Trinity Supports International Students in Wake of Trump Action

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On Tuesday, Feb. 7, the Office of International Students and Scholars held an information session during common hour aimed at addressing the concerns of international students at Trinity regarding the recent Executive Order signed by President Trump on Jan. 27. According to College President Joanne Berger-Sweeney, this is just one of many ways Trinity is supporting international students amidst recent political turmoil.

Held in McCook Auditorium, the session featured opening remarks by Katharine Clair, Trinity’s International Student Advisor. Also in attendance were several representatives from Admissions and the Dean of Students Offices, including Dean Joe DiChristina, who also addressed the students briefly. After the opening remarks, the room was opened for discussion, giving a platform to the students in attendance to ask questions.

Squash Beats St. Lawrence, Harvard

The men’s squash team clinched the top birth at nationals with last weeks wins

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Rick Penders ’18 put Trinity before his National Team to win.

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Coming off yet another NESCAC Championship, Trinity’s top ranked Men’s Squash team notched a pair of impressive wins over Harvard and St. Lawrence this past week. On Wednesday, Feb. 8, the Bantams traveled to Murr Center Squash Courts in Boston to face the #1 ranked Harvard Crimson in an instant classic, the Bantams defeated the Crimson 5-4. The fate was sealed by Belfast, Ireland native Michael Craig ’19 who won the deciding match. The Bantams top four of Craig, Kush Kumar ’20, Rick Penders ’18, and Thoboki Mohohlo ’19, all got the job done. Harvard’s depth players proved tough, but James Evans ’18 won his match in the #8 position to remain unbeaten in his first half. Ed Ogundeko ’17, Trinity’s double-doubles machine, gave the Bantams a one-point lead

New Breakfast Spot Makes Mouths Water

Local waffle joint serves up hot breakfast to satisfy connoisseurs

MOLLY SCHINELLER ’18
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A complete and wholesome breakfast at the Sloppy Waffle.

COURTESY OF Molly Schineller ’18

The Sloppy Waffle is the cozy, lively, and insanely delicious breakfast joint you’ve always dreamed of and never knew where to find. Located about fifteen minutes away from Trinity at 2551 Washington, the restaurant is famous for serving up oversized pancakes, juicy burgers, eggs of all kinds, and of course the specialty Belgian liege waffles that inspired its name. The “sloppy waffle” is famous for serving up

COURTESY OF Trinity College Athletics

Basketball Turmoil

Bantam basketball fought hard battles against NESCAC rivals in both men’s and women’s weekend competition

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The final weekend of the men’s and women’s basketball regular seasons saw wins for both teams against Hamilton and losses against Middlebury. The men won comfortably against Hamilton on Feb. 10 (67-53) before losing to the and experienced Middlebury team on Feb. 11 (97-80). The women won an exciting game against Hamilton on Feb. 10 (65-59) and went on to lose to Middlebury on Saturday (65-59).


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Tripod Editorial

Students’ Responsibility for Inclusivity

On Friday, Feb. 10 the Board of Trustees had a brief dialogue over lunch with student leader sources from a few of the core groups at Trinity: the Student Government Association (SGA), the Student Athlete Council (SAC), Pride Leaders, and members of Action Coalition Trinity (ACT). The talking points for the luncheon revolved around how to better make students feel welcome and supported, academically and socially on campus. This discussion revolved around the Bantam Network, Academic Advisors, and the other relationships that form the pillars of a Trinity Student’s institutional support system.

While most student leaders came to this meeting excited for the opportunity to chat with a Trustee for the entertainment value, the students from ACT came with a list of demands present at the forefront of their words. At my table, we listened to anec
dotes of ten or so students leaving Trinity because they felt unsupported, and how if Trinity had more permanent staff (full-time queer resource center position, multicultural affairs office staff increase), those lost students may still walk among the Bantams. As a student involved in a cross section of organizations on campus, I find it hard to accept that this is the only solution going forward. I am aware that inclusivity must be intentional, and cannot be a passive campaign, but I feel the responsibility must fall to the majority students, not to some administrative staff that can only console and counsel those students who are left on the periphery.

The Offices of Admissions and Financial Aid are fighting hard battles to find, win-over, and then financially support the most talented minority students. As student leaders on campus, it is imperative that we do not let this value go to waste. To student leaders from both majority and minority backgrounds: tirelessly search to strengthen your organizations. Seek out those who are different from you, and do not let your organization remain homogeneous. Regardless of whether you are the President of the Investment Club or the Imani, Black Student Union or any organization member in between: if you let your organization draw only on a single set of experiences, the group will operate in a vacuum and not benefit from the tireless procurement efforts of the Trinity Administration.

