Joe Biden Comes to Hartford, Stresses Civility.

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Former Vice President Joe Biden came to Hartford last Friday at Hartford Magnet (HMTCA) to advocate for the upcoming election on November 6. Everyone who spoke encouraged everyone to go out and vote because one’s vote can make a difference. Connecticut’s current Senator, Richard Blumenthal was one of the first to speak, highlighting the importance of voting. He shouted, “ballots always win against bombs,” and the crowd went wild. On the ballot are major issues of today such as health care, environmental protection, work and consumer rights, and women’s rights. In school, Blumenthal said, Americans were taught about the concept of checks and balances: no one is supposed to have absolute power. For this to change, Connecticut must vote and America must vote to win checks and balances back and to take back the house from the Republican Party. “We are going to work hard this November because America is at stake, and we need to stand up for America,” said Blumenthal. Current Senator and candidate Chris Murphy then spoke on the importance of diversity and healthcare. “The issues talked about in Washington D.C. are life or death situations,” said Murphy. He cited the Affordable Care Act (ACA) as one of those instances. He said he has had several citizens come up to him before and explain to him how critical the ACA has been for their personal lives and their family’s. Murphy also emphasized that that America is stronger as a country because of how diverse we are. He stressed that topics such as these play an integral role in everyone’s life and are life or death stakes for everyone, so America must vote. “Connecticut values are not Donald Trump values, and we are in the business of saving American democracy,” said Murphy. Jahana Hayes, a candidate for Congress, was next up to speak. She believes all Americans have a voice. “Our voices are important, our values matter, and our concerns are credible,” exclaimed Hayes. A good government is about working for the people and taking their votes to Washington. She asked the crowd what kind of Connecticut they would like to see, what kind of America they would want to live in, and what kind of future they would like to present for their children. She encouraged everyone at the rally to vote her into Congress so their voices may be heard, but not send her alone. She encouraged voters to send multiple candidates from the Connecticut Democratic Party along with her so they may be able to reach their goal. “Your vote is your voice,” said Hayes. Connecticut’s Democratic candidate for governor, Ned Lamont then took the stage. He petitioned for good jobs for the state of Connecticut and

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Correction

In last week’s issue in the article on page 3 entitled TRINsition Fellows Present Anti-Violence Program to SGA members, while some of the TRINsition Fellows are Green Dot trained and therefore provide some of the overviews, Green Dot is not a TRINsition Fellow initiative and involves individuals from various departments such as WURAC, Athletics, Faculty, the Health Center, Office of Multicultural Affairs, and Residential Life. It is meant to eventually be a campus-wide program that is not just for students, but faculty, staff, and administrators as well.

In Memoriam


Exalted and hollowed be God’s great name
In the world which God created, according to plan.
May God’s majesty be revealed in the days of our lifetime
And the life of all Israel—speedily, imminently, to which we say Amen.

Blessed be God’s great name to all eternity.

Blessed, praised, honored, exalted, extolled, glorified, adored, and lauded
Be the name of the Holy Blessed One, beyond all earthly words and songs of blessing Praise, and comfort. To which we say Amen. May there be abundant peace from heaven, and life, for us and all Israel, To which we say Amen.

May the One who creates harmony on high, bring peace to us and all Israel. To which we say Amen.
Biden Discusses Decreasing Alumni Donations

The Student Government Association listened to a presentation given by Charles Fedolfi, Director of Development, Giving Staff, on the intricacies of the year-by-year operations of Trinity College and the importance of the role in which alumni donations help fund the yearly budget of the College. The SGA also listened to a request for approval by Young Americans for Liberty, and discussed a possible new Amnesty Policy with Joe DiChristina, Dean of Campus Life and Vice President for Student Affairs.

