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DiChristina Announces Dry Campus for Spring Weekend

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In a follow-up mandate to the announcement this past fall that the parking lot at the end of Vernon Street, frequently used for tailgating before the Homecoming Football Game, would be dry for this year's game, Dean of Campus Life Joe DiChristina has announced that this year's Spring Weekend will be completely dry.

"The risks of underage drinking have expanded beyond the College's control," DiChristina said in an interview with the Liepod. "Because of that, we decided that the best way to eradicate binge drinking by minors is to ban drinking altogether. We're putting the necessary measures in place to rid the campus of all beverages for the weekend of April 20."

DiChristina explained that the mandate was originally going only to apply to alcoholic beverages, but after hearing the concerns of Director of Campus Safety Brian Heavren, decided to expand the ban to any and all liquids. "Our biggest concern was being able to effectively screen

for alcoholic beverages, which are easily and frequently disguised. By getting rid of liquids entirely, our diligent officers won't be overworked during their nightly patrols of the campus perimeter."

DiChristina noted that in addition to the ban on liquids, Spring Weekend will observe increased security presence and protocols, limited access to residence halls, and a nightly curfew at 10 p.m. beginning the night of Thursday, April 20, through Saturday, Apr. 22.

The increased security measures this year are in response to record high numbers of alcohol-related EMS transports, drug overdoses, vandalism cases, sexual misconduct cases, and arrests — all

of which were calculated by the Dean of Students Office to be directly correlated with last year's Spring Weekend concert.

Running water will be turned off the Thursday leading up to Spring Weekend at 7:00 p.m. To quell hydration-related concerns, EAC Barnyard and the S.A.I.L. Office will be rationing out travel-sized liquid containers in Mather during Common Hour during the week leading up to the concert. Each student may use their I.D. to receive one small bottle per day. DiChristina encourages students to drink their 100 mL water rations conservatively, in the spirit of Spring Weekend's new theme: Drinking Responsibly or Not Drinking at All.



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Dean Joe looking proud of his new policy for the spring.

Trump Bans Canada Goose: Trin Outrage

JOE DIMAGGIO '20
NEWS EDITOR

President Trump was carried into the Oval Office with anti-immigrant and isolationist declarations. The President promised to revitalize American industry and "Make America Great Again". Trump and other luminaries are concerned about illegal immigrants swarming over our southern border, but until now there had been little action to combat those troublemakers to our north. Luckily, in a press briefing this week, White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer announced that the United States will be blocking imports of Canada Goose. "It's ridiculous, they're costing America jobs and they aren't even made of geese..." the frequently exasperated White House official exclaimed. Spicer was mistaken, the down is in fact, from geese. In the past Spicer has attacked cultural icons such as Daft Punk and Dippin' Dots. This week's announcement came as a surprise, neither the president nor his staff are on record opposing the high end Canadian retail brand.

This announcement has spurred uproar throughout collegiate America, especially at schools like Trinity College. The upper crust of NESCAC is in full fledged revolt. Lattés are being thrown and chandeliers are being shattered by squash racquet wielding maniacs. Campus Safety Officers are struggling to maintain order

as students, formerly averse to protest or activism, have taken up arms against the new trade restrictions. Some have found creative solutions to the problem, Preston Rushmore III said, "I guess I'll just send it to my house in Bermuda... I still think Trump is doing great things." Others were not so kind, making public declarations such as, "Trump is a monster!", "I'm calling my dad!", and "Where's my white privilege?" When asked why the students would not be able to survive with their current \$800 down coats, this reporter was met with a series of eye rolls.

The White House has offered little clarification on the restrictions. It is unclear how much of an effect banning high end Canadian outerwear will have on the United States' balance of trade. Perhaps the new law will spur more investment in already popular American down manufacturers, such as Patagonia. However, as everyone knows, a \$200 down jacket is not nearly as warm or even half as elitist as an \$800 jacket. As of right now, all that is clear is that the White House will need to act swiftly to quell the unrest on America's campuses. When asked if the outrage over the Canada Goose ban resembled the protests on college campuses in the 1960's and 1970's, a Trinity professor replied, "That's ridiculous." These outraged students may not be woke, but at least they are taking an active interest in government.

Inter-Nest Cock-Fighting Announced

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SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

No, we aren't talking about two young men in the AD bathroom here folks.

In a last-ditch effort by The Bantam Network Nest Program to boost attendance at weekend programming events and increase student pride, the Dean of Students Office and Trinitition Fellows have mandated that each first-year residence hall must acquire and raise a live bantam, which will be battled Hunger Games-style on the quad during Spring Weekend.

The RAs of each dorm traveled last weekend to a poultry farm in Farmington, accompanied by Dean of Students Christopher Card, to select the chickens that are currently being raised and prepared for bat-

tle by the first-year dorms. Since their purchase, the bantams have already began making impressions, according to Trinity Athletics sports analysts. The Funston bantam, which was ordered specially from an all-organic, cage-free, soy-free, gluten-free, no MSG, no GMOs, PETA-friendly farm in Nebraska, has been declared by Funston residents to be a pacifist in the upcoming battle. The North chicken, named Chad, has been missing since Tuesday. It was last seen entering the basement of AD.

"The aim is to build community amongst the residence halls," Dean Card told the Liepod. "We want students to find the beauty in destruction, and if that doesn't work, misery loves company."

On Saturday, Apr. 22, each of the residence halls will send one male and one

female representative to escort and coach the bantams in battle. The chickens will be entered in a bracket tournament that will take place throughout the afternoon, unless over the course of the day they become unable to fight, in which case two students from the dorms in question will go head-to-head in a game of non-alcoholic beer pong, which has incidentally been named the official sport of Trinity College.

Printable brackets have been posted to the event's webpage, www.trincoll.edu/cockfight2017. Students may enter a bracket competition for the chance at winning monetary prizes, but in accordance with NCAA rules and regulations, betting or gambling of any kind will result in immediate disqualification and possible termination of the tournament.

Major Donor's Merger

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Long time Trinity benefactor and alumnus of St. Anthony Hall, William S. Plimpton IV, '51 announced a new corporate merger of Plimpton Enterprises (Hartford, CT) with Penetron Corporation (East Setauket, NY). This multibillion-dollar merger of equals is set to execute on Apr. 19, 2017.

Plimpton Enterprises was founded by Trinity College alumnus William S. Plimpton '78 as a small chain of hardware stores. Since then, the Plimpton family had trended upward with acquisitions of building and materials companies. Plimpton Senior was a frequent guest of the Morgan estate; ties with

which his family has grown his legacy with. Diversification lifted the corporation through the building booms in post-war Europe, and through factory expansion in China. Recently, Plimpton IV, realized that Penetron Corporation would be the perfect compliment to Plimpton's asset portfolio, greatly expanding liquid cash reserves.

The Plimpton-Penetron merger is one of the largest private mergers of a materials companies in history and has investors salivating at the idea of a public offering. The merger will no doubt be a great blessing for a limping endowment at the college. A tribute to Plimpton Sr. is slated for construction at 122 Vernon this coming June in honor of the mogul.

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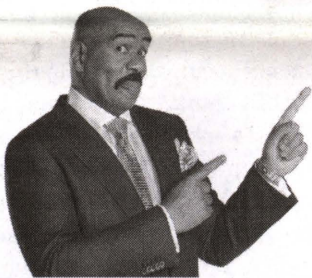
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Well, that's too damn bad.
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You may have come down here to see what our social media is. Maybe you thought that because the Twitter logo and the Facebook icon were here, you would think we had them. But we don't because we don't care about engaging our readers.



CORRECTIONS

We have no corrections to display this week because we never make mistakes.

Liepod Editorial

We Must Fight Administrative Tyranny

I have, myself, full confidence that if all do their duty, if nothing is neglected, and if the best arrangements are made, as they are being made, we shall prove ourselves once again able to defend our Campus home, to ride out the storm of war, and to outlive the menace of tyranny, if necessary for years, if necessary alone. At any rate, that is what we are going to try to do. That is the resolve of Student Government and every man of them. That is the will of IGC and the nation. The North and South Campus, linked together in their cause and in their need, will defend to the death their native soil, aiding each other like good comrades to the utmost of their strength. Even though large tracts of student groups and many famous powers have fallen or may fall into the grip of the Gestapo and

all the odious apparatus of Administrative rule, we shall not flag or fail. We shall go on to the end, we shall fight on Vernon, we shall fight on the LSC Quad, we shall fight with growing confidence and growing strength on the Long Walk, we shall defend our Campus, whatever the cost may be, we shall fight on the athletics fields, we shall fight on Fraternity Row, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender, and even if, which I do not for a moment believe, this Campus or a large part of it were subjugated and starving, then our outposts beyond on Allen, armed and guarded by our lawyer parents, would carry on the struggle, until, in God's good time, the influential donor group of times gone by, with all its power and might, steps forth

to the rescue and the liberation of the old.