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Thank You to Campus Employees

On Thursday, Feb. 9, I had the luxury of going back to bed after I realized both of my classes that day had been cancelled as a result of the snow storm. I, along with a large part of the Trinity community, got to take the day off. Despite classes being cancelled and administrative offices closing, the heavy snowfall didn’t afford a day off to everyone at Trinity. Being comprised of a largely-residential student body, certain parts of Trinity’s campus can’t be shut down due to inclement weather. On behalf of The Trinity Tripod and the larger student body, I want to thank the employees of Chartwells, Campus Safety, and Buildings & Grounds for making the commute to campus during the snow storm. You are all a vital part of the daily operations of Trinity; your contributions to this community do not go unnoticed, and our appreciation of your service is amplified in the wake of this mild blizzard.

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Pipeline Poised to be Built Despite Opposition

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Back at the end of the now-infamous 2016, you may have heard via main-stream news or your Face-book feed, of the Dakota Access Pipeline and the Native Americans fighting. The pipeline, built by Dakota Access LLC, has been the subject of major controversy and scrutiny and frequent peaceful protests. What started last year as small scale resistance within the Native community of the Standing Rock Sioux tribe, has spread. This is due to their persistence and the presence of celebrities such as Shailene Woodley and Mark Ruffalo. The water protectors at Oceti Sakowin camp are deeply concerned about the pipeline, which would run under Lake Oahe, a reservoir used for their water consumption. Energy Transfer Partners, the official parent company owner, released statements trying to assuage those worried about the leaks. The pipeline crosses 90 to 115 feet below Lake Oahe with heavy wall pipe and, as we all know, the pipe is inspect ed, tested and rest ed prior to being placed into service to ensure its long-term integrity.

While Energy Transfer Partners has pledged to work with the protesters at the Oceti Sakowin Camp, the efforts by police to remove protesters from private land have been outright violent at times. An infamous interview by Erin Schrode features a man explaining the battle lines between armed North Dakota police and peaceful Water Protectors when a gun shot is heard and the video tiles to show the pain and shocked expression on Schrode’s face as she flails and falls. While the incident itself is aberrant, the reporter was not on the front lines of the protests, nor was the protest violent. Perhaps the more concerning is an open letter of the land that is at stake for the Standing Rock Natives. It is important to understand that the pipeline itself does not physically cross Sioux land. If that were the case then clearly the Army Corps of Engineers would have to stop the drilling and begin rerouting. So what is the problem here? Why can’t they let the pipeline through? The answer is, Lake Oahe. The lake, a reservoir on the Missouri River, is intersected by the pipeline as it snakes its way around the Native land of the Standing Rock Sioux tribe. The fight becomes difficult to understand regarding wa- ter, which the Sioux view as a precious, God-given resource. For them, this means the water itself is part of the tribe and should not be tampered with by outside forces. Thus, when Energy Transfer Partners claims that “Dakota Access was designed with tremen- dous safety factors and re- dundancies, including com- pliance with and exceeding all safety and environmen- tal regulations,” one can’t help but wonder why the company had to go through such a resource-rich area. The answer lies in the history of the pipeline. The pipeline was original- ly planned to be routed through Bismarck, but the plan was scrapped when the environmental assess- ment determined that the pipeline was too close to well-head protection areas which should be avoided. This news is striking considering that an environmental impact statement was concluded to be “not required” by the Regional Director of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services. On top of this comes the news that a pipeline in Blue Ridge, Texas as of Jan. 30 has spilled a sec- ond time since opening in mid-2016, and is owned by Enbridge, who are equity co-owners of the Dakota Access Pipeline. Another Pipeline just bust in Bay- ou, Louisiana, killing one person and injuring three in the resulting explosion. This is not the first time that the rhetoric of the Pipeline owners has conflicted with reality, as they continue to dispar- age the efforts of the pro- testers, as violent: “the destruction of equipment and encroachment on pri- vate property must not be tolerated.” This statement is completely false as all first-hand accounts con- firm there have been no attacks since the inception of the peaceful protests. This comes after the North Dakota police have, on multiple occasions, tear gassed gassed, maced, and shot the Water Protectors with rubber bullets and wa- ter cannons. Artistic di- rector, Josh Fox, tweeted “Today at #standingrock, protectors held mirrors to the brutality of the police. Then, police tear gassed and maced them as usual, #noDAPL” along with photo- graphs of visible tear gas among protesters. This particular incident came just after the North Dako- tan police force assembled on a hill where, according to the Sioux, their ancestors stand. The Bismarck Tribune reported on the incident, citing Sioux and Morton county refer- ences where the deceased were moved during the construction of Lake Oahe over 50 years ago. A Stand- ing Rock Sioux tribe ar- chaeologist had something else to say: “Different cul- tures have different beliefs on graveyards... That’s hallowed ground. Period.” In the coming weeks, “Another Pipeline just burst in Bayou, Louisiana, killing one person and in- juring three in the resulting explosion.”

