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Steve’s Bagels Moves into Vernon
KAT NAMON ’22
NEWS EDITOR

A new addition has been made to on-campus dining options at Trinity. Since the closing of Goldberg’s Bagels in the spring of 2019, the kitchen space in Vernon Social has remained empty. However, this fall 2019 semester, the breakfast and lunch restaurant Steve’s Bagels will occupy the space. The decision to replace Goldberg’s and provide students with another on-campus dining option was made at a forum open to the community regarding potential improvements that could be made to Vernon Social. The Office of Student Activities, Involvement, and Leadership (SAIL) led this meeting and spearheaded the decision to make the addition.

Nikia Bryant, Director of SAIL, had a chance to meet with the owner of Steve’s Bagels, Steven DiGiorgio, a University of Hartford Graduate. Bryant said, “[Steven] is excited to be a part of our community. He was very receptive to the idea of hiring students to work for him and showed great interest in developing a service similar to DoorDash, where food would be delivered to students’ rooms. During the Vernon open house in July, he also brought copies of his menu so students could see the types of food available at Steve’s.

From what I understand, we’ll have a modified

Football Team Looks Ahead to Fall Season
MATEO VAZQUEZ ’21
SPORTS EDITOR

As students are beginning to come back to campus, many student athletes have already been at Trinity preparing for their upcoming season. This fall is promising for the Bantams, as it could be the second time that the football team wins the NESCAC four years in a row. Previously, this has only been done by the Bantams during the 2002-2005 season. While this is definitely going to be a tough goal to achieve, it looks as if the team is more prepared going into this season than they have been in the past. The team is already in a great position, as they still have 59 returning letterwinners and 13 starters from last year’s squad.

The Bantams have lost Max Chipouras ’19, a talented running back as well as a NESCAC offensive player of the year during the 2018 season. This loss, however, is just another opportunity for the Bantams to rise to the challenge and the opportunity for another player to showcase their talent.

On the defensive side of the field, the Bantams have made enormous strides in the level of performance and execution of their defense. The defense finished the season fifth in scoring and ninth in passing. Overall, they were third in total defense. Although the team did lose a few seniors on their defensive squad, the team has relatively the same lineup of players with the exception of a few new players to the squad, allowing the team the opportunity to grow and build upon their achievements from last year.

This could be one of the best seasons yet for the Bantams. As fans have seen throughout these past three conference winning teams, each coming season the team is building upon past accomplishments. This fall, the path to victory will be a long one. As usual, the Bantams will face Tufts in the first game of the season where they hopefully get what could be their 23rd consecutive season opening win.

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The beginning of the academic year is one of the most beautiful and exciting times at Trinity. Going into both my senior year and my fourth semester as editor of the Tripod, I would advise first-year students just getting ad-justed to college life that becoming actively involved in clubs and organizations at Trinity is one of the most rewarding ways to find enrichment and a sense of purpose in college. The first article I submitted to the Tripod was—admittedly—not the paper’s shining example of journalism, but I have been able to grow and learn as a writer in the intervening years. Trinity College boasts over one hundred and fifty clubs that students can join, but with about 2,000 students, this suggests that a large number of students have to be actively engaged to keep all of these organiza-
tions in process. However, often at Trinity, it is a small number of students keeping organizations afloat. The Tripod is an extremely short-staffed organization, with a limited number of contributing writers and editorial staff. The Tripod receives articles from members of the community throughout the week. They come from a variety of outlets: in response to emails we send to those who have expressed interest in contributing, through online submissions via our website, and any other means. The students that write for the Tripod are admitted to section editor, who suggest different topic ideas to writers, edit arti-
cles, and utilize our graphic design program, Adobe Indesign. The Tripod functions best as an institution when all different facets of campus life are represented in its stories. The only way to achieve this, however, is to encourage a high level of student participation. The Tripod is the major outlet for students to voice opinion, engage in dialogue, and report on the issues that face our campus community. If you have any interest in writing, or a future career in journalism or communications, this is the perfect time to join in and have your voice heard. Submit an article on our website or contact us by email at tripod@trincoll.edu. It was the best decision I ever made as a student at Trinity. Because the student body at Trinity is small, and the number of students engaged in club life is, unavoidably, even smaller, I am constantly interacting with leaders of different organizations on campus that are reported about in the paper. Because campus is so small, it can be difficult to achieve the Tripod’s function as an unbiased source of information regarding Trinity. Additionally, the Tripod staff is entirely self-taught. Some of us have aspirations of entering the world of journalism, but my own passion for working on the paper is driven by my belief that it serves as an essential outlet on this campus, whether it is seen or unseen to certain mem-
ers of the community. The Tripod staff is dedicated, but we are also not professionals. There is no compensation for contribution, and the Tripod is instead driven by our commitment to providing the campus with a school newspaper. As I said last semester, we are always trying our best, but with classes, other clubs, and jobs, the Tripod is not always what some anticipate or demand it to be.