"Never give in. Never give in. Never, never, never, never—in nothing, great or small, large or petty—never give in, except to convictions of honour and good sense. Never yield to force. Never yield to the apparently overwhelming might of the enemy.*

-AB

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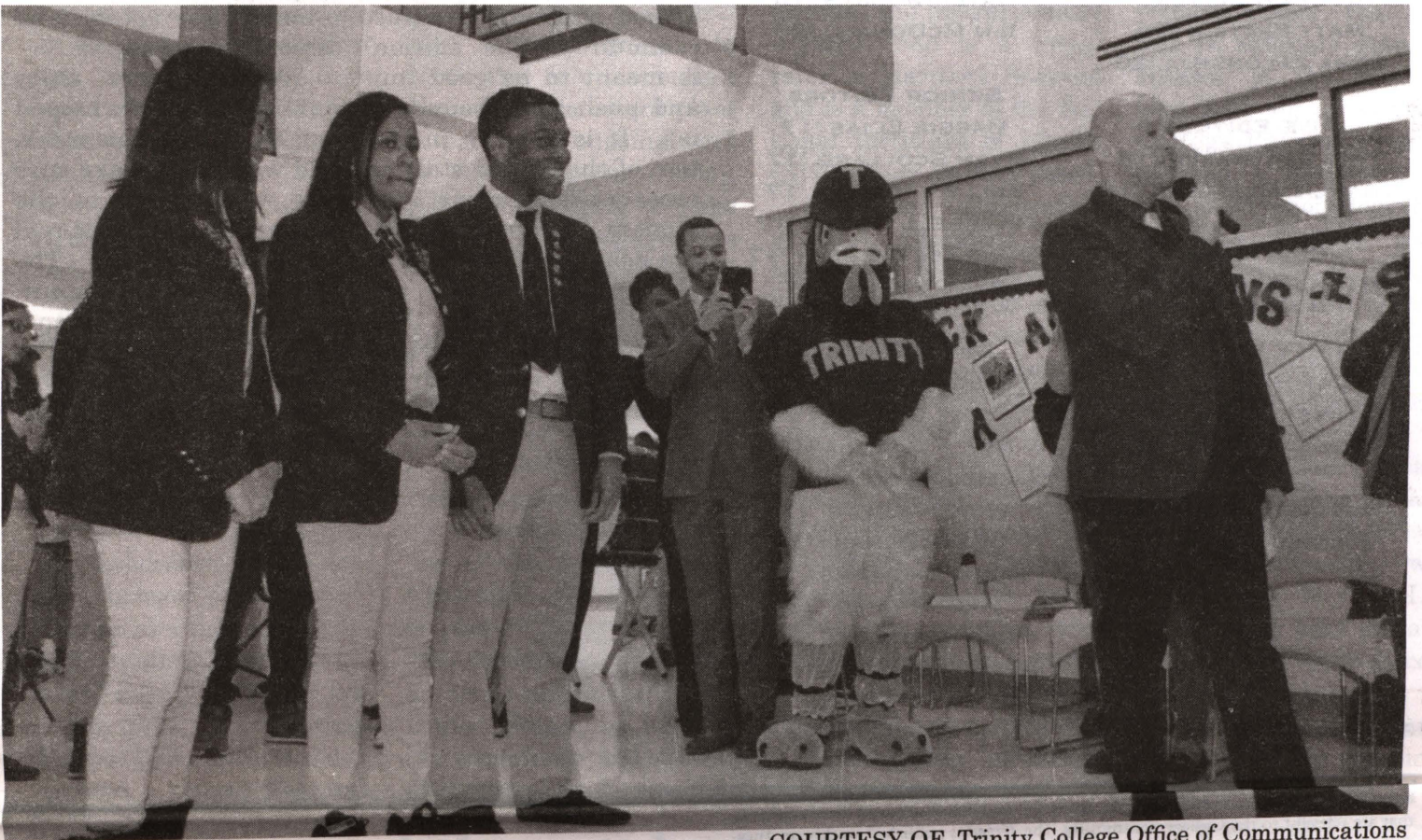
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Trinity Admissions Office Announces Regular Decision Admissions for the Class of 2021

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On Thursday, March 23rd, the Trinity College Office of Admissions released regular decision results for the Class of 2021. Overall, 1,691 students were admitted with a wide array of skills, experiences, and backgrounds. The incoming class is a record-setting, diverse group of students from around the country and the world.

The release of admissions decisions comes on the heels of a recent Washington Post article written by Angel Perez, Vice President for Enrollment and Student Success. In "It's not just about jobs. Colleges must help students find their passions," an article published with "Grade Point," the newspaper's higher education blog, Perez calls for all institutions



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Vice President of Enrollment and Student Success Angel Perez visited a Hartford Public School to surprise three admitted students.

to help their students achieve meaning and purpose, rather than just a degree, in their time

at college. The article stressed the importance of encouraging students to explore opportuni-

ties and different paths while at school. Looking for a student body that would pursue all of the re-

sources Trinity has to offer was a major priority of the Office of Admissions.

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Letter to the Editor: From President Berger-Sweeney and Board of Trustees Chair Cornelia Thornburgh

In the two years since the initiation of the Campaign for Community, we have made progress as a community, and we commend student leaders for generating initiatives within the Campaign, through student activism, and through creative collaboration.

We especially appreciate efforts to address sexual misconduct, challenge racism, and promote gender equity and inclusion of members of the LGBTQ community. Student leaders have succeeded in cultivating school pride and promoting engagement with the City of Hartford. And we're excited for those students who will participate in the "Meaningful Dialogue Across Difficult Boundaries" workshop series

that begins this spring.

Amid this progress, we call upon all students to step up in areas in which we fall short of our ideal. One of those areas is integrity.

Integrity includes standing up for your beliefs day in and day out. As President of the College and Chair of the Board of Trustees, we are dedicated to creating an environment in which all members of the community are actively engaged and committed to upholding our shared values of honesty and integrity. For students, the goal of a liberal arts education is one of transformation, where you become an adult prepared to enter society with purpose and meaning. Trinity is that place

where community can thrive when we participate actively in governance, including our holding ourselves and each other accountable for our actions and for the health of this community. That includes speaking out when something just isn't right. Don't allow yourselves to lose your sense of identity just to fit in. We hear that students are afraid to speak up about sexual assault because they are afraid of being ostracized by their peers. We hear that students are using racial, religious, and homophobic slurs in locker rooms, on the Long Walk, and in social settings without retribution. We hear that new students are introduced to drugs on their first days on cam-

pus as a part of the party culture. We hear that students are cheating on academic work. These are all signs of a culture that lacks key elements of honesty and integrity. We know that many students here uphold the highest standards of honesty and integrity on Trinity's campus. But we need it to be more persistent and truly inculcated into our culture.

We do not participate in the social culture on campus in the same way that you do as students. It can't and shouldn't be that an adult will be there to monitor your behavior at all times and in all places. If we do not encourage social norms that are peer monitored, the culture cannot and will not change. Improving

campus culture is important for those of us who are here now and those who will join the community in the years to come.

Being a good citizen means being committed to building a better society, accountability for your actions, and enjoying the benefits of that society. We encourage you to talk about integrity with your peers, with faculty, and with staff. Make integrity a Trinity value. It is up to all of us to "be the change we wish to see in [our] world."

Joanne Berger-Sweeney
President
and
Cornelia Thornburgh
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Letter from the Editor

Liepod Edition is Satire

Dear Readers of the Tripod,

This week, in honor of April Fools, the Tripod publishes a spoof cover sheen, known as the Trinity College Liepod. These articles are fictitious, satirical, and written by members of the Tripod staff and campus community. The edition is meant to be good fun and push some boundaries. It is not the intention of the Tripod staff to grossly offend or hurt any student, however we did not heavily scrutinize the articles to evaluate all possible undertones. We do not believe a satirical guise gives writers to be downright mean and un-

funny. The Staff did their best to mitigate any large conflicts, but made a conscious effort to allow most submissions through in as close to original state as possible. To manipulate this tradition into a sterile censored humor section would be an impingement of our duty to promote free speech and discourse on campus.

We hope you enjoy published both the Liepod and the Tripod this week, and wanted to make sure you were aware of the distinction of what is real and what is fake. The Liepod consists of the outer page, the first, second, eleventh and twelfth. The Tripod portion of this edition is marked by the

Tripod front page, which is marked page 1, and runs through page 8- in which the standard back is used. In this way, the Tripod is completely removable and will be able to stand on its own. The content in the Tripod is relevant to this weeks campus life and we still encourage you to read it.

Please enjoy the Liepod, and happy April Fools!