In the coming weeks, subtle signs of the ‘other’ have cer- tainly pervaded the news cycle for the last year...
Trump Leading America Down a Dangerous Path

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Throughout his time in office, President Donald Trump made a bevy of promises to the American people, perhaps more so than any other national figure. Some were more controversial than his proposed “Muslim Ban.” Although he eventually toned back his rhetoric to talk of “extreme vetting” and temporary bans from select countries, many assumed that Trump “didn’t mean it,” and simply said what some wanted to hear in order to garner votes. As we approach the end of the first month of Trump’s Presidency, that turns out to have been far from the case. Less than two weeks ago, President Trump enacted an executive order, banning travel from citizens of seven majority-Muslim countries for three months. For those from Iran, Iraq, Yemen, Syria, Somalia, Libya, and Sudan, travel to the United States was halted, regardless of whether they had a valid visa. Many who had applied for and received visas, a process that can take years, were sent back to their home countries, and told that they couldn’t travel to the United States. This was the same case that legal holders, legal residents of the United States, were detained at airports when trying to return to the States. The travel ban was met with outrage by many, with some calling it veiled racism, and others calling it unconstitutional. While many protest ed at airports, the travel ban went into effect, and the United States, a country that has historically opened its arms to those in need, closed its doors. Just days after President Trump announced his executive order, the Washington State Attorney General filed a legal complaint, asking for a court to rule parts of the order unconstitutional. Days later, U.S. District Court Judge James Robart ruled not only the executive order while he considered the lawsuit. While the Justice Department (read: the Trump administration) appealed the temporary halt, an appeals court upheld the ruling. As we currently stand, the travel ban is suspended, and unsurprising ly, President Trump has demonstrated his displeasure with the ruling. Shortly after Judge Robart filed for the suspension of the executive order, President Trump tweeted “The reason for this so-called judge, which essentially takes law enforcement into their own hands, is the absolute knowledge that he is not the final arbiter of our country in such peril. If something happens blame them not him. Court system is broken. Bad!”

As Trump’s Presidency continues, Americans must be cautious, and not blindly take his administration at their word. The Executive and Judicial branches are separate, with the separation of powers being intentional. Trump may do as he pleases, but this way if the case goes all the way to the Supreme Court. In the days following his initial tweet, Trump down played his tweet on Twitter, saying, “just cannot believe a judge would put a country’s economy at risk” for his own personal use. “...as Trump’s Presidency continues, Americans must be cautious, and not blindly take his administration at their word.”

DeVos Could Ruin the American Education System

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On Feb. 7, Vice President Mike Pence broke a tie in Congress to confirm Betsy DeVos as the Secretary of education. Republicans celebrated this move, for they have been watching DeVos for some time now. Her family has used their economic ties with legislators. DeVos has been watching legislators for some time now. They’ve given $200 million to legislators for some time now. They’ve given $200 million to legislators for some time now. She’s a big player in any legislative conversation to her ideological ambitions and put money into charter schools. DeVos ties to legislators are also muddied with hefty donations to their campaigns. Her family has used their enormous wealth to influence legislators for some time now. They’ve given $100 million to right-wing causes since 1970. She also gave at least $100,000 to the pro-Trump super PAC, possibly one of the reasons she was tapped for this position.

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America. The U.S. ranked 17th overall among the 34 coun tries, 17th in reading, 21st in science, and 26th in math. Nor dic and East Asian countries like Finland and Japan con tinuously outperformed America. The CIA factbook ranks the US 44th of 159 in the world. America is no longer the global leader. DeVos is a perfect example of what’s wrong with our education system. DeVos has absolutely no experience in the field of education. She has never held a professional position as an educator, she didn’t even pass the certification exam to her immense wealth, and “Yes men”, sideling in favor with the views of Trump on Supreme Court decisions. President Trump’s attempts to delegitimize a judge because a ruling didn’t fall in his favor is not an isolated incident, but yet another instance that Republicans want to nudge American democracy ever so closer to an author itarian state. In fact, this is not the first time that the President has called into question a judge, citing while on the campaign trail that a judge couldn’t be objective because of his Mexican heritage. Throughout the first few weeks of Trump’s Presidency, he has been jackpot with inaccurate facts to the American public, while la belle the media as the “opposition party.” America’s President continues, Americans must be cautious, and not blindly take his administration at their word. If Trump is success ful in silencing the media and creating distrust of the Judiciary, the Unit ed States will be well on its way down a dark path that has historically al ways ended with disaster.

