Hedge Funds, Stocks Cause 5.4% Endowment Loss

CFO Dan Hitchell weighs in about significant losses

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Trinity’s endowment fell 5.4 percent over the 2016 fiscal year declining from $546.3 million to $502.8 million. Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer Dan J. Hitchell explained that this loss is largely the result of withdrawals and “portfolio losses in market value.” Trinity’s endowment is managed by Investure LLC, based in Charlotteville, VA. According to its website, the firm is “a recognized leader in the endowment and foundation investment management industry.”

Trinity Investment Committee, partially composed of trustees, also assists in endowment management, providing some oversight. According to Hitchell, during the five-year period that ended on June 30, Trinity’s portfolio had a 6.4 percent net gain, which outperformed the benchmark +6.0. However, Hitchell noted that the past three years have been particularly challenging.

Much of the long-term positive performance of Trinity’s endowment has been the result of what Hitchell calls “active management selection,” or the process by which an individual determines which investments to make, rather than letting the markets do the selection. The organization is open to everyone across campus, in the community and throughout the world.

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Nice weather and normal quantities of water made for good conditions for the men’s and women’s IV races.

The men’s fourth and fifth place finishers were the Cornell Big Red and Dartmouth Big Green. The women’s fourth and fifth places went to St. Lawrence Saints and Dartmouth Big Green.

In cold conditions, the men’s and women’s IV teams performed well. Both teams placed fourth and fifth.

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This open letter was written on behalf of the first-year seminar “Cycling, Sustainability, and the City of Hartford” offered in Fall 2014. It criticizes Trinity’s environmental policy, or the complete absence thereof. The shortcomings it identifies are still relevant now, two years later.

Dear President Berger-Sweeney,

This letter is written on behalf of the first-year seminar “Cycling, Sustainability, and the City of Hartford.” As you enter your fourth month as president of Trinity College, we would like to take this opportunity to commend the enthusiastic leadership you have demonstrated and we hope that the subject of our letter here will enjoy the same level of attention and endeavor as the other initiatives you have prompted in such a short period of time.

We are aware of the challenges and difficulties inherent in the monumental transition of a college presidency handover, and we reckon that there is a learning curve in acclimating to a new place.

We would like to draw your attention to the fact that former President James Jones had signed the American College and University President’s Climate Commitment (ACUPCC) in Fall 2007. The ACUPCC, a pact between the leaders of 684 institutions, with text viewable online, binds Trinity College to certain measures designed to render the campus more sustainable, energy-efficient, and eco-friendly with the ultimate purpose of achieving climate neutrality by a set date.

In our explorations and research, we have discovered that the College is very far from satisfying the requirements outlined by the ACUPCC. In fact, lest a miracle occurs, our institution is not holding, and will not hold, its end of the bargain. For example, the ACUPCC entails a 10 percent reduction in our GHG emissions by the end of 2020 (compared to the 2008 baseline), as well as zero net energy campus, in the community, and throughout the world.

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Senior year is a mixed bag. Starting school as a senior, I had the same sensation as the first time my parents left me home alone overnight: a feeling of superiority that I had finally attained the level of independence to warrant such a privilege. This was marred by the feelings of crushing fear from the noises and shadows in my house at night. As seniors, we face that Trinity is our home. We rest easy in the knowledge that our professors know us, some even like us. We know a little better how to navigate Hartford. Above all, we have our collection of friends and memories from the past three years. At this same time, we realize there are no longer upperclassmen to host the parties or to offer insight on classes or professors, and we are no longer watching from a distance as people stress over post-graduation plans. We are the seniors, and if senior year is fielding those stresses that accompany moving on from undergraduate education, we probably should begin to plan for something after graduation. We also get to enjoy senior semi- nars, or capstone courses, and embark on our senior projects. Yet, as the pressure of my life has been slowly to crawl from a recent case of “Trini flu”- enza, I had a moment to look around and realize that those obligations and stresses should not consume my year.