-JPF

The Trinity Tripod is now looking for a new business manager. If you are interested in this position, please contact Andrew Hatch at andrew.hatch@trincoll.edu or the Tripod at tripod@trincoll.edu.

NEWS

Berger-Sweeney Elected to Laboratory Board of Trustees

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NEWS EDITOR

On Mar. 21, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory announced it had elected President Joanne Berger-Sweeney to its Board of Trustees. Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, founded in 1890, is a non-profit firm at the forefront of biomedical research and education. With focuses on cancer, neuroscience, and plant biology, the organization is home to eight Nobel Prize winners, the most famous being Dr. James D. Watson, co-discoverer of the DNA's double helix. CSHL's main campus is in Cold Spring Harbor, NY, but the firm maintains research facilities in Long Island, Harlem, and a secondary campus in Suzhou, China. Throughout its operation, the organization has involved itself in several important advancements within the scientific community.

The laboratory was built in 1893, on the shores of Cold Spring Harbor. As early as 1904, a small research

facility named Jones Lab was erected and was nationally recognized with an infusion of capital from the philanthropist and steel magnate, Andrew Carnegie. One of the early pioneers in the cancer research industry, Cold Springs Harbor Laboratory pioneered the use of mice in experiments to understand whether or not some humans were more susceptible to cancer than others. In 1942, the United States War Department commissioned the firm's scientists to conduct experiments with aerosol mists, which later resulted in an effective distributor of antibiotics used in the war effort to combat lung infection. In the same year, Milislav Demerec, the then-newly appointed Director of Cold Springs Harbor Laboratory, discovered ways to boost penicillin production at a time when penicillin quantities around the world were dangerously low.

In 1987, Cold Springs Harbor Laboratory was designated a Cancer Research

Center of the National Cancer Institute. That same year, Dr. James Watson, then the director of the laboratory, presented Congress with the idea of a 15-year Human Genome Project, requesting \$3 billion in federal funds. Congress agreed to his terms and made him the first director of the Human Genome Project. In 2000, the firm's scientists sequenced a mustard plant as part of its ongoing work in DNA mapping. Today, the firm continues to make important advancements across many fields of science.

The current leadership team at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory has nothing but high praise for Berger-Sweeney, lauding her contributions to both neuroscience and education at Trinity and other institutions. On the day of the announcement, Chairman Jamie Nichols said of Berger-Sweeney, "Her leadership at premier academic institutions in the United States, as well as her experience and accomplishments as a research

scientist make her uniquely qualified to contribute to our governing body."

Currently, President Berger-Sweeney sits on several other boards in the Hartford area, including, but not limited to, Hartford HealthCare, the Hartford Consortium for Higher Education, and MetroHartford Alliance. She is a corporator of Hartford Hospital and is a member of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Study Section panel.

Since her inauguration in 2014, President Berger-Sweeney has been credited with the creation of the Bantam Network, an initiative that provides mentoring to freshmen, and Campaign for Community, which promotes mutual respect amongst Trinity students. As the Chairwoman of the Bicentennial Strategic Planning Committee, Berger-Sweeney prepares the College for its third century of continued prosperity as an elite liberal arts institution.

A few other of Berger-Sweeney's accomplish-

ments are the creation of the Center for Caribbean Studies and the Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Misconduct.

Before becoming Trinity's 22nd president in 2014, Berger-Sweeney was the Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at Tufts University. Before that, she was an associate dean and director of the neuroscience program at Wellesley College. Berger-Sweeney received a Bachelor's Degree in Psychobiology from Wellesley College before earning an M.P.H. in Environmental Health Sciences from the University of California, Berkeley. She finished off her education with a Ph.D. in Neurotoxicology from the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health.

President Berger-Sweeney's involvement with Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory will only enhance and continue Trinity's commitment to work with the greater community, make advancements in academia, and to promote leadership.

SGA Addresses Sustainability, Admissions, Spring Weekend

JUSTIN FORTIER '18
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Student Government Association (SGA) meeting kicked off with its usual slew of updates from various committees. Barnyard Entertainment is planning its second Roller Disco and promised it is very close to releasing the name of the spring weekend artist.

The Budget Committee reminded members that there is limited time to lobby for extra funds for clubs on campus, so requests should be submitted as soon as possible.

The Office of Admissions is planning several yield events for the Class of 2021 on Monday, Apr. 10 and Monday, Apr. 24. These events are designed to convince admitted students to enroll at Trinity. At yield events, students are introduced to on campus clubs and activities. Current students are encouraged to wear Trinity gear during these days. Admissions also wanted to make a special note that the Cave will be closed on these days. In light of the inconvenience Admissions may cause students, the Office is planning a "thank-you" for

current students in May. In addition, the overnight program is looking for first years and sophomores to host admitted students. According to Sarah Wolcott '15 in the Office of Admissions, there is the potential for 97 overnight stays by prospective students throughout April and the Admissions office is seeking engaged students to host a guest on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.

After last meeting, the SGA unanimously voted to support ConnPIRG's sustainability goals. SGA President, Ryan Miller '17, announced that the SGA is taking this campaign on as a big priority. Barnyard President, Griffin Hunt '17, offered that Earth Day is the day of the Spring Weekend Carnival, and would readily accept additional programming within Barnyard's framework.

Wellness initiatives continue to be a big focus for the group and multiple meetings have occurred with the Dean of Students Christopher Card, Dean of Student Life Joe DiChristina, and the Director of Campus Safety Brain Heavren. Administration and staff noted this year will have a special

respect the quad campaign in which they are discouraging glass bottles as a danger to students and 30 racks of beer due to risk of excessive alcohol consumption. Administration underscored that when there is a large residual presence left on the quad, or loud boisterous activity fueled by large quantities of alcohol, they are forced to intervene. Because students live adjacent to the quad and many tours walk by the space, SGA concluded that treating the space with respect is an important step forward in working toward education for students to mitigate problems with campus safety, as well as examining schools with open container rules.

On the subject of drinking, Barnyard has been examining other colleges, such as Connecticut College, that have reserved areas at their spring weekend for students twenty-one and older to drink in. Hunt made it clear that he did not think this would be accomplished at Trinity this semester, but that he and his Barnyard team were getting the ball rolling.

Two clubs were examined for SGA approval. The Gardening Club with Professor

Masino was formed with a goal to meet once or twice a week as a supplement to the the Brain and Behavior classes. The club is beginning to grow seedlings in the refrigerator in Mather while maintaining the garden at the Trinfo Cafe on Broad Street. Kenzy Levy '18 presented her proposal for a Trinity College chapter of the American Marketing Association, arguing that Trinity does not have any public relations, marketing, or communications course-

work options for students. This club would provide an avenue to learn technical skill necessary to marketing and public relations.

The Housing Lottery Appeals will be processed this week and point reward will be deliberated on and distributed.

To conclude, Miller announced a discussion of the off-campus shuttle's feasibility and encouraged members to solicit feedback on the current utilization of this expensive program.



COURTESY OF Trinity College
Barnyard and the SGA work together to host spring weekend.

Administration Prepares for Annual Giving Day

JUSTIN FORTIER '18
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The fourth annual Trinity College Giving Day is scheduled to take place on Apr. 5. This event is designed to bring alumni student and parent donors together in a big push for Trinity.

Giving Day was designed after a visit to Columbia University in which the Annual Giving office reevaluated their current strategy for fundraising campaigns. The thought behind an April campaign is to generate a huge raise and concentrate funds during the academic year where they can be readily spent. The Trinity Fund, in which the annual giving day contributions primarily fall into, is an annual fund which takes the strain off the endowment and allows it to continue to grow. Previously, there was a high reliance on gifts in June, which in the past created

a desire to spread those financial gains toward the academic year June and December were primarily the two highest months because of the end of the fiscal year in the end of the calendar year. Now, however, April has become the hallmark month for giving. 20% of the operating budget at Trinity comes from endowment and the Trinity fund; a strong annual fund preserves the endowment.

On Giving Day itself there be a fair outside of Mather, thank you notes will be written by students for faculty and donors, to become customized for specific contributors as a special thank-you. This year's Giving Day will be the culmination of one week of fundraising hype, as compared to last year's month-long endeavor. The week will kick off with a Connect-a-thon with alumni on Mar. 28 to reach out to donors. The office will also hold

duel alumni fundraising events, one in Boston at Cleary's and in New York City at the Wayfairer. Competition has been a successful tool in the past to drum up support for Trinity. Over 100 people are expected to attend each event with faculty delegates set to make the respective trips up and down from Hartford.

In anticipation for the event, the Annual Giving office has pieced together three great snapshots of student life throughout Trinity, featuring DeShawn Adams '20, Austin Duebel '18, and Elise Ogden '17. Stretching across the student journey at Trinity, the Alumni Giving office perfectly captured the Trinity spirit and authentic thank-yous to the donors.

