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Trinity hosts state-wide conference about sexual assault

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On Friday, Oct. 3, Trinity College hosted the American Association of University Women (AAUW) "Responding to Sexual Assault on Campus: Why Now?" 2014 College/University Conference. There were around 85 attendees, U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal among them. President Berger-Sweeney was given the privilege of making the welcoming remarks.

Trinity College is a campus member of the AAUW CT branch, with Laura



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Senator Richard Blumenthal was the keynote speaker for the AAUW conference held on Oct. 3.

La Voz Latina celebrates this year's Hispanic Heritage Month

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La Voz Latina (LVL), Trinity's Latino cultural organization, starts off every fall semester with a heavily packed schedule to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, between Sept. 15 and Oct. 15. This year, LVL organized an array of events encompassed by the theme "Pasado, Presente, y Futuro," or "Past, Present and Future," which aims to discuss and celebrate Latino socioeconomics, politics, and culture throughout time. In order to carry out this year's

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Trinity opens Financial Research and Technology Center in Raether Library

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On Sept. 25, Trinity College opened the new Financial Research and Technology Center, located on level A of the Trinity College Library.

The new center is located near the entrance of the library and is equipped with eleven Bloomberg terminals, which are professional subscription services. The terminals grant students access to Bloomberg professionals that provide both financial data and news data. The data received from the

terminals are updated by the second, so student researchers will find it easy to access up-to-date data.

Bloomberg terminals are a professional subscription service created by the previous mayor of New York City, Michael Bloomberg. With these terminals, a person may access instantaneous financial and consumer news. An average session in the terminals begins with someone signing on and using the instructions provided in the lab. Afterwards, windows pop up and the user can go back and forth between windows and type in what he

is trying to research. The terminal will provide news that is updated every second worldwide. One may conduct many different types of analysis, such as looking up historical, financial data. Consequently, these terminals provide many helpful financial research tools.

"It is just amazing amounts of information," said Ms. Cape, "My job is to facilitate, support, and encourage use of the lab. Hopefully students can start to use it, perhaps to pull out research data for classroom

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Secret Service Director resigns in wake of White House security breach

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Recent events in the nation's capital have given all American citizens an extra reminder to lock their doors and set their alarm systems. Reports from various sources have cropped up in the last week detailing shocking news that there have been several close calls with White House security, including gunshots fired at a front window and an invasion by a man who sprinted across the lawn and into President Obama's home. Following these circumstances, a Congressional hearing was called for the head of the Secret Service, Julia Pierson. She has since resigned.

At 7:20 p.m., Iraq War veteran Omar J. Gonzalez hopped the fence around the White House and sprinted across the lawn. He entered the North Portico doors with a four-inch folding knife, a detail that was left out

of initial reports by security officials. He made it all the way to the East Room, where President Obama typically hosts dinner parties and receives distinguished guests of the House. To do so, Gonzalez actually overpowered a Secret Service agent during his rampage. Later, it was found that alarm boxes meant to alert security officials were apparently muted, and should have informed guards inside that an intruder was on the premises. Furthermore, instead of being stopped by a locked front door, Gonzalez was able to run through much of the first floor and make it to the East Room, where another Secret Service officer finally tackled him. Gonzalez successfully made it past three guards that should have been able to stop him from getting deeper into the President's home. The Obama family was not in the

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The center allows students to access up-to-date financial information via Bloomberg terminals.

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Tripod Editorial

Beijing must grant Hong Kong the democracy its people were promised

The people of Hong Kong cry out for democracy. Over the past two weeks, the city's streets have been a battleground between police and protesters. Hundreds of thousands of demonstrators have marched, camped out, and rallied together to protest the Chinese government's anti-democratic policies.

These protests are a response to the voting restrictions that the Chinese legislature announced in late August. The protesters call for fully democratic elections for the position of the Chief Executive of Hong Kong, the most powerful political office in the Hong Kong government.

However, under China's newly announced plan, a candidate cannot run for the position unless he or she is pre-approved by a Beijing-friendly committee. So, in essence, the Chinese government would retain control over the head of the Hong Kong government. One reporter said that this system is akin to someone telling you that "you can marry any person you want, as long as it's one of these three people."

This system proposed by Beijing is non-democratic, plain and simple. It is an effort by the Chinese government to exercise control over the people of

Hong Kong.

Through these voting restrictions, the Chinese government is breaking the promise that it made in 1997 when Hong Kong was given over to Chinese control. When the United Kingdom transferred rule of Hong Kong over to China, the Chinese government promised that the region would enjoy a high degree of autonomy and its people would eventually be granted universal suffrage.

This policy became known as "one country, two systems"—Hong Kong would be a part of China, but the region would be allowed to retain its own political system. By placing voting restrictions on the people of Hong Kong, the Chinese government is renegeing on its promise that the city would be allowed to have a democratic political system.

I applaud the protesters for their fierce opposition to the abuses of the Chinese government. I also commend the nature of the protests, which have, overall, been peaceful.

As their chosen form of disobedience, the protesters occupy central areas of Hong Kong to disrupt daily life. This non-violent protest has been met with extreme reactions by the police. Riot police have

been extremely liberal in their use of tear gas and pepper spray.

The Hong Kong protests have become known as the "Umbrella Revolution." The name was coined by Adam Cotton on Twitter to describe the large number of demonstrators that brought umbrellas to protect themselves from the large amounts of tear gas and pepper spray being used by the police.

Despite violent reactions from the police, the protesters have continued to fight for their cause.

I am severely disappointed in the United States and in the United Kingdom for not supporting the demonstrators in Hong Kong.

The United States claims to champion democracy throughout the world and yet our government has remained silent as the people of Hong Kong fight for their political freedom. The United States and the United Kingdom offered themselves as guarantors of the "one country, two systems" agreement when it was signed in 1997 and now both nations seem to have forgotten their promise. Both the U.S. and the U.K. should openly condemn the Chinese government for its autocratic treatment of Hong Kong.

-FGR

Devon Still's story is much-needed in the current NFL climate

Throughout the first five weeks of the NFL season, most of the focus has been on the negative off-the-field issues that the league has been faced with. There have been multiple cases of domestic abuse that have made the current NFL climate a very grim one.

The league has been heavily scrutinized by the majority of the public in recent months and rightly so. However, in recent news, a positive story has emerged in the NFL. It is one that has attracted national attention.

Over the summer, a little known football player by the name of Devon Still found out that his 4-year-old daughter was diagnosed with stage 4

neuroblastoma, a form of cancer often found in children, and was given a 50-50 chance of survival.

Unfortunately, he was cut by the Cincinnati Bengals during the preseason. However, the Bengals pulled an extraordinary move in keeping Still on the practice squad in order to ensure he had health insurance so that he could continue to pay her treatment bills.

The Bengals showed that the NFL can care about more than just football. They showed that they cared for this individual. They supported him emotionally during this hard time and they supported him financially as well. They placed business as a priority that is

second to a person's well-being.

The Bengals began to sell Still's No. 75 jersey, donating all proceeds to pediatric cancer research. To date, the sales have raised over \$1 million dollars. However, the support doesn't stop there. After hearing about Still's story many people have begun to show their support for the young defensive lineman.

Still's daughter, Leah, was featured in a music video entitled "Truly Brave" by Hoda Kotb, Sara Bareilles, and Cyn-di Lauper. The video featured a number of other pediatric patients. It was intended to raise money that would go towards pediatric cancer research.

On Sunday, as the Bengals took on the New England Patriots, the Patriot cheerleaders unzipped their jackets to unveil themselves donning Still's No. 75 Bengal jersey. Still was caught off-guard and fans saw a tear fall over his eyeball.

Additionally, the Patriots' owner, Robert Kraft, donated \$25,000 to the Cincinnati Children's Medical Center in Leah's name.

I hope that these support efforts continue. It is reassuring to see such care and compassion extended for an individual in need.

With all the negativity surrounding the NFL, this heartwarming story

was a welcome piece of good news.

Still's story shows that the NFL can care about its players on a personal level. The organization doesn't have to care exclusively about a player's ability to perform on the field.

Just as the NFL has chosen to ostracize all the players with recent criminal allegations, it should encourage the entire league to continue to show support for a man who is devoted to his daughter's battle with cancer. I commend the fund-raising efforts that have been done so far and I hope that such efforts continue.

-FBH

Ebola in the U.S. raises concerns about national preparedness

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Until recent weeks, President Obama's political capital had been seriously depleted by continual congressional investigations and international chaos that appeared out of the control of the now six-year president. However, since his speech from the White House where he promised to "degrade and ultimately destroy" ISIS, the terror network that has taken over much of Northern Iraq and major parts of Syria, the president has projected a sense of power that, at one point, appeared to have been lost forever.

Yet, in the last few weeks, we have seen that Obama, a politician who rose to fame because of the power of his personality and the sense of strength he projected, never really lost that dynamic quality that makes him a once-in-a-generation politician. The question is whether he can sustain his momentum, given the complexity of the foreign policy situation his administration must now confront.