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Pouring money into charter and magnet schools rather than investing in failing schools just hasn’t worked. After DeVos implemented school choice in districts in Michigan, their scores plummeted. Michigan is “among the worst places to argue that choice has made schools better,” according to the New York Times. Additionally, the choice program allows educators to reform their own pockets. A 2014 investigation by the Detroit Free Press reported that Michigan’s charter schools “rake in taxpayer money and refuse to give the people who opened them!” They found that charter school employees and board mem bers were “steering lucrative deals to themselves or insiders”, and that more charter schools were ranking below the 25 percentile than public schools. “Michigan leads the nation in charter school schoolchoice for profit,” they reported. This is what DeVos was al lowed to do for Michigan due to her immense wealth, and this is what she will be able to do to our country if the other branches of government don’t check her newfound power over our public schools. This may be hard for some because DeVos has donated to so many of them, but legislators must think with their heads rather than their wallets in these coming years. They need fight against DeVos’s school choice ambitions and put money into reforming public schools rather than throwing it away on charter schools. Citizens should also contact their senators whenever they are about to make a vote that is detrimental to their interests. They found that charter school employees and board members were “steering lucrative deals to themselves or insiders”, and that more charter schools were ranking below the 25 percentile than public schools. “Michigan leads the nation in charter school choice for profit,” they reported. This is what DeVos was allowed to do for Michigan due to her immense wealth, and this is what she will be able to do to our country if the other branches of government don’t check her newfound power over our public schools. This may be hard for some because DeVos has donated to so many of them, but legislators must think with their heads rather than their wallets in these coming years. They need fight against DeVos’s school choice ambitions and put money into reforming public schools rather than throwing it away on charter schools. Citizens should also contact their senators whenever they are about to make a vote that is detrimental to their interests. They found that charter school employees and board members were “steering lucrative deals to themselves or insiders”, and that more charter schools were ranking below the 25 percentile than public schools. “Michigan leads the nation in charter school choice for profit,” they reported. This is what DeVos was allowed to do for Michigan due to her immense wealth, and this is what she will be able to do to our country if the other branches of government don’t check her newfound power over our public schools. This may be hard for some because DeVos has donated to so many of them, but legislators must think with their heads rather than their wallets in these coming years. They need fight against DeVos’s school choice ambitions and put money into reforming public schools rather than throwing it away on charter schools. Citizens should also contact their senators whenever they are about to make a vote that is detrimental to their interests. They found that charter school employees and board members were “steering lucrative deals to themselves or insiders”, and that more charter schools were ranking below the 25 percentile than public schools. “Michigan leads the nation in charter school choice for profit,” they reported. This is what DeVos was allowed to do for Michigan due to her immense wealth, and this is what she will be able to do to our country if the other branches of government don’t check her newfound power over our public schools. This may be hard for some because DeVos has donated to so many of them, but legislators must think with their heads rather than their wallets in these coming years. They need fight against DeVos’s school choice ambitions and put money into reforming public schools rather than throwing it away on charter schools. Citizens should also contact their senators whenever they are about to make a vote that is detrimental to their interests. They found that charter school employees and board members were “steering lucrative deals to themselves or insiders”, and that more charter schools were ranking below the 25 percentile than public schools. “Michigan leads the nation in charter school choice for profit,” they reported. This is what DeVos was allowed to do for Michigan due to her immense wealth,
ConnPIRG Undertakes New Initiatives on Campus

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The Trinity College chapter of Connecticut Public Interest Research Group (ConnPIRG) was well known last semester for its extensive voter registration campaign. Members of the group could be found advertising the importance of taking part in the political process, as well as helping Trinity students register to vote. With election season over, ConnPIRG is looking to expand its sights on new goals.

ConnPIRG takes a unique place in the long list of clubs available to Trinity. It is a student-run organization, Public Interest Research Group, was formed forty-six years ago and as such is an iteration of non-profit organizations that promote political advocacy and change. Typically, ConnPIRG begins each semester with a focus on a main campaign, with several smaller campaigns in the background. This semester the organization has shifted its attention toward combating environmental change.

“We (ConnPIRG) chose 100% renewable energy as our leading campaign because the new (presidential) administration and recent events make it a very salient topic,” explained president of ConnPIRG, Trinna Larsen ’20. “It also is something that is very easy to agree on as it makes economic and environmental sense at this point. Our goal right now is just to get a commitment from the students and that will lead to initiatives we can pursue to actually make tangible change and begin reducing our carbon emissions.” Other issues at the forefront of ConnPIRG’s attention include affordable college education, hunger and homelessness, getting “big money” out of politics and preventing the extinction of bees.