Before Giving Day, the annual giving office is trying to create a \$1 million challenge pool with big donors to match donations on Giving Day.



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An alumni poses with the Bantam at a previous giving day event.

The team has set a lofty goal of \$2 million raised on Giving Day with 2000 donors and 200 long walk leadership contributions. This year the Office elected to use #allinfortrin to be the mark for social media action. The Annual Giving Office and its Director William Knapp

invite students and alumni to share snippets of their Trinity journey and memories across Twitter and Instagram. As a bonus, Trinity athletic socks and dress socks will be given out to donors on that day, encouraging everyone to step up and support the institution.

Incoming Trinity Class of 2021 Breaks Records

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The Class of 2021 is the College's most racially and geographically diverse in its history. Admitted students represent 41 states, with a record of 60% of students from outside of New England. 12% of students are international, from 38 different countries. The diversity of the class was aided by representation from 50 community-based college-access organizations representing places such as New Jersey, Illinois, and Texas. "These varied perspectives will enrich our campus in so many ways. The extraordinary variety of experiences, backgrounds, and points of view in the Class of 2021 are the perfect complement to Trinity's liberal arts and urban setting," commented Perez.

While Admissions has reached out to students from around the globe, several students from the local area make up the Class of 2021 as well. In an interview with the Hartford Courant, Perez commented that admitting local students "has been a priority for Trinity... We want to see more students from the Hartford area." Three students from Global Communications Academy in Hartford were chosen not only as accepted

students, but as recipients of full scholarships for all four years at Trinity. In a video that has been shared on countless platforms, the three students were surprised with the news at school, accompanied by their parents, the school band, and the Trinity bantam. In total, ten students from Hartford were accepted to the Class of 2021 with full scholarships.

"There's a stigma that we are not supposed to be successful... I always knew I wanted to be different from what society expects me to be. I always wanted to go to school," explained accepted student Kiera Flynn to the *Hartford Courant*.

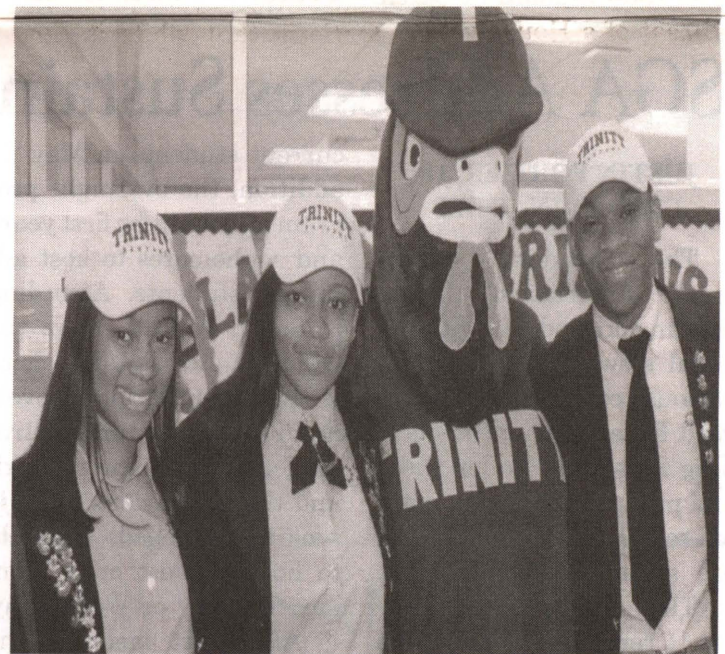
Several members of the Class of 2021 are beneficiaries of various scholarships offered by the school, including Presidential Scholars, Kelter Scholars, Tozer Scholars, Davis United World College Scholars and 1823 Scholars. In addition, the administration has created the Trinity College Global Scholars Program for international students to explore career development opportunities in Hartford and globally.

Particularly in recent years, the Office of Admissions has historically taken a holistic approach towards applicants. Those reading

applications commonly remark that grades, extracurriculars, essays, and personal character are all considered when evaluating prospective students. For this reason, Trinity decided to follow in the steps of many liberal arts schools and became a test-optional school as of last year, meaning that students no longer have to submit the SAT, SAT subject tests, or the ACT. 37% of applicants in the Class of 2021 chose to not submit test scores.

Admissions reported that the acceptance rate for incoming students has dropped slightly. This year, Trinity accepted 32% of the 6,098 applications received. As selectivity is becoming more of an indicator of prestige and a boost in college rankings, Perez made it clear that Trinity is not focused on the College's acceptance rate. "Our selectivity is not how we measure the quality of an incoming class. Our goal has always been to recruit the strongest students most interested in engaging our community."

Trinity will be hosting several events for admitted students throughout April. Overall, the community can expect the Class of 2021 to be one of the most diverse, academically motivated, and engaging classes in the College's history.



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Three Hartford students were surprised with full scholarships.



COURTESY OF Trinity College Admissions Page

The Office of Admissions celebrates the admissions decisions.

OPINION

Republicans Need to Rethink Healthcare Approach

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Last Thursday on the anniversary of Obamacare's passing, President Trump and the Republicans were forced to announce that its replacement, the American Health Care Act, would not be called to a vote due to its lack of Republican support. In a time when the Republican party is in al-

most perfect control of the government, and has the ability to pass a bill of their wildest desires, their first action has ended in utter failure. Russel Berman in a recent *Atlantic* article perfectly characterized the hypocrisy of their failure: "To a man and woman, nearly every one of the 237 Republicans elected to the House last November made the same promise to voters: Give us control of Congress and the White House, and we will repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act."

Now that this promise has been debunked by even the threat of a House vote, it is clear that Republican outrage was meant as a way to oppose President

Obama, with the critiques of Obamacare not substantial enough for actual repeal. While Obama did renege on his promise to allow patients to keep their doctors and his programs' premiums increased markedly, his final bill was crafted between left and right proposals, dropping the more

"It is possible to avert this crisis... and to avert these looming human catastrophes..."

liberal public option in concessions so the bill could be implemented across the country. Despite the fact that Republicans knew there wasn't much room on the right for Obamacare to be shifted, they made Obamacare repeal central to their efforts, urging Trump to make it one of his 'first 100 days' actions.

However, when Republicans decided to push for this repeal effort, they chose to focus on the shortcomings of Obamacare, rather than the benefits of a new system. The problem of this hyper-partisan tactic is that while it can work to help get legislation across, or rile up the political base, the ideological

argument it rests on easily crumbles if no better proposition presents itself. This is evident in Republicans' actions over the Obama years. They increasingly became the party of 'No,' rejecting Obamacare, welfare efforts, and "snowflake" personalities. As Charles Krauthammer wrote in a *Washington Post* Article, "the genius of the left is to keep

expanding the entitlement state by creating new giveaways that are politically impossible to repeal." Perhaps then Republicans are better suited to use the popularity of the 'entitlement' that is Obamacare, which has a 12-point lead over President Trump, according to a Fox News poll, to leverage some popular support. Take the idea of opening state lines between health insurers as an example. Were Republicans able to convince their insurance donors to let it fly (not likely), they could help improve existing free-market prices thanks to natural competition. For the next few months, this victory would help Repub-

licans control the narrative, leading to a senatorial rout in the midterms.

Fortunately for Democrats, there is no such unity among donors, Republican, and President Trump. Instead, on one side there is House Speaker Paul Ryan pushing house members for a vote, and on the other President Trump quoted in the *New York Times* for saying that within his "rocking" administration there are a "lot of players with a very different mind-set."

The fracture seemed to deepen following the defeat, which Democrats and Progressives paraded as proof of Obamacare's success. The night of the loss, President Trump tweet-manded the already buzzing nation to go watch a long and calculated tirade by Judge Jeanine Pirro, who called for Ryan's removal from office. The next day, Ryan's office put out a statement claiming that the President's tweet had nothing to do with the Speaker: "The speaker and president talked for an hour yesterday about moving forward on the agenda and their relationship is stronger

than ever right now." To be clear, this is objectively the closest their relationship has come to full out war, which we will have to look out for in the future.

Unfortunately for Republicans, Democrats are not sleeping on the opportunity to remind the people why Obamacare won and Republicare failed. Now that positive media coverage, strewn with praise for the Affordable Care Act, reminds the country what Democrats have done for the people, some Congress members have spoken up to dream bigger. Senator Bernie Sanders made a 'yuge' announcement following the defeat of the AHCA, proposing legislation for a progressive Medicare for all single-payer system. While this proposal is unlikely to get anywhere near enough votes to pass, it might help force divided Conservatives to jump onto a common-sense drug importation bill that will objectively help millions of Americans afford prescriptions. As the country moves forward with a weakened Republican party, it remains to see who will wrestle influence and control out of the commotion.