Charles “Chuck” Fedolfi, a former scholarship student at Wesleyan University, stressed the importance of alumni donations, especially with the role alumni contributions can play in the distribution of scholarships. Mr. Fedolfi described an increasingly apparent trend in the donations made to Trinity College. While alumni and parent participation in donations typically remained around 50%, the percentage of participation has steadily dropped to around 30% within the past decade. Additionally, with the youngest ten classes (2007-2017) averaging around 11% participation, Mr. Fedolfi described the problem of Trinity College repeatedly dipping into its endowment. While he stressed the importance of student volunteers in the solicitation of donations, citing the disparity between Trinity having 125 volunteers and Williams having 1,500, he asked the Student Government Association for any suggestions on ways to increase alumni donations. Besides the role in which alumni experience at Trinity plays in the receiving of donations, the SGA also suggested a better connection to the alumni and community to communicate their concerns as well as writing stories on how students have benefited from the scholarships. In Student Government stressed that in the solicitation of donations, the College ought to give a context of what an alumnus’ or parent’s donation will be used for. The SGA also emphasized the alumni dissatisfaction in trinity’s stagnation in rankings, while Mr. Fedolfi highlighted the role that donations play in college rankings. He explained how the drop in donations has played a factor in the drop in rankings, as college ranking sites recognize alumni donations as endorsements, and as donations signals a drop in alumni dissatisfaction thereby leading to a decrease in a college’s ranking.

The Student Government Association listened to Young Americans for Liberty's request for approval. Started in 2008 by someone in a car, and the organization provides a place for libertarian students who do not particularly feel welcome at either liberal or conservative college organizations. The club primarily advocated two main initiatives: gun safety and the recognition and the hopeful affirmation of the University of Chicago Statement in regard to the enjoyment of gun safety on college campuses. The YAL hopes to promote gun safety by providing trips to licensed gun ranges for lessons on the importance of gun safety. The club emphasized its primary goal of encouraging Trinity College to affirm the Chicago Statement. The statement, given by the University of Chicago, pledged the University’s commitment to the freedom of speech on the campus, and emphasized the importance of the discussion of all matters so long as it does not interfere with the function of the University. The statement affirms the freedom of speech and contests the use of censorship with exception to cases that involve defamation and incitement to violence. The Young Americans for Liberty also hopes that, with the affirmation of the Chicago Statement, Trinity College and to bring a possible new Amnesty Policy. A collaborative effort between the SGA, Dean of Campus Life, and the Inter-Greek Council, the Amnesty Policies aim to protect students seeking medical attention as a result of illegal activities such as underage drinking from legal action. The policies are also intended to reduce fatal incidents on college campuses. The SGA listened to the SGA’s statement.

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All are welcome!

Halloween Paintball Attacks Return

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AASA Hosts Esteemed Asian-American Speakers

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Trinity College’s Asian-American Student Association (AASA) hosted its first annual Campus Summit with the East Coast Asian American Student Union (ECAASU) on Saturday, Oct. 27. The ECAASU is a non-profit aimed at empowering those who are focused on Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) matters. The theme of this conference was “Stand Up: Civic Engagement and Community,” which centered around current issues impacting Asian Americans and how one can use his or her voice and actions to address these issues. According to the ECAASU website, ECAASU was established in 1977 at Yale University “as the nation’s first intercollegiate Asian American conference.” Since then the organization has hosted over 40 conferences. The conference hosted over the weekend by Trinity’s AASA consisted of presentations by esteemed speakers, as well as two workshops. According to Jeffrey Sagun, one of AASA’s Chairs of Public Relations, “The workshops that I attended ranged between topics of social media campaigning to how people view their Asian or Asian-American identity in the United States. An activity that stood out to me the most was when we were asked to outline how prominent we felt our cultural identity influenced our lives, in addition to whether it was a positive or a negative experience. Some people were neutral while others expressed utmost pride. I had a more complicated journey where I became less appreciative of my culture as I grew up experiencing adversity… but ultimately I learned to be unapologetically me.”

