$12.3 Million Bestowed to Trinity for Endowment

BRENDA CLARK '21 NEWS EDITOR

Trinity College has received an unrestricted bequest in the amount of $12.3 million dollars from Charles Guildford Woodward '89, an alumnus and former trustee of the college. Woodward mandated that the funds be used at the discretion of the College. The gift comes 68 years after Woodward's death. Woodward, who died in 1950, had previously given the contents of his economics and sociology libraries to the school and established a trust that provided scholarships to Trinity students, according to the Sept. 13, 2018 press release from Trinity's Office of Communications. Woodward established the trust prior to his death to support his children and grandchildren. The total value is presently $80 million dollars and Trinity was the larg- est recipient of the trust, getting 15% of its value. Vice President for Col- lege Advancement Michael T. Casey spoke to the Tripod about the sig- nificance of the gift’s un- restricted nature, adding that "there is no greater gift you can give for an unrestricted endowment." The unrestricted nature of the gift allows Trinity to allocate money to sup- port annual operations, deferred maintenance, and other critical func- tions of the college at its discretion, as opposed to restricted gifts for specific organizations, such as fra- ternities or sports teams. Casey added, in the Sept. 13 press release, that the gift was a "demonstration of deep and unequivoc- al confidence in the core values of an institution that he clearly treasured." The $12.3 million will not be managed by Trin- i ty, but will instead be in- vested and managed by an outside financial firm retained by Mr. Wood- ward's estate. Trinity will receive approximately 5% per year, amounting to ap- proximately $615,000.00. As with Trinity's endow- ment, Casey indicated the potential for the “addi- tional benefit of growth,” meaning that Trinity could realize more than the $12.3 million bequest. Trinity College President and Professor of Neu- roscience Joanne Berg- er-Sweeney spoke to the Tripod and expressed her support for this generous gift, indicating that "we always appreciate alum- ni support for Trinity's students and faculty.” Casey indicated that Trinity plans to use the $12.3 million to help it reach targets in the gen- eral endowment category, a critical feature of the College’s Bicentennial Strategic Plan and an- nual budgeting process. Casey added that when Trinity “builds budgets, we anticipate growth in a number of revenue cat- egories, and this will al- low us to meet our target.” The Sept. 13 press re- lease included details of Woodward’s connections to Trinity. Woodward, a Hartford native, attended Trinity like his father, P. Henry Wood- ward, who served as a trustee. While at Trinity, Woodward studied eco- nomics and sociology, and was a member of the track team, and was a brother of Pia Upsilon. After grad- uation, he became a mem-

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JOSEPH LADD '19 SPORTS EDITOR

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Another Reminder of Our Motto and Mission

Last January, The Tripod decided to institute a motto to unify our mission and solidify our commitment to representing as much as Trinity as we can. That motto and that mission still stand. I mentioned last week that we’re listening. This is a point I can’t stress enough. We are always listening, but if you don’t talk, we won’t hear. We are also always looking, particularly for writers. This is why I wanted to reiterate what I wrote last semester about what our motto, Scribere Aude!, says about us.

Our motto states our common purpose and provides a unity to our team that is essential for a professional and trustworthy college newspaper. The motto, “Invoke your own truth,” was translated from the Latin; it means “Dare to Write.” In short, the motto encourages us to commit to truthful, rigorous reporting in an era where trustworthiness is hard to find. As a college newspaper, we have a great responsibility. College students are constantly taught about the world and inspired to initiate change. We are socialized everyday in class and through personal interactions. The four years of the undergraduate experience are a perpetual kindling of fire. As writers, we direct this fire into the pen, hoping to reiterate what I wrote last semester about what our motto, Scribere Aude!, says about us.

This individualism is what we must value and protect. It is this democratic component that we carry into The Tripod’s mission. Each of us at this college is passionate about something and has opinions about something. The newspaper is a democratic platform, produced by students, for students, not tied to a sympathetic relationship with any entity. We all want to be heard. Dare to write about it! The Tripod is open to writers across Trinity’s community who are passionate about writing and passionate about the truth. In the view of the staff, there is nothing more rewarding than seeing your work in print. To dare is to push yourself. To dare is to want to make a change. To dare is to push against the prevailing powers. We are a platform of expression and change.