The Tripod is seeing an unprecedented number of seniors. Many of us are entering our sixth semester with the publication. We are hoping to publish a Tripod that covers thought-provoking, in- teresting stories that shed light onto daily life at Trinity as well as a well-de- signed, twelve page paper. Despite this, the Tripod still faces its own chal-
lenges. We struggle with a small staff and difficulties mastering our graphic de-
sign program. In my own capacity as editor-in-chief of the Tripod, I hope to provide quality content that stu-
dents, alumni, and other members of the community read and enjoy. As a former editor-in-chief once said, the quality of a campus newspaper can often reflect the current stability of an institution such as Trinity. I’m look-
ing forward to embarking on another semester of providing a publication that addresses the issues, questions, and ideas facing Trinity College.

Want to write for the Tripod?

Come visit us at the Involvement Fair!

Thursday, September 5
4:30-6:00
Gates Quad
(outside of Mather)

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The Trinity Tripod is always looking for student contributions in photography, writing, and graphic design. Anyone interested in joining the Tripod can email tripod@trincoll.edu. Additionally, all members of the community are invited to our meetings, which are held Sundays at 7 p.m. at our office in the basement of Jackson Hall.

All requests for advertisement placement in the Tripod can be found by consulting the newspaper’s business manager at tripod@trincoll.edu. Additionally, our website holds information regarding standard rates for advertisements.
version of his typical menu, so, he wanted to know what types of food students would want. He has good, positive energy and I think he’ll make a great campus partner and addition to Vernon Social.”

Dean of Students Joe DiChristina said the decision to bring Steve’s Bagels to campus was made based on student feedback. “Last year, SGA did a survey that came out in December which gave us feedback to bring food back into the location. We talked about Chartwells being able to do it, but, Chartwells was unable to offer anything during the summer when we have a lot of people on campus...Steve’s Bagels offered us 12 months of service, so we were able to interact with students during the nine months they are on campus. SAIL held an open house where Steve had a chance to meet with students and get a lot of information about student behavior. This was an opportunity for us to interact with students and get a lot of information about student behavior.”

The cafe has a New York deli-style menu, serving options that range from specialty sandwiches and salads to bagels and pastries. The shop’s original location was in Ridgefield, Connecticut and was recently expanded with the opening of a second location in Manchester, Connecticut in 2018. Steve’s Bagels also offers catering and is available for delivery through GrubHub. DiGiorgio hopes to expand his business even further, saying in a 2018 Journal Inquirer article, “to really do well in the business, you have to have multiple stores.” DiGiorgio added that he’d like to be able to open a new location every other year on average.

Steve’s Bagels on the Trinity campus is expected to have similar hours to the shop’s Manchester location. These hours are from 7am to 3pm on weekdays. However, according to the open forum led by SAIL, potential additional late-night hours may be available for students on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.

When asked for a comment on the opening of a third location in Hartford on the Trinity College campus, staff at the Ridgefield shop were unaware of the expansion and did not provide comment other than they had no affiliation with the newest location of Steve’s Bagels. The breakfast and lunch location will be open on Sept. 11 for students, specials may be offered.”

In June, Trinity College reached its objective by getting more than 2,000 individual donations in support of unlocking $1,000,000 in a matching donation from members of the Trinity College Board of Trustees. Those 2,000 were part of a broader constituency of 7,898 alumni/alumnae, parents, and friends who together gave to Trinity within the past year. The campaign required 7,000 donors by June 30 and exceeded that objective by 988 donors.