In addition to the workshops, AASA hosted four acclaimed speakers: Miriam Yeung, Chair of the Asian Pacific American Coalition of Connecticut; Laura Li, Campaigner for 18 Million Rising; Son of Paper, an Asian-American rapper; and William Tong, the Democratic nominee for Attorney General of Connecticut. Each speaker addressed their individual heritage and its role in their lives growing up, as well as the ways it influences their identity and career trajectories today. Specifically, Tong talked about his family’s immigration story, describing how his father wrote a 6 page handwritten letter to the President of the United States asking to stay in the U.S. after immigration officials came to his and his wife’s Chinese restaurant ordering them to leave for overstaying their tourist visas. Tong’s parents’ letter was received by President Nixon who granted them the ability to stay while they applied for permanent residence, “because of the grace of this Republican President.” Tong stated, “I was the first American in my family.” Tong continued, addressing the lack of Asian-American political role models he had to look up to throughout his life, but concluded on a positive note stating, “think about our place in history, think about your experience and our shared experiences. It’s our responsibility to pick up the mantle and change it once and for all. I hope you will pursue public service in your own way! you can start by finding mentors to help you.” AASA was able to coordinate holding an ECAASU conference through Ethan Yang, AASA’s co-secretary who also serves on ECAASU’s national board. The event held great significance for many Trinity students such as Sagun who stated, “This event is to inspire, educate, and empower students of the Asian-American and Pacific Islander experience. We wanted to discuss the issues that affect Asian-Americans and how we can be more engaged people in our community. My Filipino-Spanish heritage is a part of my life that I treasure, and I hope that students will become more enthusiastic of their cultural identity after hearing the powerful stories and experiences shared by others here today.”

Stop the presses! It’s Halloween!

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Why You Should Vote: Solutions to Voter Apathy

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The right to vote is a fundamental part of democracy. Not only is it the defining aspect of our political system, but if functions as an integral part of such a government's preservation. According to the right to vote is a privilege that individuals are entitled to act upon, to preserve democracy as a viable form of government. Particularly regarding the current political climate in the United States, with a single political party controlling Congress, the need for engagement among voters is critical. Yet in the 2016 election, only 60% of the United States' citizens voted. In the 2014 primaries, that number was a disturbing 33.5%. Before diving into the causes of voter apathy, it is important to note that this article is not discussing those individuals or groups who are unable to vote or are prevented to vote through political maneuvering or embedded inequities in the voting system. That is an equally important issue, but not the focus of this article; rather the intent of this analysis is to focus on those individuals who can vote, but choose not to.

There are two main causes of voter apathy. The first, and perhaps simplest, is laziness. Many individuals simply “can’t be bothered” to vote; for students, time spent in a voting booth could be time spent with friends (or more likely, finishing schoolwork). For adults, voting involves yet more time in a vehicle, traveling to another destination during one’s free time (or taking time off from work). Even mail-in ballots require extra hassle in terms of paperwork to be filled out. It can be difficult to incentivize an activity like voting, one which has no immediate reward or direct benefit to the participant (aside from a free sticker).

The second prevailing cause of voter apathy is the temptation to make assumptions about the results of an election. As the saying goes, “it’s easy to count one’s chickens before they hatch” regarding election results: why should one individual bother to vote, when the winner is apparent? It’s not as if an individual’s vote can affect the results anyway, certainly not now. This type of thinking, the persistent belief that the individual’s vote is inconsequential to the (frequently aggrieving) process of voting. There are some steps that can be taken in this process, however. Secure online voting could be established, allowing U.S. citizens to vote from home or work without having to take time off or detract from their other occupations. Voting could be spread over several days, to reduce wait times at the polls. Even if voting is something as simple as businesses compensating workers for time taken off to vote would encourage many more adults in the workforce to vote. These are all achievable steps that the U.S. government could take to reduce voter apathy.

Speech, Whether Wrong or Right, Is Not Violent

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This dangerous idea has become increasingly common within many college campuses. The danger arises when a group views an individual’s speech as violence and uses this view to justify the response of violent action. This very response manifested in the riots and destruction of private property at Berkeley in response to Milo Yiannopoulos, and at Middlebury College when a violent response to Charles Murray resulted in protesters assaulting the professor that interviewed him. One may question the ubiquity of this idea that “speech is violence,” however a 2017 Yale survey found that 81% of students believe that words can be a form of violence.

First, to determine if speech is, in fact, violence, one must clearly define violence. Violence is the deliberate exercise of physical force against a person, property, etc. It is indisputable that violence refers only to physical harm rather than emotional or psychological harm. To be clear, I am not claiming that speech cannot cause emotional or psychological harm. Rather, I argue that speech in and of itself cannot be violence. Speech obviously can lead to violence; that’s why the First Amendment does not protect speech that is “directed to inciting imminent lawless action and is likely to produce such action” as established in Brandenburg v. Ohio. In other cases, one individual’s speech may cause another individual to commit an act of violence, but if the speech does not meet the Brandenburg standard then the first party cannot be held liable to violence should be considered potential violence from oc- curring. On the surface this proposition seems quite reasonable, however several studies have shown that in liberal democracies, greater free speech protections are associated with lower levels of violence while greater restrictions on speech are linked with higher levels of violence.