These goals were addressed at ConnPIRG’s kickoff meeting held Wednesday Feb. 8 in the Washington Room. The meeting largely focused on how students at Trinity can make a difference towards a more sustainable focus on and off campus. The meeting featured a presentation from Dr. Amber L. Pitt, a conservation ecologist at Trinity. Pitt provided an in-depth look at climate change around the world, with an emphasis on dramatically increasing CO2 levels and the rapid extinction of animal and plant life. Pitt also focused on the direct climate change will have on connecticut in particular. Her urgent words inspired all members of ConnPIRG to take action and brainstorm how to make Trinity and, more broadly, Hartford, environmentally friendly.

The meeting also featured a presentation from Kate Cohen, the state director of ConnPIRG. Cohen outlined the goals of ConnPIRG and explained that the organization is devoted to creating policy-driven change. Because of this, ConnPIRG is able to address a diverse range of issues while working alongside other organizations. For example, ConnPIRG, with its specific focus on politics, is able to work on environmental issues without taking the place of other Trinity clubs such as Green Campus. Cohen also noticed the ability to cooperate within ConnPIRG, because although the club is political, the issues addressed by ConnPIRG are inherently bipartisan.

In addition to a presentation of renewable energy, two background campaigns of ConnPIRG were introduced. The save the bees campaign, spearheaded by Sarah Kennedy ’20 covered the mass extinction of bees at an alarming rate. Kennedy hopes that the campaign will raise awareness about both the importance of bees as pollinators and their status as an endangered species. As attention is gained, Kennedy aims to take action to prevent the extinction of bees and register Trinity College with Bee Campus USA. “ConnPIRG has a track record of legislative achievements and it feels really good to work for an organization that is capable of influencing government at every level,” commented Kennedy.

The hunger and homelessness campaign was also introduced, at ConnPIRG’s first meeting of the semester, chaired by Larisa Bogomolov ’20. Bogomolov hopes that the group will focus on increasing awareness of hunger and homelessness in the United States and then take the necessary steps to combat it. “These are problems that are addressed by many colleges,” explained Bogomolov during the meeting. “However, at Trinity, we see these problems right outside of our campus in Hartford. We have the unique opportunity to become directly involved with these issues.”

Larsen continued with her optimism for the club and the changes it hopes to make. “It’s a super exciting campaign and definitely in its beginning stages!” As ConnPIRG moves into its new set of goals, there is no doubt that the group will continue to raise awareness and get students involved in political issues during the 2016-2017 school year.

Black History Month Celebrated with Multiple Events

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In recognition of Black History Month, various student-run organizations on campus are hosting a myriad of events. The lineup includes film screenings and panel discussions as a way of encouraging the spread of information and education about the history of African Americans and their contributions to the world. To wit, the activities are the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Office of Student Activities, Involvement and Leadership, and The Dean of Multicultural Affairs, Karla Spurlock Evans, said that this year’s events are designed to celebrate the observance of Black History Month at Trinity is Breaking Boundaries as a way of celebrating the diverse history of the African American experience in America and other countries all over the world.

One such event is what College Black Women’s Organization is keying in on intersectionality among African Americans. This includes, but is not limited to, highlighting the experiences of black members of the LGBTQ community or immigrant families.

The first event celebrating Black History Month here on campus was held in the Washington Room on Feb. 1 named the Liberation Celebration, it was a dinner that welcomed people to attend a commemoration of the freedom movements of people of African heritage. Other events this past week included What Umoja House on Feb. 8 from 5 to 7 PM. On Feb. 9, Keyon Dooling was scheduled to give a talk in the Washington Room about overcoming adversity and making it to the NBA, but the lecture was postponed as a result of the snowstorm.

Dooling was selected 10th overall in the 2000 NBA draft by the Orlando Magic. Playing professionally for 13 years, Dooling was a part of 7 different teams, including the Boston Celtics. Dooling is still involved in professional basketball, becoming a life coach in the NBA and NBA Development League after his playing days were over.

At Cinestudio from Feb. 10 to Feb. 18, there will be a screening of “Fences”, a movie directed by Denzel Washington, starring himself alongside Viola Davis, who plays his wife in the film. The movie is adapted from the play by August Wilson about an African American family in 1950s Pittsburgh. “Fences” was the sixth play in Wilson’s 1980s Pittsburgh. “Fences” was the sixth play in Wilson’s 1980s

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Trinstagram: Trinity’s Beautiful Campus in the Snow

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8th Annual Bantam Bazaar Will Take Place This Thursday

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Where will you be on Thursday? Why not the Bantam Bazaar? The charity event is taking place this Thursday, Feb. 16 from 11am to 7pm in the Washington Room. The Bantam Bazaar is a community outreach event that started in 2010 in the wake of earthquakes in Haiti, and has raised nearly $8,000 over the past six years for various organizations in the area.