Sincerely,
Ben Gambuzza
Editor-in-Chief
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‘ber of the Association of Alumni of Trinity College and worked as a financial statistician at Connecticut General Life Insurance Company. Woodward later served on the Trinity College Board of Trustees from 1917 until his death. Berger-Sweeney expressed her gratitude, indicating that Woodward’s generosity was “a testament to how much he valued his Trinity College education.” Berger-Sweeney added that “it is rather remarkable that this support is from an alumnus who attended Trinity more than a century ago, but whose giving will make an extraordinary difference here at Trinity far into the future.” Casey echoed her comments, stating that Woodward’s gift is “an affirmation of the value of Trinity’s mission and the value of Trinity College in the world” and, in the Sept. 13 release, indicated that “we are truly grateful for such meaningful support.”

The Hartford Courant, in a Sept. 13, 2018 article by Ruth Bruno covering the gift, indicated that “Woodward’s donation is the latest from multiple alumni who have left similar bequests over the last few months, totaling more than $20 million.”

Women & Gender Resource Action Center

WELCOME WEEK
September 17-23, 2018

Monday, September 17: Lunch Table-Mather Hall Dining
Join WGRAC staff and students for lunch in Mather and casual dialogue.

Tuesday, September 18: Free Chair Massage and other treats at WGRAC’s Open House
Learn more about WGRAC, meet the staff and ways to get active.

Wednesday, September 19: Mystery Food Truck Mather Circle @ Noon (in conjunction with S.A.I.L.)

Thursday, September 20: CT Forum: Women Rising—Redefining Power —7:30 p.m.—Bushnell Theatre
FREE TICKETS AND TRANSPORTATION— Roxanne Gay—Author of Bad Feminist
Cecile Richard, President of Planned Parenthood Federation of America—Sallie Krawcheck, Financial Feminist: CEO—Ellevest—Email: Laura.Lockwood@trincoll.edu

Friday, September 21: BBQ —MAIN QUAD 4:30-6:30 (in conjunction with the ORC for Ally Week—DJ Trouble Kid)

Saturday, September 22: Canoeing (off campus excursion in conjunction with QUEST)
Email: josephhansino@trincoll.edu or tate.given@trincoll.edu for time and further information

Sunday, September 23: RBG (Film) Cinetudio—2:30-4:30 p.m.
RBG Look-Alike Contest and discussion with Professor Fulco.

Recent Reports to Campus Safety

Wednesday, Sept. 12
Summit South
One case of larceny bicycle theft was reported at 10:42pm.

Wednesday, Sept. 12
Vernon Street
One case of theft from persons was reported at 11:23am.

Tuesday, Sept. 11
Mather Hall
One case of burglary, non-residential was reported at 5:31am

Monday, Sept. 10
11 Crescent Street
One case of bicycle theft was reported at 6:06pm.

Monday, Sept. 10
North Campus (Outside)
One case of bicycle theft was reported at 3:02pm.

Sunday, Sept. 9
North Campus
One case of vandalism was reported 2:04pm.

Tuesday, Sept. 4
Allen Place
One case of a breach of the peace resulted in an arrest.

Sunday, Sept. 2
On-Campus Residence Hall
One case of rape was reported and resulted in a disciplinary referral.

Wednesday, Aug. 29
On-Campus and Off-Campus
3 counts of stalking were reported and resulted in a disciplinary referral.

Woodward, Class of ’98, was an active member of the track team and a brother of Psi Upsilon.
FuelCell Energy began installing the unit in May of 2018.

Fuel Cell Completed with Eye to Bicentennial Goals

AMANDA HAUSMANN ’21
NEWS EDITOR

A 1.4 megawatt fuel cell has been installed in the FuelCell energy unit adjacent to Ferris Athletic Center. The energy unit, owned and installed by Danbury-based FuelCell Energy, was completed last May and will operate under a 15-year contract with American Electric Power (AEP) OnSite Partners, according to a Hartford Business article from Aug. 30. This installation marks the completion of a 3-month long project, beginning on May 22, 2017 when Trinity signed an agreement with FuelCell Energy, which is part of the College’s greater sustainability initiative.

The move toward fuel cells has been expanding throughout universities across the nation over the past decade, many of them citing fuel cells’ abilities to use fewer raw materials to generate greater energy output. Back in 2012, UConn’s Depot campus installed a 400 kilowatt fuel cell to “prevent the release of more than 851 metric tons of carbon dioxide and save nearly 3.9 million gallons of water annually,” according to UConn Today.