The acceptance of this idea that “speech is violence” has very harmful consequences. Today’s college students are experiencing anxiety and depression at higher rates than ever before. The idea that “speech is violence” tells students already greatly affected with mental health issues that the world is a more violent, hostile place. This type of thinking, the persistent belief that the individual’s vote is inconsequential, has damaging repercussions on the entirety of the voting system.

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When members of one group claim to be defending themselves against violent speech and respond violently, it is very likely that an opposing group will respond with even more hostility. In an increasingly polarized America, telling a generation of college students that “speech is violence” could very easily lead to an increase in actual physical violence. While speech can cause emotional or psychological harm, it cannot cause physical harm, and is therefore incapable of being “violent.” Furthermore, violence is never justified against protected speech, rather more speech is the answer. State your case and expose the flaws of the supposedly hostile ideas rather than resorting to violence.

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In 1652, curious white men went on a voyage to Atlantic Africa and landed in the Bay of Cape Town. They were curious about the world. Historians posit that these men traded with Africans, but I argue that they began the dispossession of African resources. They would later rape African women, engage in genocidal acts and occupy the land. Some scholars often refer to the conference in Europe where white men sat around a table and marked which territory they will call their own. They demarcated the space. The British took the largest slice of the African cake. The French followed. The Dutch took most. The Dutch had long annexed the land in the foot of the continent. Everyone was there but the rightful owners of that land were absent. (Absent is also a false and misrepresentation of their reality, but we will take it at its face.) The enslavement of Africans in the Eastern and Western coasts had passed many years prior; the West made their possession claims and Arab nations did too. Every nation stole from Africans, its people, and its land. All of this was under the guise of curiosity, corporation, and trade but there was an undercurrent notion of dominance, ideas of ownership, and control over other planets: scientists have found and are continuing to investigate some of the elements that can support human life on Mars. A body of international and national law, known as Space Law, regulates space access and the use of celestial components. In an ideal world, Space Law helps to limit conflict, thus ensuring space equity between sovereign nations in the establishment of space. While all these are noble, it is imperative to acknowledge that interests about celestial life are corporatized. For Global South people, the existence of such laws — governing life, land, and resources that are designated to a certain group — retrogrades how nations like the United States continue to colonize Puerto Rico and how British coded laws were used to govern nations that were forcefully occupied by the British. Spacecrafts are not only sea voyagers, on a journey of dispossession. Spacecrafts carry persons who want to claim land, celestial subjects, and life that does not belong to them as theirs. This kind of astronomy is a grammar of colonialism. Without expanding our understanding of justice, we will not analyze and posit how a half-a-century worth of space traveling and knowledge is what colonization looks like. When the colonial project amongst people of color annexed. Looking at celestial land as a property that does not belong to Earth is important. People are dispossessed of their resources because a hierarchy exists — those who are considered inferior are violated by those who deem themselves superior. As subjects who belong to Planet Earth, we consider everything that is not in our immediate realities as inferior — therefore the voyage to Mars should not be analyzed outside the framework of justice and how science works as a tool for dispossession, making us complicit to endangering life outside of the Earthly, human realities. The problem with the voyage to Mars is the way it reproduces ideas of cultural hegemony and power. Conceptualization of “Life” and “the Universe” emanates from the perception that human class — Earth human subjects, in this case — and this framing benefits those at the top of it. Principally, as dominant species, we have constructed universal conditions from our subjectivity as coastal and inevitable. Instead of enabling justice and freedom, the occupation of Mars — should it happen — will double the way the economic and social structures we have constructed on Planet Earth because the only way to end殖民化 was the way it led to celestial life, leading to destruction. We live in a global system that has not resolved issues of colonization. Native Americans are still subjugated in a country that belongs to them. Puerto Rico remains the United States’ territory. Descendants of settler colonialists are still part of the ruling class in Southern Africa. We ought to be highly skeptical when scientists claim that we are complicit to the dispossession that is taking place everywhere in the world. And the world we live in demands us to be critical of enterprisers that could further the ideas of domination and dispossession.