After speaking with Habitat for Humanity representative, Maddie Farrar ’19, I learned the following information about the incredible event. The merchandise is comprised of donations from members of the Trinity community including books, clothing, shoes, household items, appliances, and more. It is open to anyone interested, and they will be accepting both Bantam Bucks and cash.

This year, all of the proceeds will go to the Trinity Episcopal Church Refugee Resettlement Program, which will allow a refugee family to come live in the Hartford area this year. In past years, the event has raised funds for groups such as the Pakistan Youth Alliance, Oxfam America’s Typhoon Haiyan Relief and Recovery Fund, and the Central Vermont Community Action Council. Each year, a group is chosen based on political or global needs. This event is for a great cause, and you never know what you’ll find. Stop by before or after lunch and take a spin through the Bantam Bazaar to see if anything catches your eye!
Sarah Duffy ’18 on Studying Abroad in Galway, Ireland

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I was lucky enough to have spent my fall semester drink- ing Guinness, dancing to folk music, and enjoying the craic* with some amazing lads and lasses in Galway, Ireland. I can wholeheartedly say that I left a piece of myself behind in that amazing little city. Galway was truly a second home, and I owe every laugh and smile to the amazing people I met. When people talk about their abroad experienc- es, they typically go on and on about the beautiful scenery, the excellent cutlery, and “that time we shared a bottle of rosé at the top of the Eiffel tower.” This is pretty much to be expected. Once we’re home we love to talk about the incredible things we experi- enced, typically leaving out any hardships we endured in our semesters abroad.

What a lot of people don’t like to talk about is the hardships they endured while they were in a foreign, strange country. For me, that was my homesickness. Throughout my semester (es- pecially the first and last two weeks), I became a little flus- tered whenever I saw a text or an Instagram post from my family and friends. How could life at home possibly go on... without me?? Absolutely impossible! And yet, it did. I’ll admit it - I felt a little pain in my heart when I saw a video of my nephew take his first crawl across the kitchen floor. I found myself sitting in my kitchen, vicariously refreshing the Head of the Charles web- site, eagerly waiting to see how my teammates raced and wishing I was on the sidelines cheering them down the river. I had to wipe a couple of tears from my eyes when I FaceTimed my entire family sitting at the Thanksgiving dinner table with a big dish of my dad’s homemade stuff ing just staring at me. When I wasn’t busy exploring the em- erald isle, I was quietly long- ing for movie nights with the girls, cookouts at the beach, my fluffy golden retriever Cooper, and of course, my mom’s hugs. I think that it’s healthy to recognize the good and bad in every situation.

Spending a semester in Ireland was an incredible ex- perience because it not only showed me that the world is a lot bigger and more beauti- ful than I could have ever imagined, but also that I had taken for granted how much. Above all, my greatest takeaway from spending a semester abroad was remind- ing myself how blessed I have such wonderful friends and family, both at home and in the Trinity Community.

* craic (n.) – an Irish term for news, gossip, entertainment, or fun.

Newington’s The Sloppy Waffle Restaurant Review

is actually a menu item itself in addition to being the restaurant’s moniker. The dish consists of eggs any way you like them, with cheese and bacon or sausage on a waffle, drizzled liberally with maple syrup. Somehow, the sloppy waffle masters the perfect balance between sweet and savory by bringing in the “unique flavors and textures” the owner uses to fuel each dish on the menu.

Lucy Ramos estab- lished the Sloppy Waffle almost four years ago with the vision of a “break- fast place that feels like I’m walking into my own kitchen.” She has abso- lutely accomplished this hope, and the restaurant’s menu echoes Ramos’ hap- py home just as much as its quirky diner decor. Ra- mos says that, “although different dishes were in- spired in different ways, [her] family had the most influence on the menu.” The chicken and waffle, which touts a hefty serv- ing of perfectly seasoned fried chicken atop a waf- fle soaked in maple syrup and powdered sugar, was “a classic at home” before it entered her restaur- ant. Some menu items are even named after im- portant people in her life. Her husband lays claim to the Spicy Jeff, the Louise Special honors her godfa- ther, and the Juicy Lucy is named after herself!

Most memorialized by the creation of the restaurant, though, is Ra- mos’ mother, who always hoped to open a restaur- ant like this but was un- able to do so after she was diagnosed with leukemia. Ramos says that “when she passed, opening the restaurant just seemed like the right thing to do.” Ramos credits her success to her mother, affirming “she is the reason I am in business.” The restaurant was built on love, and this is palpable from the min- ute you walk in the door.