Two weeks ago, at the

UN General Assembly, the President exhibited a similar kind of strength where he again vowed to dismantle the Islamic State's "network of death." He also forcefully called on China to commit to seriously reducing greenhouse gas emissions at the UN Climate Summit, claiming that China, a country that wants the privileges of a super power, must also face the responsibilities that go along with such influence. The power in the president's climate speech strikes a different tone from past speeches addressing Chinese policies, where he appeared weak and lacking the strength in confronting the Chinese.

Pivoting back to the United States' escalation in the Middle East to combat the Islamic State, now known as the Islamic State of Syria and Levant, the Pentagon announced that over 50 countries have now signed on to fight the radical group, along with Britain, Denmark, and Belgium committing to join in airstrikes against them in Iraq.

What is remarkable in this shift in the President's foreign policy outlook is that

just two years ago, Obama refused to take action in Syria, where estimates reveal that Assad forces have killed well over 200,000 Syrians as well as displacing millions more.

Obama, who was in part catapulted onto the national political scene over his opposition to the war in Iraq, now faces a similar kind of task to that of President Bush in destroying a network of radical fighters in Northern Iraq and Syria. Many see the President's recent actions as a departure from his previous outlook to not get involved in international events and crises. Remember the "don't do stupid stuff" mantra of the Obama administration?

Now, he is making the argument that the United States cannot afford to lead from behind in this struggle, as groups like ISIL and the recently discovered Khorasan group, a radical Islamist network borne out of the so-called "decimation" of Al-Qaeda leadership, pose a direct threat to the homeland. We can conclude from the President's proposed actions that he will no longer sit by as international developments shape as well as de-

rail his foreign policy agenda. He now believes that in order for the United States to project its strength across the region, the United States must lead in building a coalition of European as well as Middle Eastern countries that have a stake in the success of riding the region from Islamic extremists.

On Sept. 28th, when Steve Kroft asked in his 60 Minutes Interview, why the United States must again lead a military effort in the Middle East when relatively stable countries in the region are more geographically-positioned to fight ISIL, the president responded bluntly, stating, "this is how we [the U.S.] roll." Obama further added, "this is always the case. America leads. We are the indispensable nation."

Obama later said, "Our military is the best in the history of the world, and when trouble comes up anywhere in the world, they don't call Beijing, they don't call Moscow, they call us," suggesting a different foreign policy approach in his administration that legitimizes the claim that the United States is the 'worlds policeman' when it

comes to fighting terror and threats to liberty around the globe.

It will be interesting in the months to come how President Obama will fit into the role of America's new wartime president. In 2007 and 2008, when then-Senator Obama was running for president, he continuously bashed President Bush for his failure to assist in building a democratic government in Iraq and his inability to sustain an international coalition to fight Al-Qaeda and other terror networks.

Now, the current president faces the formidable task of pushing back ISIL and other radical groups, bringing together long-time warring ethnic groups in Syria and Iraq to fight ISIL, negotiating a nuclear agreement with Iran, and placing pressure on an Assad regime that has long vowed it is not going anywhere. Can this president successfully balance these complex foreign policy matters that have created more chaos in an already chaotic region and, at the same time, maintain what I believe is a second wind of political strength?

Lack of printing options inconveniences students

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In the drizzling, early hours of a Monday morning, I found myself running frenziedly to make it on time for my 8:30 a.m. film class. I had two stops before class: Mather and the library. I swallowed my food quickly and desperately sprinted to the library with my smoothie still in-hand. My frantic movements garnered the attention of many other students at the library, who glared at my messy hair and falling bag. I could picture myself being welcomed into my class with disapproving stares from my peers and professor on the day had a guest lecturer if I did not get their fast enough. The Mac computer seemed to just be waking up as well as it took two minutes to log into the system. I sat patiently watching the clock tick and then ran to the printer as soon as I gave the command to print.

The last section of my sprint to Austin Arts Center was interesting. I was greeted with a "Hi" as I ran to only look back and real-

ize that it is the cute boy from class. I struggled to respond as I was panting like a dog from running. Nevertheless, I made it! I had successfully submitted my assignment but failed to save myself from the torture of an impromptu morning work out. I could have avoided the above dramatic incident if Trinity College had more accessible printing options.

I know it sounds silly that I am whining about a run from Mather to the library to Austin Arts even though they are relatively close together. However my experience made me wonder about the students who reside on North campus? The only option for them is the writing center on 115 Vernon Street. On the weekends it is locked by campus safety for security. Now what options do they have? The students must make the tedious walk all the way across campus because there are no other options.

Some would say that the solution is to install a printer of your own in your room. It saves one from a morning run and evening walk. We are all college

students though, which means we operate on a tight budget. Do we really want to spend our small income from on-campus jobs on paper and ink cartridges every few months? Printers are costly and not everyone can afford to purchase a printer in the first place, much less the accessories necessary for its use. One could say that the school provides 20 dollars for printing needs, so what is the problem? The problem is this inconvenience could become long-term. What happens once the student exhausts the 20 dollars? For instance, a student in an English course could be asked to print all assignments per class. Eventually they might find themselves using Bantam Bucks for printing. One could also argue that planning ahead of time and having the necessary printouts could avoid a panicked morning, but at some point, a run to the library will happen to everyone. We need a long-term practical solution.

The college could install printers in common buildings such as Mather and Vernon Social. Both

of these locations are central to residence halls and are also frequent hubs for students. I am not saying that the library is not convenient for some, but dining places are visited habitually. The post office is conveniently located in the basement of Mather. Often times, students finish their meal and walk down to the basement to check their mailbox, completing two tasks in one place. Similarly, students living on North campus can either use Vernon Social or Mather depending on their preference. During thunderstorms or bitter winters, walking that extra mile to the library for the sole sake of printing an assignment is cumbersome. I recommended that Trinity install printers in more accessible and frequently visited locations.

I understand that this increases the responsibility of the maintenance staff, however, it is easier than installing a printer in every dorm. Placing a printer in each residence hall would not only be costly, but also problematic in terms of space. There are 23 dorms, so installing

and maintaining 23 printers may be a little excessive. Hence, I do not recommend that printers be installed in residence halls.

At the same time, students cannot avoid the fact that the library and writing center are central buildings, too. Numerous students spend hours at the library everyday and even more so during finals. The library gives students not only the convenience of printers on each floor, but also computers for students to work on. The English Department houses printers as well, and is open throughout the week except on Sundays. Nevertheless, a few professors have office hours on Sundays, so the building may be available for printing. Our current system is not ideal, but is not unmanageable either.

Due to the problems and inconveniences that have resulted due to the lack of printing options, I think that the school should install printers in different locations, like Mather and Vernon Social, so they are more accessible to students.

A new trend has “Sugar Daddies” paying tuition bills

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Ranked America's 11 most expensive college in 2014 with an approximated tuition price tag of \$62,000, attending Trinity requires a considerable financial commitment. While Trinity's website states that the college provides around 30 million dollars in financial aid to approximately 40 percent of the student population, a portion of those students must seek further assistance from federal, state, and private funds. What if, despite aid from numerous sources, you still were unable to afford college? What would you be willing to do to make your dream of a college education a reality? Some options that first come to mind to ease the financial strain are working on-campus or taking out student loans. However, a surprising number of college women, and some men, are taking different route: the route of a sugar baby.

Essentially, sugar babies are college students who seek the companionship of older, wealthier, people who are financially able to support them. SeekingArrangement.com, one of the most popular sugar baby websites among college students, defines sugar babies as “attractive people looking for the finer things in life. For example, they appreciate exotic trips and gifts. Sugar Babies get to experience a luxurious

lifestyle, and meet wealthy people on a regular basis.” While spokespeople for the website avoid the topic of sex, sugar babies interviewed by The Atlantic, say sugar daddies, sugar mamas, and sugar babies alike are all thinking about it. Sex is not obligatory or always expected, though. A part of creating your profile on websites like SeekingArrangement is defining your terms and your expectations for the arrangement. The companies try to draw a distinct line between prostitution and “sugar,” but it is usually blurred. To avoid being misunderstood as a business that pimps women out to wealthy men for sex, there is a policy requiring sugar daddies to do other activities, such as going out to dinner or museum. If these activities lead to sex, the company sees it as an organic, mutual result.

Many may assume that unintelligent bimbos account for the majority of sugar babies, however that is not the case. Since being launched in 2005, 2.3 million individuals have made sugar baby profiles on SeekingArrangement.com. Of the 2.3 million sugar babies, 44 percent used a “.edu” email address. After companies recognized the demand for college students, incentives directed at college students increased. If one signs up with a college email account, they receive a complimentary premium membership, a membership that

sugar daddies pay upwards of 1,200 dollars for. College students are in high demand because they create the illusion that the relationships are not purely sex-for-money exchanges. How could a well-educated woman be a prostitute? NYU, Columbia, UPenn, and UCLA are among the top sugar baby schools. A common benefit of having an educated sugar baby is that they are able to understand their “sugar daddy's” line of work or area of study, an aspect that makes the relationship feel more genuine. Not all sugar daddies just want sexual relationships with their sugar babies, some want to take them to company functions or other formal events.