Media Disproportionately Covers Minority Criminals

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When news of a pipe bomb being sent to Left-leaning individual's front page and main headline of any news, our first reaction shouldn't be to evaluate why a person did this, but instead assess the social implications. When entering the political field, our leaders know the risks of being tanned, stained, stigmatized, discrediting, violence, and even assassination: so why is this such big news? The bombs were caught in the mail, and honestly, there was no chance that they wouldn't be. Any sane person would understand the extraordinary levels of scrutiny packages sent to political leaders are subject to. The real question we need to be asking in this situation is why isn't the media defining derogatory terms at this man? We all know the answer to this. This man certainly doesn't bring the slightest tan color and immediately the media would not hesitate to deem him a terrorist, so what does this suggest in terms of our society? It's no secret that American media outlets are outright racist and white sympathizers, but when do we draw the line? From avoiding to call a man who yells "get out of my country" before shooting two Indian men a "terrorist," the media perpetuates the idea that white people are immune from committing crimes no matter the intention. People continue to face the ramifications that come from a sole incident. In a recent paper by Steven Blaisdell, over 50% of school shootings are confirmed to be carried out by white people, so why is it that the media continues to further the idea that white people cannot do wrong but as soon as a colored person commits not even a crime, they are subject to the most slanderous terms? My first step would be to call out the outlets that unconditionally reject the idea of a non-colored terrorist because the only way we can make progress is to recognize the perpetrators as what they are: criminals in our society. Instead of babbling and excusing them from repercussions of their actions due to their skin color, we need to be proactive in realizing the media's symbolic pathway for the terrorist and re-vesting it by voicing our point of view. Not only can we finally bring justice to those who are wrongly deemed as criminals, but we could be on track to deter those who believe they face no consequences from committing crimes.

Martian Studies A Glamorized Form of Colonization

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‘The problem with the voyage to Mars is the way it reproduces ideas of cultural hegemony and power.’

In 2017 a terrorist re-vesting the obvious terrorism intend- ed in the pipe bomb case, the space partisan media is apparent and is getting out of hand. By cherry picking the definition of a ‘terrorist’, the media perpetuates the idea that white people are immune from committing crimes. When do we draw the line? From avoiding to call a man who yells “get out of my country” before shooting two Indian men a “terrorist,” the media perpetuates the idea that white people are immune from committing crimes no matter the intention. People continue to face the ramifications that come from a sole incident. In a recent paper by Steven Blaisdell, over 50% of school shootings are confirmed to be carried out by white people, so why is it that the media continues to further the idea that white people cannot do wrong but as soon as a colored person commits not even a crime, they are subject to the most slanderous terms? My first step would be to call out the outlets that unconditionally reject the idea of a non-colored terrorist because the only way we can make progress is to recognize the perpetrators as what they are: criminals in our society. Instead of babbling and excusing them from repercussions of their actions due to their skin color, we need to be proactive in realizing the media’s symbolic pathway for the terrorist and re-vesting it by voicing our point of view. Not only can we finally bring justice to those who are wrongly deemed as criminals, but we could be on track to deter those who believe they face no consequences from committing crimes.

October 30, 2018
Come join us for the kick-off information meeting

When:  Friday, November 2nd at 2:30pm
Where:  WGRAC Lounge, Mather Hall
Who: Any female or non-binary identifying faculty, staff, and students
(no acting experience required)

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Cleo of Alpha Chi: Three Decades of Spooky Science