The Laptop Ban is Unnecessary and Discriminatory

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The United States Department of Homeland Security has announced new restrictions on travel from ten airports in eight Muslim countries. The restrictions will mean that passengers on flights departing from those locations for the United States must check all electronic devices larger than a smartphone in their luggage. According to *The Intercept*, the countries affected by the new restriction include

Jordan, Egypt, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Morocco, Qatar, and the United

Arab Emirates. The restriction comes in the wake of the Trump administration's attempt to ban all immigration from a number of majority Muslim nations. The targeting of majority Muslim nations in the new

Homeland Security rules has led some observers to call it a "Muslim laptop ban."

While calling the regulation a Muslim laptop ban might be a stretch, the rule is neither impinging on the rights of Muslims to own a laptop, nor the right of a laptop to freely express its religion. The new rules do place an undue burden on group of people who are so often the object of American xenophobia. Is preventing people on flights from majority Muslim countries an atrocity? Cer-

"The new rules do place an undue burden on group of people who are so often the object of American xenophobia."

tainly not, but it is a telling act of discrimination. If the concept of banning laptops from the cabins of planes seems ridiculous, well, that is because it is. *The Guardian* recently interviewed several technology experts

regarding the laptop ban, and they were understand-

"Maybe these actions make Trump supporters feel safer, but they come from a place of fear and irrationality."

ably perplexed. The group pointed out that if a terrorist wanted to turn a laptop into a bomb, it would be just as effective in the cargo hold of the plane as it would in the cabin. Tech experts point out as well that

the technology related to the ban has not changed in any significant way in years. Technologically speaking, the ban does not have a leg to stand on.

The ban only affects foreign based airlines such

as Emirates, as all United States based airlines do

not fly directly to America from the ten affected airports. Shortly after American Homeland Security put out the new restrictions, the United Kingdom announced similar restrictions affecting 14 airlines, six of which are from the United Kingdom. There had been subsidy disputes regarding the airlines now hit the hardest by the American cabin restrictions, leading some to believe that may be what is behind the ban. US airline carriers have long criticized carriers such as Emirates, Etihad, and others for being unfairly subsidized by their governments. The British ban calls that theory into question however, as it af-

fects British airlines as well.

The Muslim laptop ban is poorly thought out, but what else is new from a Trump administration. While the ban on laptops in airline cabins is not exactly a violation of human rights, it is an act of blatant discrimination. If there is logic in this new rule, it is certainly elusive. There is no precedent for terrorists using a laptop to blow up an airplane, no reason to believe that is a serious possibility with modern airport security, and no reason to target only certain majority Muslim countries with the ban. Maybe these actions make Trump supporters feel safer, but they come from a place of fear and irrationality. If there was a specific incident involving laptops, terrorists, planes, and the eight affected countries, then maybe the ban would make some sense. Most troubling is the fact that the new rules come on the heels of Trump's attempted Muslim ban, so there is no question of whether or not discrimination is at play here.

Arts & Entertainment

Album Review: The Smashing Pumpkins' "Monuments"

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Personally, I'm not a huge fan of contemporary music. For that reason, I usually listen to older classic rock, but happily, the new Smashing Pumpkins album taught me that there's still hope for contemporary rock, though it is harder to pin down. In case you haven't heard of the band, they were wildly popular in the 90's, with critically acclaimed albums such as "Siamese Dreams" and "Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness," both of which launched Billy Corgan and company into punk-rock fueled stardom. Following their hedonistic heyday, the band went through several personnel changes, resulting in a considerably long hiatus. After several years of poorly received albums, Corgan was the sole remaining original member of the band. Things looked bleak, and aside from a small devoted fan base, the public moved on.

Because many Amer-

icans were no longer concerned with the musings of a "washed up grunge druggie," the album "Monuments to an Elegy" had a quiet release. However, slowly but surely, "Monuments" began to gain momentum, with critics praising the originality of "Anaise." The critics felt that this track harkened back to the band's glory days when the Pumpkins reigned at the top of the 90's alt rock hierarchy. Their popularity was once overwhelming, and their songs were played just about everywhere. Even though maybe they won't return to the chart topping days of their past, there is a definite sense of resurgence to the new album that is very encouraging to fans.

Unlike the smash concept album "Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness," "Monuments" is much more listenable, requiring much less thought than its preceding albums. If you want to listen to the Smashing Pumpkins for the sake of listening, turn on one of the earlier two, but unless

you're comfortable devoting all of your cognitive skills to interpreting Corgan's encrypted lyrics, "Monuments to an Elegy" will work much better for you.

Comparing the two distinct phases of the band brings to mind another well-known musicians documented transitory changes. In the later years of the Beatles, Paul McCartney worked to create some of the greatest psychedelic lyrics of all time, forcing the listener to pay close attention to what was be-

ing said, because with even one minute of tuning out, you could completely lose sense of the message. That said, after the Beatles' disintegration, Paul formed Wings, a great band that produced fun music. However, their songs were nowhere near as complex as the work done by the fab four, and was said by critics to be an unfortunate departure from a great musical path. Personally, "Sargent Pepper" is my favorite album of all time, but if I'm simply in the mood to kick

back and listen to some good classic rock, Wings is my choice. The same can be said of "Monuments to an Elegy." While far less detailed than the work done by the band in the early 90's, that's not necessarily a bad thing.

To sum up the album, I'd say that it's definitely worth tuning into. If you've never listened to, or dare I say even heard of the Smashing Pumpkins, "Monuments" is a simple introduction to a very complicated band.



COURTESY OF pitchfork.com

The Smashing Pumpkins, with band leader Billy Corgan at center, with his band mates.

Cinestudio Preview: "La La Land" and the Musical

TRIP SLAYMAKER '18
A&E EDITOR

The Box office and critical success "La La Land" may not have won Best Picture over "Moonlight," but it is likely to draw crowds to Cinestudio just the same. The film is the work of director Damien Chazelle, a 32 year old filmmaker behind 2014's sublime music film "Whiplash" among others. As the work of a favorite of the Academy, "La La Land" had long been awaited as the year's best movie.

Decades of old-Hollywood and jazz-age glory transcend time and feature into the Los Angeles of "La La Land". The young people at the heart of the story (Emma Stone and Ryan Gosling) are each making the single life work for them, more caught up in their love of the past than in their hopes for the future. LA is, to them, a place of dreams and fantasy where only those willing to sacrifice their own personal happiness can ever achieve anything of note. Stone wants to be an actress like the legendary film stars she plasters on her walls. Gosling is an aspiring jazz pianist who is also caught in the past: the musician

pires for the days when all a musician needed was drive and talent to make it. Instead he must spend his life playing a mindless set of lifeless piano music to distracted restaurant-goers.

"La La Land" rolls along at this pace for a good section of the film. Every sign points to the meeting of the two before it happens, and the laws of the romance predict that they must cross paths before much longer. Still, when Stone and Gosling finally do see each other for the first time, Chazelle employs all of his cinematic powers to make time stop. The two leads have a natural and undeniable chemistry that is clearly modeled on the Hollywood romances of the 1950's and 60's.

The stars of those classics, though, were all hired not only because of name recognition and acting. They were professional dancers and singers too, an added set of skills that Stone and Gosling picked up and honed for these roles. They are not experts, and the faults that they show in both their vocal and dancing arrangements were allowed to remain unedited for authenticity. This reasoning may seem unusual to

some, but it works soundly. The two lovers are not perfect, but why should they be? Audiences are more likely to feel empathy for people who have human failings.

These imperfections of voice and step have drawn a lot of criticism. Some viewers feel that their time is being wasted if the movie yields to performances that are meant to be less-than-perfect. While their inability to sing and dance like experts lends some

credibility to the idea that they are aspiring stars without much of a shot, that realism falls apart when inevitably, they each accomplish their dreams right down to the letter.

It is the film's end that is most daring, though, and which was most likely to bewilder the audience of those Hollywood classics that "La La Land" draws so much from. It is both more and less than those films ever attempted to be: not a sprawling musical

that defies the grounding rules of reality, but one that works in step with the sacrifices and ubiquitous failure that makes up the myth of Hollywood. "La La Land" may not change the way you think about musicals. Its specially crafted happy ending, though, will stay with you for a long time. "La La Land" will be shown at 7:30 on Thursday and Friday Mar. 30 and 31, and at 2:30 and 7:30 on Saturday April 1.



COURTESY OF Rollingstone.com

Stone and Gosling are the stars of "La La Land," which will play at Cinestudio this week.

The Stella Society Brings a New GLO to Trinity's Campus

CAMPBELL NORTH '17
SENIOR EDITOR

As students enter the final stages of the spring semester, the *Trinity Tripod* had an opportunity to chat with Kristina Miele '19, president of the Stella Society, and Emily Turner '18 about the newly-established GLO's future goals and objectives for next year.