Director of Annual Giving Dominique Matteson spoke with the Tripod regarding this campaign, indicating that she was grateful for the “commitment and dedication of our trustees and the support of alumni and friends.” The monies raised go to support Trinity’s greatest need—the annual fund—which is unrestricted and helps to support the operational needs of Trinity and its students.

Matteson indicated that within the 7,898 total for the past year, there were 5,000 “new” donors defined as those who “have not previously given or have lapsed in their giving.” Matteson noted that this was a strong indicator for Trinity’s success and added that while nationwide alumni participation is giving rates have declined.”

The report further projects that the individual decline will continue. The Inside Higher Ed article also suggests that “a myriad of factors may have contributed to the decline in individual donations. Brian Flahaven, a senior advocacy director at CASE, added that “the passage of the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act...eliminated the need for many middle-class people to itemize their deductions.” That change in itemizing policy may partially account for the noticeable change in individual donations. Trinity also saw an 8 percent increase over its previous year’s donor number—6,820—which was the “largest increase of any school in the NESCAC,” added Vice President for College Advancement Michael Casey. Casey also indicated that he “appreciated the trustees’ leadership and responsibility” in leading this campaign and in making the funds available to support it.

In a Jul. 2 story on Trinity’s website covering the campaign by Tess Dudek-Rolon, Matteson added that the “passion of alumni is clearly reflected in this year’s giving results and by the 115 alumni who stepped forward to give their time as new fundraising volunteers.” Matteson emphasized that giving any amount is a significant aid to the college, as do not numbers are factored into “rankings.” Thus, said Matteson, “it doesn’t matter the amount” every dollar makes an impact.”

Harassment (sexual). Referred to Title IX Coordinator.

Drug use violation, 1 student involved. Disciplinary referral issued.

Larceny-other theft from individuals. This case is open.
Incoming Students Learn about Hartford, Diversity, and Campus Resources during New Student Orientation

GILLIAN REINHARD '20
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Trinity College welcomed its new students, including 17 transfer students, nine Individualized Degree Program (IDP) students, and 582 members of the Class of 2023, a group of students lauded by Vice President for Enrollment and Student Success Angel Perez during the Aug. 30 President’s Convocation as one of the most competitive and diverse classes in the school’s history. To acclimate these incoming students, the Office of Student Activities, Involvement, and Leadership (OSAIL) organized its New Student Orientation (NSO). The orientation saw widely recognized annual events such as the class photo, Friday night carnival, laser tag at the library, and weekend block party on Vernon Street. New Student Orientation, however, also saw important new additions to programming and training of orientation leaders, the upperclassmen student volunteers who lead individual orientation groups. According to Orientation Chair Kate Lucas ’20, each year, orientation is slightly different and sees changes throughout the weekend of events as well as in the lengthy planning process before new students arrive on campus. Lucas worked alongside orientation chairs Danyel Hudson ’20 and Connor Wilde ’21 throughout the summer to ensure that orientation was a success. One of the most recognizable changes of New Student Orientation was the adoption of a theme, “On the Sea with 2023.” As explained by Lucas, this was a fun way to engage students with a nautical theme and provide merchandise such as laptop stickers and t-shirts. This theme, also a play on the name of the SAIL office, was inspired by other colleges that also utilize orientation themes. Additionally, orientation groups were organized under the different nautical flags. Lucas also noted positive changes in commitment to diversity training and credited the work of Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Anita Davis for allowing orientation to address important topics of diversity and inclusion. Incoming students and upperclassmen student leaders partook in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion EDU courses, which engaged with microaggressions, identity terminology, and multiculturalism on campus. Additionally, the 2019 NSO gave incoming students more opportunity to be introduced to and explore the resources offered by the Center for Student Success and Career Development. Also present was an emphasis on introducing students to Hartford during NSO. During training, upperclassmen orientation leaders went on a walk of Hartford and reviewed the resources the city offers, particularly to first-year students. While President’s Convocation and the signing of the book remain some of Trinity’s oldest traditions, new students also participated in a variety of more recent events on campus, such as the annual candle-lighting service, the weekend block party, and A Night of Wellness, a new event hosted by Bantams in Balance. Throughout the weekend, new students were introduced to campus and the resources available to them, such as the Center for Student Success and Career Development, the Bantam Network, and the city of Hartford. New Student Orientation was organized in the months leading up to the event by the SAIL Office, the orientation leaders, and as well as thirty-six orientation leaders in collaboration with several offices throughout campus.