Trinity’s 1.4 megawatt fuel cell is 3.5 times larger than UConn’s 400 kilowatt fuel cell. In an earlier conversation with Hartford Business, the College stated that the fuel cell “will generate both electricity and steam heat, allowing Trinity to reduce its use of boilers and its carbon dioxide emissions by 4,100 tons annually compared to the national grid, and will also eliminate 8 tons of nitrogen oxide and 10 tons of sulfur dioxide.”

In a press release last May, FuelCell Energy President and CEO Chip Buttone stated, “We are pleased to be working with Trinity College in delivering an unobtrusive, quiet power generation solution right on campus that will advance sustainability goals while strengthening critical infrastructure and reducing operating costs for the College. Buttone added that “with grid-independent operating capabilities, the fuel cell plant supports future implementation of a microgrid for the campus.”

The installation of Trinity’s fuel cell follows the addition of the College’s first sustainability coordinator, Rose Rodriguez, who will help coordinate the visions expressed in the Summit strategic plan “A Sustainable Future.”

This fuel cell will help satisfy one key vision stated in the plan, specifically to “provide the infrastructure to support our environmental goals.”

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Want advice?

We have a new advice columnist! Email your questions and problems to tripod@trincoll.edu.
NYT Op-ed; Good Intentions, But Not Enough

DAVID MAROTTOLI ’22 CONTRIBUTING WRITER

No doubt many readers were familiar with the anonymous op-ed article published on Sept. 5th in the New York Times, describing the self-proclaimed “resistance” inside the Trump administration. For those who have not read it, I will summarize it briefly: the unknown author, a senior official in the White House, describes his or her (hereafter referred to as his/her, etc.) role as part of a group of staffers dedicated to foiling Trump’s plans, frustrated by “secret intentions,” and rolling back unwanted policy decisions. Some have praised the actions of this anonymous writer, while others have questioned the validity of his/her arguments and reiterated his/her decision to anonymously comment on the administration. I empathize with the intent of the article’s author, and appreciate that certain individuals are willing to corral the President. However, sympathy does not extend to the article itself. The op-ed was and continues to be ineffective, incendiary, and impudent: indeed, the author’s anonymity and argumentative tone serves to weaken the article’s arguments and inflame, rather than pacify, the chaos of the Trump administration.

“Before diving in, it’s prudent to note that the New York Times carefully vets all op-ed articles, particularly anonymous ones, so the authenticity of the article’s source is not in question (for a detailed description of the NY Times’ vetting process, one can consult the original op-ed). Perhaps my greatest issue with this op-ed is its ineffectiveness.”

The article is deliberately vague, perhaps to protect the identity or identities of those involved. Whatever the reason, the author provides few concrete examples of where the Trump administration has succumbed to the President’s attention. In several of those situations cited, such as the U.S.’s recent cyber-entanglement with Russia, matters were clearly handled poorly by both Trump and his administration, despite the author’s claims to the contrary. This lack of substance is compounded by the author’s own superiority complex: it does not matter how immature the President may act, when one begins to refer to oneself as the “adult in the room,” one ought to consider just how much of that supposed superiority is mere arrogance. While I understand the author’s temptation to feel like the savior here, the reality is that he/she and any other involved have failed to significantly curb the President’s detrimental impulses in any meaningful way. Ultimately, this article only serves to enrage and alienate the President further.

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“A First-Year Perspective on Social Media Response

DANIEL NESBITT ’22 CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Arriving on campus as a freshman can be a very tough – not knowing where to go, what to do, and who’s who – but it was made even more difficult when everyone was talking about these social media and faculty incidents that you were completely oblivious to. My first knowledge of these incidents came from President Berger-Sweeney in her convocation speech. Addressing the situation, she explained, “some times, community members make mistakes and say things that don’t represent our community values. Unfortunately, that happened this summer.” She continued to get to the root of the freedom of speech. She said, “Hate- ful, hurtful speech has no place here. … I value free speech, I value the freedom to express oneself, for their actions.” This utterance confused me, and I began to feel incredibly difficult time trying to discern if the college does, in fact, care about freedom of speech.

Freedom of speech is a widely endorsed ideal on all ends of the political spectrum. It has come to the forefront of debate in American politics with the shutting down of campus speakers, social media companies bannning certain groups from their platform, as well as incidents like the ones which occurred this summer. I am very concerned with the college’s view on freedom of speech, not because we don’t know they believe, but because of what I don’t.