Trinity Tripod: What inspired the decision to start a sorority at Trinity?

Stella Society: The decision to start the Stella Society was most definitely a collaborative effort. A group of young women at Trinity realized an opportunity to expand the number of Greek Life opportunities available to women at Trinity, and took action. Thanks to the efforts of the women who first founded Stella in the fall, and those who have joined this spring, Stella is continuing to grow and develop.

TT: What do you hope the Stella Society brings to Trinity?

SS: The Stella Society contributes to Trinity College's on-going effort to foster a sense of community across the entire campus. Strong communities are built upon strong connections between individuals, and members of our sisterhood strive to strengthen their connections with other members, and with the Trinity community as a whole. We are committed to creating an atmosphere in which positive connections are possible, and we encourage collaboration rather than competition not

just within our chapter, but from Vernon Street to Crescent Street and beyond. We hope to enhance the communities of which we are part—both Trinity College and the city of Hartford.

TT: What are some of your proudest accomplishments as a GLO so far? What are some future goals you are working toward?

SS: Last semester we accomplished many of our organization's start-up goals. We established ourselves as a group on campus, and participated in spring rush which allowed us to double the size of our membership. Although these accomplishments are important to us, the most meaningful work we have done so far has been our work with My Sisters' Place. Last semester, we held a hugely successful fundraiser, and donated all of the proceeds to My Sisters' Place. We were thrilled and honored to hear that our donation made a noticeable positive impact on the lives of those who rely on My Sisters' Place. The success of our philanthropy work in the fall got us some great momentum, and we are very excited to take our work with My Sisters' Place to the next level this spring and in future semesters.

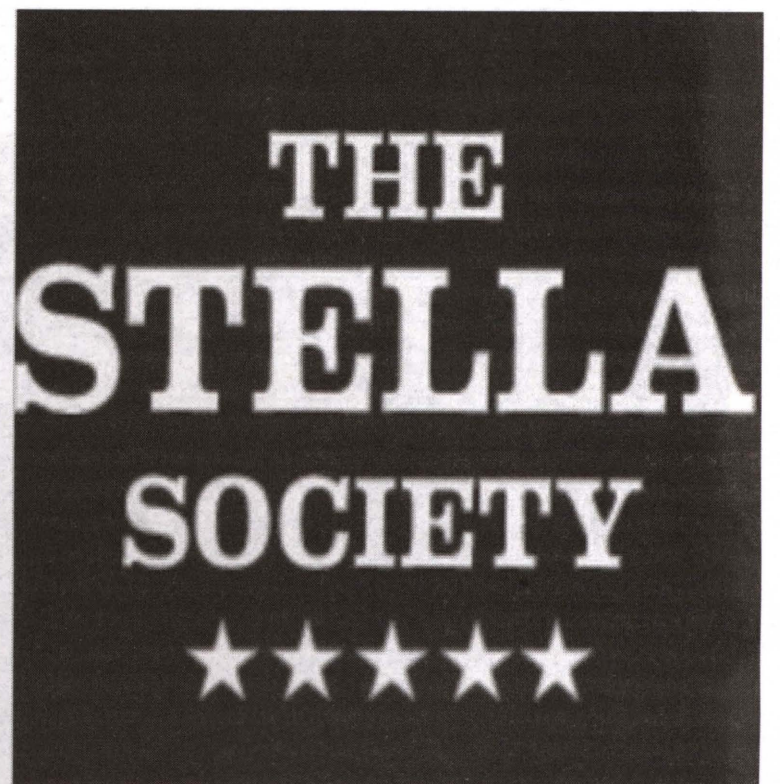
TT: You mentioned that the Stella Society has been active in projects with My Sisters' Place, what initiated this collaboration? And what are your future goals for this partnership?

SS: When we first started up, The Stella Society was looking for any a meaningful way to connect to the Hartford community.

We discovered My Sisters' Place, and reached out to them in an effort to start a philanthropic relationship. This semester, we are ramping up our efforts to help My Sisters' Place. This organization changes the lives of many women and children right here in Hartford. The best part of working with My Sisters' Place is that we are able to impact the community immediately surrounding Trinity. For now, our relationship with My Sisters' Place is limited to fundraising, but we are in the midst of conversations about getting even more involved, potentially by mentoring and playing with the children who live there.

TT: What other future philanthropic goals do you have? Are there specific projects you hope to focus on?

SS: We are in the middle of a big philanthropic project right now. We are holding a drive to collect non-food items, which cannot be purchased with food stamps, for My Sisters' Place. We have a drop off location in the Community Service Office in the basement of Mather, as well as a Go Fund Me page (<https://www.gofundme.com/my-sisters-place-drive>) in case anyone prefers to donate money instead of items. We are looking for items like laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, paper towels, bath tissues, diapers, feminine products, socks, sheets, and bathroom towels—all essential items that the women at My Sisters' place have expressed



COURTESY OF @thestellasociety

The Stella Society is one of the newest additions to Greek Life.

their need for. Our goal is to raise \$1500, or the equivalent in donated items. We realize this is a huge goal, but strongly believe we can make it happen!

TT: Have you met with any chapters from the National Panhellenic Council (NPC) yet? What details can you share about that process?

SS: The process of becoming nationally recognized is quite lengthy. It involves a lot of back and forth between the school and NPC, and there are strict guidelines for these interactions. Though it is quite a complicated process, we are definitely working our way through it, and will have updates in the near future.

TT: It sounds like you guys have already made quite a splash on campus.

What can we expect to see from this group in the future?

SS: Stella will continue our efforts to attract leaders from all ends of campus to take part in Greek Life during next year's fall recruitment. We will continue to uphold our standards of academic excellence, widespread campus involvement, and upstanding character. We will maintain our relationship with My Sisters' Place, and expand our community service efforts in other areas as well. We have plans in the works to collaborate with other Greek Life Organizations and student-run organizations across campus. The Stella Society will continue to devote itself to giving back to the community that supports, challenges, and inspires us.

ACES Will Host Annual Auction on Thursday in Mather

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Each March, Trinity's Annual Community Event Staff (ACES) hosts an auction in order to raise money for a local charity of their choosing. The student group solicits donations from local restaurants, service groups, and on-campus offices in order to purchase items to be auctioned off to students and members of the Trinity community. Current ACES presidents Alex Donald '19 and Lexie Axon '19 say that although the auction has been an ACES tradition for the past 25 years, each year it is unique because the members choose a different charity to donate to. In years past, ACES

has donated the money to various Hartford organizations including Peter's Retreat, St. Agnes Home, Habitat for Humanity, the Charter Oak Boxing Academy, Hartford Interval House, Youth United for Survival, and the Immaculate Conception Shelter.

This year, Donald, Axon, and the members of the Annual Community Event Staff have decided to put the funds from the auction towards IMMACare, an organization that aims to reduce homelessness in Hartford. On their website, IMMACare Inc. states that they have "much to offer their clients in the way of shelter, food, clothing, medical assistance, case management,

government assistance, education, employment and housing services." The organization offers a 24-hour emergency shelter that provides homeless clients who are often struggling with mental or physical health problems with services such as "a safe place to sleep, a healthy meal, and access to clothing, showers, laundry, and referrals for mental health and substance abuse counseling, medical services." In addition to offering shelter, IMMACare has a Mobile Outreach Case Manager who travels through Hartford in an attempt to build trusting relationships with individuals who are struggling with homelessness and sleeping in places such

as parks and abandoned buildings that are located in dangerous areas of the city. Additionally, IMMACare offers supportive housing that makes it possible for the homeless to become homeowners as well as job training programs to help the homeless find jobs in the city.

The ACES auction to raise funds for IMMACare will be held this year on Thursday, Mar. 30 in Mather Hall. Presidents Alex Donald and Lexie Axon say that hosting in Mather is intentional so that "students will be there for dinner regardless of our event." Donald and Axon boast that ACES will be auctioning off some pretty cool items this year including "Celtics tickets, ESPN merchandise,

restaurant gift cards, alcohol." Trinity students have the opportunity to score some major goods while supporting an awesome organization by bidding in the auction. Donald and Axon encourage all Trinity students to participate in the ACES auction, saying that "the auction is an easy way for the student body to actively participate in raising money for a great cause." So, keep an eye out for the ACES auction on Thursday, Mar. 30 in Mather. This auction is a great way to raise money for an organization that helps combat homelessness in Hartford, and every Trinity student should be encouraged to participate in this great event.



Men's Hockey Loses Heartbreaking Final to Norwich



COURTESY OF TRINITY COLLEGE ATHLETICS

After a stellar win over St. Norbert, Trinity played for the National Championship. The Bants fought hard, but ultimately fell to Norwich 4-1.