Intercollegiate Update: News on Nearby Campuses

Yale University

A former Yale School of Medicine professor, Eugene Redmond, was found to have sexually assaulted five students who worked with him on research according to a recent report released by an independent investigator commissioned by the university. According to The Yale Daily News, Redmond was also found to have been involved in at least eight sexual misconduct incidents with undergraduates, several recent graduates, and a high school student over a period of more than 25 years. Redmond was found guilty by a University-Wide Committee on Sexual Misconduct in July 2018. As of the Aug. 20 Daily News article, the university’s general counsel is still pending disciplinary action. The Daily News reported that the independent investigator, former United States Attorney Deidre M. Daly, found 13 of the accounts to be “highly credible” as a result of similarities in their descriptions. All five of the assaults involved the sharing of a bedroom in Redmond’s St. Kitts research facility at his request. Yale is in the process of instituting new policies in response to the report.

Colby College

An outside investigation has confirmed the existence of fraternities at Colby College after several months of investigation. The findings indicated the existence of as many as four secret Greek organizations operating on Colby’s campus. Dean Karlene Burrell-McCrae, in an email to Colby students on Thursday, Aug. 15, noted that 21 students had been sanctioned as a result of their involvement. The Colby Echo reported that “the University hired a private investigator, Jonathan Goodman...in order to shed light on the organizations” according to the Echo. After interviewing 37 witnesses, Goodman concluded that EA, DKE, and ZETA were “completely disbanded,” despite the fact that several DKE and PHI members remained “active at Colby.”

Wesleyan University

Associate Professor of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry Michael McAlar filed a lawsuit against Wesleyan University over several student-created posters distributed across the campus in November 2016 according to The Wesleyan Argus. The posters, which also named Professor of French Andrew Curran and Professor of Art David Scher, implied that the three men were sexual predators. In his suit, filed in Middlesex Superior Court on June 12, McAlar alleged that “the University failed to defend [him] by not taking sufficient action to identify or discipline the student authors of the posters.” The poster campaign was organized in 2016 in response to several University failures concerning incidents of sexual assault and harassment, which many students have made clear our commitment to permanence has eroded underground fraternities and secret societies.” In an effort to reach that objective, Colby College hired a “private investigator, Jonathan Goodman...in order to shed light on the organizations” according to the Echo. After interviewing 37 witnesses, Goodman concluded that EA, DKE, and ZETA were “completely disbanded,” despite the fact that several DKE and PHI members remained “active at Colby.”

Members of the Class of 2023 undertook a series of activities as part of New Student Orientation prior to the start of the new academic year.

New Student Orientation (NSO) leaders pose for a photograph in Vernon Social.
OPINION

Churchill to Change: How Trinity Moves Forward

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MANAGING EDITOR

The start of a new school year, especially in college, is an exciting time. However, given the state of campus re:lations at the end of last semester, there is also a feeling of dread in the air. Although many different groups within the student and alumni bodies are anxious and even angry, the discomfort resonating throughout the Trinity community is a good sign. It is a sign that we are starting to learn economics and each other’s unique stories and backgrounds and how, when we bring ourselves together, we can start to address institutional issues that have plagued Trinity since its inception. The Churchill Club debacle was a revelatory moment for Trinity as an institution. It exposed importantly and unfortunately most painfully, it exposed the fundamental racial and socioeconomic differences between us, the student body. The pain and emotion that so many on our campus wore proudly and openly during last semester made us understand our own personal journeys on a very unique level.

Although many in the Trinity community continue to feel unfulfilled by the outcomes of last semester, we have to recognize that tackling our campus issues can be the start of a larger movement that addresses similar racial and socioeconomic issues in the Greater Hartford community. We should not stop with Trinity. Instead, we should use our voices for justice out into the community and use our dynamic perspectives to help the greater surroundings.

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The unwillingness of professors from all different parts of campus to use politically active students and proxy issues as weaponry in decades long intra and interdepartmental feuds. It exposed our administration as detection-hunting elites who seem perpetual nation-hunting elites. Administration as do departmental feuds.