The “enjoy college while it lasts” spiel is old and clichéd, and to a degree, I am ready to be done with undergradu- ate classes, and certainly with dormitory life. Never- theless, this is our last fall, and this coming weekend will be our second-to-last Trinity Days. Though it is ex- tremely easy to slip into panic mode as it seems as “adulthood” and “the real world” are fast-approaching, I suspect after graduation, and perhaps even years down the road, my truest regret would be wishing away the days of our final year at Trinity. This is my plea to the senior class: slow down a little even when it seems like there is not enough time to shimmer, let alone to stop and smell the roses. Now is the time to do the things we have been putting off for a later date. See Hartford because, despite our im- mediate surroundings, it is a city worth exploring and has been your home for the past three years. Take advantage of what Trinity can offer and seek involvement with the school, whether is through attending shows at Austin Arts or Cinestu- dio, sharing your opinion through the Tripod, or get- ting to know the faculty. I think we owe it to ourselves to get to know Trinity and to let Trin- ity know us — it is not like anyone can hold it over us next year.

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He specifies that it was health care, energy, financials, and telecom positions that precipitated the loss, coupled with the declining interest rates.

Asides from the four failing positions listed above, Hitchell declined to state exactly which businesses Trinity’s endowment is invested in.

Trinity’s half-billion dollar endowment may seem gargantuan compared to Bates’ $261.5 million, or paltry compared to Tufts University’s $1.581 billion. Vassar College has a $893 million endowment, nearly twice that of Trinity’s and four times that of Bates College. The 2015 Amherst College endowment was even more dwarfed Trinity’s with an enormous $2.194 billion.

The start of the school year brings about a new round of elections for Trinity’s Student Government Association (SGA). This year, a few modifications were made to the SGA election policy which changed the process to provide new opportunities to those running for office. All voting on Trinity’s campus takes place through the management software CollegiateLink. A link to vote is emailed to the entire student body. Traditionally, polls have been open for only 24 hours. This year, however, it was extended to 48 hours to give students more time to cast their votes.

Besides the election system itself, the campaign process was also changed. In the past, campaigning of any kind had been frowned upon. This year, the SGA encouraged it. Several successful candidates took advantage of this new offer, which had a twofold effect.

First, it improved the candidates’ visibility, which in turn helped them self-promote among their peers. Second, it publicized the election, which encouraged more people to take the time to cast their vote. Students were allowed to post announcements on social media sites like Facebook and Instagram, and regulations were put in place to prevent candidates from running negative campaigns against the other candidates. Thus, candidates had more outlets to express their goals for the positions and their reasons for running than in previous years.

Nominees also held events in their dorm common rooms. Newly elected first-year president, Hadley Queiroz, held a pizza night and open forum in the Elton common room in order to inform other first-year students about her goals and plans.

These policy changes have ushered in a new way for Trinity to elect its student leaders. However, there are still some adjustments that could be made. IDP students have had problems with the voting system, which unfortunately means that not all have been able to cast their votes. A possible solution to this issue could entail implementing a new system that ensures that everyone’s opinions are taken into account. Students who are interested in participating in student government in other capacities are encouraged to reach out to SGA President, Ryan Miller (sgapresident@trincoll.edu). There are plenty of opportunities to serve on committees and bring forth ideas in order to get more involved in the Trinity community.

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On Thursday Sept. 29, Trinity College released an update and report conducted by Cirrus Structural Engineering regarding the collapse of the 1713-1715 Broad Street balcony. This report can be accessed through Trinity’s website. President Joanne Birger-Sweeney and Dean Joseph DiCastro also held a teleconference answering press questions.

According to the report, the decks were originally constructed in 1925 and had been reconstructed at some point between 1990 and 2003. The exact date reconstruction and the company responsible for the reconstruction is unknown. The reconstruction used pressure treated lumber, while certain portions of the original structure remained.

The reconstructed decks did not incorporate “best practice” construction methods, including flashing above the ledger, post base and cap hardware, lag screws fastening ledgers to the main walls, among other standard practices. The second floor deck had been rebuilt entirely, with the exception of the original ledger along the wall of the house onto which the new ledger was mounted.

The new ledger was mounted to the original ledger with two nails per stud, but the new nails were unable to penetrate the original ledger to the studs. Therefore, the original nails were relied upon for support. Since there was no flashing over the ledger, the fasteners deteriorated and corroded over time resulting in a reduction of load-bearing capacity.

The third floor deck was rebuilt on the original 1925 frame. The south beam of the third floor deck had visible deterioration and the bearing was supported by a one-inch nominal exterior or sheathing of the main house. This connection was inadequate for supporting the live loads or restraining against lateral movement. Thus, when the capacity of the second floor deck was overwhelmed by the occupants on Sept. 10, the upward and lateral movements transferred to the third floor deck and caused a collapse, leading to the subsequent second floor deck collapse.