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“The President’s actions to date would adhere to the constitutional and legal standards for free speech. In addition, President Berger-Sweeney held that “there are circumstances for speech that harms individuals or espouses hate, and we hold individuals accountable for their actions.” This utterance confused me, and I began to feel incredibly difficult time trying to discern if the college does, in fact, care about freedom of speech.

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The other significant drawback to the handling of this article lies in the author’s anonymity. There are really two options: either the author wishes to preserve his/her own political career (a rather selfish concern, given his/her supposed grandly grand calling as savior of the nation), or he/she feels obligated to remain undiscovred, in order to continue obstructing the President. In either case, the personal risk to him- or herself is minimal. Hiding one’s opinions because they are unwel- come is not clever subter- fugue: it’s just cowardice. Frankly, the question of remaining anonymous or not is a matter of prin- ciple. The article was, after all, an op-ed, and an opin- ion should be connected to a face and a name. One man can’t speak for all the others.

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As a first-year on campus, I have observed that many students care about freedom of speech as well as these summer social media incidents. I have attended convocation and other events surrounding the posts and, more importantly, the college’s reactions. These events have frequently heard around Mather Hall and The Long Walk. If the buzz amongst students is so palpable, then why won’t the administration acknow- ledge the necessity for a meaningful and substan- tive reaction? The begin- ning of the school year provides the opportunity for the administration to change its ways, hopefully effecting the viewpoints of the newest students. Despite this opportunity, the adminis- tration has yet to change its habit of nuanced speak- ing. The school should swiftly and directly address both thesummer issues and the larger issue of freedom of speech, as it will give the students a clearer understand- ing of the college’s stance on freedom of speech and its implications as the year progresses.
Silence Breeds Violence. Reflections From Now.

We met on a scathing hot August afternoon in 2016. You had sunglasses on, your hair was wildly uncombed, and blue and white t-shirt, colorful shorts and boat shoes. I didn’t know how your eyes looked like — I suspected that they were small and beautiful; but you noticed the nervousness in my eyes and you were not bothered to ask about it. I was walking ahead of you when you rushed to ask me where I was from. “Johannesburg, South Af- rica” I said, making sure that I uncolored my South African accent. I said this thought knowing most peo- ple were interested in the “Africa” part and not the “South” part; but you were so curious about the world and told me about South Africa’s major cit- ies you had known about. You were impressive. We exchanged names. “X,” you said: there was confidence in the way you said your short name, in a way that showed you were aware of your presence in your presence. We continued to talk about your place on this campus, this country and the world. I admired how easy it was to know you. Though I never did consider you a friend because that’s a difficult thing to assume of someone you met — they are friends until they declare them- selves as friends. You never did. So I took that one night, doing home- work together. Our mutu- al friend was also there, she understood you better than I did. You came out as feminist that day. You men- tioned your love for women of color though I was suspicious of what you meant by loving wom- en of color; I wanted to know if you cared about their place in the world and how did you understand how you also dated women of color. Like the girl who was a junior that year and whom you rejected. You wrote me a message on Snapchat calling her the b-word. I said that was unfeminist and it seemed to puzzle you. I also passed it when I heard the story you had written was sexist and that it objectifies wom- en, you wrote me to continue writing. You knew that I am a gay man. You mentioned that you were an ally and that you have “lots of gay friends.” In fact, you men- tioned how you were curi- ous yourself. I encouraged you to be open and put an apology because that’s why I live my life.

But you were an acquis- tance that I felt safe with. I remember that April evening when you did what you did. I froze and felt something inside me collapse. I was angry and ashamed. I thought I had done something to encour- age your behavior. I did what most people who go through this do: I made excuses for you. First I said it was my fault be- cause I was past that were too tight for a boy. Then I blamed myself for acquitting myself with a man of color of who lusted- ed after whiteness. Then I drank too much because I did not want to remem- ber things done to boys with bodies like mine. In our sophomore year, you lived on the same floor as mine and your room was opposite to mine. I did not tell anyone about what you had done, besides my therapist, of course. She asked if I wanted to get some administrators to look into it — I denied. You see, I thought I was strong enough to let what you had done to me pass with time. So I continued to be afraid, at night and day, because I felt unsafe. There are some ad- ministrators who tried to reach out once they found out about this case ever since. I declined it because I do not still have the lan- guage to articulate this violence. I declined their help because I did not have the language to articulate this violence. I declined their help because I did not have the language to articulate this violence. I declined their help because I did not have the language to articulate this violence.