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For around 26 years, Trinity College has been hosting Halloween on Vernon, a yearly event where children go around to visit organizations on campus, and play games or activities and receive candy for their efforts. The activities vary - this year, however, there was candy pong, a haunted house, face painting, and cookie decorating. AASA (Asian American Student Association) in particular helped kids to make candy sushi, and Al-Pha Chi Omega, one of the sororities on campus, host(ed games such as corn hole and spider ring toss. There was also “Spooky Science”, which was hosted by Cleo, one of the few organizations that has been participating in this event since the beginning, almost three decades ago now. The event consists of the members dressing up as powerful fortune tellers who need help making a potion that will help them see the future. They enlist the children to help make the potion, complete with dry ice, dish soap, and food coloring. At the end of the activity, the fortune teller scoops up some of the bubbles (from the po- tions, “foressees” a prophecy regarding some of the children there, and blows it lightly at them, at which point every child is handed some candy and heads off to another activity on Vernon Street. According to the president of Cleo, Max Furigay, making sure the kids get involved and participate in the science experiment (choosing the color of the potion, adding ingredients and whatever), results in them getting a lot more excited and enthusiastic when the subli- mation or bubble evolution makes the whole activity that much more dramat- ic, especially in the Cleo basement. Furigay partic- ularly enjoys watching the dramatization occur, since most of the children have never seen the effects of dry ice before, but he also enjoys being part of a large even that all Greek houses now contribute to. For him, since the houses and varying organizations have such varying and diverse philanthropic en- deavors, it is exciting to see them all come together and participate in such a fun event (Furigay also enjoys being able to eat all of the leftover candy that the kids don’t want). The idea for Spooky Science is mostly due to the fact that there are a lot of chemistry majors in Cleo (they have dubbed themselves “Chemicles”). This made it much easier to think of some chemistry-themed spooky activities that require only a little know-how and mar- ginal support from the Chemistry department. So after starting the fortune telling event in 2015, they quickly were able to think of adding some dry ice and to fully flesh out the event in order to bring it to fruition. But as for the future, they are thinking about maybe adding a blacklight or some sort of light show to make it both more spooky and exciting. Nonetheless, for the kids, Halloween on Vernon is an enjoyable and entertaining event that has them get into the Halloween Spirit, as well as helping them obtain some much-needed candy.

WGRAC and YDSA Encourage Students to Vote

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July 4, 1776, is the day this country was founded and declared sovereign from the oppressive nature of its former rulers. The Founding Fathers con- gregated and debated the fate of this very nation and introduced the document that guides this country until this very day. This document, as you all may know, is the Declaration of Independence. A declara- tion at that time, which provided rights and opportu- nity to wealthy white men, while leaving the fate of African-Americans, Native Americans, Immigrants, and Women, to the discretion of individual- ized state laws, especially when it came to suffrage.

August 18, 1920, after over 140 years of when Abigail Adams wrote to her husband to “remember the ladies,” white wom- en were given the right to vote. June 2, 1924, the
Kimani Bishop Senior Thesis: Hartford Steel Symphony

In a recent conversation with Senior Kimani Bishop he spoke about his senior thesis which focuses on the Hartford Steel Orchestra and the merging of West Indian with that of East Hartford. Bishop is a music major originally from Trinidad and Tobago, where the national music is the steelpan or steel drum. This kind of music is called Soca music and can also be found in the Hartford community.

Bishop spent this past summer researching and interviewing the Hartford Steel Symphony, a group of West Indians that had migrated to Hartford and brought their musical culture with them. The band was established in 1989 and has been performing all over New England ever since its foundation. Bishop said, “They’ve contributed musically to the community in East Hartford. Currently I’ve completed one interview with members of the organization. I was learning about their history and how they became who they are right now, including the financial means they have accumulated for accessing the instruments and having their own, how they maintain themselves as an organization financially, and about how they produce the instruments.”

After gathering this information over the summer, Bishop complied it into an hour and fifty-minute-long presentation that he then uploaded to YouTube. His next step in completing his thesis is to create his paper that explains the history of the steelpan, along with the culture of Trinidad and Tobago moving across cultures to Hartford. In his paper he will touch on how the Trinidad and Tobago musical culture has become part of schools in North American, and whether or not the organization in Hartford has had an effect on the culture of the city. Bishop said, “My motivation for doing this is coming from my West Indian background, it was kind of hard to adjust to the culture here for the first time. I thought it would be really interesting for other West Indians to find themselves in my situation coming from the West Indies not having any family or any connections. The resources or information that I have accumulated, in terms of the location and the communities of West Indians in Hartford, will be stored in the library. They will be able to access what I write and because of that information, they will be able to reach out to that community and have a safe haven, which is really important and really helps, especially with such a diverse culture.”

**Album Review: Quavo Huncho’s “Maybe Not This One”**

Quavious Marshall, better known by his rap moniker Quavo, is notorious as the face of Migos, the boastful, neglecting a recent clout boost from his relationship with fellow rapper Cardi B, and Takeoff’s obscurity have allowed Quavo to become the Jade Timberlake of the Migos. He has yet to make a true solo debut, save some scattered single sin’ and the joycluster Jack Harlow, Huncho Jack with Travis Scott. Quavo has always remained the starring role of a collective. The release of Quavo Huncho marks a new start for Quavo, though not necessarily a promising one.