So, where does the money component come into play? Some girls state their fees and requests upfront, but many have learned that not mentioning payment frequently results in more money. A lot of daddies prefer to give women a credit card in their name so it feels informal and less like an exchange. For consistent relationships, a monthly allowance is usually initiated. The average monthly allowance is 3,000 dollars, but can be as high as 10,000 dollars. If the relationship is inconsistent, the babies are paid anywhere from \$200 to \$1,000 per date. A sugar baby interviewed at George Washington University advised those considering becoming a sugar baby to not join

for purely financial reasons. If a student discloses they are in dire need of money, they lose all of their negotiating power. Travel, jobs, internships, and graduate school connections are among the other valuable benefits that come from having a sugar daddy.

These women often put themselves at risk to obtain these. A majority of arrangement sites monitor messages and conduct background checks by running potential members through national sex offenders, criminal, and financial fraud databases. Lots of “babies” take precautions by using reverse phonebook search engines to verify names, addresses, and enrollment records. Despite numerous safety measures, students still have had unsettling experiences. Another sugar baby from George Washington said she has had three creepy and somewhat scary dates. Luckily enough, they were the preliminary 20-minute dates where the potential partners tested for chemistry.

In a time where female promiscuity is often denounced, I commend these women for their confidence in facing the double standard of sexual relationships. So much negative stigma surrounds the idea of being a sugar baby that one must be mature to acknowledge that fact and still go through with it. Rationally speaking though, these types

of relationships are becoming more socially acceptable. Countless college students use Tinder, a matchmaking mobile app, to “hook up.” The definition of hooking up varies from person to person, but often refers to sex. Similar to Tinder, the arrangements usually result in sex and the expectations are indicated before the parties meet in person, but are not required or obligatory. The only differences are the exchange of money or gifts and that the relationship is often between an older man and a younger woman. Some professors consider the culture of sugar babies and apps like Tinder as modernizations of activities in the past. Now, instead of a husband removing his wedding ring and going to a bar, he can easily find a woman who is aware of and comfortable with his expectations online or through an app. Some sugar babies knowingly have relationships with married men, but many are sickened by the idea. One sugar baby was comfortable sleeping with a married man until she saw a picture of his daughter, who was around her age.

No one has the right to judge the decisions those who are struggling to make the financial commitment to higher educational institutions. As the price of tuition continues to grow, so will people's ingenious ideas for innovative strategies to pay-off expensive student bills.

Obama's ISIS promise signals a change in foreign policy

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This strength has also been seen elsewhere with regards to the United State's efforts to combat the Islamic State in the Middle East, now known as the Islamic State of Syria and Levant. The Pentagon announced that over 50 countries have now signed on to fight the radical group, along with Britain, Denmark, and Belgium who have committed to join in airstrikes against them in Iraq.

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Having said this, the model for success in the Middle East cannot be based solely on airstrikes alone, but will require a strong coalition of moderate peoples within Iraq and Syria that have a personal interest to protect and preserve the very freedom and liberty ISIS threatens.

NEWS

New Financial Center opens in Trinity's Library

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reports, papers, or research projects.”

Bloomberg terminals first made their way onto the Trinity College campus two years ago. “It was at that time that I began to hope for a ‘trading room’ on Trinity’s campus to be a reality someday in the not too distant future,” Paul Mutone, advisor of the Investment Club said. “Now that the center is open, I hope all of our students, faculty, and staff will visit the center and learn how to take advantage and make use of all the resources available to us through Bloomberg’s research data base. It is a resource that everyone, not just economic majors, can benefit from. I hope that we utilize the center as a classroom where students can become certified as a Bloomberg user to gain a competitive edge in the job markets.” Carolyn Kimmick ’15, a member of the Trinity College Entrepreneurship Association (TCEA) has already begun to make use of the terminals. An international studies and Hispanic studies major, Kimmick has used the terminals to look at emerging markets and the trend of corporations



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The center will prove to be a valuable asset for Trinity students who are interested in finance.

moving to Latin American countries.

She said that the TCEA is looking at the financial side of things in terms of using the terminals. She said that the terminal has already been useful for her. Just by typing certain key words she was able to find the data that will facilitate her research. Furthermore, she added “[TCEA] are actually planning on doing a private evaluation for a private corporation and using the Bloomberg machines to do that and we have [the President, Peter Ragosta] who...did

lots of different evaluations [over the summer] and he is planning on teaching our group how to do that.”

The terminals not only provide an ample amount of information, they also provide members of the Trinity community with the tools to amp up their resume with the Bloomberg certification.

In order to be Bloomberg certified, Cape said that a student can to Bloomberg University’s online website and watch four core training videos that give instructions for how to use the Bloomberg

terminals.

After watching the videos, one can then take the core exam. In order to get certified, one has to take one or more market sector exams such as equity or fixed income exams, and pass with a score of 75 percent or above. Once you pass, you can request a certificate from Bloomberg for free.

One student who is the real estate sector head for the Investment Club, Megan Green ’16, became Bloomberg certified over the summer. She commented that the Bloomberg Terminals

are great because all the information that is needed is up to date at the minute and at the sector. Another student, Karl Cottendin ’15, treasurer of the Investment Club, added that not only is the information up to date, but it is also reliable.

Cape said that students are very excited about using the terminals. She remarked, “I have been finding them working in here and using them for research, using them for learning, financial literacy and how to understand financial markets.” Cape hopes that other students can start to use it for classroom data and research, “We envision these being used for research by these clubs and people that are interested in learning more about financial analysis and financial news.”

She said it could help those who are seeking jobs as well, “Bloomberg has job information so you can post your resume. If you click jobs, if you are interested in financial sector jobs, it will list opportunities at Bloomberg, job related events in your area, recruiters, financial news that are hiring.”

The new lab is located in the library’s 24-hour zone.

Secret Service faces scrutiny after White House security breaches

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White House at the time of the incident, but the event shows significant flaws in various levels of the executive mansion’s security systems, and is just one of a recent slew of breaches.

The next day, nineteen-year-old Kevin Carr from New Jersey attempted to drive his car through a barricaded entrance and he refused to stop.

He was arrested before gaining entrance to the complex, but caused streets surrounded the entrance to be closed for some time. Before these recent attempted invasions, on Sept. 11, a man dressed in a Pokémon outfit was arrested at gunpoint after he successfully jumped the fence and made it onto the White House lawn carrying a toy

from the show.

Perhaps one of the more shocking events occurred years ago, the truth of which has only just been brought to the attention of the American public.

In 2011, a gunman fired his semiautomatic rifle at the White House. He shattered a window on the second floor close to the formal living room of the Obama family.

A second bullet was embedded into a window frame, and several more ricocheted off of the roof and sent wood and concrete pieces to the ground. The final count revealed that at least seven bullets successfully hit the White House from across the 700 yard South Lawn. The President, First Lady, and daughter Malia were not home, but young Sasha and her grandmother

Marian Robinson were inside during the incident. After the gunshots were heard, Secret Service agents sprang into action to determine what was causing the noises and how big of a threat it was.

After a few minutes of surveillance, an officer came over the radio and commanded fellow agents to stand down, stating that there were no real gunshots, just noises from nearby construction sites.

After several miscommunications and various theories about why gunshots may or may not have been fired, a housekeeper in the White House who found pieces of broken glass and concrete inside on the floor finally discovered the truth four days later. The perpetrator, Oscar Ortega-Hernandez, was later arrested, but not until days after his at-

tack on the White House.

Each of the events has called into question former Director Pierson’s ability to lead, and the effectiveness of what should be one of the strongest, most capable defense teams that United States maintains.

Several levels of security measures were bypassed or circumvented in each of these incidents, including alarm boxes on the complex, guards who were supposed to be maintaining posts at various locations, undercover agents not noticing the intruders, lapses in the chain of command, and misreports of how events actually occurred. Some of these, and other, situations have reflected poorly on specific Secret Service agents, such as those who were sent home after being found intoxicated and

unconscious in the hallway outside President Obama’s hotel room in Amsterdam this March.

Other events have revealed that Director Pierson is unfit for her important role as Director of Secret Service. It has been shown and reported by various individuals that she perpetuated a culture of dishonesty and obsession with reputation within the agency, two poor values that appear to have led her to make questionable decisions and evaluations in times that required diligence and focus.

Following her resignation, reports were released that President Obama is in the process of finding a suitable, and hopefully more effective, replacement to protect the First Family and the White House.

Trinity hosts state-wide conference on sexual assault

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Lockwood, director of Trinity's Women and Gender Resource and Action Center (WGRAC), serving as the campus representative for Trinity.

Trinity benefits from this membership by nominating our students to serve on their Student Advisory Council, with opportunities for students to attend the annual National Conference for College Women Student Leaders in Washington, DC, in addition to other programs.

The wonderful conference began with opening remarks from the AAUW Connecticut chair members, Dr. Lin Rising and Donna Haghighat, followed by Lockwood, who introduced President Berger-Sweeney.

President Berger-Sweeney began her remarks acknowledging the immense honor Trinity had in hosting the event and welcomed representatives from more than a dozen campuses across Connecticut that were present in the room.

She said, "there is no campus issue that is more important today than how [Trinity] address[es] sexual assault and the prevention of sexual assault."