Trinity purchased the house in 2011, however, there are no records of any inspection taking place. Going forward, Trinity College will ensure that all of its off-campus properties will be inspected by experts for safety. Trinity is still determining what will be done with the house at 1713-1715 Broad Street. In the meantime, the five students who lived in the house are currently living on campus. All of the injured students have returned to campus and classes at this time.
Trinity’s U.S. News & World Report Rank Improves

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Trinity has received national recognition following significant changes implemented in several aspects of campus life over recent years.

In the most recent edition of U.S. News and World’s “Best Colleges” report, Trinity has risen within the rankings. The College is now ranked number 38, tied with Skidmore and Union Colleges in the National Liberal Arts Colleges category, which U.S. News and World defines as schools which “emphasize undergrad- uate education and award at least half of their degrees in the liberal arts fields of study.” Trinity is ranked as number 33 in the category of Best Value Liberal Arts Colleges, a ranking determined by a combination of academic prestige and the cost of attendance for students receiving the average amount of need-based financial aid. The Best Value category is exclusive to colleges listed in the top fifty percent of their distinct categories, as U.S. News and World “consider the most significant values to be among colleges that are above average academically.”

Factors such as graduation rate performance, student selectivity, financial aid, faculty resources, and overall reputation are just a few features that are considered by U.S. News and World when determining a school’s final ranking.

Twelve percent of schools saw a change in ranking due to alterations to the Carnegie Classification system. As reported by U.S. News and World, “In February, 2016, the Carnegie system is the most widely accepted classification system in U.S. higher education, released official updates – called the 2015 Update – including to the Basic Classification used in the U.S. News rankings. The Carnegie classification, which higher education researchers use extensively, has been the basis of the Best Colleges ranking category system since the publication of the first rankings in 1983.”

In addition to the ranking changes, U.S. News and World also allows colleges to provide an overview of their mission and unique qualities. Trinity’s description highlights many aspects of campus life, including specialized academic programs, study abroad opportunities, and outstanding athletic teams, as well as remarkable faculty, referred to as “a devoted and accomplished group of exceptional teacher-scholars.”

The introduction highlights the diverse student body as one of the primary characteristics distinguishing Trinity from similar liberal arts schools. Additional- ally cited were strengthened ties to the city of Hartford, which is described as an “educational asset,” providing “unparalleled real-world learning experiences to complement classroom learning.”

The overview also mentions the decision to transition to SAT/ACT optional applications. This change, which was implemented last fall, emphasizes the evaluation of less tangible characteristics and qualities in prospective students, regardless of test scores.

This year’s ranking, in which Trinity has increased a total of seven positions in the past two years, represents the consistent commitment and dedication of students, staff, and faculty to enhancing the overall quality of Trinity College. Since her inauguration, President Berger-Sweeney has charged the campus community with the task of reversing declining ratings, and improving local and national reputation. Based on indications from U.S. News and World, Trinity’s collective efforts have not gone unnoticed or unrewarded.

In response to these recent accolades, President Joanne Berger-Sweeney has expressed her gratitude to all members of the campus community whose efforts have effected this change: “While I am a firm believer that college rankings provide only a small slice of information about an institution – and sometimes skewed information at that – I am pleased that our rank on the U.S. News list of Best National Liberal Arts Colleges has improved to number 38. As I have noted before, a college’s score in the U.S. News rankings is made up of many disparate elements as faculty salaries, the giving rate of alumni, the standardized test scores of incoming first-year students, and a college’s reputation, to name but a few. I believe that Trinity’s rise in the rankings is a testament to the work of so many faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends of the College who are devoted to helping Trinity reach its full potential.”

Campus Safety Addresses Incidents of Auto Theft

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Since the beginning of the semester, Trinity’s Campus Safety has released updates informing students of incidents around campus. Updates come in weekly, sometimes multiple times in a week, detailing occurrences wherein the safety of students or their property was in some way threatened.

Campus Safety sent out email updates regarding incidents occurring on Sept. 17, 23, and 25. The episodes involved a report on the events of Sept. 17, where students were accosted by an individual who was “aggressively panhandling,” and another incident where students encountered a suspicious group of individuals who attempted to sell narcotics, in addition to trying to access campus buildings.

On Sept. 23 a number of youth were loitering around St. Anthony’s Hall, and threw things at the residents who confronted them. A bike was also stolen from a house on Allen Place. A car was stolen and a townhouse was burglarized on Crescent Street on Sept. 25.

