The Student Government Association (SGA) will be holding its annual elections in the coming week. Voting will be available online to all students starting Monday, April 23. While an official list of candidates will be released by the SGA soon, the Tripod sat down with a few of the potential new officers.

Ben Feola ‘19 and Kristina Miele ‘19 represented the ticket for SGA President, while Lexi Zanger ‘19 spoke about her goals if elected SGA Vice President. Also interviewed were Alison Adamski ‘19 for Vice President of Finance and Liam Andrian ‘20 for Vice President of Communications. Andrian will be running to share the position with Natalie Bruno ‘20.

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For students on the ballot that have not been interviewed, the Tripod is hoping to continue interviews on our website throughout the next week. All interviews are featured on pages 8 and 9 of this issue, and hope to give readers a better sense of who they will be supporting as the election draws near.
Letter to the Editor

Thank you, Taylor Ogan, for your interest regarding the well-being of the Student Government Association (SGA). However, there were several inaccuracies in your article which I, the Vice President of Finance, would like to clarify.

First, I am a member of both the Brew Club and the SGA and it is untrue that the Brew Club is more active than the latter. Additionally, all SGA Senate meetings are open to the public and the SGA is an open forum where students can speak openly about their problems with the school. At meetings throughout the year, we have had students outside the SGA attend our meetings and raise their concerns with very constructive reception.

Second, open forums and office hours, held by SGA members, are a standard SGA practice written in our Constitution, although they were not held until two weeks ago. Additionally, SGA President Emily Claytor will be available for office hours this Friday from 10:00-2:00 p.m. in Peter B. The SGA President already being a liaison to the Board of Trustees. The SGA President and Vice President will address the board at our April 24 meeting.

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Seventh, SGA members do attend Board of Trustee meetings. The SGA President and Vice President will address the board at our April 24 meeting. We, as the Student Government, are working to have more facetime and communication with this board. In the future, we plan to have a liaison to the Board of Trustees and the National Alumni Association (NAA).

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Fourth, SGA seats are hotly contested. Not a single SGA Executive Board position has been gained without opposition. Additionally, many students did not win SGA president or senator seats for their class. However, seeing more students run for positions and become involved in student government would be great!

Fifth, the Vice President part of my position and the Vice President of Communication’s name is written into our Constitution. SGA has dedicated Constitution and its Constitution almost yearly. Additionally, it should be noted that the SGA President sent out a related Constitution attached to the SGA website. We will be updating this year’s Constitution on our SGA webpage and Bantam Link sometime in the next couple of weeks.

Sixth, we are constantly trying to improve our communication to students. This year we focused on all-school emails and targeted Facebook posts to spread the word about events. We recently have started promoting more events via our Facebook and Instagram pages and hope to promote more events and disseminate news this way in the future.

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Additionally, opinions expressed in SGA editorials represent the views of the staff. Non-staff, and distribution of news and ideas that are relevant to the College staff.

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Tuesday April 7
10:10am
Smith Dormitory
Hate incident: vandal- ism to property, race. Open investigation.

Wednesday April 8
6:18 pm
Off-campus
Sexual offense, for- ding, reported. Open investigation.

Thursday April 9
6:30 am
81 Vernon Street
One case of vandalism reported. Open investi- gation.

Thursday April 9
6:42 pm
Jackson Dormitory
Drug use violation: 10 students. Disciplinary ref- erral.

Friday April 10
10:11 pm
Baer Library
One case of vandalism reported. Open investi- gation.

The recently admitted Class of 2022 is one of the strongest in Trinity’s history. The class is geographically diverse and also has one of the highest percentages of students who chose not to submit test scores, reflecting the aims of Trinity’s open admissions process to open up the admissions process to a greater number of students.

