahari ‘20, and eight each from Emily Pe- ters ‘20, Courtney Erickson ’19, and Erica Junquet ‘19.

Trinity dominated the first quarter, outscoring Pine Manor 19-8. The Ga- tors found some offense in the second quarter, scoring 15 points, but were unable to slow the Bantam attack, and Trinity led 39-23 at half. Defensively, Trinity was solid, forcing 20 turnovers, which they converted into 25 points. The Bantams also dominated down low, hold- ing the Gators to 12 points in the paint. Trinity built a comfortable 24-point lead heading into the fourth quarter, and held on easily. Trinity continued their season Nov. 27 at St. Joseph (2-2) with a 63-49 victory.

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Erica Junquet ‘19 scored eight points against Pine Manor.
Men’s Basketball Bounces Back After Two Overtime Losses

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Entering last Tuesday, the Bantams were coming off an unfavorable appearance in the Hampton Inn Classic in Dartmouth, where they suffered two overtime losses against Southern Vermont and UMass-Dartmouth. In the UMass-Dartmouth game, the Bants found themselves down 17 in the first half only to salvage the half by finishing an 11-4 run ignited by 25-point performance accompanied by 16 boards in the loss to one at the hands of Ogundeko’s 17 first-half points. The Bants came out in the second half with a 7-2 run and boosted their lead to eight after three from Kyle Padmore ’20. The Mountaineers came back to tie it by the 11:11 minute mark after back-to-back threes were drilled by Nate Goldsmith and Rashawn Taylor. Following a 5-0 run by Southern Vermont, the Bants found themselves down 71-68 with 2:35 left to play. Moments later Colson nailed a three for the Bants to tie things up 73-73 with 1:08 left to play, which sent the game to overtime.

The Mountaineers were up three with less than a minute to play in overtime only to give the ball away a turnover that resulted in a three-point play by Langston Neal ’17. Southern Vermont then inbounded the ball with 24 seconds left on the clock and ran a play that ended in a clutch three-point shot by Goldsmith that put the Mountaineers up 83-80 with seconds left to play. Trinity was unable to answer and they lost another close one. Trinity’s Ogundeko was named to the all-tournament team following a 25-point performance accompanied by 16 boards in the loss against Southern Vermont. The 0-2 start clearly put a fire under the Bants, making the game against Elm College a must-win last Tuesday. Trinity did not disappoint with a 25-point lead going into halftime, shooting 55% from the field and 55.8% from beyond the arc. Ogundeko joined Turnbull in double digits with 19 and recorded his 3rd double-double in the season with a 3-2 win against Buffalo State College.

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Trinity College Wins in Dominating Fashion at Home

Ross Mandigo ’19 (left) scored twice vs. Post, Alex Wallin ’20 (right) netted the winner vs. Buffalo.

The Women’s Ice Hockey team also started their season off with conference games, followed by two regular season games. The first two games at home versus Middlebury went into overtime, but resulted in a 2-1 loss for the Bants. The season opener began with a goal from Bantam Hannah Opuneku ’18 seven minutes into the game. The Middlebury Panthers got onto the scoreboard first after many shots on goal in the first period. Only three minutes into the second period, the game was tied up with a goal from Relcie Finn ’18. The game remained tied until the Bants went head-to-head with the Panthers in overtime. While the Bants put up a good fight, Middlebury scored with one second left in overtime.

The women were able to end these series of home games with a 3-2 win against Buffalo State College. After the first game against Buffalo State that resulted in a 3-1 loss, the Bants made up for it with the first win of the season. Four minutes into the game against Buffalo State College, Finn scored a goal on a power play with an assist from Lauren MacCaster ’20. With the score tied at 1-1 after the first period, Tasha Adams ’18 scored a goal in the second period. The final goal was scored 18 minutes into the third period by Alex Wallin ’20 to break the tie and bring the women to their first victory so far this season.

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