Administrative Silence Does Not Help Racial Issues

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Silence, among various responses to socially ques- tionable acts, is by far the most infuriating. From Trump’s silence on family separations to our beloved College’s refusal to utter a word on the recent racist incidents on social media by students, it’s annoying to see in a time where no comment is the wrong comment. Re- cently, a social media post crafted by a white stu- dent calling individuals a “bunch of f**king n*****s,” is circulating students only “conversational and qualities dis- cussing discussions about ca- sual racism on campus. Although it is untruthful to say the race of the people in the post where the com- ment was, it is distas- tuous, though you didn’t blantly showcase racism and ignorance. The dis- gusting comment has now been removed, but that hasn’t stopped us from posing questions about its legacy: students are now coming out about their personal experienc- es with casual racism on campus and questioning why nothing has been done to stop this from happen- ing over and over again.

The white privilege is blatant in this case. If a person of color were to help because I did not know of the consequences would not be so cryptic. Is Trinity going to continue to exec- ute the classic American image that certain races have privileges or will the College actively become involved in preventative, educational measures? Trinity’s shy avoidance of this topic by promot- ing diversity and student involvement, especially for students of color, for- ces me to wonder whether the comfort of minori- ties on campus genuine- ly matters. Is it possible to constantly encourage the diverse student body while simultaneously ig- noring the perpetrators of their discomfort? The College needs to take pro- active steps to assure the well-being of all students feel comfortable in a place where the administra- tion will not take a proper stand on the issue at hand. By forcing students to assume the College’s po- sition on this matter, the idea that racism is deemed an unworthy conversation is only furthered. The fact that the comment is re- ceiving attention is reason enough for us to assume that students can recognize ca- sual racism and will call it out, but they have no real control over consequences or the prevention of a re- lated event taking place unless the College steps in.

It’s time for Trinity to rec- ognize the severity of the situation and officially re- spond by condemning the act and taking measures to assure students that this will not happen again and if it does, there will be major repercussions. It is impossible to ex- pect students to simply “get over this.” The College has had violations and we are entitled to comment on this in hopes of having the issue fly over our heads in a few weeks’ time, but such an act of racism cannot be for- gotten, especially for those who wake up every day and have to scold the fact that their skin color is grounds for ha-

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and Connecticut College the following year. Trinity’s will be held in Mather Hall, using several of the Terrace Rooms. Assaiante hopes to have around 50 students from Trinity and expects another 40 to 50 from the other schools within this area. She hopes for a great turnout for an event that allows students to experience the Arts and Humanities Symposium and hopes to establish this symposium as something Trinity continues in years coming.

This symposium acts as a “spotlight for the arts and humanities” as Assaiante said. It allows student participants to see that there is an audience for their type of work, and it shows them just how important their work is outside of the context of the classroom. The Arts and Humanities play a vital role in our self-understanding, fostering and critiquing of cultural values and the creative expression of those values, “particularly in challenging” times, and I hope that students are able to understand this and truly see the value of their own work,” says Assaiante.

The deadline to apply to participate in the Humanities Symposium is September 30. Due to the short deadline, Assaiante would recommend students to use an older paper to shape into a 10 to 15 minute presentation. To apply, one must submit a paragraph proposal about their project to either Assaiante herself or to ugradhs@trincoll.edu.

“Too often, the excellent work students do in their courses remains confined to a particular course or seminar, when it should be understood as part of a much larger scholarly conversation. By having events such as the Arts and Humanities Symposium, students are able to present their work in a professional setting, in front of peers and professors from other institutions. This is ideal for students considering graduate school, but it is also good practice for any professional endeavor. I truly hope this shines a spotlight on the important work being done by our students in the arts and humanities,” says Assaiante.

Freedom! Rejuvenating Young Americans for Liberty

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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Ethan Yang ’20 is reviving the Young Americans for Liberty (YAL) chapter at Trinity. Recently, the chapter was dormant under Jake Lord ’18. Now, Yang wants to wake it up and create an outlet for conservative members of campus, as well as welcome debate from all sides.

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SENIOR EDITOR

With Sorority and Fraternity Recruitment fast approaching, The Trinity Tripod sat down with Beta Mu Delta President of Alpha Chi Omega (AXO), to learn more about Trinity’s newest sorority and about what she wants potential new members to keep in mind while rushing next week.