The Tripod spoke with Vice President of Enrollment and Student Success Angel Perez to learn more about the makeup of the incoming class. This year, the College received 6,166 applications, a 1% increase from last year’s 6,085. The acceptance rate for the Class of 2022 was 33%, which is one percentage point lower than last year’s. The Class of 2022 is considered one of the strongest classes both in academics and diversity, added Mr. Perez. This class is at the “top of the academic rating scale in recent years,” added, who noted that Barnyard, the Student Government Association held their regular meeting on Sunday, Apr. 16 and discussed the reconfiguring of Chartwells and adjusting the structure of current meal plans. Senior Director of Dining Services Paul Vermeul and Chartwells Connecticut District Manager Toby Chenette gave a presentation to the SGA on proposed meal plan changes. Mr. Vermeul and Mr. Chenette conducted a series of focus groups with Trinity students and found that students wanted changes that included rolling over unused weekly meals, longer dinner hours for Mather Hall, fewer meals per week on all plans, and more access to the Cave and the Bistro in terms of meals for use in Mather, Valley, the focus group also found that students wanted access to fresh produce on campus in locations such as the Cave. To address some of these desires, Mr. Vermeul and Mr. Chenette proposed sweeping changes to current meal plans, except the senior plan, which they propose to keep in its current form. The current Mather plan would become a 15-5 plan: 15 weekly Mother meals, five of which can be used anytime in the Cave or the Bistro, plus five guest meals and $50 in mean plan dollars. The current Flex plan would become the 15-5 Flex Plan, with 15 weekly meal credits for use in Mather, the Cave, or the Bistro, plus five guest meals and $300 in meal plan dollars. Further, to address the current 225 Block Plan, which allows 225 meals per semester, rather than per week, for use in Mather, the Cave, or the Bistro, plus five guest meals and $300 meal plan dollars. Finally, the current Mather Unlimited plan would become the 19- 10 Flex plan, which allows 19 weekly meals in Mather, which can be used anytime in the Cave or Bistro, plus five guest meals and $100 in mean plan dollars. There would also be a “rollover” version of this plan, called the 285 Block plan, with 285 meals per semester that can be used in Mather, the Cave, or the Bistro, plus five guest meals and $100 meal plan dollars.

SGA members discussed the proposed changes and decided to hold off on voting until another focus group or survey was conducted. The second focus group would address other related concerns, such as whether the Bistro and Cave’s weekend and late night hours should be adjusted. The other topic of the meeting was to discuss changes to Barnyard in the wake of recent concern over the artistic selection process. Rapper B.O.B. was contacted by the Barnyard to perform but the deal fell through due to backlash against the rapper’s allegedly anti-Semitic lyrics, as mentioned in an April 3 Tripod article earlier this month. The approved changes revolve around improving communication between Barnyard, the Student Government Association, and the student body. This includes requiring that Barnyard send out a “genre survey” in October and will produce a further survey of potential performers by December. According to an email sent by SGA president Emily Claytor on Apr. 16, “these artists will be vetted and checked via an administrator in the Communications Office.” Further changes to the requirement that contracts must now be sent to artists by the Barnyard in the fall semester and that these contracts require artists to confirm their participation no later than three weeks before their scheduled performance. Ms. Claytor also stressed the importance of communication between SGA, Barnyard, and students in the future.
**Trinity Senior Wins Prestigious Truman Scholarship**

This piece is based on a press release from the Office of Communications.

Madalyn Farrar '19 was awarded a prestigious Harry S. Truman Scholarship last Friday, May 19 in Washington, D.C. From among 916 students selected from 311 colleges and universities, she was nominated by her institution based on her leadership, academic achievement, and administrative talents.

Recipients of the Truman Scholarship receive a $30,000 scholarship toward graduate school and the opportunity to participate in professional development programming to help prepare them for careers in public service leadership.

An Illinois Scholar from Edwardsville, Illinois, Farrar says she is pleased about creating a healthy environment through public health policies and wants to work in public service to combat health inequalities. She is majoring in anthropology and studies biology either as an interest or a minor at Trinity. She was named a Deans’ Scholar her first year and has earned faculty honors at Trinity all semesters. Farrar also received the Lisa P. Nestor Chemical Rubber Company Award for outstanding achievement in general chemistry.

At Trinity, Farrar has worked to facilitate student volunteering in Hartford by running several service organizations focusing on access to healthy food, housing, and environmental sustainability, including serving as Habitat for Humanity chapter president. She has been honored with Trinity’s Fishchion and Goldenfarb Awards, which recognize, respectively, community service and service to the City of Hartford.

Currently in England studying health and disease and nutritional anthropology at Oxford University, Farrar is using her study away opportunity to gain a global perspective on health systems. She plans to pursue an M.P.H. or M.S.P.H. focusing on women’s health and health policy. "I am incredibly honored to become part of the Trinity community and be connected to like-minded people who share my passion for public service." This award opens up many opportunities that will support my goals in public health and my career in public service," said Farrar.