An email reassuring the Trinity community that “the College has taken steps to investigate these incidents and to prevent them from reoccurring,” was sent out on Sept. 26.

The steps taken by Campus Safety included “reviewing video and sharing it with the Hartford Police Department, increasing our visible presence in the areas of campus that have been impacted, identifying and correcting environmental factors that may have contributed to these incidents and temporarily hiring police officers to work during the weekend.”

Brian Heavren, the Director of Campus Safety, notes that the recent property-based crimes, particularly involving students’ cars, part of a larger issue in Hartford. According to Heavren, car-based property crimes are one of the only categories of crime in the city that have increased recently, which may explain the recent incidents around Trinity’s campus.

In regard to instances of loitering and attempted dorm access, Heavren noted that most dorm-related incidents stem from common courtesy. “What we do see is the piggybacking, and that’s really just incidents on Trinity’s campus, in Heavren’s words. According to Heavren, Hartford PD assisted in identifying suspects in several incidents on Trinity’s campus last year, including a number of minor property crimes and as the incidents involving inappropriate advances and touching of several female Trinity students.

The relationship that Campus Safety has with the Hartford PD primarily entails the sharing of information about incidents, and facilitating communication between the police and relevant students, faculty or staff. Heavren mentioned that in addition to the measures discussed in the emails sent to the Trinity community regarding the recent incidents, Campus Safety will strive to make themselves more visible in high-traffic areas around campus. Additionally, Campus Safety has adopted the practice of posting notices made to look like fake parking tickets on students cars. These tickets notify the vehicle owner that their vehicle has been deemed particularly high-risk for theft or other property-based crime.
Heigl and Kate Hudson fall in love, while Clinton prevailed in a debate that was a staple of Hollywood. In the eyes of current college students, the TV show that is his candidacy was a recipe for disaster. The U.S. Wedding Forecast reveals that while it is hard to definitively link relationship failures and watching romantic comedies, there is research that suggests causation, stating that “[i]f there were suggestions some- thing was dangerous for you, even if the results were in small numbers, it might not be a bad idea to be cautious.” Fictional relationships in the media are not the only ones that have an effect on us. The heavily broadcasted real-life relationships of celebrities also change our perceptions. While the average divorce rate in America is 50 percent, the average divorce rate in Holly- wood is closer to 80 percent. Society fetishizes Holly- wood and idealizes the relations- hips in it. This can make a couple more malleable minds that often follow and idolize these marriages. People only see the highs of these celebrity marriages play out in tabloids, leaving them shocked and frustrated when they come to an end af- ter domestic issues have been crafted out of the media. After the split of Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie, social me- dia filled up with cries of “If Brangelina couldn’t last, how can my relationship?” The breakup of the notorious Hollywood couple has given us cause to question our per- ceptions of love and marriage. Of course, long lasting rela- tionships do exist, but we think less about our next-door neigh- bours who have been married for 35 years than we do about Jenifer Lopez and Marc Anthony. This leads people to be wary- ing of love and marriage. The U.S. Wedding Forecast reported a marriage rate of 6.74 marriages per 1000 people—a record low, only expected to drop. A Pew Research Center Report said that one fourth of millennials are likely to eschew marriage. People are less like- ly to get married nowadays. There are multiple factors contributing to this, but the constant barrage of headlines about divorces and relation- ship problems is one of them. This is not necessarily a bad thing, but there is no doubt that the media impacts the way people view romance and how to go about relationships. Hollywood is moving in the right direction. Romantic com- edies are getting more diverse, complex, and emblematic of real-life relationships, but it is still important to take movies and TV shows with a grain of salt. Romantic comedies can be a good source of hope for people looking for love, but it is important to remember to live your life. Acting like people you see on TV can be a recipe for disaster.
A Political Plea from a Trinity Student Abroad

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On Monday Sept. 26 approximately 84 million people watched the highly anticipated showdown between Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton and Republican nominee Donald Trump in the first presidential debate of the 2016 general election.

For many, it was an exciting night that captivated the race for the White House to the next level. For me, it was also a reminder of the political season that I left behind at home while studying abroad in Trinidad and Tobago. During my sophomore year, I took advice from friends who studied abroad during their time at Trinity. Many cautioned that I would not be able to keep up with American news and events while I was abroad, but the political junkie in me knew that would not be the case.