NATE CHOUKAS '18 SPORTS EDITOR

After a stellar win against Endicott in the NCAA quarterfinals, the Bantams traveled to Utica, NY for the Frozen Four. Thanks to outstanding offense, and stout goaltending from Alex Morin '18, Trinity defeated the St. Norbert Green Knights in the semifinal. In the championship contest, Trinity couldn't establish a rhythm and eventually fell to the Norwich Cadets.

On Friday afternoon, Trinity squared off against St. Norbert (Wisconsin) for a chance to advance to the national championship game. In the first frame, both teams came out flying and totaled 15 shots in the first ten minutes. The Green Knights would score the first goal at the 13-minute mark. Just a minute later, on the power play,

Trinity scored the equalizer. Forward Tyler Whitney '18 corralled the puck at the point and hit line mate Ryan Cole '17 in the slot, who slid a back door pass to Anthony Sabitsky '18 for the goal.

Trinity got to work quickly in the second period. Whitney rushed the puck up the left wing, beating the St. Norbert defenseman wide heading into the zone. At the hash, Whitney stopped, pivoted, and rifled a pass through a tight window to Ethan Holdaway '17 on the far post, who banged it home for the go-ahead-goal. Trinity held its lead for a while, but took a penalty at 8:13. The Green Knights took advantage on the power play, when Pijus Rulevicius wrapped around the net and roofed a wrist shot past Morin for the equalizer.

After taking two consecutive penalties, the St. Norbert penalty kill held

strong, staving off several Trinity chances. With just over a minute remaining in the second period, Trinity captain Sam Johnson '17 came through. Whitney hit Johnson skating in from the point, who one-timed a slap shot past the St. Norbert tender's blocker. Johnson's first goal of the season couldn't have come at a better time, and would be the eventual game winner. Morin stood tall in net for the rest of the game, turning away several late efforts by the Green Knights, sending Trinity to the final.

In the championship, Trinity faced the Norwich Cadets, who reached the final via an overtime win over Adrian College the night before. The first period was evenly played in a back and forth fashion. Trinity had a slight shot advantage (12-11), but the period ended scoreless.

The Bantams came out

flying in the second period, but Cadet goaltender Ty Reichenbach turned away several scoring opportunities. Norwich drew first blood, when Nick Pichette slid a pass across the crease to Anthony Flaherty, who put it past Morin. A few minutes later, Trinity went on the power play and scored the tying goal. Liam Feeney '20 fired a slap pass toward the net, and Whitney made a beautiful tip, sending the puck past Reichenbach's glove into the top corner. Unfortunately, the Cadets would answer quickly, when freshman Todd Jackson showcased his dangerous speed, blowing by Feeney and firing a snipe past Morin on the short side. The period ended with Norwich leading 2-1.

Trinity's Barclay Gammill '20 almost scored the tying goal early in the third, but Reichenbach shut the door. 6:19 into the period,

Norwich took a 3-1 lead, off a wraparound goal by senior Paul Russell. The Bantams had several chances to get one back, including a shot from Andy Chugg '19 that wrung off the crossbar, and a near goal by Ryan Cole. Late in the period, Reichenbach made a great save off a shot from junior defenseman Griffyn Martin '18. As time wound down, Norwich scored an empty netter to seal the deal.

Despite a crushing loss in the national championship game, Trinity, led by a historically talented senior class, had a phenomenal season. Coach Matt Greason was very proud of this group, and described the class as "the greatest in program history, both in terms of what they accomplished on the ice and as human beings." The Bantams are runners up in Division III, and have a lot to be proud of.

Bantam Sports This Week:



Fri.

Baseball vs. Tufts
3pm

Sat.

Baseball vs. Tufts
12pm; 2:30pm

Men's Lax vs. Bowdoin
1pm

Softball vs. Bowdoin
12:30pm; 2:30pm

Sun.

Women's Lax
vs. Wheaton 3pm

Men's Tennis vs. Tufts
1pm



REAL NEWS, WE PROMISE

President Trump Proven Right About Fake News

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Few thought that President Trump could break through to liberals and shatter the walls of the alternate reality they have created for themselves. Yet, recent revelations definitively prove that the majority of reputable news sources are in fact fake news. Once again, Trump and his giant hands have triumphed over the losers that have been running this country into the ground forever. Everything that Trump has said, about anything, ever, has been unequivocally verified by the most recent report by FBI director, and avid Patriots fan, James Comey. The report contains confirmations of declarations as serious as the "tippy topness" of Russia's nu-

clear program to trivial matters like the fine figure of his daughter's backside. Each revelation is worthy of a story in and of itself, yet these are the most consequential developments.

First of all, the Chinese, upon seeing that the American people had seen through their "global warming" ruse, finally admitted to inventing the phenomenon. Donald Trump, not being a weak dope like Barack Obama, was able to see this early on in the presidential campaign. Xi Jinping, the General Secretary of China's Communist Party, delivered this statement after admitting to the accusation: "For so many years, China has been able to play American liberals like the bleeding-heart fools they are. Honestly, we couldn't be-

lieve how well it worked. China would never have become the center of manufacturing it is now if American corporations had been allowed to completely rape the Earth. We did not expect that a man like Donald Trump, who understands that the price of winning is everyone else's suffering, would ever win an election in such an effeminate country. Yet, China actually welcomes this change. America destroying itself with liberal weakness was funny at first, but now it is just sad. We welcome the chance to finally compete with a manly country again." Despite being proved wrong, many scientists and environmentalists are actually breathing a sigh relief. One biologist explained, "It stinks to be wrong, but then again, it is great

that we can continue to live with as much excess and waste as we currently have and nothing bad will ever come of it. I just feel bad for all those saps who went vegan before this bombshell came out."

In the war on terror, the face of the enemy has finally been revealed, and even President Trump expressed some shock at the news. Al Baghdadi, the leader of ISIS, has been revealed to be an alias for none other than former secretary of state Hillary Rodham Clinton. President Trump, in a surprisingly level-headed tweet, said, "When I said she was the founder of ISIS, I actually meant it in a more figurative sense. This, even I did not expect this." Evidently, Secretary Clinton had a strong suspicion, based on the 2008 election and her life

in general, that she would lose the 2016 election because she is so easy to despise as a human-being. Thus, she orchestrated the Arab Spring and the withdrawal of troops from Iraq in order to create a political situation in the Middle East so horrible some people would actually prefer her to the alternative. Nevertheless, she still claims the attack on the consulate in Benghazi was outside of her control.

These revelations are only the tip of the iceberg and there may be more to come. Yet, the important takeaway is that Americans should heed Stephen Miller and not question the president. In an earlier age, he would probably be considered a prophet for his perceptiveness and ability to predict the future.

Trinity College Bikini Bottom Campus: Greek Life Update

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This past Thursday, SpongeBob Squarepants and Patrick Greason attempted to enter St. Anthony's Spitoon. Unfortunately, these fine young gentle sea students were not tough enough to get in, and the only brother they knew was in the hospital with "Mr. Crabs."

This gave the two typical

Trinity douchebags two options. They could either go to Berger-Sweeney Hut Junior's, or Psi Upsilon. Obviously, SpongeBob and Patrick attempted to get into the U since Patrick's father was a brother in 2003 (Legacy Baby!). The pair first had their spirits lifted when they met up with Annika H. Ladd II, who provided a huge ratio improvement.

In the end, this improvement turned out to be futile,

as the one thing that couldn't happen happened. The Ladd II tried to tell a story to the brother to get the trio in. This prompted an immediate mood lowerment.

After this, the new trio decided that the mood was so low that they would go to Berger Sweeny Hut Junior because things could not get any worse. When they entered they would remember what they saw for the rest of their lives. Leg-

endary coach Matthew Greason was at the bar. Patrick froze when he saw him, as he had not seen his father for 20 years. Matthew Greason had gone missing after the 2017 hockey season and golf seasons where the coach dreamed he won both the hockey and golf National Championships.

For SpongeBob, there was only one thing to do. He called Jeff Rhatican from his pineapple watch. Rhats was a long

time family friend of the Greasons and a former coach of the football, hockey, and golf teams at Trinity. He was also the leader of the Elms nest. Rhats came to Berger-Sweeney Hut Junior's in record time. He walked in the door and greeted Patrick with a tichi lavichi, which worked perfectly. After Patrick's initial hateful reaction, he was cured and didn't feel bad about not seeing his dad for 20 years.

Trinity's Ensign '19 to Play in Masters Golf Tournament

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The Masters. A tournament so iconic it draws patrons and viewers from all over the world. A venue so memorable that the mere beauty of its fairways brings grown men to tears. Competition so fierce that it attracts the greatest players in the world. With past winners such as Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Tiger Woods, and Phil Mickelson it is safe to say that Augusta National Golf Club breeds champions... even legends. Looking to add his name to that illustrious list in 2017 is Trinity's own legend, Ace Ensign '19.