Trinity’s Chapter of AXO originally began when two friends, Kenzie Levy ’18 and Taylor Galland ’18 decided to put their dream of bringing a new sorority around 50 students from Mather Hall, using several of the Terrace Rooms. Assaiante hopes to have around 50 students from Trinity and meeting the prospective sororities, houses, the girls were able to participate in the Spring 2017 recruitment and gain more members in the hopes of being recognized nationally.

Alpha Chi Omega also has chapters at Quinnipiac University and University of Connecticut and after doing research on Trinity and meeting the prospective sororities, they decided “The Order of the Elms” would be a great fit. During the Fall 2017 semester, Alpha Chi Omega was transformed into AXO. Next week will mark the second formal recruitment period for this nationally recognized organization.

Alpha Chi Omega’s national tagline is “Real. Strong. Women.”...you can come in. If you’re a big fan,” he says. He calls them the face of the libertarian movement.

Last week’s feature on the Young Democratic Socialists of America (YDSA) is a coincidental counterpoint to Yang’s chapter. It begs the question: what is the status of current political involvement at Trinity? Yang says in the past it’s been “horrible,” and that Trinity needs “to catch up.” But he is hopeful, for as incoming classes become more diverse, there will be an increase in political activity. YAL will meet every Thursday at 6:00pm in the ConnPIRC office next to the bookstore, in Mather basement.
WGRAC PRESENTS

RUTH BADER GINSBURG MOVIE

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Restaurant Review: West Hartford’s Green Teahouse

In the past few years, an increasing number of people have been trying bubble tea, a popular Taiwanese beverage trend that has swept through the United States and has become a must have for consumers everywhere. Well known in Asia for generations, bubble tea has long since gained substantial traction in the United States and has become a beverage trend that is sweeping the United States.

Upon entry, The Green Teahouse emanates a classy and demure ambiance with soft French music crooning in the background, along with new and poshly decorated walls and shelves with relaxing couches situated in the center. In front of them are four delicate glass tea kettles holding several samples of various delicious teas for you to try as you wander or wait for your order.

Turning right upon entry is the counter, where a certified tea barista (yes, certified!) awaits your order. The Green Teahouse offers a massive variety of teas, with anything from matcha raspberry to peach medley to ginger lime. You’re given the opportunity to add milk or a natural sweetener like cane syrup or honey. Lastly, we get to the hōba, which you also get to choose between tapioca or bursting jelly filled bubbles. The tea barista then proceeds to carefully craft your tea, brewing and separating ingredients with utmost care while you browse and enjoy the aroma of the wall to wall tea collection that surrounds the shop.

After lengthy deliberation, I sprang for the classic Matcha Milk Bubble tea with tapioca pearls, milk, and sweetener. All of the teas do originate without any milk or sweetener, so be sure to mention it to the barista when ordering!

Overall, I would say I enjoyed my tea. It was light and refreshing, and the matcha flavor was present albeit a little faint. To be entirely honest, I wouldn’t say that it was the best drink I’ve ever had and you won’t catch me falling on my knees to thank my lucky stars that I happened upon this quaint establishment. It was a decently pleasant drinking experience, and I would definitely go again should I find myself back in Blue Back Square. However, I can’t say that I’ll be experiencing any intense cravings for The Green Teahouse specific bubble teas when I’m stressed and procrastinating studying for exams. So would I recommend a trip down to check it out at least once? Sure, at least to relax in the soothing atmosphere of the shop if nothing else. It’s a fairly easy place to find and since the campus shuttle can take you right to the plaza, there’s no reason not to give it a go if you’re in the mood. Enjoy!

The Green Teahouse offers a soothing atmosphere.
Girls are coming out of the woods, lifting/their broken logs high, leaking secrets/from unfastened things-they are always terrified by strangers and swimming/coaches, and uncles, especially, unclear/and in the field, the ground would be light and easy/who puts bullets in their chests / and fed their prayers to the birds/and the neighborhood would know what he was doing/for help and my mother was on her knees begging him to save me/it was on that day that he asked me to sit on his bed and he looked for my gift. It was noon, mothers and siboks were home baking my birthday cake. "Red velvet," I asked my mother to make it for me.