Opened “BIGGEST ALL TIME” by opening the album with a gospel sound, before immediately sending into a slow and predictable, haunting, snare heavy beat. The album then immediately ascends into typical Quavo chaos. Lazy flows combine with equally mediocre bars too create a sonically boring record. The worst moments are when Quavo descends into autotuned rap-singing on “SHINE” and “KEEP THAT SHIT.” Some of his best work comes from well-placed ad-libs, booming with him shunting “skrrt” and “HUNCHO.”

The shining moments of Quavo Huncho are without the Huncho himself. The album’s features, excluding Kid Cudi’s mediocre melodically crooning, add flavor to a monotonous sound. Madonna’s vocal fry on “CHAMPAGNE ROSE” combines with a solid, but not show stopping, verse from Cardi B. Songs like “GIVE IT TO EM” and “LOSE IT” both feature lazy flows from Quavo, but catchy verses from Lil Baby and Offset that are cut short too fast. “WORKIN’ ME” screams for an Offset feature that sadly never appears. Saweetie, who chimes in on “GIVE IT TO EM,” also deserved a longer feature, rather than subjecting the listener to Quavo’s lazy rhymes. Drake’s appearance on “FLIP THE SWITCH” turns the song into Drake’s more than Quavo’s, but serves the record well. Quavo Huncho’s production follows the track of similarity. Some beats are nearly indistinguishable from each other, with bass heavy beats and scattered, slapping hi-hats. MurdaBeatz’s work on “HUNCHO DREAMS” saves a track of weak bars with a delicate piano melody layered with snares and claps. The star production on the album falls on “RERUN” (ft. Travis Scott.) With WondaGurl, known for producing hits like Travis Scott’s “Antidote” and Jay-Z’s “Crown,” at the helm, the instrumentals glitter in spacey, vibey tones instead of simple trap beats. “RERUN” leans towards sounding like a forgotten track off Astroworld but is a necessary breath of fresh air.

Above is the album cover for Quavo’s most recent release."

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UK-based Joy Orbison Drops Chilling Electronic Album

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London-based DJ, Joy Orbison (Peter O’Grady) aims to bring spooky and hypnotic sounds to the dance floor with his most recent EP release, 81b. Released on his own UK-based label, Hinge Finger on Oct. 12, 81b shows O’Grady’s ability to bend, mold, and combine genres under the electronic music umbrella.

Each song offers a layer of dark complexity to this six-track EP. O’Grady is unafraid to take risks when choosing synthesizer sounds and disrupting the 4/4 time signature, between and within individual tracks. On this release, O’Grady provides soundscapes that encapsulate listeners with rich and weighty synth noises, often times slowing down a track’s pace to encourage thoughtful listening. These tracks aren’t meant to be heard exclusively at a late-night under the electronic music mold, and combine genres of dark complexity to this EP’s title track ends in unexpected ways at intermittent points in the track.

The EP’s title track ends in a sonic landscape that fluctuates between carefree dancing, 81b is heavier, more melancholy, and engages its listeners in a more meaningful manner.

Joy Orbison is one of electronic music’s most influential producers and DJs of the 21st century. While you’ll know a Joy O track when you hear it, 81b provides a new level of transcendent understanding of his sound to new and longtime fans alike.

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Above is a collaged view of Joy Orbison’s recent release, 81b.

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Football Makes a Resounding Shut-Out Against Midd.