Farrar credits several Trinity staff and faculty mentors for their support and encouragement. "I am so grateful to Anne Lundberg [director of fellowships] for supporting my application while abroad and to Alison Draper [director of Trinity’s Center for Interdisciplinary Science] and Jim Truistle [professor of anthropology] for always guiding me to find the right academic path for me. A huge thanks to Joe Barber [director, Office of Community Service and Civic Engagement] and the Office of Community Service for supporting my involvement in community service and for all the work they do for Trinity and Hartford," she said.

Lundberg said, “Maddie invests her heart and soul in her efforts, and people enjoy working with her. We believe that Maddie’s understanding of engaged leadership, combined with her academic and administrative talents, will propel her to the forefront of her field’s work.”

Recent past winners of the Truman Scholarship from Trinity College include Margaret Brown ’17 and Emma Enos ’15. Farrar will receive her award at a May 27 ceremony at the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and Museum.

The Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation is improving as shown by an article in the Apr. 3 edition of the *Tripped*. Mr. Andres and Dr. Becerra-Cordoba agreed that what IR needs most are “tools to reduce reporting.”

Spurred by realized through their new analytics tool, Tableau, which will consist of one platform: Tableau. Academic Assessment, similar to IR in its evaluation of programming, is directed by Chuck Powell and evaluates Trinity’s academic programs, their enrollment data, and their efficacy. However, the reaccreditation team noted that “evaluation processes of Graduate Studies at Trinity do not appear to exist” as of early 2017. Mr. Andres and Dr. Becerra-Cordoba informed the *Tripped* that this data collection is the responsibility of Academic Assessment.

The *Tripped* was unable to reach Mr. Powell for comment; however, the school’s Graduate Studies programming is improving as shown by an article in the Apr. 3 edition of the *Tripped*. Mr. Andres and Dr. Becerra-Cordoba agreed that what IR needs most are “tools to reduce reporting.”

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The day of course selec- tion was one I had planned for weeks. I knew that I would definitely need a few extra minutes to pull out my laptop and get ev- erything loaded up. When Thursday morning came around, I knew that I would be starting my week day. Try to read a book in any of the reading rooms. I encourage you to take a seat in the library is not an issue, I should have been online earlier. I should have waited to log in. I decided to refresh the page, but to no avail. In fact, the screen became completely blank and gave me an error code. I tried to open my eyes, trying to grapple with this sad fate at 7:02 a.m. on a Monday. I tried using Google and was exploded with various complaints about TCOnline crashing and being unresponsive. Even student major requirements that did not require portal issues and could not access their cars. It makes me feel the traffic to the site at this time. Blinked rapidly as the bright gily reached for my laptop. I logged into this system used by many Trinity graduates, usually first-years. On silent. No big deal. Back to work. But most of the time, the noise is not a phone. It is the muttering of a pack of under-graduates, usually first-years. Now don’t get me wrong. I understand why. Indeed, I am as guilty of this as anyone. But I am not talking about the odd wishe- per across the table or a quick glance. I am talking about the sustained, louder-than-necessary, vacuous nattering that yes, of so many of my fellow students too often engage in. Is this really the confu- sion as to the purpose of the library, then I might be forgiving. If I were working in the new Neuroscience building, for instance, and a pack of those people started chatting away I probably wouldn’t be too fussed. The building is new and it places in the “work suit” ability hierarchy, so to speak, is still being ironed out. Subcon- sciously by the student body. Understanding that silence is not an igno- rance does not apply to the library. Everyone knows what the library is and what it is for. And in knowing what it is for, therefore it is not for – loud and sustained conversation. Why? Simply because the library often feels like a curse on the Trinity campus. They care only about themselves without a care in the world for your or my well-being. They care only about them- selves. Their selfishness reflects more than just your selfishness. It also reflects your carelessness approach to your work, even less than you seem to, but I implore you to look – even if for the first time in your life – beyond the desires of you and your friends. If you succeed in dor- ing this, I ask an even greater favour. Think to yourselves (not out loud!), “What are those around me trying to ac- complish, and how can I help them?” The answer is easier than you might think, and talking (and put your phone out your hand, talking and put your phone on silent for goodwill sake.)
The Lincoln Vaudeville, Beguiles at Austin Arts Center

The hand of Director Michael Preston could be felt in the self-evident balance between each of the actors, and the overall tightness of the performance. Everything about the execution of the play, down to its vibrant and highly effective lighting design, was crisp and clear.