The nationwide average is 10 percent. Additionally, poor residents in the greater Hartford region are just as likely to live in poor and predominantly minority neighborhoods as those in Detroit and Philadelphia. In short, the Hartford region, like Trinity, is geographically small and painfully split by race and socioeconomic background. Taking action on campus to tackle stark divisions could be a useful experience for fixing much more widespread and ingrained regional inequalities. This would be the perfect time for Trinity students to make that transition.

Yes, while I hope that our campus community can rid itself of inequality amongst the student body, we must strive to learn a valuable lesson about how some of those same issues are effecting the Hartford region, the country, and even the world, and then feel inspired to be a part of a solution. Trinity is a small place but a little perspective can lead to big change.
Decriminalization: Mayor Pete May Have a Point

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Recently, Democratic presidential candidate Pete Buttigieg unveiled a detailed and comprehensive proposal to address drug addiction and addiction crises that currently plague our country. While his proposal contains many varying policy ideas, the one that stands out is the decriminalization of all drugs. While many other candidates have endorsed legalizing or decriminalizing just marijuana, Buttigieg has extended this to all drugs. Decriminalization of all drugs is, without a doubt, great public policy, and is demonstrably the proper course of action in combating drug addiction in the U.S.

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In addition to the notable potential public health benefits, decriminalization would also have a substantial impact on the criminal justice system, particularly if correlated with a decrease in mass incarceration. According to the FBI's Uniform Crime Report, the amount of criticism, and yet the problem is, in my mind, not so much one of sample size as poll integrity—polling over-represents, and media coverage merely confirms, a centrist bias.

While most media coverage lists in small print that these polls are preliminary, there is a clear suggestion that they can be trusted—lest these polls would not be publicized at all. These caveats were progressively dropped in 2019. However, the media tended to inflate Clinton's support—which, it can be argued, led to widespread surprise at her loss while downplaying the outside bet of Sanders. The clear disparity between debate polling and election results, coupled with a centrist bias towards conventionalism and centrism, perfectly embodied in the persons of Clinton and Biden. The regular average that put Clinton ten points ahead Sanders inspired a dogged Warren campaign, which played into ridiculously confident polls showing Clinton's lead over Trump in the New York Times, which now shows Biden twice as popular as his nearest competitor, Elizabeth Warren, predicted an 83% chance of Clinton's victory in 2016. For Democrats to make the same prejudiced mistakes again, as it seems is happening, may well doom Democrats to another electoral loss. Exuberant self-confidence on the part of the media over-hyped the debate polls while also throwing out caveats to the effect that “it’s too early to tell”—you can’t have your cake and eat it too.

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MARCH 5, 2019

Media Over-Hypes Centrist Democratic Candidates

AIDEN TUREK '20
OPINION EDITOR

It wouldn’t be hyperbo-
left: mark kaminski ’20 with alan flint, his manager at rr donnelley.

lukas kaminski ’20, rr donnelley

lukas kaminski ’20 is an economics major with a “knack” for sales who spent his summer as an enterprise sales intern at rr donnelley, a communications company that offers business services, marketing solutions, commercial printing and more. kaminski, who describes himself as “money and progress motivated,” says that he is attracted to sales because of the opportunities to build relationships and establish a personal brand by creating solutions for customers. he also enjoys the research that is involved in a sales role and likes to work with customers individually to see if he can achieve long-term demand clients.

kaminski admits that a sales position is not traditional for an economics major, but he believes that his Trinity education helped him to gain perspective on the importance of applying efficiency to everything business-related, in addition to a perspective on solutions to save money for all parties involved in a deal.