With such an incred- ible story behind its es- tablishment, and an absolutely unbeatable menu, it’s hard not to be charmed by the Slo- py Waffle. Whether you order a specialty liège waffle to suit your sweet tooth or choose something else on the menu to feed your savory side, you are almost guaranteed to leave with a full tum- my and a happy heart.

COURTESY OF Molly Schineller ’18

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Barry Jenkins’s “Moonlight” has been nominated for eight Academy Awards, including Best Picture. This reality is not lost on the young man, who begins to reflect more carefully on the world and his place in it, and to place his trust in an adult whose attention wavers and disappears as he sinks deeper into the grip of addiction. Chiron’s world is full of doors and paths that lead to destruction, and every choice feels like the wrong one.

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Review of Migos’ “Culture?” This Generation’s Beats?

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On Feb. 11, students and faculty alike were treated to the ambient talents of Eric San. San, better known as “Kid Koala,” has been lauded for producing albums by Del the Funky Homosapien and Gorillaz, but Saturday, he created music for an entirely new clientele: the Trinita College student body. Early in the day, Koala hosted a more interactive workshop known as the “satellite concert.” Throughout the performance, attendants turn their own tables, cued by changing colors. Described as an “ambient vinyl orchestra,” the satellite concert was successful.

Abigail McNulty ’20 attended the workshop as a part of the curriculum for the InterArts Seminar. In the beginning, “I wasn’t sure what to expect,” she said, “but as he started his records and we all got to participate, I found myself smiling through the whole show. I had never been to a concert like this but it was definitely something everyone should see.”

Francisco Chang ’19 was also in attendance. “It was an unforgettable experience and I am glad that I attended the concert,” he said. “Kid Koala created an interesting concept album and combined it with multi-media to create a trippy and unique experience.”

During the nighttime “Music to Draw To” Workshop, concert attendants read books and worked on their weekend homework, while Kid Koala played tranquil, mood-fitting tracks in the back. At this performance, in particular, viewers weren’t supposed to be conscious of the artist himself as much as his music. The melodic spinning is definitely conducive to writing and reading, and is slightly reminiscent of albums made intentionally for study music.

During his satellite concerts, Kid Koala can be seen wearing his trademark costume. His recent album, “Music to Draw To,” is perfect to listen to while writing a paper, finishing a problem set, or any other scholarly activity. The opening track, “The Observable Universe,” sounds very similar to a “sounds of the rain forest” CD, and that seems to have been Koala’s intention. Oftentimes, when listening to music while doing work, students grow distracted by lyrics and can’t concentrate. Koala’s music circumvents the issue, reminding us that in need of music to study and can’t concentrate. Koala shouted out fellow Atlan- ta natives, the Migos, in his acceptance speech, de- scribing their #1 hit “Bad and Boujee” as “the best song ever.” The single, which appears in the rap trio’s sophomore album, Culture, has maintained a spot in the top 10 Hip-Hop/R&B charts for sev- eral weeks. While that is certainly an impressive feat, could the song really be worthy of such high praise? Glover also took things a step further, comparing the group to the Beatles. Yes, those Beatles. Is Donald Glover completely delusional, or is the North Atlanta trio really comparable to one of the biggest musical cultural icons in history?

Dj Khaled seemed to second Glover’s sentiment. On the album’s intro track, entitled “Culture,” Dj Khaled’s familiar vocals open things up by insisting that those who have ever been doubtf- ful of the Migos have “played themselves.” This track features Migos’ signature backand forth flow, each verse seamlessly leading into the next. Just before the end of the song, Dj Khaled once again addresses the issue, reminding us that Migos represents the street culture of today, a statement that most people would not refute.

Once the intro fades out, the Migos then pro- ceed to give us a long list of absolute bangers. The first three following tracks— the aforementioned #1 hit “Bad and Boujee,” featuring Lil Uzi Vert, “T-Shirt,” and “Call Casting,” — demonstrate Migos’ simplistic approach to songwriting which has become the standard for putting out successful trap music. Among oth- er things, they all share a base heavy, uplifting tempo that will certainly incite involuntary head bobbing. You could not not jam to these if you tried.