Aside from my political interests, as a 20-year-old black man from the United States, it is hard to ignore the countless instances of police violence against black men. It is hard to defend American exceptionalism in discussions with international students while back home Colin Kaepernick is vilified for exercising his freedom. It is hard to defend police violence against black men. It is hard to ignore that this would not be the case.

There are so many important issues at stake in this election and as a first-time voter, I have a burning desire to be at home canvassing and rallying support for Hillary Clinton. Unlike many of my peers, I am enthusiastic about my support for Secretary Clinton, and I am not ashamed to say that “Hillary1st.” I understand the disappointment of Bernie Sanders supporters, but they can take pride in having had such major influence on the party’s platform during the Democratic National Convention. Sanders backers overwhelmingly have thrown their support to Clinton (90 percent) and know that they will have an ally in the White House.

At this point in the election, anyone who is still “Bernie or Bust” needs to recognize that they are jeopardizing the future of the United States and the lives of millions of Americans. Casting a protest vote or refraining from voting is a position of privilege that we can afford. Furthermore, those who have cavalier attitudes about this election are also demonstrating privilege. It is not enough to say, “I guess I’ll vote for Hillary,” because that broadcasts doubt to undecided voters, making them less likely to vote for Clinton. Convincing yourself that overcom ing your own drawn-out grievances against Clinton is enough in this election is woefully ignorant and dangerous. Why? It leads to complacency, silence, and detachment from the process, which ultimately trivializes the election.

If someone asks whom you are voting for, please stop feeling the need to justify your vote for Clinton with the absurd notion that she is the “lesser of two evils.” This statement equates the unprecedented behavior of her opponent, xenophobic, Islamophobic, misogynistic man (with the temperament of a five-year-old) to a woman who is the most qualified candidate to date to run for president in our nation’s history. Period.

Hillary Rodham Clinton is a badass, and you should be proud to vote for her. Her flaws do not liken her to Trump. On her worst day, she is 100 times better than the man who would ever become president. At one point during the debate, he mocked Clinton for being prepared, like a schoolchild, “tossing the smart kid in class for studying for a test. Without missing a beat, Clinton quipped, “And you know what else I prepared for? I am prepared to be president.” She is doing her part, and now it is time for us to do ours.

This election requires a sense of seriousness and urgency. You have to ask yourself, “Am I doing everything in my power to ensure that Clinton will be elected as our next Commander-In-Chief?” If and your answer is no, you’ll have no one to blame but yourself should Donald Trump take the oath of office. I feel a deep frustration for not being able to do more for her campaign while abroad. My mother and grandmother taught me that there are two types of people in life: those who sit around complaining without offering solutions and those who are proactive. I choose to be in the latter category.

Instead of wallowing in self-pity, I thought about what actions I could take. Thanks to technology and social media, I have been able to connect with college students and organizations across the U.S. to start planning a video in support of Hillary Clinton. I have talked with other friends studying abroad about absentee voting and have even helped students back home register to vote. Mobilization is key.

Despite my efforts abroad, I know that I alone cannot accomplish these goals. So to my American friends at home, I am calling on you to do what I am unable to do. I need you to go out and knock on doors, talk to people in person, and volunteer for the Clinton campaign. Our generation is the most tech-savvy and creative, and it is time to show everyone the power that we have as millennials.

Don’t tell me that your vote doesn’t matter—it does. We know what happened in Britain when good people took their vote for granted and depended on others to make a decision for them. Let’s not make the same mistake. We have less than 40 days till the election; let’s make them count.

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as setting a specific target date for the achievement of climate neutrality within two years of the signature of the commitment. A target date for climate neutrality still has yet to be set seven years after our acceptance of the ACUPCC. Our GHG emissions have increased from 17,409 metric tons of CO2 in 2008 to 22,423 metric tons of CO2 in 2013 (self-reported Progress Reports are available online).

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These are but two small examples of our evident failure in abiding to our ability, climate change, and simply respect for the environment and natural world that are antithetical to the values that are integral in the ACUPCC. From Mother Hall food waste, inefficient heating, and dependence on motorized forms of transportation to a tendency to leave lights and machines on even when they are not in use, we feel that Trinity is a wasteful and incon siderate community and that no sufficient effort is being taken to reverse the trend.