Before starting his internship at rr donnelley’s manchester, ct office, kaminski attended a formal training program in buffalo, ny. this program helped prepare him for his daily responsibilities and changed his original pessimism about the role due to a prior belief that print is an outdated industry. he quickly learned that print is one of the biggest industries today.

kaminski’s daily responsibilities included prospecting projects by doing research on industry trends to decide what companies might be a good fit. he would then record the contact information for these companies and make cold calls to potential clients. he says that his favorite part of his internship experience is when he was actually able to connect with someone on a cold call.

kaminski also did a lot of account management work in an application called salesforce, a sales resource that is used by many companies that he might potentially work for in the future.

kaminski says that the most challenging part of his summer internship was his unfamiliarity with the industry. he says that it was difficult to implement solutions when he didn’t know the product very well. however, kaminski rose to the occasion and had confidence in everything he did, always pushing himself to “sell better.”

emma ghiglione ’20, mba tour

emma ghiglione ’20 worked as a marketing and events intern at the mba tour in concord, massachusetts. the company that hosts the national and international events to facilitate the mba and business master’s program’s application process for prospective business graduate students. as their marketing and events intern, emma was responsible for promoting mba tour events by creating social media posts, designing and launching facebook ads, and doing graphic design work for various posters and advertisements.

ghiglione describes her internship as a positive learning experience and says that she “felt integrated the instant i began to work there and never felt like an outsider.” her colleagues were friendly and taught her many new skills during the three months she was there, making her internship an enriching educational experience.

ghiglione says that one thing that surprised her during her internship was learning “how remarkable an opportunity working at the mba tour is.” she says that a position at the mba tour is great for someone who loves to travel since employee’s attend the company’s events, providing them the opportunity to travel internationally.

one challenge of the internship position was that many of the mba tour’s events took place in the summer months, so the employees were doing a lot of traveling. ghiglione says that this made it difficult to coordinate projects and communicate ideas.

emma feels that her Trinity education prepared her for her summer internship experience by teaching her “discipline and dedication” and says that during her junior years at Trinity, she has transformed into a “hardworking student” who is “passionate” about her work and “adventure seeking” to excel.” she says that her “interpersonal skills, creativity, and vision of teamwork were extremely beneficial” during her internship at the mba tour.
Trinity Horscopes: Your Guide to Freshman Year

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

Your dorm room is the perfect place to express yourself. Show everyone how unique you are with fairy lights and a tapestry or a barstool flag.

Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20)

Going out the first night of classes is always a good idea. The best way to make a first impression in class is by leaving halfway to throw up.

Pisces (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

Confidence is key this week. Your new fake ID won’t work unless you believe it will.

Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)

Now is the time to establish yourself as the cooler roommate. Make it by hosting a party every night.

Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20)

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Gemini (May 21-June 21)

The class of 2023 is unique in Trinity’s history. It thankfully includes the fewest number of Geminis ever!

Cancer (June 22-July 23)

Mars is in your communication quadrant this week. Drunk texting your high school ex can only go well.

Leo (July 24-Aug. 19)

You’ll be in a productive mood this week. Unfortunately, not for the rest of the semester, but oh well.

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)

Don’t push yourself too hard this semester. Do some self-care and skip your 9am at least once a week.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Mercury might not be in retrograde, but Mather is. Beware the mainline.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)

It’s a lot easier to change your major now than to fail Econ 101.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 20)

This is your week. Order a tier three meal at the Bistro. You deserve it!

Cancer (June 22-July 23)

Watch out for fake news this semester. The Tripod is notorious.
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Photo: Adam D. Hill, decaseconds.com
Summer 2019 saw A$AP Rocky go to Swedish prison, Lil Nas X break a record for the longest-running number-one single on Billboard, and the XXL Freshman list—well, I’ll let Lil Mosey’s “freestyle” speak for itself. A lot happened, so I’m here to simplify the smorgasbord of summer slaps.

**Rap**

In rap, Denzel Curry’s *ZUU* is a stellar follow up to his 2018 release *Ta1300*. Singles “SPEEDBOAT” and “RICKY” set a high bar for the album which arrived hand-in-hand with Curry’s embarking on the G59 Records Grey Day tour. *ZUU* has several highlight tracks like “WISH” and “CAR-OLMART” which feature snappy production under Curry’s booming vocals. For fans of rap who want to spice up their music library, I cannot recommend *ZUU* enough.