Berger-Sweeney went on to discuss the ways in which Trinity is working

on these issues. "[Trinity] is fortunate for the strong leadership of Laura, who was recently honored with an Outstanding Ally Award from Connecticut Sexual Assault Crisis Services, and Karla Spurlock-Evans, our Title IX Coordinator and Dean of Multicultural Affairs and Senior Diversity Officer at Trinity. Laura and Karla work in concert with staff from several offices—the Dean of Students, Campus Safety, the Counseling Center, and Residential Life and with SART, our Sexual Assault Response Team, and with other faculty and staff members across campus. But most important for us: Trinity students are driving much of the progress on these issues."

In regards to the students, President Berger-Sweeney explains how "students have been instrumental in creating a more educated and safer campus with higher reporting numbers. In particular, members of Students Encouraging Consensual Sex (SECS) have made a significant impact at Trinity. This group works enthusiastically to produce four major programs each year to educate the campus on these issues: The Red Flag Campaign, Voices Raised in Power, The

Vagina Monologues, and the Take Back the Night march and rally."

"The overarching question for today is 'Why now?'" she continued, "I interpret this as: 'Why is our collective response to sexual assault on campus so critically important right now?' Of course, many of us might ask, 'What took so long?' But regardless of how frustrated we are that this issue has taken this long to draw the attention it deserves, there is no doubt that the time is now. We must seize this opportunity to change behavior, which, I think we would all agree, has persisted far too long."

"In closing, I would add that we want Trinity to be a campus that is at the forefront of solving the issue of campus sexual assault," President Berger-Sweeney concluded. "I have every confidence that by partnering with all of you here today, and by learning from our own student leaders, we will achieve that ambition."

After President Berger-Sweeney's remarks, Senator Blumenthal spoke as the keynote speaker.

Senator Blumenthal talked about how sexual assault on college campuses is not just a women's issue. He said that it

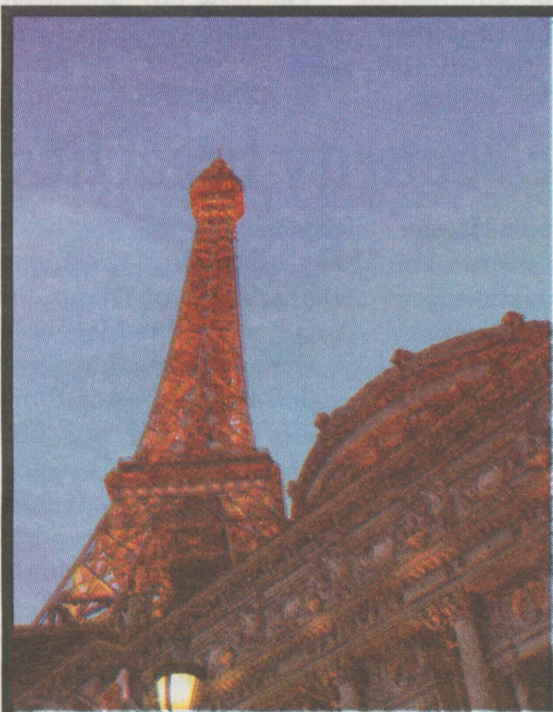
is a men's issue as well. Ana Medina '16 attended the conference and said she was "very inspired by Senator Blumenthal's statement encouraging everyone, men and women, to stand up against sexual assault because it is not just a 'women's issue,' it's everyone's issue." Upon meeting him, he also mentioned that he hopes to see [her] and other students at round tables he will be hosting to further discuss this issue."

A panel that discussed various programs on the prevention of sexual assault followed Senator Blumenthal's speech. "A major highlight was the morning panel, moderated by Title IX Coordinator Dean of Multicultural Affairs Karla Spurlock-Evans," Lockwood wrote, "Ana Medina, '16, co-coordinator of SECS, was one of the panel speakers. Ana gave powerful comments regarding SECS' goal to empower students to be active bystanders, to speak out against the culture that demeans women and blames victims, and to talk about individual's experiences. The other panel participants echoed these beliefs and goals."

"It was truly an honor to be on the panel because I met so many wonderful people fight-

ing for the same cause as I. During my speech I highlighted how Trinity had empowered me to stand up against sexual assault," Medina wrote. "I came into college without any knowledge about the issue, but thanks to WGRAC and the resources provided by Trinity I was inspired to make a difference. After speaking, students from other schools and an editor from the Courant approached me to learn more about my work, which demonstrated to me how far and wide this issue goes."

Joan Hedrick, a history professor, attended the conference. Reflecting on President Berger-Sweeney's remarks, Hedrick wrote, "it felt like a culture change to hear President Berger-Sweeney call sexual assault the most important issue facing colleges today. She highlighted the on-going initiatives at Trinity: the long-standing attention to the issue by Laura Lockwood; the work of the Sexual Assault Response Task Force (SART); and four student initiatives, The Red Flag Campaign, Voices Raised in Power, The Vagina Monologues, and the Take Back the Night march and rally. The whole conference was informative, stimulating and empowering."



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NEWS IN BRIEF

Ebola strikes in Spain

A nurse's assistant in Spain is the first person known to contract Ebola outside of Africa. Spanish Health Minister Ana Mato announced Monday that a test confirmed the assistant has the virus. Before contracting the virus, the woman treated a Spanish missionary and priest, both of whom had contracted Ebola in West Africa. After returning to Spain, both patients died.

ISIS Enters Town of Kobani

As intense street fighting occurs in the streets of the Syrian city Kobani, civilians flee to the Turkish border. If the Islamic State (IS) militants gain complete control of this Syria-Turkey border state, they will also gain control of a lengthy piece of the Syrian-Turkish border. Despite the interference of US air strikes over the weekend, ISIS still managed to close in on Kobani.

Swastikas Found on Jewish Fraternity

At Emory University, a Jewish fraternity was spray-painted with swastikas on October 5, after the end of Yom Kippur. The incident at Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity house is currently undergoing investigation by campus police. The previous month, someone also drew swastikas inside the campus library.

FEATURES

Sam Ruddock '15 on why Prague is perfect for study away

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Prague, a city with idyllic backdrops and beloved gothic architecture, is as much a place of beauty as a place of escape for weary college students seeking a break from the mundane. It is one of the best cities in Europe and definitely a must-visit for those looking for a break from the tourists filing into The Louvre and Roman Coliseum.

The Czech town was the point of departure for what I hoped would be a memorable experience studying abroad, entertaining whims, and helping my cultural aware-

ness. As I was planning to go abroad I did something that some would consider imprudent, and chose a city that none of my friends chose to study in. I wasn't exactly sure what I wanted to get out of the experience; I just wanted a change. However it wasn't just the city I chose to study in, but also the experience I thought I would have.

As an economics major, being accepted to study abroad as a student of Charles University was very appealing. Charles University is the oldest and largest university in the Czech Republic. Being a student at a university alongside

fifty-thousand other students was an additional change from Trinity.

Sure you've been to Paris to see the Mona Lisa, and maybe even to Rome to throw a penny in the Trevi Fountain. There was a dinner and a drink after and most of your experience can be retold through the pictures on your camera. You probably are still Instagramming pictures of you and friends in front of an obscure statue in the Piazza Barberini for another disappointing addition of throwback Thursday. It's fine for dull things to happen. Those things will still be there for you in five years and in ten years if you go back. There is so much more a semester abroad can offer.

Spend the night in an underground absinthe bar in the heart of Prague. In the evening, stroll down the cobblestone streets of the Old Town and walk across the Charles Bridge at midnight. Stumble out with the sun after a late night at the riverboat bar Bucaneer. Make a morning stop at Bake Shop for a pastry and a pour-over coffee with the clothes you wore from the night before. You only get to

do this once. Check out a new place to check into.

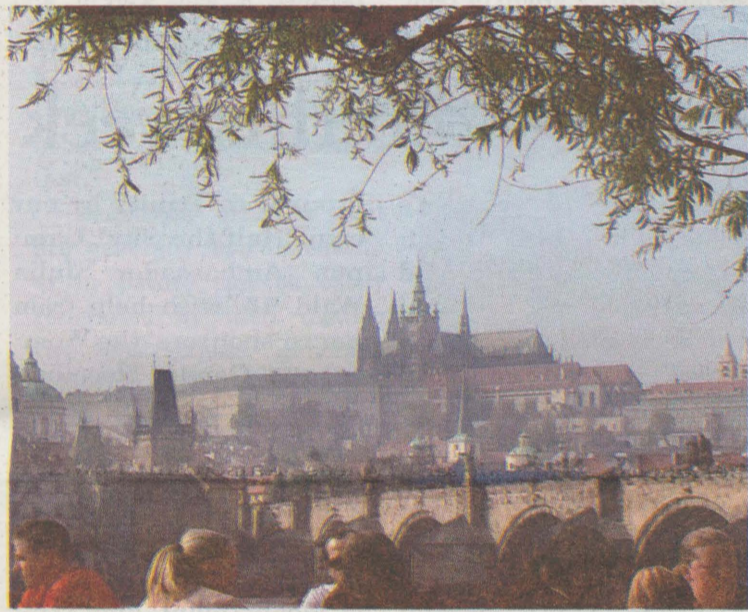
Prague is famous for its beer. The Czech Republic drinks the most beer per capita out of any other country and it's no wonder with beer this good. When the weather is nice there are beer gardens that pop up around the city. Petrin Hill was one such get-away that provided an unbelievable view of the city from the other side of the river.