Signing the ACUPCC was undoubtedly a genuine reflection of our intent to become a more responsible and sustainable campus. Unfortunately, it is apparent that the weight of our disregard of the pact, that our signature of the ACUPCC was more of a publicity stunt — an easy way to improve our position in the “rankings.” We recommend retracting our signature, admitting our failure and starting fresh, more realistic efforts to make our campus more sustainable.

We would have liked to expound further upon the necessity of combating climate change, the ACUPCC, its requirements and our efforts (or lack there of) to implement it, strategies to better ourselves as a sustainable community and the benefits that Trinity would reap as a result. For the sake of brevity, we will end our letter here, hoping that you will elevate this issue to be a strategic priority.

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TRINITY FAILS TO MEET CHALLENGE OF SUSTAINABILITY
Fall Fairs, Festivals, and Fun in the Hartford Area

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There comes a time during the semester when all you want to do is escape campus for a few hours. Great news: there are some fun fall activities available to you in Hartford and the surrounding area. Two of the greatest and most anticipated events in the months of September and October are apple and pumpkin picking. Look no further than Rose’s Berry Farm in South Glastonbury, Conn. Being just a 25-minute drive from campus, Rose’s offers the best array of pumpkins, apples, and warm cider in the greater Hartford area. If you are looking to stay a bit closer to campus you can get most of the same products from the Old State House Farmers Market, minus the farm-like atmosphere, every Tuesday and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. right in downtown!

After you fill up on apple cider donuts at the Farmers Market feel free to stop by the Wadsworth Museum, located on Main Street and well known for Jack Pierson’s “OMG” installation above the front entrance. Currently, the Wadsworth is exhibiting “The Thrill of the Chase,” known to be “one of the most important private collections of photographs in the world,” as said on the museum’s website. If you want to get outside, there are countless parks and hikes off the beaten path. One of these parks is Talcott Mountain State Park, the trail is around 2.5 miles and offers breathtaking views of the Connecticut landscape. Also in the park is the Heublein Tower, which is only open till Oct. 31, so enjoy the perfect fall climate while you can!

Night Fall is an annual festival in Elizabeth Park on Asylum Ave. It offers a selection of music and theater symbolizing the fall season. Market vendors, art creations, side shows, and food for purchase from various food trucks are exhibited at the event. The main performance begins at 6 p.m., but take advantage of the beautiful 102 acres of Elizabeth Park at 2 p.m. when the grounds open. Night Fall is on Oct. 8 only, so be sure to take advantage of the experience with the rest of the Hartford community.

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Trinity Branches Out Through the Class of 2020

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A few things unite the incoming Trinity first year students every year—confusion as to what The Bantam Network is, or even what a bantam is, what the best kind of mattress topper to buy for one’s bed is, and how many times they’ll switch their major. Across campus, students and faculty alike, who were aware that the Class of 2020 was supposedly the best ever. In an interview with the Tripod, Angel Perez, VP of Enrollment and Student Success, noted that the Class of 2020 is “strong in terms of their incredible diversity, geographies, and talents. In addition, there are more students in the top of our academic pro-file than we’ve had in recent history. This class does not just bring academic talent to Trinity, but also passion around extracurricular activities and service to others.”

This is the second year that The Bantam Network will be implemented, a program which started last year and was designed by administration in order to find a way to introduce first-year students to everyday off-campus resource they would continue using through their four years. The Bantam Network is comprised of nests, which includes four to five first-year students led by a Tristinon fellow. One of these Tristinon Fellows is Trinity Class of 2015 graduate, Chanel Erasmus, who serves as a bridge between Book and Brownell Nests, says that one of her goals of The Bantam Network is to show first year students that life exists beyond Blue Back Square.” Erasmus said she really wants to show students how they can influence the community in Hartford and believes that the Class of 2020 is well equipped with “intellectual”-ly engaged students who are ready to face the “exciting news and events around The Long Walk.” Erasmus is also excited to see how the first year students grow throughout the semester and over months. At first, first-year students tend to dress the same and their style serves as a “visual tool” for Erasmus. She believes that once first-year students “become more confident in themselves, they will become confident in their community and will be encouraged to be involved in them” and additionally, will “not always need to seek approval” from their peers.

Erasmus says her goal is to “equip first-year students with skills to succeed at and beyond Trinity... if they have those skills, they make Trinity better for the next three years.” Perez noted that “in coming class aligns greatly with the goals stated by the future of the college, saying “One of the areas I think this class will contribute most is opportunity with Hartford. This is the first class that wrote an essay about what they want to contribute in their first year. To us, this class wrote a essay on what they want to attend a school like Trinity in a community like Hartford, and be encouraged to be involved in the community.”