Things slow down a little bit when we get to “Turn Right.” This track features a much more mellow and unbur- ried beat. The sound of a flute playing gives way to clapping and then Quavo takes over, giving us both the hook and the opening verse. “Slippery” is another hit-in-the-making, assisted by the vocals of Atlanta heavy weight, Gucci Mane. A few songs down the track list we get “Doula,” featuring 2 Chainz and the Travis Scott-assisted “Ketty Price.” The combination of Travis Scott and Migos is one that works surpris- ingly well, considering the differing styles. Travis Scott’s sing-songy flow complements Migo’s simple, straight to the point style pretty nicely. Culture ends with “Out Yo Way,” a song that slight- ly breaks away from the typical Migos trap an- them. In this track, each Migos member reminds us that they have feelings and continue to give us a long list of things. Culture certainly culture. Since their out- break in 2013, the Migos sound has become synon- ymous with the dominant hip-hop sub-genre that is trap music. They have evolved to become a major presence in the modern day rap scene and their quick rise to fame can be attributed to their unique style and flow and their tough, intense lyr- ics—not to mention their insane beats. On these things, Culture certainly did not disappoint. From start to finish, the Migos display their dynamic vo- cals, which complement each other perfectly, their highly amusing ad-libs, and unapologetically southern lingo. With their sophomore album, Migos gave us exactly what we were expecting: more anthems. Look to hear many of these songs on repeat in the near future.

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The team provided some evidence to his claim on Saturday by dismantling the #5 ranked St. Lawrence Saints by a score of 8-1 on Senior Day. Trinity honored Afeeq Islam ’17, Nicholas Giacco ’17, Zachary Bitan ’17 and Graham Dworkin ’17 before the match. The Bansats lost the #1 match as Mohamed El Gawarhy of the Saints defeated Kush Kumar ’20 in a thrilling five game match. The Bansats won the remainder of the matches, some in particularly thrilling fashion. Thoboki Moholo ’19 overcame a two game deficit to win his match in front of a large crowd watching in the Champion Courts. The Bansats now turn their attention to the CSA National Championships this coming weekend, hosted by Harvard. The number one ranked Bansats have the chance to bring yet another National Championship back to Hartford.

The Trinity women (12-10) will close out their regular season on Feb. 14 against Anna Maria, while the Trinity men (15-9) will travel to Wesleyan on Feb. 18 for the first round of the NESCAC tournament.

Thoboki Moholo ’19, a more seasoned player, contributed wins in both Bantam victories.
WOMEN’S HOCKEY LOSES TO AMHERST, DEFEATS WESLEYAN

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The Trinity Women’s Hockey team played a pair of exciting games this past week. They hosted the Amherst Purple & White on Tuesday before travelling to play the Wesleyan Cardinals on Saturday. The Bantams (7-12-2 overall) split the two contests to remain in the thick of the NESCAC standings.

The game at home against Amherst proved to be a thrilling contest. While both squads had several early opportunities to break the scoreless tie, strong goalie play on both sides kept the contest even at 0 heading into the third period. Trinity’s Jess Thulin ’18 finished the evening with 26 saves in comparison to Amherst’s Sabri Oganeku ’18 with 26 saves in comparison to Amherst’s Sabri Oganeku ’18. However, Dobbins was able to read the play and deny Finn the goal. The Purple and White finally drew first blood halfway through the third period, courtesy of a goal from Katelyn Panter. At 15:13, Amherst managed to net another goal via rebound by Brenna Sullivan off the shot of Jaime McNamera to increase the lead to 2-0 and secure the win. After a tough loss, the Bants were able to bounce back on Saturday, defeating Wesleyan 3-1 on the road by a score of 2-1. Trinity has now extended their winning streak against the Cardinals to 20 games, which dates back to 2006 season opener.

Wesleyan’s only goal came early, as Cici Pratasio broke open the scoring less than a minute in to put the Cardinals on top 1-0. However, Trinity’s defense lead by goalie Sydney Belinskas ’18, who finished the day with 22 saves, fended off the Cardinal attack for the remainder of the game.

In the second period, Melissa Mafeo ’18 netted the Bantam’s first goal of the contest off assists from Kelcie Finn ’18 and Hannah Oganeku ’18 to level the game at 1 apiece. At the 13:58 mark, Finn managed to secure her second point of the contest, scoring what would be the game winner for Trinity.

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MEN’S HOCKEY SWEEPES CRITICAL NESCAC SERIES

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The best opportunity for Trinity came with 10:38 to go in the final period when Hannah Oganeku ’18 found Kelcie Finn ’18 up the ice to set up a one on one opportunity. However, Dobbins was able to read the play and deny Finn the goal. The Purple and White finally drew first blood halfway through the third period, courtesy of a goal from Katelyn Panter. At 15:13, Amherst managed to net another goal via rebound by Brenna Sullivan off the shot of Jaime McNamera to increase the lead to 2-0 and secure the win. After a tough loss, the Bants were able to bounce back on Saturday, defeating Wesleyan 3-1 on the road by a score of 2-1. Trinity has now extended their winning streak against the Cardinals to 20 games, which dates back to 2006 season opener.

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