Ensign, a stalwart for the Bantam golf team, had a historically consistent fall. He led Division III in fairways hit, all while using the same golf clubs that have been in his bag since 2007. When asked about the work ethic that has produced his consistency, Ace praised his coach, Trinity's own Matt Greason. Greason has had such

a profound effect on Ensign, that he will be caddying for the Sudbury, MA native at Augusta. Greason was unavailable for comment, but he is surely thrilled to be carrying the bag for his star player.

I asked Ensign about the excitement of stepping onto the hallowed grounds of Augusta National for the first time. He smiled and said, "First thing I'm going to do when I get to Augusta is hit the pro shop." The rest of the golf world can only hope that Ace stays in that "candy shop" mentality, because his abilities when focused can be deadly. Just ask fellow sophomore Jack Junge, who was taken down by Ensign in the Trinity golf team Ryder Cup matches this past fall.

Another key aspect of playing well in the Masters is stamina. Walking around the hilly grounds of Augusta National for four days seemed to be a worrisome proposition when I talked to Ensign: "I'm a little unsure about no golf carts, but we'll make it work."

Ace will certainly adapt quickly to walking the golf course as his obsession with extreme preparation has caused him to schedule fourteen practice rounds leading up to the tournament proper. Due to this preparation, Ace will be missing three weeks of classes, a necessary side effect that has produced mixed responses from his professors.

Despite his consistency in playing amateur golf, Ensign admits that he is stepping into unknown territory when he heads to Georgia in two weeks: "I'm just hoping for no topped golf shots in the tourney," he said very bluntly. Although this attitude seems to make him a long shot to win at Augusta, fans should focus on the positives of Ace's previous play. For example, Ensign's low round of 61 is equivalent to the low round of Tiger Woods' career. In addition to statistics, Ace also sports a mean shot-making ability with a high, left-to-right fade that is very reminiscent of Woods in his prime. Unfortun-



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Ensign '19 will play in the 2017 Masters Golf Tournament.

nately, fans will most likely not be able to compare the prodigious games of Woods and Ensign, as Tiger is out indefinitely with back injuries.

Whatever the outcome may be, Ace Ensign will certainly add a unique electricity to The

2017 Masters, likely being one of the top contenders come the final round. The tournament will be held April 6-9 in Augusta, Georgia. Trinity students can pick up free tickets (courtesy of the Ensign family) in Mather Hall.



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The Wiggles to Perform at Spring Weekend 2017

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As the month of March comes to a chilly close, students across Trinity's elm-lined campus are all asking the same question: "Which artist, out of the many talented choices, will be the Spring Weekend headliner?" Could it be a hot new EDM artist, or an up-and-coming rapper from Atlanta? Well, a little birdie told yours truly that Trinity will play host to one of the most anticipated reunion shows of our generation. When one thinks about the most tumultuous band breakups, the groups Led Zeppelin, the Beatles, and Pink Floyd all come to mind. Each band was plagued by years of internal strife. Could one of these great musical groups actually be appearing at Trinity. No. A far greater, more musically advanced

juggernaut will hold Trinity's student body rapt in attention... The Wiggles. No, you're not reading this wrong, the world-renowned, critically lauded quartet will be Trinity's Spring Weekend headliner... In the hallowed year of 1991, four talented Australian best friends all sat down one afternoon, and set genius to paper. No one else, out of all the musicians in the world, possess the unmatched talent to create songs with such simplicity, such beauty. The Wiggles are making a large comeback after their record catalogue began to soar into the charts—which can almost single-handedly be credited to President Trump. After Trump listed the Wiggles as his favorite recording group, his devoted followers purchased all the available CDs. Who needs universal healthcare when you can blast the



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You heard it here first: The Wiggles are this year's Spring Weekend Concert artist.

idyllic lyrics to "Fruit Salad, Yummy Yummy" out of your car window? The Wiggles bring us back to the simple years of the early 2000s, back when America was... great! Now, hope-

fully, these four men and their Australian charm possess the power to "Make America Great Again!" The Wiggles kindly ask all students to refrain from imbibing spirits and liquor

prior to, after, and during the concert. Instead, the groups entourage will be serving delicious, home-made fruit salad! Get ready, Trinity, because here come the Wiggles!

Food Review: Long John Silver's Unfit for Consumption

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As part of my restaurant tour, I visited two restaurants with a shared vision of bringing fish to the forefront of the human diet. We begin in Lexington, Kentucky—the home of Long John Silver's flagship restaurant. I stood before the counter and peered at the illuminated menu above. My eyes were instantly drawn to the "beer battered Cod basket" priced at a modest \$5.99. I was instantly enamored by this description. How could one batter a piece of fish with beer? It didn't matter; I was already convinced. The lady

behind the counter called my name and led me to a blue tray on top of which was a small white box. As I opened the box and peered into my Cod basket, I couldn't help but wonder if this fried Cod was any similar to Le Bernardin's Barely Cooked Faroe Islands Salmon paired with a Warm Buddha's Hand Salad and doused in a Citrus-Tarragon-Olive Oil Emulsion. As I returned to the task at hand, I dipped into Long John's "100% Wild-Caught Alaskan Cod Hand Dipped in Beer Batter." My teeth dug through the rough exterior of the fried beer-battered dough and into the

warm and soft interior. The initial feeling beginning to develop on my taste buds was satisfying, yet seemed to fall short in comparison to Le Bernardin's Chilled Beausoleil Oysters, paired with Sea Grapes and Pickled Shallots and moistened with a Seaweed Water Gelée. Once the initial taste passed through my esophagus, I began to feel a slight pain my chest, reminiscent of heartburn. This feeling was, in no way, similar to that which I felt when I tasted Le Bernardin's Grilled Escalor and Seared Wagyu Beef coupled with a Wild Mushroom Endive Farcie and surrounded by a Red-

Wine Peppercorn Sauce. Despite my relative disappointment in my beer battered Cod Basket I decided to finish my meal in the proper manner by ordering a dessert. I was faced with two options: a Pineapple Cream Cheese Pie or a Chocolate Cream Pie. I did not deliberate for long and soon sat down with my Pineapple Pie. I was slightly bewildered by the absence of any ripe pineapple fragments. I even opened up my pie in a quasi-archeological manner. Despite this disappointment, I felt determined to push onwards with an open mind. The Cream Pie was soaked in a rather unsettling pine-

apple juice. The Pie was edible and, thankfully, did not leave the same feeling in my stomach as the Cod basket did. Furthermore, I appreciated the effort of introducing a fruit based dessert—certainly a praiseworthy maneuver. However, with that Pineapple Cream Pie in mind, I found myself thinking more and more favorably about Le Bernardin's Chestnut Crèmeux accompanied by a Rum-Candied Chestnut, and topped off with a Tahitian Vanilla Ice Cream. "My doctor told me I had to stop throwing intimate dinners for four unless there were three other people." —Orson Welles.

Commemorative Statue of Tucker Carlson Erected on Quad

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Trinity College. A beautiful school with a beautiful campus. What's more classically collegiate than an ivy-lined, elm-strewn central quad, with abutting gothic architecture? Nothing. But hey, there isn't anything wrong with keeping things modern, keeping things fresh. In the middle of the central quadrangle stands the statue of Bishop Brownell, watching over the daily goings-on along the Long

Walk. But you know what? We need something new. We need a contemporary, modern statue that represents how this college has changed and evolved from the time of our foundation. And who better represents this evolution than Trinity's own alumnus, Mr. Tucker Carlson. A respected commentator on Fox News and CNN, Tucker Carlson is well known for his conservative outlook, and often erratic manner of speaking. Out with the old and in with the new.

By the time you're reading this, a new statue, larger than Brownell's, will have been erected on the quad of Mr. Carlson, because after all, regardless of your political leanings, we can all come together when it come to promoting our alumni, correct? Recently, Carlson has come under fire by the liberal media pundits for his seeming defense of President Trump's budget. Many on Trinity's campus were disgusted by his comments concerning Trump's cutting fund-

ing for the arts (NEA and NEH), and aren't proud of their newsworthy alumnus. We may go to a liberal arts college, as did Carlson, but who needs the arts, right? Pump all that money into the defense budget, where it can be far better appropriated. We, as a college, should be proud of a man who espouses such intelligent, well thought out rhetoric. What better way to commemorate this political and analytical wizard than via marble and stone? Many students may

choose to protest the dedication of this statue, which is well within their constitutional rights, but this author simply doesn't understand their frustration. Now, after the commemorative statue is installed, future generations will look back at Bishop Brownell and Tucker Carlson as the two primary, pivotal shapers of the Trinity College ideology and outlook. Who better than Tucker to represent this educational institution, and for every future bantam to keep in their thoughts?