“Trinity is a campus that needs practice with tolerance,” commented the group.

In response to why Trinity needs Zeta, “We need practice with accepting people who do not fit the mainstream image. Zeta is dedicated to addressing these issues on diversity and equity, and believes in contributing. Additionally, the group plans to hold multiple bonding events for those involved with the group.”

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Three young sisters, naive to the Kamakura area of Japan. The setting is a serene Japanese family melodrama, not known for racking up massive amounts of money at the United States box office. Director Hirokazu Koreeda’s newest film Our Little Sister will be no exception, but it clearly has an understated style of filmmaking, which benefits from his light touch, and is dedicated to balancing harmony. He places emphasis on the everyday acts of life, and navigates them in place of any solid plot. For that reason, it’s difficult to call Our Little Sister a family drama. There is tension between generations, but as the film goes on it becomes clear that the center of movement is Suzu, and her coming of age. As the sisters struggle to come to terms with the their parents’ flaws, they work to protect their impressionable half-sister from the emotional strain that could potentially be brought about by adoption into a new family. All of this drama is secondary, though, to the bonds of lightweight edness and love forming between the sisters. It’s a testament to the directing talent of Hirokazu Koreeda that we are able to become invested in this family. In a film where not a lot happens, every moment is well spent. Sister clearly has an unwillingness to resort to plot twists or excess melodrama. This unfail- ing gentleness of pacing, performance and cinematography makes for a beautiful, if sometimes less than engrossing film. The real power of Our Little Sister is in the vivid character portraits, and the connection that these sisters build to the audience. When the four sisters are finally settled into their own family, we feel as though we’re ending a brief visit with some very real people. Our Little Sister prefers to show the world through the de-fining minutiae of life, the little gestures and associations that only family members can normally discern. It brings us in close, gifts us with moments of real, simple beauty.
Bantam Artist of the Week: Morgan Hallow ’19

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For any artist, the pieces they create often serve as a window through which they invite the rest of the world to view their reality. That sense of relativity and individual perspective are two components central to the work of this week’s Bantam Artist, Morgan Hallow ’19, whose portraits capture her unique interpretation of the people in her life.

A Charlotte, North Carolina native, Hallow attended St. Andrew’s School in Middletown, Delaware where her painting hobby was born and fostered. “I had a strong art program at my high school,” she said. “I just took classes for fun.”

“I mostly paint portraits of people,” Hallow explained. “It’s fascinating how changing a few lines can make a face look entirely different.”

“I primarily use water based paints, but sometimes I use Conté,” she noted. Conté, sometimes known as Conté sticks or crayons, are a drawing medium made of graphite or charcoal mixed with wax or clay.

Hallow was inspired early on by Chuck Close’s realistic portraits, but more recently has been influenced by the portraits of Alice Neel. “Neel’s portraits and, more specifically, her choices in lights and darks, have influenced me a lot recently,” Hallow said. “I’m not a huge art history fan so I don’t know of that many artists. A lot of what I do just comes from me.”

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Her most recent painting and, incidentally the one that she is proud of, is a portrait of a friend’s baby, pictured at right, which Hallow started over the summer. “I took more time with it because the baby’s skin is so fair that he has some crazy undertones,” she said. “I’ll probably finish that over Trinity Days.”

When Hallow reflects on her growth as an artist, she notes that perspective has played a major role in her work. “When I started I was horrible,” she joked. “I genuinely think that anyone is capable of being at least a half-decent artist if they’re taught how to look at things differently.”

COURTESY OF Morgan Hallow ’19

Hallow often paints portraits of people in her life, like her family.

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**SPORTS**

First Boats Perform Well at Riverfront Plaza Race

EMILY CLIFFORD ‘19 CONTRIBUTING WRITER

As the fall sports season comes to a close, the Trinity Men’s Golf team competed in a two-day tournament this week-end at Middlebury College. The top five seeds from each team played against other NESCAC opponents at Middlebury College. The two teams beat the Williams team, allowing only seven shots with a score of 294. The two teams tied for first place, so the result was a tiebreaker, which it looks as if a few more will be able to return to practicing before the season is over. The second boat for the Bantams fought hard in the 8x, with the first boat coming in third behind Wesleyan and UConn at a formidable time of 17:30:54.