Situated a block away from the river in Prague, Hemingway's Bar is a great place to enjoy a drink. I've never had better drinks in my life. With pictures of the famous author hanging all over the

bar and dim lighting enveloping faces with shadows, the ambiance is that of a speakeasy. I'd recommend going here more than once, but be sure to make a reservation because it can get crowded.

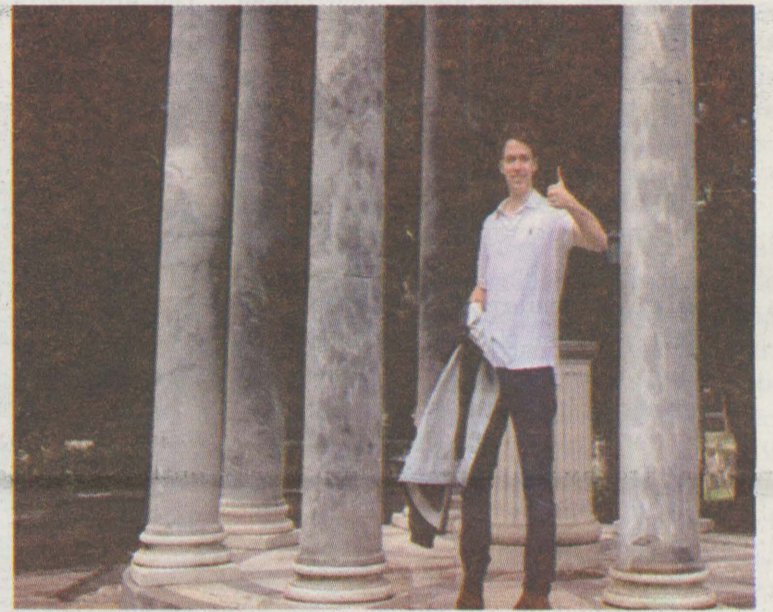
Why not visit the overpopulated cities of Europe on the weekends? The cities will always be there. Prague is quaint yet full of history and I often found myself playing the role of a tour guide for the many friends who visited Prague.

Can't say for certain, but I'm rather sure they envied that Prague really became my city and not just a place to study abroad.



COURTESY OF Sam Ruddock '15

Nothing beats sitting at a cafe that overlooks Prague's cityscape.



COURTESY OF Sam Ruddock '15

Sam visited many cities while abroad such as London and Paris.

How the ladies of Trinity can welcome fall trends

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As the colors of the leaves on the trees turn from a bright summer green to colorful shades of red, orange, and yellow, the clothes on Trinity students do the opposite. We go from our bright blasts of hot pink and turquoise to fifty shades of grey paired with black. It isn't a bad thing by any means, but it is time that we get a little more adventurous and 'trendy' with our fall style, shall we?

It is the little things that truly count when it comes to tying an outfit together. I know that when the temperature drops to sixty, us gals at Trinity tend to run straight to our pile of black leggings and oversized sweaters. Don't go there yet! Try to utilize that stack of jeans you have—they want some love too! And plus, by putting on a pair of jeans to go to class you have already made

yourself look ten times as put together as leggings do. A mid to dark wash jean for the fall is what is in style, but I will say the darker the wash the sleeker you look.

As we move into the fall season where wearing a jacket or coat is acceptable its time to think oversized. The oversized coat is back in style. Not only are they absolutely fashionable but also the oversized coat is extremely comfortable. You can wear the same one to class as you would wear to a formal event. I'm not just referring to oversized as being loose fitting and wider on the shoulders but also in length. This fall the jackets are getting a little bit longer. It is definitely a different look but if you are willing to try it, it will work.

A piece of clothing that became trendy in the summer that is traveling over into the fall is the collared button up blouse. I love

this look. Wearing the shirt a little bit big is the way to go. Many people may think that this look is a little "manly" for the ladies but if you roll up the sleeves, unbutton the top few buttons, only tuck in the front, and pair it with a simple short necklace this look goes from wearing your boyfriend's button down to trendy. This may sound like a lot but this look is pretty effortless and again very comfortable.

Another trend that is traveling an even further distance is from last spring to this fall: the sneaker. I could not be happier about this lasting look. The sneaker has proved that it is here and is not going anywhere any time soon, and we thank them for staying. This fall we should move from the lower rise sneaker to a high top. A low-rise sneaker looks great with shorts and a little T-shirt, but in the fall we are looking for a bit more coverage.

This look can be worn anywhere! And especially at Trinity. This sneaker does not need to be fancy, it can be a simple high-rise Converse paired with those mid to dark wash jeans. What else is great about this look is that just about anyone can pull it off.

But, if sneakers aren't for you, welcome back the bootie from last winter. This fall the bootie is even shorter, probably the same height as the high-rise Converse. We are also, with open arms, welcoming the brown bootie. Last year was all about the black leather, this fall it is a mix between sleek and finished black leather and a decorated brown bootie. What is great about the bootie is how easy they are to throw on. Most of them don't even have zippers, so if you are on the more effortless side of the spectrum, the bootie is the perfect shoe for you this fall.

Lastly, I will bring us

around full circle to complete the fall outfit. Just because it gets colder does not mean it is time to toss aside all color. This fall's color: maroon! That dark shade of purple/red is what's hot this fall. It is everywhere from high heels to an oversized cozy cashmere sweater. And I personally love it! A little bit of color adds some personality to an outfit. This fall is not about layering on and running to your leggings, it's about being comfortable while being fashionable. And these styles allow us to do just that while still looking casual traveling across the long walk.

So, ladies at Trinity, if you're with me, try to avoid that pile of leggings for a little bit longer. It's definitely getting colder, but the fall is a time for us to transition, not sprint to winter! Enjoy the change of the leaves while wearing fall's trends. You'll certainly look amazing doing it.

Food Gals: an inexpensive and tasty meal at Park Tavern

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When looking for easy dinner spots, Trinity students often keep to a few old favorites. That's why when a new place opened up we thought we had to give it a try.

One day we were driving back from Quaker Diner and saw that a restaurant had opened recently next to Plan B burger. Park Tavern, located about 10 minutes away from school on Park Street and in the same location as a former familiar restaurant, Tacqueria Tavern, offers a refreshing change.

On the outside Park Tavern seems a little basic but from within it offered modern décor, natural light and a friendly atmosphere. From the moment we walked in everyone we encountered appeared genuinely happy

to help us. It seemed to be a place frequented by regular bar-goers and families alike. Even the owner was present and was very accommodating in seating us immediately and checking in on us regularly.

As college students we are always trying to find the cheap but delicious alternatives to Mather and the Bistrot. Since we ate between 3:00 and 6:00 p.m. all of our appetizers were half off.

We were in a group of five and ordered bruschetta, potato skins, calamari, cobb salad and egg plant. In addition, we had the option of ordering two sliders with a side for only \$11.00. One member of our party tried this and claimed that the sliders were delicious but the mac and cheese was even better.

The bruschetta was served on toasted pieces of baguette diced tomatoes with fresh mozzarella. The bruschetta was good but the potato skins



COURTESY OF Hollis Alpert '16

Park Tavern is only ten minutes away from Trinity's campus.

were a group favorite, as they came with extra calories aka bacon, cheese and sour cream. The salad selection was also impressive but we were more tempted by the appetizer options. Especially tasty was the eggplant parmesan, which was breaded with mozzarella dollops and yummy marinara accentuated with fresh basil. We were very impressed not only with the taste of the food

but also with its presentation.

Our waitress highlighted our experience offering scrumptious variations on their menu items. She was extremely friendly and ready to assist with anything we might need. It was obvious from the start that Park Tavern takes pride in serving its customers tasty food promptly and has accumulated a group of regular customers.

Park Tavern is styled after a traditional tavern, the bar being the main focus. When we arrived around 4:00 p.m. there were few people at tables but the bar was packed.

Park Tavern's layout allows for additional seating both indoors and outside. Between its updated American comfort food and friendly atmosphere, combined with its dedicated employees Park Tavern is definitely worth a try.

We would give the service five out of five stars because our waitress was very diligent and accomodating and the owner made an effort to interact with clients.

We would give the food a 3.5 out of 5 because it was delicious and nicely prepared but we would have appreciated more variations on traditional American bar food. The atmosphere receives a four because it was well-lit and lively but not too loud.

"Half The Sky" to be screened at Cinestudio this week

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This Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. in the Cinestudio, there will be a screening of parts of the documentary "Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide." Created by two of the world's most informed voices, the movie is a passionate call to fight against the era's most pervasive human rights violation: the oppression of women and girls in the developing world.

It is based on the book of the same name, an extremely enlightening piece of literature that changes the way we think about the oppression of women in many countries. The series premiered in the United States Oct. 1 and 2, 2012, followed by an international broadcast in 2013.