A failing of the play lies in its priorities. The script is preoccupied with the need to be innovative in Brechtian ways, and it drifts farther from its source material. Passing through tropes of grief, mass death and systemic suffering, Vaudeville would have its moments of genuine and uncharacteristic humanism, they are enhanced with “what if” moments that offer little or no new insights into history, or the idea of history.

A good example comes near the end of the play, when the characters of Andrew Johnson and his wife, played with great comedy and unmissable villainy by Divina Lama ‘21 and Olivia Safford ‘19 hire John Wilkes Booth (Masaryk) to assassinate president Lincoln with the aim of personally causing the misery of reconstruction in the South. It is unclear why moments like this are needed - why rewrite a complex, multi-faceted tragedy as one couple’s evil plot? The play would have had more purpose if the nuances of the Civil War had been boiled to their simplest form and expressed, rather than being replaced with a simplified alternate version. All of these historical figures become caricatures of caricatures in the funhouse mirror of The Lincoln Vaudeville. But what does this really accomplish in terms of altering our collective memory?

The Lincoln Vaudeville is an unconventional, frequently jarring and at times brilliant play with problems. It offered a very fine cast of students and actors the opportunity to enter uncharted territory and bring something special to the stage, and gave audience the chance to laugh and puzzle over something they will be thinking of for a long time.

Art on Campus: Looking Forward

Tuesday, April 10 - Saturday, April 28 Annual Student Exhibition at Widerer Gallery.

Reception on Tuesday, April 10, 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 13 at 12:15 p.m.

Common Hour Concert, Trinity College Chapel. Student Vocalists and Instrumentalists perform.

Tuesday, April 24 at 12:15 p.m.

Dept. Of Music Common Hour Concert: Ensembles Recital. Music Hall 102, Gruss Music Center.
Last Saturday, in an event following the main Spring Weekend concert at Koepel Ice Rink, the Mill hosted “Spring Freakend.” The show featured three bands that performed on a large outdoor stage behind the Mill.

The first band to perform was longtime Mill standby Woolly Mammoths. The band that was once the “hometown band” of Connor Kennedy ’16 has carved out a niche at the Mill. Their performance lasted scarcely longer than a half hour, but the dancing rhythms of their song choices were the perfect way for the crowd to start moving at the beginning of the show. Though many in the crowd were not very familiar with the band’s own songs, or the deeper cuts by bands like LCD Soundsystem, the energy brought by the Mammoths was electric.

The next band to take the stage was Diet Cig. The two-person band is fronted by Alex Luciano on guitar/vocals and Noah Bowman on drums. Luciano, who had a pixie haircut and glitter makeup, started the set by announcing that their show was a “safer space” and that audience members should ask permission before touching people. The group then performed a dreamy set of songs from their EP “Overeasy” and their most recent album “Swear I’m Good at This.” Though Diet Cig performed several beautiful, reverberating songs, they didn’t quite match the all-out sprint of the Woolly Mammoths when they started the show. Luciano finished the set with an attempted crowd surfing.

Finally, Philadelphia and Brooklyn based band Vacationer took the stage. As the nominal headliner it was this band that was most difficult for the Mill to book. Fronted by Kenny Vasoli, the band started off with a return to the style of hypnotic synth-pop that had opened the show. Ryan Zimmans’s drumming and Michael Mullin’s looping keyboard riffs and experimentations made every song in the set feel special in its own way.

All three of these bands were well received by Trinity students, and considered to be well suited for later in the evening on Friday. The great success of Woolly Mammoths cannot be overlooked though. Of the three bands, they were certainly considered to be the least elite, but they provided the most consistently powerful songs and were certainly the most “danceable” act of the evening.
Lexi Zanger ’19, Candidate for Vice President

Name: Lexi Zanger
Major: Environmental Science
Hometown: Aviston, Illinois

Trinity Tripod: What previous experiences have you had within SGA? What projects have you been a critical part of?