A$AP Ferg’s latest release, *Floor Seats*, shows the rapper’s old and new talents with his craft. He teams up with Asian Doll and Rico Nar- ty for two songs, blending their powerful female energy with his trapastic sound. On “WAM,” Ferg and MadeinTYO create a charming, bubbly sound as the latter raps about a girl who is “a pro with the neck” in the duo’s icy, clever word play filled track. “Pupa” by Ferg and “get home ASAP” by Rocky features the sample of the summer. As a song, it’s a classic trappy banger, but at the 1:17 timestamp, the song warps into a nifty sample of Sheck Wes’ “Mo Bamba” after Rocky calls out “man I got these hoses... feeling like Mo Bamba!” before spiraling back to the Frankie P produced beat.

**Pop**

Summer 2019 saw the return of pop after the genre took a backseat to hip hop in the past years. In mainstream pop, Lil’zoo’s “Truth Hurts” soared for its feminist positivity, Tay- lor Swift’s seventh album, *Lover*, brought its weakest singles in “You Need to Calm Down” and “ME!”, but did provide cute, bub- blygum hits like “Lover” and “Cruel Summer.” An early summer EP Miley Cyrus’ *She is Coming* is a rich in wavy, trappy pop. Smashers like the wistful “Do Me” and “K” by Kim Petras, and “Noize” by Jaden Smith.

With their Death Grips meets NeverShout—Never sound, 100 gecs released the debut *1000 gecs*, with whirring, chipmunk tweaked vocals and complex, synthy breakdowns complete with obscure grinding and clanking noise. The album isn’t for everyone, but for those who like the works of JPEGMafia, GFOTY, or other PC music-esque artists, check out tracks like “hand crushed by a mallet” and “745 sticky.”

I’ve already extended beyond my allotted word count, so below is an abbreviated list of random but excellent singles:

- “Jesus is the One (I Got Depression)” by Zack Fox ft. Kenny Beats
- “Baguettes in the Face” by DJ Mustard ft. YG, Tyga, A$AP Rocky; A$AP Ferg
- “Fuck it I love you” by Lana Del Rey
- “WAM” by Brooke Candy ft. Charli XCX and Malibu Miitch
- “Cash Shit” by Megan Thee Stallion ft Lil Baby
- “Money in the Grave” by Drake ft. Rick Ross
- “North” by Claire

**Notable Tracks:** “SPEEDBOAT” and “RICKY” by Denzel Curry, “WAM ft. MadeinTYO” by A$AP Ferg, and “RNP ft. Anderson.Paak” by YBN Cordae.
Drinking through a Wet, Hot, American Summer

HUNTER SAVERY ’20

A&E EDITOR

Summer is only at an end in the most formal sense. Mother nature’s been out of school for years and it’s far too early to usher in the cider and pumpkin spice. From music festivals to Bob Mueller’s testimony, 2019 gave us a lot of reason to drink, and whether you had a hot girl summer or a sweaty boy summer, you probably found yourself celebrating with a drink.

in hand, so I offer an ode to the drinks of summer 2019. These are only some of the many drinks that made an iconic summer, we only had room for the best of the best and apologies are owed to Narragansett, Naturdays, the G&T, fight milk, the Daytona Corona, etc. etc.

No list of this summer’s beverages would be complete without highlighting the work of the fine folks over at White Claw. We Bantams have been all about the Prius. This caffeine-free hybrid since 2019. These are only some predictions for next summer’s most innovative and inevitable drinks:

“According to 1948’s Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), it’s not summer without margarita pitchers and who am I to run afoul of international law?”

claws’ in the majority opinion of a remarkable 8-1 ruling and America has never been the same since. Justice Clarence Thomas made the one dissenting vote, we at the Tripod encourage Clarence to lighten up.

Yes, I must admit, I too thought that both wine and canned goods had gone about as far as they could possibly go. Perfectly good, but without much room for innovation, boy, was I ever wrong. In hind-sight, canned wine was as inevitable as the ennui of a first bite of Mother food after a long summer. Canned wine has made vino more portable than ever, no more broken corks and broken dreams. Canned wine is perfect for a day on the quad or your next family function.

It should be noted that Danny Devito pioneered drinking wine from a can in the mid-2000s, the fact that it took this long to come to market is thus remarkable, and I am just result of my longstanding rivalry with the South, I don’t usually go in for “sweet tea,” but I will gladly lay down my armpit for an ice cold teaw. As long as you’ve got a twa in hand the summer in your heart will never die.