Shutting the door of the backroom, the room became the color of the night. My heart had a kind of knowing when you have when you are no longer with words to mouth, prayers to whisper into the wind or tears to shed and moisten the air. The journal he had bought for me, as a birthday gift, witnessed all the things he did to me that day and years that followed. It was lounging on his writing desk, my eyes were set on it when he pressed his gigantic body against mine. I used to run my nails against him-at least my bones thought they could, though his heaviness against my bones formed a fist below my throat. His breath smelt of nothing, like dried leaves hanging on autumn air. Without thinking, this bounding and pressing of his body against mine—was new; he usually touched me, or any girl.

Happy birthday," he whispered as he pounced his bones against mine; they refused to break, I could withstand him—at least my bones thought they could, though his heaviness against my bones formed a fist below my throat. My silence does nothing, like dried leaves hanging on autumn air.

My mother said being an ornament. That my mother wanted me to be more than just an ornament. A thing boys toy with, beautiful and prizing myself just as that will make me a thing boys toy with, something disposable. "You'd rather be wise than just banally I believe," my mother often said. She said that men and the world hate wise women; my mother had taught me that there's nothing honorable about just being beautiful. She said, " anything can be beautiful, even stones cast on streets can be beautiful." My mother said being beautiful and prizing myself as though it is something more than just an ornament. I am more than just a ornament. Men to make me wise, to make me more than just an ornament.

I refused to go to this man's backroom. I asked this Man to make wise, to make the world hate me, to make me more than just an ornament.

There was a time I stopped praying; he did not stop. There was a time I had accepted being an ornament. But being an ornament meant that I (still) belong to, that I could be a thing he sees and does things to. I could be something to be placed for exhibition for his eyes: poked and probed by him.

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In this dream, my stomach does not want to upset me, for help and my mother was on her knees begging him to save me/it was on that day that he asked me to sit on his bed and he looked for my gift. It was noon, mothers and siboks were home baking my birthday cake. "Red velvet," I asked my mother to make it for me.
Bantam Football Dominates in Season Opener

JOE LADD ’19
SPORTS EDITOR

Trinity College football opened their 2018 season with a dominating 35-0 win over the Colby College Mules on an away match-up. The Bantams’ strong offense took control of the ball throughout the entire game, with senior tri-captain running back Max Chipouras (Longmeadow, MA) rushing for 175 yards and three touchdowns, while sophomore wide receiver Jonathan Girard (Poughkeepsie, NY) recorded 166 receiving yards and two touchdowns. Chipouras scored first for the Bantams with 9:19 left in the opening quarter on a four-yard run. The Bantams drove the ball 94 yards on eight plays, with fake punt yielding a big play. Junior punter Ian McDonald (Avon, CT) had a 19-yard punt completion to sophomore Dakota Foster (Hartsville, MD) to keep Trinity’s drive alive and continue to the end zone. After a towering 42-yard boot from Colby, putting the Bantams on their own three-yard line, Girard received a pass by the left sideline from junior quarterback Jordan Vazzano (Trumbull, CT) and ran 97 yards to the end zone—extending the lead to 14-0. In the second quarter, the Mules caused a turnover on their own 34-yard line and left an opportunity for the Bantams to score once again. The Bantams took advantage. On a third-and-nine play, Vazzano connected with Girard once again and scored. Before the half, the Bantams kept the pedal-to-the-metal with their offense. On the fourth Bantam touchdown of the game, senior Chipouras ran the ball seven times and finally, on a fourth-and-goal try, he put Trinity up 28-0.

Field Hockey Falls to Hamilton in Close Match Up

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After splitting their last two games the previous week, the Trinity field hockey team suffered a narrow loss to the Hamilton Continentals. This loss signaled the second loss of the season, but more importantly their second conference loss. Similar to last week’s Williams loss, the match against Hamilton was a tight contention and the only thing that separated the two teams was a single goal. The Bantams traveled up to Clinton, NY to face off against the undefeated Continentals 3-0, and fought a hard-fought match.

The Bantams fell behind early, trailing by two goals in the 10th minute of play. Leading up to both goals, Hamilton had been applying constant pressure, which was ultimately rewarded in their early lead. The following 10 minutes were tightly contested, with both teams seeing great opportunities. The Bantams eventually broke through, cutting the lead in half, when senior captain Alli son Slowe (Medfield, MA) played an excellent ball to sophomore forward Kendall Brown (Greenwich, CT), who showed no hes-

ations in tucking the ball in the back of the net. This goal was scored in the 23rd minute, and was the last goal seen in the first half, making the score a tightly contested 2-1 in favor of the home team Continentals.