The Head of the Riverfront is always a great way to start of the year although it lacks the fanfare of the upcoming Head of Charles, it is a great way for the Bantams to test their mettle on their home course before taking on bigger fields of competition.

COURTESY OF Meghan Collins ’19

Winston Brewer’s ’18 boat came second only to Wesleyan in the open 4x and the women locked down 4th out of 14. The men’s open 2x was a field of four and Trinity secured 2nd and 3rd place.

Women’s Soccer Stays Hot with Win Against Bates

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Saturday brought about yet another win for Trinity College women’s soccer team with a 4-0 shutout over the Bates College Bobcats. With this win the Bantams (5-1-2) remain undefeated at home (4-0-1) while extending their win streak to four games. The Bobcats, on the other hand, drop to 2-6-1 on the season and record their third straight shutout loss in conference play.

The Bantams played masterfully from start to finish against the Bobcats on both sides of the ball. Bates was allowed only seven shots with just two on goal, along with a single corner kick. Trinity kept constant pressure on the opposing side of the field, peppering Bates’ goalie with a total of 24 shots (13 on goal). The onslaught began in the 25th minute of play off a corner kick served by tri-captain Kendra Lena ’17. The corner was taken by fellow tri-captain Sheena Lund ’17 that then headed to defender Sarah McNally ’17. The center was knocked down 4th out of 14. The Bantams will look to remain red hot as they hit the road and face a strug-}

The team and the frater-
Cross-Country Teams Find Their Stride at Lehigh

SAMANTHA BEATTI '17 CONTRIBUTING WRITER

On a cloudy Saturday afternoon in Williamstown, Mass., the Williams Ephs will certainly be vying for a spot below the top 10 in the NCAA Division III men's cross-country rankings. McAclister will certainly be a strong statistic to have in the men's team placed 27th in the men's race. He has yet to finish the last three of his college seasons. In the women's side their own ten-yard line was driving the ball early, the Bantams in one of the old rivalries in New England will be vying for a spot all out of 41 teams. The Williams Ephs scored another touchdown in the fourth quarter when the Ephs sacked Williams' quarterback eight times, and knocked him down 20 times. Liam Kennaally '18 led the men’s team, Kutztown, a Division II school. The full squad of seven placed within the top 60, which certainly played a role in their high team ranking. This second place finish will provide good momentum moving into the NESCAC Championship at the end of October. The next few weeks both men’s and women’s team travel to the Westfield State Invitational on Oct. 8, and the Connecticut College Invitational on Oct. 15. The end of October brings the biggest challenge to the teams yet, the NESCAC Championship, which traditionally determines those NESCAC teams who have a chance at qualifying for the NCAA Division III National Championship.

Football Beats Williams to Take All-time Series Lead

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The men’s and women’s cross-country teams hit their stride at the recent Paul Short Invitational at Lehigh University. This race was their first in two weeks, after a weekend off from racing after the UMASS Dartmouth Invitational.

On the men’s side, phenom Ace McAclister ’20 placed 27th in the men’s Brown Race with an 8k time of 25:17. McAclister was 13th among NCAA Division III runners, a strong statistic to have in the beginning of the season. He has yet to finish below the top 10 in the first four of his college races. McAclister will certainly be vying for a spot in the NCAA Division III National Championship on Nov. 19. Zach Joachim ’19 placed 101st with a time of 25:52. Overall the men’s team placed 35th out of 45 teams. The men’s team averaged an 8k time of 26:35, or an average mile pace of 5:20. Two of the men posted some impressive early season times, the women truly shined at the Paul Short Women’s White 6k. Three Lady Bantams came in together with a 22nd, 25th, and 27th place finishes. Respectively, the women were Lauren Barret ’17, Anna Barnes ’19, and Brianna Daly ’18. The strong sophomore show was followed by Grace Harrison ’20 in 34th place.

Most impressively the women placed 2nd overall out of 41 teams. The ladies were only nine points behind first place team, Kutztown, a Division II school. The full squad of seven placed within the top 60, which certainly played a role in their high team ranking. This second place finish will provide good momentum moving into the NESCAC Championship at the end of October. The next few weeks both men’s and women’s team travel to the Westfield State Invitational on Oct. 8, and the Connecticut College Invitational on Oct. 15. The end of October brings the biggest challenge to the teams yet, the NESCAC Championship, which traditionally determines those NESCAC teams who have a chance at qualifying for the NCAA Division III National Championship.