"Half the Sky" is a four-hour series shot in 10 countries: Cambodia, Kenya, India, Sierra Leone, Somaliland, Vietnam, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Liberia and the U.S. The documentary series explores the lives of women and girls who are living through some of the most difficult and prohibitive circumstances imaginable—and fighting bravely to change them for the better. Traveling with courageous reporter Nicholas Kristof and amazing celebrities advocates America Ferrera,

Diane Lane, Eva Mendes, Meg Ryan, Gabrielle Union and Olivia Wilde, the film offers viable and sustainable options for women's empowerment and offers ways to instill these options to lead to transformations. The documentary covers six areas of interest: sex-trafficking, forced prostitution, gender-based violence, education, health care, and maternal mortality. The documentary showing on Wednesday will show the segments on sex-trafficking, gender-based violence, and education.

With Pulitzer Prize winners Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn, the movie takes us on a journey through Africa and Asia to meet the remarkable women enduring there. Examples of these amazing women include a Cambodian teenager sold into sex slavery and an Ethiopian woman who suffered devastating injuries as a result of early childbirth. Employing their great journalism powers through their combined reporting experience, Kristof and WuDunn depict our world with anger, sadness, clarity, and, ultimately, hope. The documentary shows how even a bit of help can transform the lives of women and girls all over the world. The Cambodian teenager had escaped from the brothel imprisoning her and, with assistance from an aid organization, built a prosperous

retail business that now helps to support her loved ones. The Ethiopian woman received help and had her injuries repaired, later becoming a surgeon to assist other women.

Additionally, a Zimbabwean mother of five was given the opportunity to earn her doctorate and became an expert on AIDS.

Through these stories, Kristof and WuDunn allow us to see that the ultimate solution to economic progress in all countries lies in unleashing women's potential. It becomes clear that so many people have helped to do just that, and that each of us is able to do our part for women. Throughout so much of the world, the most significant yet ignored economic resource is the female half of the population. Countries such as China have prospered fully as a result of emancipating women and bringing them into the formal economy; allowing their citizens to see women's true worth has transformed their society. Unleashing that process globally is not just the morally correct thing to do - it's also the perfect strategy for fighting poverty.

If you're interested to learn more about empowering women worldwide, "Half the Sky" is the place to start. The organization combines video, websites, games, blogs and other educational tools to raise

awareness of women's issues while also providing concrete steps to end these problems and empower women. Change is truly possible, and you can be part of the solution. Deeply felt, pragmatic, and inspiring, "Half the Sky" is essential reading or watching for every global citizen. Although the documentary is four hours long, the screening on Wednesday will only be an hour and thirty minutes, followed by a discussion. This documentary has been

brought to Trinity by our own "Half the Sky" Campus Ambassador Julia Wald '15, with help from her co-sponsors: the Women and Gender Resource Action Center; the Women, Gender, and Sexuality department; the African Development Coalition; the International Studies department; the Sociology department; the Trinity College Black Women's Organization; Model UN; Encouraging Respect of Sexulattities (EROS); and Seasoned and Rising Again Lesbians (SARAL).



COURTESY OF Julia Wald '15

"Half the Sky" is showing at Trinity at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

Arts & Entertainment

Bantam Artist of the Week: Studio artist, Alexis Deschenes '15

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Senior, Alexis Deschenes '15 may be an extremely motivated and diligent Psychology major, but her interests and talents definitely extend much further than simply the confines of academia. Deschenes, who is also a Studio Arts minor, has over time acquired excellent skills, and a growing passion for the visual arts. What began as a raw, but earnest liking for drawing that Deschenes has harbored for nearly as long as she can remember, has steadily escalated into a field that she would love to also pursue in the future. In an interview with the Tripod, she stated, "I hope to have my art exhibited. That is definitely a goal. I enjoy creating art, but I wouldn't necessarily call it a hobby. It is much more than that."

Deschenes' artworks that are generally two-dimensional in nature can be easily recognized by their distinctive abstractness, generally featuring a seemingly calculated arrangement of lines, geometric shapes, and a bold use of color combinations and contrasts. In reference to her style, Alexis admitted that she is fond of "the juxtaposition between geometric shapes and chaos. Color also plays a huge part in my work, as color relationships can really make or break a piece of art." Abstractness in visual art was something that she has also grown to appreciate. When she started off, exploring different techniques and forms

of representation, she was not at all a fan of abstract art. It was only when she was thrown into it, through a class assignment in college that she gradually began to enjoy it. She particularly expressed that while the assignment caused her some frustration, the more she worked on it, and the more feedback she received, the more rewarding the entire process became. Following this assignment, she found herself independently exploring and experimenting with the endless visual possibilities that she began to find in abstract art. The best part about working on abstract pieces as opposed to realism for Deschenes is that, "you really don't know what the piece is going to look like at the end."

Despite her excitement in

the spontaneous development of abstract art, and the fact that she never walks into the studio with a complete idea in mind, Deschenes works are not random. She focuses on the process of building relationships between shapes and lines, on a canvas, and eventually between the resultant forms. She justified that, "It is really all about layering – either shapes on top of shapes or lines. I also find myself constantly stepping away from a piece or rotating it. It's amazing how much flipping a piece around can change your whole perspective on the composition."

Deschenes is particularly partial towards using oil paint, because of its versatility when it comes to blending, making drastic changes to a composition, and for its

opaqueness. As far as drawing is concerned, she loves to work with charcoal, because of the range of light and dark tones that one can achieve, using it. Although she is also skilled in the use of other types of media, such as printmaking, she prefers to stick to what she is most comfortable with so that she has the most freedom to play around, and to convey her ideas. Speaking of her own specific works, Deschenes stated that the piece she is most proud of is an untitled oil painting that she worked on for about two months. It was her first attempt at working on a larger surface, and despite being daunted initially by the amount of space she had to cover, she loved the way everything came together at the end. Working on this piece

also made her realize one of the challenges while making an artwork that she continues to face—"I never know when to walk away from a piece and declare it a finished work. I always feel like more could be done especially with bigger works," Alexis explained.

Due to her own emphasis on process, as an artist, Deschenes tends to look at works made by other artists through the same lens. Consequently, she hopes to be able to work on a stylistically surrealist piece, inspired by her favorite artist, Salvador Dali, in the future. As of yet, she expressed that she has been most influenced by Russian painter, Wassily Kandinsky. What strikes her in Kandinsky's abstract work is the way that he achieves "this look of a 'controlled chaos.' His pieces aren't too chaotic where it's distracting to the viewer, but it's just the right amount of disorder."

Two classes at Trinity that have influenced Deschenes the most as an artist are—Painting I and her freshman seminar, InterArts. While the InterArts seminar informed her conceptually about the variety of approaches and the breadth of styles that the definition of art entails, her Painting class pushed her to really hone her techniques. The combination of these classes has informed her individual approach towards art.

Deschenes' advice as a senior to aspiring artists at Trinity is to "take as many art classes as you can and to venture outside of your comfort zone or medium."



COURTESY OF Alexis Deschenes '15

Deschenes' dorm room resembles an art gallery. She covers her walls with her prints.

La Voz Latina Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

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set of thirteen events, LVL partnered with seven other Trinity organizations, such as the Chapel, Trinity College Black Women's Organization, Men of Color Alliance, Stop the Raids, Asian American Student Association, Trinfo café and the Interfaith House, as well as external connections, such as Dr. Pedro Noguera (NYU), and Connecticut politicians Angel Arce and Edwin Vargas.

One of LVL's notable events this year was the common hour talk, presented by the NYU sociology professor, Dr. Pedro Noguera. In his discussion, Dr. Noguera spoke about educational inequal-

ity in the US, and how it can be combated, as well as examples of schools that have been able to give low-income and immigrant students a high quality education. Many students, professors, and even a Hartford principal were in attendance at the event, to learn from this highly notable speaker.

On Sept. 28, LVL partnered with Trinity's Chapel to have a Chapel Service about Liberation Theology. The chapel singers gave their beautiful interpretation of Spanish hymns and Rev. Allison Read discussed the Latin-American Liberation Theology, a religious outlook that puts emphasis on helping the poor and fighting inequality. Liberation theology, found-

ed by Gustavo Gutierrez in the 1970s has further developed and branched off into other doctrines such as Black, Feminist, Womanist, and LGBT theologies. After the service, Rev. Read gave a visual presentation of Liberation theology while attendees enjoyed their brunch composed of tortillas, eggs, guacamole, salsa, amongst other delicious options.

Continuing LVL's Hispanic Heritage Month events, Connecticut State Representatives Angel Arce and Edwin Vargas came to speak at the Ritzenberg Lounge on Oct. 2. They spoke about the importance of political participation and discussed some differences in Latino participation between the

US and Latin American countries. After their discussion, the State Representatives answered any questions asked by the attending students and professors.

LVL partnered with Trinfo café on Oct. 3, to have a screening of the movie "Mi Familia," a comedic, yet dramatic movie about a Mexican-American family and the difficulties associated with immigrant and a first-generation identities in the US. LVL and Trinfo welcomed not only Trinity students to the event, but was also open to the Hartford community.

One of LVL's most anticipated annual events is the Pig Roast, which is held every year in the

Backyard of La Eracra (69 Vernon St.). During the annual Pig Roast, a whole pig is roasted and served alongside catered Puerto Rican food. On Oct. 5, LVL and AASA co-hosted the event, so that there were also Chinese and Korean styles of eating pork.

While Hispanic Heritage Month is coming to a close on Oct. 15, LVL will remain very active throughout the semester, holding many educational and recreational events. LVL hopes to continue partnering with multiple organizations across campus, as well as with organizations at other colleges to emphasize the relationship that many interests and cultures have with Latino cultures.