The second half was a tight affair, as the trends of the first half continued. The scoring momentum of the first half stuck with the Bantams, as they rilled shot after shot at the Hamilton goalie, who answered strongly in denying each opportunity. Shortly after, Hamilton was able to flip the field, and score only seven minutes into the half, when Hamilton was able to follow up her initial saved shot with a rebound put back. Immediately after conceding, Trinity went on the offensive, and rattled of a critical goal, shrinking the lead again to one. The goal came only one minute later, thanks to great effort by senior captain Chandler Selmon (Pelham, NY). Momentum for the Bantams seemed to die after, as they were unable to overcome pressure to register a shot on net for the remainder of the game. The Bantams next match is on the road against Keene State on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. The next home match for the Bantams is this Saturday against the Colby College Mules. Be sure to come out and support your field hockey Bantams!
Men’s Golf Places 2nd out of 22 Teams at Middlebury

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After starting the season in spectacular fashion by shooting a school record in the Bill Dietrick Invitational at Indian Hill Country Club, the Bantams took their talents to the Duke Nelson Invitational hosted by Middlebury College. On Saturday, the Bantams got off to a bit of a slow start, making a few too many bogeys in the closing holes. Following day 1, the Bantams sat in a tie for fourth place after recording a team score of 298. Senior tri-captains Will Rosenfield (Baltimore, MD) and Taylor Kay-Green (Needham, MA) led the way for the Bantams, each firing a 73. Sophomore Ricky Leme (Lake Villa, IL) and senior Nick Branchina (Summit, NJ) each shot 75, with senior Joe Ladd (San Francisco, CA) rounding out the first round scores with a round of 80. After regrouping Saturday night, the Bantams hit the links early Sunday morning poised to make a charge up the leaderboard. The Bantams quickly moved up the leaderboard with a few opening birdies, climbing quickly into second place. However, the team cooled off as the round went on, and the Bantams weren’t able to climb any higher than second. Once again, Rosenfield continued his stellar play, firing a score of 72 to finish individually in fourth place. Kay-Green and Leme both shot stellar rounds of 73. Branchina followed suit, improving his Sunday 75 into a 74 on Sunday. Ladd once again rounded out the crew with a 77 in the final round. Despite a valiant effort and a team score of 292, the Bantams fell four strokes shy of the Williams College Ephs, finishing as runners up. Next week, the Bantams will look to get their revenge on William’s turf as they travel to Williams College in spectacular fashion.

Women’s Soccer Scores First Win. Next Stop: Emerson

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SPORTS EDITOR

On Saturday, the Women’s soccer team traveled to Clinton, NY to face off against the Hamilton College Continentals.

The game turned into an intense back and forth action with both offenses putting pressure on the defense. The Continental defense was relentless as they shut down many of the offenses drives by the Bantams, and only allowed the Bantams three shots for the entirety of the game. What can be summed up as a largely defensive game came to an end with 19 seconds left when the Continentals forward Cat Gambino got a last-second shot and scored the winning goal and sealing the game at 1-0 for Hamilton.

On Sunday the Bantams had their first home game against WPI and came into the game with a new mentality after Saturday’s tuff fought match. Early on in the game, the Bantams dominated the game offensively keeping continuous pressure on WPI. Cami Beath’21 and rookie Brenna Hoar’22 both had shots on WPI keeper Gabriela Hoops’19 and kept the offensive pressure on goal throughout the first half. Then early on in the second half, the tables turned and Whitney Hoban’21 was able to connect with ball sending a low ball just below the WPI keeper Hoops’19 and put the Bantams at a one-point lead. However, WPI did not take the goal lightly and lashed back with several offensive drives, but with no success. Then WPI attempted to yet again make a comeback and had a strong offensive drive down the field late in the game but was quickly shutdown by Trinity’s defense and midfield.

In the last five minutes of gameplay, WPI was able to make two attempts on goal that almost tied up the game. However, in the last 30 seconds of gameplay, the Katie Marlow-Benedick’20 made a shot that sealed the game at 2-0 for the Bantams and their first win of the season. The next game for the Women’s soccer team is next week where they will look to continue with the momentum from Sundays win.

Women’s Soccer v. Colby 11:00 a.m

Football v. Bates 1:00 p.m

Men’s Soccer v. Colby 2:00 p.m