An unexpected late entry into the drink of the summer battle royale is the “Spaghett.” Hailing from Baltimore, this beverage alone has disproved all of President Trump’s vile comments about the city. The drink, which was detailed in a recent Epicurious article, is both simple and worldly. It starts with a classic Miller High Life, the “champagne of beers,” then an ounce of Aperol, and lemon. Spagett is the great equalizer bringing the pretentious and played out Aperol Spritz down to earth in union with the venerable and egalitarian High Life. If it’s above 70° you may very well see me on Crescent Street with

one of these baddies. What more could one want except a tall cool glass of Grey Poupon? Chic, elegant, and insulated upon by our corporate sponsors, there is no better way to finish a long summer day than with a tumbler full of Dijon’s finest. This refreshing “beverage” pairs equally well with a Rolle-Royce or a ham sandwich. Snooty and disgusting, a glass of premium French mustard is quite frankly the best distraction from rising global temperatures and the blistering sunburn associated with a depleted ozone layer.

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Try it neat or on the rocks, or for a sustainable twist, why not try a reusable metal straw with your Grey Poupon. We all drank many drinks this summer, but let us recognize these all-stars for their contributions to the last summer of the decade. Who knows what the roaring 20’s will have in store: a juul tonic, an edible Solo cup, maybe flying beer, just know that you can always return to the Tripod’s A&E section for the latest updates.

Managing Editor of the Tripod Brendan Clark ’21 after drinking one White Claw too many on Nantucket is immortalized on @Chadtucket.

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New England Sports Basking in Recent On-Field Success

JAY PARK ’22 NEWS EDITOR

As the 2019-2020 school year comes into full swing, it is important for us to look back at the wonderful year we have had – not just as students of Trinity College – but also as residents of the great New England area. A region known for its excellent coaching with regards to various sports, as well as a superb ability to consistently recruit new players, this previous year contained many causes of celebration, along with sources of heartbreak. At this point, the New England Patriots seem to be perennial Super Bowl contenders, and with defensive mastermind Bill Belichick and superstar system quarterback Tom Brady at the helm, it is not hard to see why. The Patriots blew past the Los Angeles Rams, 15-3, in the lowest scoring Super Bowl in history. Coming into this game, many expected running back Todd Gurley, quarterback Jared Goff, and wideout Josh “Flash” Gordon, the future is still looking bright for the Patriots as they work for their 7th Super Bowl, which would break the tie with the Steelers with the most Super Bowls by any franchise.

In the world of baseball, the Boston Red Sox successfully won their fourth World Series Title in 15 years, beating the Los Angeles Dodgers in five games in a historic series of games, with Game 3 going for 18 innings, a World Series Record. Red Sox left fielder and first baseman Steve Pearce won the World Series MVP award, being instrumental in tying up Game 4 of the series at 4-4. While this year may not be going favorably for the Boston Red Sox, this team can relax in the fact that they are still the defending champions, as well as being one of the powerhouses of the American League.

But like Icarus, too much of any one thing can never be good. If the Sun represents success, as is the case with the Patriots and Red Sox, the ocean must represent disappointments, just like the season experienced by the Boston Celtics. In an Eastern Conference that seemed to by blown wide open by the exit of LeBron James, many speculated it was time for the Celtics to have their chance at the spotlight once again. With superstar Kyrie Irving spearheading the offense, along with rising players Jayson Tatum and Jaylen Brown, things appeared to be looking up for the Celtics, who were now chasing their 18th championship since the league’s founding (although one must take into consideration the fact that there were only eight teams in the burgeoning years of the league). But even from the beginning, it seemed as though there was a disconnect between Kyrie and the rest of his team. Their season ended as expected – disaster. They were nearly swept by the league MVP Giannis Antetokounmpo, who led his team to the Eastern Conference Finals. Let us hope that this year holds more in store for Trinity’s favorite New England sports teams.

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Coming Up for Bantam Sports:

Sat.

Cross Country: Trinity Invitational @ Wickham Park

Sun.

Men’s Golf: Bill Detrick Invitational @ Newington, CT

Women’s Soccer @ WPI

Men’s Golf: Bill Detrick Invitational @ Newington, CT

Women’s Soccer @ Union (N.Y.)

Women’s Soccer vs. Clark Univ.

Men’s Soccer vs. Clark Univ.