Lexi Zanger: I have been on SGA since my freshman year, serving as a senator. I have been involved with the Communications Committee, where I was part of the group that founded bantamgram. I have also served on the Crescent Building Planning Process, where I played a role in the construction of the new CCAN building.

Ben Feola: I was a member of the Honorands Committee (the organization which chooses honorary degree recipients for Commencement). It was an opportunity where I was able to represent our school and it was an enlightening experience.

TT: What experiences outside SGA have shaped your time at Trinity and your ability to lead?

Le: My freshman and sophomore years, I was a member of the rowing team. I have been on the Trinity Women’s Rowing Team since my sophomore fall. Both of these activities have given me a greater exposure to the student body. I have been able to get to know the many perspectives of Trinity students. There is a diverse group of baristas and customers at Peter B’s, and I have gotten to know what is important to them on campus. I love talking and getting to know the people I work with or serve coffee to.

TF: What would you seek to accomplish in this position?

LZ: There should be a better foundation between the administration and the SGA. One idea I have is to invite an SGA member to build relationships. For example, the administrator and SGA member could get coffee once a month, with the ultimate goal of establishing stronger relationships. The administrators I have gotten to know have been very willing to speak about issues, and this has led to more accomplishments on campus. We also should continue our discussion with Chartwells. Participating in the request to have even more grocery items and produce offered in places like the Cave.

TT: What parts of your electoral platform and/or personality sets you apart from your opponents?

LZ: My experience on SGA and as a member of the Trinity community both serve towards my ability to succeed in this position. I know a lot of people from many different backgrounds, so I have gotten to know what is important from many angles. As a member of many committees, I have learned more about SGA and its goals. Additionally, I think I would work very well with either candidate for SGA president. I want to make SGA the best it can be. We must continue to gain support from the student body as a whole, and make SGA less of an isolated club.

TF: If you can only accomplish one of your objectives, which one would you choose and why?

LZ: I think the most important legacy to leave is establishing a stronger relationship with SGA and the administration. We need to be familiar with each other in order to get things done.

Ben Feola ’19, Candidate for SGA President

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BF: I was a member of the Honorands Committee (the organization which chooses honorary degree recipients for Commencement). It was an opportunity where I was able to represent our school and it was an enlightening experience.

TT: What experiences outside SGA have shaped your time at Trinity and your ability to lead?

BF: Being an athlete (football for first two years, as well as track) has very much shaped who I am and how I approach different problems in my own life. Being an athlete does change your perspective and experiences here at Trinity. Sportswriters are a huge percentage of the student body here, and I would like to be a voice for them. We do have athletes on SGA, but we need more representation given how big our percentage is in the student body. Trinity must put a lot of weight onto its sports teams, whether it is squash, baseball, or hockey. Additionally, I have served as the president of Alpha Chi Rho (Crow). Greek life is fundamental to our identity here; we are one of the few NECISAC schools to offer it. Greek life is definitely a positive part of the Trinity experience here, and we’re doing very well in terms of giving back to the community and student body.

TT: What would you seek to accomplish in this position?

BF: Firstly, there needs to be a fundamental structural change of SGA. We need to be a more cohesive group. It is critical that we all work together as a group in order to accomplish one of your objectives, which one would you choose and why?

BF: If I could only accomplish one, I think it would be to change the structure of SGA. The power we are given is evident. However, in meetings, people are strangers to one another. There is not enough discourse amongst each other because the once a week time commitment is not enough. We need more meetings and communication beyond a group setting. Taking this with my experience on an athletic team, there are ways to make a more cohesive group. It is difficult for any organization to be well known and understood when it meets once a week at 5 p.m. on Sundays.