Cinestudio Preview: "The Dawn of the Planet of the Apes"

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STAFF WRITER

Apes. You can't live with them, you can't live without them. That's a possible takeaway from this week's Cinestudio movie, "The Dawn of the Planet of the Apes."

It's a sequel as well as a prequel, following up on 2011's "Rise of the Planet of the Apes" and acts as a prequel continuation of that movie for the 1967 science fiction/camp extravaganza "Planet of the Apes."

All of the title redundancy aside, context isn't as important here as you might think.

What you need to know is this: You've got your Apes, and you've got your Humans. Can they live in peace? A savvy reader may guess at the answer. (The answer is "of course not".)

To begin: there are very few humans still alive in the world where the movie take place, and

those who survived the plague that ravaged mankind a few years back live hunkered in a San Francisco skyscraper. Mere miles away, in the solitude of Golden Gate State Park lives a confederacy of, mostly, gentle and super intelligent Apes led by the hero of the first movie, Caesar (played by Andy Serkis). Caesar has been governing the Apes peacefully, and has earned their respect through leadership skills, meaningful staring, and the ability to occasionally grunt a few words in human english.

The Apes are isolationists, which is to say that they live independently of their human neighbors, but, surprise!

There's conflict, misunderstanding, friendships forged, and ultimately, a betrayal between the two cultures. It's "Dances with Wolves", but with apes. It's Kevin Kostner's 1990 film, "Dances with Apes." Forgive me - I

couldn't just let that sit there. In all seriousness, this first act is nothing we haven't seen before, and in truth, the second part of the movie is made up of war scenes by torchlight.

There's a powerful cast to be had: Gary Oldman portrays the leader of the human commune, making speeches about how far everyone has come, and coming to hate his Ape neighbors.

Keri Russell, Jason Clarke and Kodi Smit-McPhee make up the rest of the human cast, but feel very underused, except Jason Clarke, who acts as the main character.

The real acting power is given to Andy Serkis and the apes on a silver platter. This is wise, because they are the real triumph. These monkeys look real enough to fool even Jane Goodall, assuming she wasn't paying her closest attention, or hadn't had her morn-

ing coffee yet. In addition, their scenes are visually beautiful, each one taking careful steps to pose them in dramatic and statuesque positions. When the apes are crowded around eating, or pointing to a human, they look as though they're raising the flag at Iwo Jima, or have just been snapshotted by Dorothea Lange. It's masterful filmmaking and it pays off in the long run.

What might wear on you a little bit, however, is just how seriously the movie takes itself. It's about war between chimps and humans, which is somewhat ridiculous, and yet the film seems to think it isn't. It has forgotten its gimmicky past.

All we really want is for Gary Oldman to take a few steps back, squint his eyes like he wants us to buy the HTC One M8 smartphone and say "You know something? We're fighting monkeys."

"Dawn of the Planet of the Apes" is so full of heartbreaking silence and tearful face touching that someone should step in and say, "As a friend, take it down a notch." It's a heck of a ride though, and Cinestudio's sharp screen will capture Caesar and his friends spectacularly, in all of their primate glory.

In the end, this film has a lot going for it, and whether or not it's the next great movie doesn't matter, after all it was designed as a summer blockbuster, and that's what we have here. Whether you go for the Apes, or for the depth of the thing, you'll come out of the theater much the same as when you entered, with the sneaking suspicion that you've just had a pretty good time.

Make sure you stop by Cinestudio this Thursday, Oct. 9 through Sunday, Oct. 11 to watch the "The Dawn of the Planet of the Apes."

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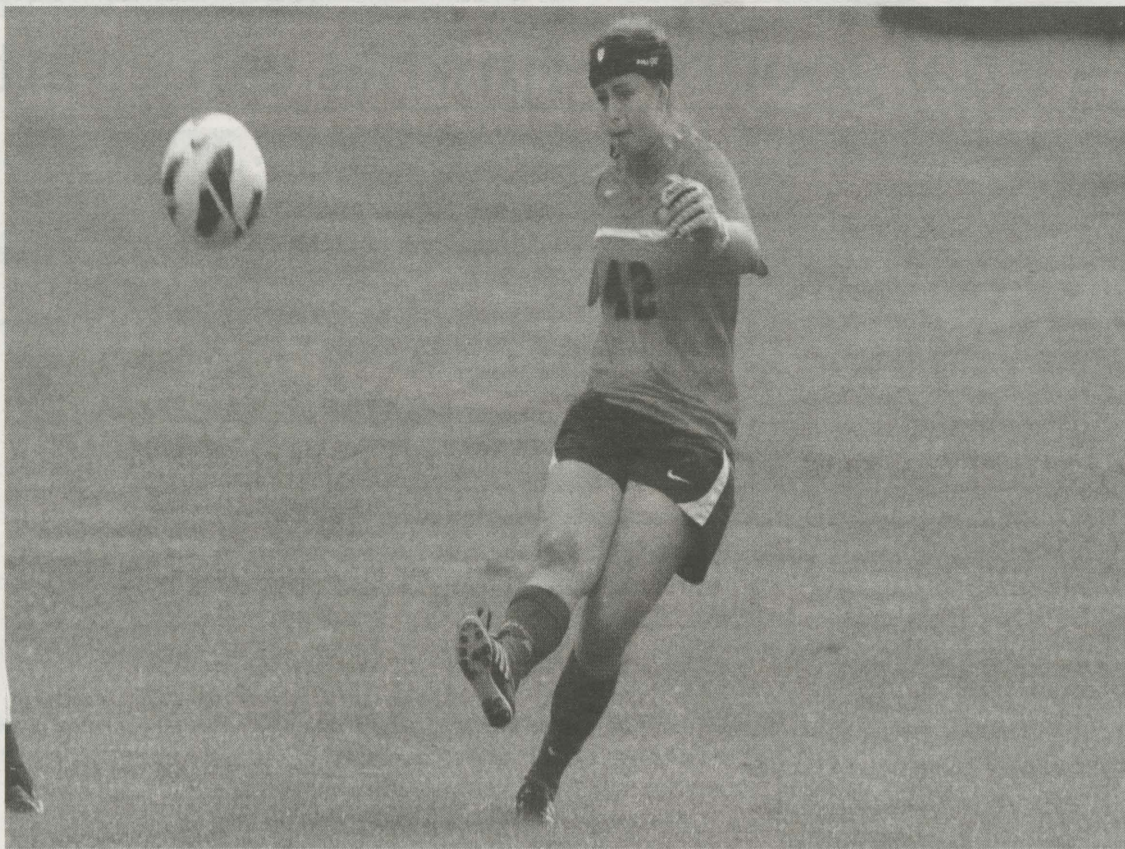
SPORTS

Bantam athlete of the week: Monica DiFiori '16

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Currently the Trinity College Women's Soccer Team stands at a record of 4-4-1 on their journey to playoff contention, and the success of this team thus far has come in part from veteran goalkeeper Monica DiFiori '16. A native of Manhattan Beach, CA, Monica has been guarding Trinity's goal for three years and has even helped the team obtain their first ever 2nd round playoff appearance in the NESCAC Tournament. While in the box, Monica has used her athleticism and diving skills to aggravate many hopeful strikers. In turn, Monica is currently 4th in career shutouts for Trinity at 16 and 5th in overall career wins at 22.

The dedicated goalkeeper has many inspirations that drive her to excel as a Trinity Bantam, both from her past and present. "When I was little I looked up to Jesse Owens and 'Pistol' Pete Maravich. Jackie Robinson is also one of my favorite athletes and that's one of the reasons why I chose number 42. At Trinity, my teammates have been my inspiration!" It seems that



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Veteran goalie Monica DiFiori '16 leads Trinity keepers with 35 saves and 4 shutouts this year.

Monica has gotten plenty of help from both Robinson and her teammates. In this season alone, Monica has made 35 saves through nine games and has only conceded 12 of the 47 shots taken on her. This successful record will only improve, and it may go along with some of Monica's other great accomplishments as a collegiate athlete, such

as last year's many impressive wins. "I have a couple favorite moments at Trinity, one of them being when we beat Amherst twice in a matter of days last season. Those wins set the college record for number of wins in a season, got Coach Mike his 100th win and advanced us to the second round of the NESCAC tournament

for the first time in program history. Watching the NCAA tournament selection on TV with my teammates in our coaches' office is definitely up there too."

With these good memories in mind, Monica and the women's soccer team have held themselves to higher expectations this season. So far there have been many

up downs in the first leg of the season for the team, but Monica doesn't have any worries. "This season has had some great wins and some tough losses, but we're improving everyday which is all you can really ask for. You are only as good as your next game, so I'm looking forward. I think we have to keep rising and prove that last season wasn't a one-time thing, but the start of a 'Trincollwosoc' tradition." Despite the risks, Monica and the team are still able to have a playful attitude regarding the season. "This year, my most exciting moment has been watching Coach Mike play in goal during practice. He has made some fairly impressive saves."