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Coming off of three victories in a row and a statement blowout victory in Maine last week over the Bowdoin Polar Bears, the Bantams returned home to face NESCAC rival Middlebury College. On Family Weekend, amidst poor conditions due to strong winds and persistent rain, the Bantams looked for another statement win in order to extend their win streak, along with hopes of yet another NESCAC Championship title. The Bantams got off to an extremely fast start in this one, as they put 14 points on the board in the first quarter. Trinity also added an additional 13 points in the second quarter to push the lead to 27-0 after the first half. In the half, senior tri-captain Max Chipouras (Longmeadow, MA) and first-year Sean Lambert (North Andover, MA) rushed for a total of 206 yards. The Bantam defense stood as tall, if not taller, allowing just one passing completion for 46 yards in the half, including a blocked Middlebury Panther’s punt on the first possession of the game. In the second half, the defense did much of the same, as they blocked two more punts—making for an incredible feat of three blocked punts over the course of the game. It is safe to say the defense held a strong wall against the Panthers. Much of the same early-game success carried on into the second half. In the third quarter, the Bantams would add another 7 points, along with 14 in the fourth quarter to give the Bantams a resounding 48-0 shut-out victory. The Trinity defense allowed just 1.4 yards per play throughout the course of the game, while the offense put up 337 rushing yards, along with 179 yards through the air. In such a dominant performance, the Bantams possessed the ball for 37 of the 60 minutes played on Saturday—a remarkable feat. This is simply a testament to the strong play calling by the Trinity coaching staff combined with flawless execution from the players in such poor conditions. The Bantams return to action next week against undefeated Amherst College in a matchup of what will more than likely determine the 2018 football NESCAC Champion. The game will be played right here in Hartford with a 1:00 pm kickoff. Included in the festivities is the ring-presentation for the men’s golf team, who will be honored at halftime for their 2018 NESCAC championship title.

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Field Hockey Makes an Impressive NESCAC Playoff Run

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This past weekend the Trinity College field hockey team emerged from the NESCAC quarterfinals with a 2-0 victory over the Hamilton College Continentals. The Bantams advanced their record to 12-4 overall and plan to extend this record when they face Middlebury in the semi-finals on Saturday. From the start, the Bantams asserted a strong offensive force against the Continentals. Just eight minutes into the match, first-year Caelin Flaherty (Upton, MA) made a quick dash down the field and took a shot at the goalie, however it was blocked. Despite the effort, classmate Kendall Brown (Greenwich, CT) was able to swoop in and rebound the ball into the back of the box. This was a tremendous moment in the game as it put the Bantams up 1-0 in the match. The Bantams continued the strong offense throughout the first half, however they were unable to get another successful goal. Despite the inability to score, the immense offensive pressure limited Hamilton’s ability to switch the momentum of the game, and with combined efforts from the Bantams solid defense, the Continentals were not able to score. From the start of the second half, the Bantams continued their offensive pressure and did not give the Continentals a moment to recover. In the 46th minute, junior Nicole Quinlan (Duxbury, MA) was able to score off of a penalty corner by Flaherty, which sealed the game at 2-0 for the Bantams. On the offensive end, they were able to take 23 shots compared to Hamilton’s 14.

Men’s Soccer Suffers Season Finale Loss to Amherst

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In an away match for the Trinity College men’s soccer team, the Bantams suffered a close defeat against the Amherst Mammoths last week. With this defeat, it marks the end of the 2018 regular season for the Bantams. Amherst played the Bantams. Fikayo Ajayi had one goal and completed one assist for the Mammoths. Unfortunately, this season for the Bantams does not mark the end of the regular season as the Bantams are still in the conference semi-finals. To extend the lead even more for the Mammoths, Sean Fitzgerald added an insurance goal in the 67th minute when he leapt up and deflect ed in a hard shot from Andrew Barkidjija. The Mammoths were seconds from a shutout, but Trinity sophomore striker Alistair Matule (Brookline, MA) recovered a rebound near the right post with eight seconds left for his team-leading sixth goal of the year. Amherst outshot Trinity 30-6 and took eleven corner kicks to just three by the Bantams. On a positive note, goalkeeper Everett Lyons finished with seven saves for the Bantams. Sophomore Henry Belt (Brookline, MA) recorded three attempts at scoring against the Mammoths. Unfortunately, this loss marks the end of the 2018 NESCAC regular season for the Bantams. The Bantams finished the season with a 2-13 overall record, and a 0-10 NESCAC conference record. Unfortunately, a playoff run for the Bantams does not look like it will occur this season. Those seniors strong lowerclassmen expected to graduate lineup. A top the NESCAC standings are the Tufts University Jumb Bakers (Los Angeles, CA), defense man Alex record in the conference. Those seniors the Bantams hope to who ended their college build on their efforts legiate soccer career in the offseason. Let’s last week. Looking wish the men’s soccer ahead, the Bantams team good luck for a wish to build upon a productive off season!

Bantam Home Sports This Week:

Football: 1 pm kickoff against Amherst