Vote for ConnPIRG Held in Upcoming Elections

“Say Yes to ConnPIRG” posters have been spotted around campus. Every two years, students are given the opportunity to vote for or against ConnPIRG’s funding, which is covered by the Student Activities Fee (SAF). This activity provides funding for clubs on campus, including ConnPIRG. This unique ballot question is “a matter of democracy,” according to ConnPIRG Campus Coordinator Elizabeth Bean. Trinity ConnPIRG, which works closely with chapters located at the University of Connecticut and the University of Con- necticut in Storrs, has been an organization on campus since 1973. ConnPIRG receives about $65 of the SAF that each Trinity student pays as part of comprehensive fees and tuition. This budget is allocated by the SGA and the Office of Student Activities, Leadership, and Involvement (SAIL). In the several decades ConnPIRG has been a fixture on campus, students have never voted “no” to having the organization. However, it was recently explained that if the vote this year resulted in a “no” for Con- nPIRG, the organization would respect the decision. The Public Interest Research Group (PIRG) has chapters across the country, and is an organization focused towards different environmental and social campaigns. By allowing students the chance to vote for the organization’s presence, ConnPIRG is able to promote democratic values. However, throughout the year, ConnPIRG has introduced various initiatives, notably aiding movements in affordable textbooks and renewable energy. Con- nPIRG has also created TrinTalks, a series of discussions with students of different backgrounds with the goal to engage the community more in political and social issues. In the upcoming year, ConnPIRG hopes to focus on voter registration for midterm elections. This was a key priority for the organization last school year for the presidential election. However, ConnPIRG also hopes to focus on and encourage engagement with regional political elections and issues as well. “This will be a very big campaign, that hopefully many students will take part in,” explained Bean.
Kristina Miele ’19, Candidate for SGA President

Name: Kristina Miele
Major: Mathematics, Mi-
ning in Modeling and Data
Hometown: Reading, Mas-
sachusetts

Trinity Tripod: What pre-
vious experiences have you had within SGA? What projects have you been a critical part of?

Kristina Miele: I have served as a senator and class president as well as the Vice President of Com-
unications my sophomore year. I have been very close with all three of the past SGA presidents, and took part in a project to restruc-
ture the SGA e-board while I served as Vice President of Communications. That year, I worked with three seniors and learned a lot from them. While in that position, I organized Sena-
tor Sundays, a series of In-
stagram posts which intro-
duced SGA members to the community and updated the website and Facebook page. We really wanted to let people know what SGA does, what we do, and how

we are a resource for them. This year, I have worked with Emily Clatyor (cur-
rent SGA president) on the
Transportation Committee, New Student Orientation Committee, and an ad hoc Diversity Committee, to address how students re-
spond to hate crimes, on both a campus and nation-
wide level. We are planning to
put something together by the end of the semester to clarify what standards stu-
dents are held accountable to serve with. I have also worked with Chartwells to plan a sur-
vey for students to fill out and explain their problems with the current meal plan.

TT: What experiences out-
side SGA have shaped your time at Trinity and your ability to lead?

KM: Outside of SGA, I am a 
student of the founders of the
Stella Society. I also served
as president for a year and a half, but have recently stepped back from my role to focus on SGA. It is
one of the most mean-
ingful experiences I’ve had at Trinity, and was an ef-
teve way to break down the gender gap in Greek system. The Stella Society is planning differ-
ent events with organiza-
tions on campus, including 
the Multicultural Affairs Council (MAC) to plan a collaborative event. I was
recently chosen to be a Student Admissions Assis-
cate (SAA) for next year. I
have also served as a
mentor and coordinator for the Jones/Zimmerman Ac-
ademic Mentoring. I work \textit{with} the adult coordinators to plan different events for the organization and also
mentored a seventh grade boy.

TT: What would you seek to accomplish in this position?

KM: One of my initiatives is to increase transparen-
cy between students and the administration. We are 
poing to constantly hear feedback from students, by
holding weekly office hours and more widely adver-
tising the ability to send
emails to the SGA presi-
dent and utilize the sug-
gestion box on our website. Students should be able to bring any questions or concerns to any concerns to us, and
that we will bring these
concerns to the adminis-
atration. As a part of SAA, we are a resource for them. I have also been able to observe what has worked well and what hasn’t. I also have several concrete initiatives and actions be-
cause students need to see real change happening, not a discussion of abstract ideas.

TT: If you can only accom-
plish one of your objectives, which one would you choose and why?

KM: The most important objective to me is transpar-
exty with the administra-
tion. I want to make sure student voices are heard. Even though this is an ab-
stractive goal, it is extremely important and something all students are affected by. This is something that we can definitely accomplish and will better the commu-

nity as a result.

Alison Adamski ’19, Candidate for VP of Finance

Name: Alison Adamski
Major: Engineering with concentration in computer 
engineering
Hometown: Westfield, Mas-
sachusetts

Trinity Tripod: What pre-
vious experiences have you had within SGA? What projects have you been a critical part of?