As relaxed as Monica and the team can be, they are practicing hard and are becoming mentally prepared for the rest of their upcoming schedule. While the team has had some good wins against Manhattanville and Albertus Magnus, they must prepare for league games against Amherst, Middlebury, and Tufts. Be sure to support Monica and the Women's Soccer team on Oct. 11 when they face off against Middlebury at home.

Trinity Football defeats Hamilton, moves to 3-0

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STAFF WRITER

This past Saturday, the bantams improved to 3-0 on the season after defeating Hamilton on their home turf, Steuben Field. Hamilton now drops to 0-4 on the season, suffering their 15th consecutive loss. The history between Trinity and Hamilton has not been much of a rivalry; this

victory gives Trinity its 20th consecutive win over the Continentals. In terms of New England Rankings, Trinity is currently holding the 4th position, Hamilton is unranked.

Trinity won this game by a decent margin of eight points, beating Hamilton by a final score of 19-7. Neither team saw much scoring in the first half, as the defense for both teams was relentless. Trinity

held Hamilton to just 45 yards on 22 carries, while the Continentals only allowed 33 yards rushing. Ben Rosenblatt '17 accounted for the only points of the first half, kicking a 23-yard field goal.

The second half saw much more action, with quarterback Henry Foye '15 connecting on over 20 yards of back-to-back passes to rookie running back Bryan Vieira '18 and Ian Dug-

gar '16. With 6:11 left in the third quarter, Gus Ackley '17 barreled down the left sideline for 54 yards, earning his first career touchdown and giving the Bantams a 10-0 lead. Less than two minutes later, a bad Continental snap, in their own end zone, gave Trinity a safety, and a Hamilton punt again, from their own end zone gave Trinity possession at the Continental 26-yard line to start the fourth quarter.

On the first play of the fourth quarter, Foye connected with wide receiver Nick Gaynor '17 to give Trinity a 19-0 lead with 11:45 left to play. The Bantams struggled with fumbles in this last quarter, one resulting in a one-yard touchdown from Continental quarterback Chase Rosenberg. Unfortunately this blunder ruined Trinity's chances of recording their second consecutive shutout, as the game ended in a final score of 19-7. Hamilton attempted an onside kick with 6:54 left in the game, however Paul McCarthy '16 caught the drive in the air, ending the scoring of the contest.

With this victory comes

several notable Trinity performances, including incredible punting from Kyle Pulek '16, who averaged an impressive 45.2 yards on five punts in the first half alone. By the end of the game, he had completed eight punts, with an average of 43.8 yards. Linebacker Frank Leyva '16 contributed to the Bantam victory with nine tackles. Chudi Iregbulem '15 continues his excellent play, finishing this most recent contest with a game high of 85 yards on 20 carries. Ackley did not stop after his touchdown, and ended the game with 60 yards on five rushes.

Despite the fact that Trinity won by a fairly large margin, the stats paint a picture of a well fought contest. Hamilton possessed the ball for over thirteen minutes more than Trinity, and the Bantams got away with a victory despite three turnovers. In terms of passing yards, Trinity totaled 148 to Hamilton's 128. Rushing yards heavily favored Trinity, 175 to only 47 for the Continentals. The Bantams hope to keep their winning streak going, as they take on the Jumbos at home during Trinity Days.



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Gus Ackley '17 scored his first career touchdown against Hamilton on a 54-yard run on Oct. 4.



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Athlete of the Week

Derek Jeter's final goodbye, finishes career after 20 years

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Derek Jeter retired from the game of baseball last week. After almost 20 years in the majors, the New York Yankees shortstop decided to hang up his cleats and bring an end to his illustrious, legendary and important career. "The Captain" has been the face of Major League Baseball since his career started in the mid 1990's. Jeter led the Yankees to five World Series Championships, was named the American League Rookie of the Year in 1996, was selected as an American League All-Star fourteen times and has won five Gold Glove Awards, five Silver Slugger Awards, two Hank Aaron Awards, one Roberto Clemente Award, and one World Series M.V.P award.

Jeter announced his plans for retirement before the 2014 regular season. Thus began the Derek Jeter retirement tour. Throughout the season many teams showed their respect and admiration for the veteran by presenting him with unique gifts, charitable donations and ceremonies.

The Tampa Bay Rays gave him a custom made Kayak, the Baltimore Orioles presented him with a bucket of steamed crabs, the Toronto Blue Jays donated a \$10,000 dollar check to Jeter's own Turn 2 Foundation and the Detroit Tigers gave the future



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Derek Jeter says an emotional farewell to New York after his final game at Yankee Stadium.

hall of famer two seats from the team's original stadium.

While Derek Jeter undoubtedly meant a lot to every one who played against him, every city he played in and every fan who has been honored to watch him play over the last two decades, his relationship with the people of New York City is arguably his most cherished accomplishment. He has been the face of New York sports his entire career. He brought five championships to

the city. He was a New York Yankee on Sept. 11, 2001 and spent countless hours visiting victims of the attacks and showing his appreciation for the police and fire departments that risked their lives. Former Mayor of New York, Rudi Giuliani, often spoke of how baseball had an effect on the City after the tragedy, and Derek Jeter was in the center of it all.

On Sept. 25, 2014, Derek Jeter stepped onto the field of

Yankee Stadium for the last time as a baseball player. The crowd roared and chanted the captain's name and Jeter himself was fighting back tears before the game, during the game and after the game. The Yankee's were already disqualified from making the playoffs, but this late season game against the division leading Baltimore Orioles was maybe more important to New York than any post season win could ever be.

Jeter was overcome with emotion, emotion that expressed his love to his fans more than any goodbye speech ever would. The Yankees blew a 5-2 lead in the top of the ninth inning, following back-to-back homeruns by the Orioles. In the bottom of the ninth, with a man on second base, Derek Jeter stepped up to the plate at Yankee stadium, to gaze out on thousands of New Yorkers who have cherished and supported him, one last time. He hit a hard single to right, driving home Antwan Richardson, winning the game. In his last at bat in Yankee Stadium, Derek Jeter delivered a final goodbye to the people of New York.

Days later, Jeter played his final Major League game at Fenway Park, home of the rival Boston Red Sox. He was presented with a number of gifts, and he hit an RBI single. The Yankees won 9-5 and as Jeter left the field, he was applauded by a final thunderous standing ovation from the Boston faithful.

Derek Jeter's time has come to an end. He has impacted the sport of baseball in immeasurable ways and with his departure, a new era truly begins in the name of professional sports. Just as old men and women today tell their grandchildren about how they saw Babe Ruth or Ted Williams play, this generation will one day recall the Jeter era in complete awe.

Men and Women's soccer falls short against Bowdoin

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It was a disappointing Saturday in Brunswick, Maine for the Trinity College Soccer Programs. Bowdoin College was able to best the Men's team 2-0 and the Lady Bantams lost to the Polar Bears in a crushing 1-0 overtime loss. It was a long drive back home for both teams giving ample time to reflect on their performance.

The Men's Soccer team was out shot 17-9 and only managed to put two shots on target to the Polar Bear's eight. The attacking contribution for the Bantams came from forward Cody Savonen '17 and midfielder Dan O'Neil '17 who each managed to fire one shot on target, ultimately to be saved by Bowdoin keeper Sam White '15. Both teams took five corner kicks but neither team could capitalize on their set pieces. After a scoreless first half, Bowdoin put in a goal in the 55th minute and then followed up with a second in the 75th minute to solidify

the Polar Bear victory. The loss snapped a two-game unbeaten streak for Trinity against Bowdoin as the two conference rivals played to scoreless ties in each of the last two seasons. The last time the Trinity College Men's Soccer team beat Bowdoin was a 2-0 victory on Trinity's home turf in 2011.

The Women's Soccer squad put up a great fight this weekend but unfortunately dropped its second straight overtime contest on Saturday afternoon, falling 1-0 to Bowdoin at Pickard Field. With the defeat, the Bantams moved to 4-4-1 on the year and 0-4-1 in conference play, while the Polar Bears improved to 8-1 overall and 5-0 in league matches. Bowdoin managed to outshoot Trinity 19 shots to 12, but the accuracy of the Bantams proved superior, with nine of the Bantams' shots on net while Bowdoin only managed eight. Yet, at the end of the day it was not the number of shots on net that mattered, it was the one shot that found the back of Trinity's net in the 107th minute. Bow-

doin's Eliza Nitzan was assisted by Kiersten Turner and provided the home crowd with the relief they needed after a long game. The Polar Bears keeper Bridget McCarthy '16 made eight saves for Bowdoin securing her third shutout of the season. Trinity had six individuals put shots on goal with forward Karyn Barrett '15 and tri-captain Elisa Dolan '15 each rocketing two shots

on goal for Trinity.

This was a challenging week for the soccer teams, but both teams are still above .500, despite ranking in the lower part of the NESCAC. The large distance on the road could have been a factor in these close games and it would have been interesting to see if the results on Trinity's home turf would have been any different. For a Division

III conference, the NESCAC encompasses a wide area and this time spent on the road is certainly a major hurdle to overcome for the athletes. This coming weekend the Bantams will take on Middlebury College, another weak team in the conference. A win for the Trinity soccer program would be the first for the ladies and the second for the men in conference.



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Trinity Men's soccer lost to Bowdoin 2-0, moving the Bantams to a 4-3-1 overall record this season.