Alison Adamski: I have served on SGA as a class senator for two years and have been a part of Bud-
get Committee for all three years I have been on SGA. During my time with Bud-
get Committee, we have

reworked the parts of the
committee’s constitution and restructured what’s done on a day-to-day basis.

TT: What experiences out-
side SGA have shaped your time at Trinity and your ability to lead?

AA: SGA has always been a big part of my time commit-
ment, but I have also been involved with Model Unit-
ed Nations and engineering societies on campus. I joined Alpha Chi Omega, which has helped me meet many new people. I had never known before. I just earned a leadership

position for next year, so stepping into that role has allowed my confidence to grow. Additionally, I am a barista at Peter B’s, which has taught me how to man-
age my time and learn how to deal with different pressures. There is a clear
break between my extra-
curricular and academic life, but this could potentially be

important and something all students are affected by. If club leaders can manage their budget better, we’ll have an easier time managing the

budget.

TT: What would you seek to accomplish in this position?

AA: I would like to focus on

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Women’s Lacrosse Tops Two More NESCAC Opponents

CAT MACLENNAN ‘20
STAFF WRITER

Mid-week games are sometimes low energy compared to weekend matches, but for the Trinity Women’s Lacrosse team this past week. The Connecticut College Camels traveled from New London Connecticut to attempt to take on the wrath of the Bantams on a cold Wednesday night. Trinity crushed the Camels 17-2, improving to a record of 6-2 overall and 4-1 in the NESCAC, while the Camels fall to a 3-7 overall record and 0-6 in the conference. The Bantams were able to put their NESCAC record to 4-2, and have won seven of their last nine games.

The first game of the weekend was a tough showing for the Bantams as they won two of the three games against the Bowdoin Polar Bears. The series was 2-1 in favor of the Bantams and they improved their NESCAC record to 4-2 and their overall record to 9-9 to get back to .500 on the year. The Bantams have been playing great baseball as of late and have won seven of their last nine games.

The second installment of the series was a much different narrative for the Bantams as they came away with a 7-2 victory. Trinit y started with a good 1st inning, striking first with three goals themselves and the Bantam defense took full control of those mistakes. Clara Nowlan ‘18 and Morgan Strabley ‘20 all scored goals for the Bantams in the first half. Trinity held the Camels to one goal in the first half. This one goal for the Camels was not enough to keep them in the game as the Bantams answered with 6 straight. Trinity did not stop their scoring in the second half and throughout the whole game used their versatile attacking players and strong defense to shut down the Camels, holding them to only one other goal in the second half. Nine players on Trinity scored with a 25-10 shooting advantage over the Camels. Connecticut College had 15 turnovers and the Bantam defense took full control of those mistakes. Clara Nowlan ’18 and Morgan Strabley ’20 were crucial on the defensive end with ground ball pick-ups and caused turnovers. This was Trinity’s fourth straight win.

On Saturday, the Bantams traveled far to Clinton, New York to take on Hamilton College. Scoring 6 goals in the first half, the Bantams retained a 9-5 victory over the Continentals. This win improves Trinity to 9-2 over all and 5-1 in the NESCAC as Hamilton falls to 4-6 overall and 2-4 in the conference. It was Hamilton that started the scoring of the game, making it 1-0 two minutes into the first half. The Bantams came back ready to take the lead, scoring 3 goals from Sophie Berger ’21, Kendall Milligan ’21 and Kiley Coffey ’18. The Continentals did not let the Bantams slip away as they responded with three goals themselves on free position shots, gaining a 4-3 lead with 13 minutes remaining in the first half.

Starting with Berger, who ended with 5 goals and 2 assists against Hamilton, the Bantams scored 6 straight goals starting late in the first half and the early part of the second, cruising to a comfortable victory. Hamilton had one more goal with one minute remaining off of another free position opportunity, but this wasn’t enough to get past Trinity. Both teams added 10 turnovers, 25 shots and 15 shots on goal to the stats. The Bantams have two NESCAC matchups this week. They make the trip to the Wesleyan University Cardinals on 4/10 in Middlebury and travel to take on Middlebury College, a long-time conference rival, on 4/14.

Baseball Takes 2 of 3 in Weekend Series vs. Bowdoin

BRENT SCHOLER ‘21
STAFF WRITER

The baseball team played Bowdoin three times this weekend to begin the first home series of NESCAC play. It was an overall success for the Bantams as they won two of the three games against the Bowdoin Polar Bears. The series was 2-1 in favor of the Bantams and they improved their NESCAC record to 4-2 and their overall record to 9-9 to get back to .500 on the year. The Bantams have been playing great baseball as of late and have won seven of their last nine games.

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Men’s Golf Places Third at NYU Invite, Defeats Williams

CAM CHOTTINER ’20

This weekend, the Trinity College Bantams men’s golf team kicked off the spring season at the NYU invitational. After the best fall season in program history, the Bantams looked to kick the spring off with a bang, even as the weather on campus has suggested otherwise. Nonetheless, the Bantams made the trek to Bloomfield, New Jersey on Masters Weekend, with the goal of defending last year’s hard-fought NYU Invitational victory. In windy and cold conditions on Saturday, the team fired a score of 307 and sat in 3rd place. On day one, the men were led by Will Rosenfield ‘19 with a score of 74. He was followed by captains Nate Choukas ‘18 and Kole Kelly ‘18 at 77, Taylor Kay-Green ‘19 at 79. Jack Junge ‘19 fired a 76 with an opening 80, while Nick Branchina ‘19 rounded out the squad with a 79. Nick Branchina improved to 77, while Taylor Kay-Green at 79, and Kole Kelly at 77, tied for 12th place at NYU.

The Hartford Yard Goats, the capital city’s Double-A professional baseball team, began their 2018 season on Thursday night at their downtown abode, Dunkin Donuts Park. Coming off of a successful first season during which the team sold out 41 of its 68 home games and attracted 400,000 fans to its new stadium, owners, players, and fans alike are buzzing with excitement for the new season. Despite the obvious buzz, ask anyone on the Long Walk, in Frog Hollow, or in Connecti cut as a whole about the successes or failures of the team’s on-field performance, and they likely won’t be able to tell you. Yes, the actual baseball is important, and of course we all want our team to win, but a much more important dynamic to the Yard Goats’ experience, as is true to many other small cities that house minor league sports teams, is the local morale, camaraderie, and economic success that such an enterprise can create.

Connecticut, and Hartford specifically, have fallen on hard times recently. Foiled attempts to create equitable and responsible state budgets coupled with a deep partisan divide over how to fix the state’s economic issues have left many in the state anxiously yearning for a unifying solution. An attempt to move forward came two years ago when the City of Hartford and the State of Connecticut approved plans to create a new professional baseball park in the Downtown North section of Hartford. In addition to housing the newly relocated Colorado Rockies Double-A affiliate, the new stadium has also hosted local college baseball games along with community events and fundraisers. Interested developers also dangled the prospect of a complete downtown revival with dreams of ultimate transforming Hartford into a youthful and vibrant place to make a living.

However, budget issues and apparent breaches in the construction contract almost derailed the plan, forcing the Yard Goats to play the entirety of their first season in Norwich, CT and on the road, spurring threats from the Colorado Rockies management that the franchise would have to relocate if the park wasn’t opened by the 2017 season. It was reported by the Hartford Courant that the project has cost $10 million over budget. After compromises were made between the City of Hartford and Whiting-Turner, the new construction company assigned to the job, Dunkin Donuts Park was finally finished in the winter of 2016. After all of the confusion and over-spending, anxious and desperate residents have been wondering if baseball is the real answer. Can Dunkin Donuts Park and a minor league baseball team be the spark that Hartford needs in order to turn around? Thus far the Yard Goats franchise has certainly had an effect on development and entertainment success in the region. The stadium’s adoption of a “Neighborhood Flavors” initiative to expand the notoriety of local restaurants by allowing them to station a food cart in the ballpark had boosted the overall business of those local eateries. Additionally, according to a WNPR.org article, the Hilton Hotel that sits three blocks away from the ballpark had higher occupancy during the Yard Goats’ first season and saw a huge boost in its restaurant sales. Most surprising of all was the record sale of season tickets leading up to the start of the current season.

Although the team lost more than half of its games last season and has yet to win a game this season, the franchise’s focus is aimed more at fan turnout, ticket sales, and creating a social hub that will revitalize the Downtown North region of Hartford. Moving forward, success for the Yard Goats will be measured in dollar signs and attendance records, not in wins and losses. So, let’s see if the City and State have what it takes to compete.