Students Taken Off Housing Waitlist

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Trinity's housing lottery annually leaves a number of students without housing, due to factors which include shifting circumstances, dorm availability, and low lottery numbers. Last semester, due to the closing of the Boardwalk and Park Place dormitories, 50 students were left on the waitlist to receive their housing assignments. In past years, as many as 100 students have been on the waitlist, however, despite these high numbers, students always end up with a housing assignment by the start of the fall semester. Because Boardwalk and Park Place were shuttered, the Dean of Students Office made the decision to permit a higher number of students to live off campus this academic year.

Trinity engaged in the twenty-first annual “Do It Day,” a Saturday at the beginning of the academic year where different athletic teams and student groups volunteer to work in the community. According to a recent blog post by Jack Dougherty, Erica Crowley, and Joe Barber for the Center for Hartford Engagement and Research (CHER), over 350 students volunteered with 18 different organizations across Hartford. The event was a success due to community partners, Trinity athletic and student groups, as well as the Office of Community Service and Civic Engagement.
As we enter the month of September, another milestone in the election calendar in our democratic process is reached: the primary. Primary elections carry a weight commensurate to those of the general election, for they limit the candidates for any one party and, ultimately, determine who those individuals will face one another directly in the November 5 general election.

Today, Sept. 10, marks the date of Hartford and Connecticut primaries. This year is one of great consequence for Hartford, as voters will decide in November who will occupy the Office of the Mayor. Whether you realize it or not, your enrollment at Trinity College permits you to change your registration to vote in Hartford and Connecticut statewide elections. As a student and an active member of this community, you have an imperative role to play in the politics that shape the region in which you are educated.

Agoraphobia. Further, even if you are not able to vote here, it is critical that you educate yourself and vote in any election to which you are afforded the right. From the treasurer of a small town to your senator in Congress, every elected official holds a responsibility and duty to the public. No matter how small, the office and its actions have or will have an impact on the lives of you and your family.

Voting is a civic duty manifest in all of our nation’s citizens. It is what affords our natural right that in extricable ability to sustain and persist, despite our own disagreements and differing visions for its future. Without the correcting contrivance of the democratic process, one’s community and one’s nation shall certainly fall into gradual decline and, eventually, find itself eradicated or entrapped amidst the throes of revolution.

As President Franklin D. Roosevelt so aptly noted, “nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting.” Fortunately, all citizens of this nation have within themselves the capability and right to exercise their will and make their voice heard.

It is a right, as rights so often are, that was fought for with blood, sweat, tears, determination, and that effable spirit of Americans that has continued for generations. It is a right that has been denied and suspended—too often at the expense of hate and ignorance—to far too many. It is a right that has been denied to African-Americans, to women, and to all classes of immigrants that have ever sought refuge through our nation’s history. It is a right that many today continue to fight for and continue to struggle for. It is a right whose progress is never truly complete and whose sanctity must be constantly guarded.

If you should be fortunate enough to have this right as you read this, consider yourself blessed for you have an opportunity to shape—through political action and the electoral process—those decisions of the greatest consequence. You have an opportunity to determine, for the generation of the collective, what laws are instituted, what rights preserved, and what progress is made on a myriad of fronts.

If you are registered to vote in Hartford, then the most important thing you can do today is get to the polls and cast your ballot; they are open until 8:00 P.M. this evening, with the most convenient location for Trinity students being the Hartford Magnet Trinity College Academy on Broad Street.

If you are not registered to vote here, then be sure you register for the November general election or vote absentee in your home state or municipality. If you want to learn more about how to register, information is available on the Connecticut Secretary of State’s website.

This past summer, Trinity College ran several short study away programs in unique locations all over the world. Students had academic and cultural experiences in China, Rome, Berlin, and many other locations. Despite the unique and exciting nature of these programs, it is a challenge to convey that Trinity does not provide financial aid to students who want to participate in these programs. Although there are great opportunities to see exciting cities or experience new cultures, the steep costs and lack of coverage on program expenses make these programs far too exclusive to be worthwhile for the college as a whole.

During the summer, I was fortunate enough to study abroad on the Berlin program. I had a wonderful time exploring a new and historic city while also getting to travel on group excursions surrounding areas of Germany. In addition to a travel-driven content course that brought us to historic and world-famous landmarks and cities all around Germany, students on the program learned the German language while immediately putting it to use in our surroundings. We interacted with local citizens and learned more about the diverse cultural fabric (and amazing food!) of Berlin. It was an experience that no one should miss out on during their college years, even if you can only go during the summer session.

For someone who cannot afford to take a semester off to study abroad but still wants to immerse themselves in a new country, this program is perfect, making it all the more important that it be accessible to those who cannot afford the full price tag. Studying away should not be viewed as an extracurricular activity that serves to complement the main Trinity College campus experience. Instead, it should be viewed as a key component of the main collegiate experience and an opportunity to put life skills to work in a new and exciting environment.

If Trinity is truly committed to providing scholarship and financial aid to students who would otherwise not be able to afford Trinity’s price tag, it should likewise provide access to summer study away programs that are vital to a holistic Trinity experience.
More Students Living Off-Campus Following Waitlist for Housing

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those students who reside in “a house op-
erated by their Greek organization,” accord-
ing to an email sent by Salisbury last February. Salisbury continued, explaining that “[Those students] were permitted, if they did not get housing, but only if they did not. If they selected housing and said ‘Oh, now I want to live off campus’ and said, then they were penalized. We would have been able to accommodate them, but probably not in their first choice of a quad or a single.”

Further, the introduction of new residential opportuni-
ties and vacancies in other academic build-
ings helped to close the gap in the housing waitlist. Salisbury indicated that “we had the Donesbury Cross Cultural Living Community, which you had to apply to, and some people who were on the wait list did apply, and that’s where they’re living now. The Fred had a few vacancies as well, so people applied, and they are living there now.”

Naomi Dressler ’22, a current resident of the Donesbury Cross Cultural Living Community (CCLC), spoke with the Tripod about her experience with the program. Dressler was accepted to live there over the summer, after being one of the 50 students on the housing waitlist.

Dressler had originally hoped to live in High Rise with three other sophomores, who are now in the CCLC with her. Dressler said, “Everyone was super helpful about it, the two people ran [the CCLC] could not have been friendlier and showed us the building and gave us a little back-ground info back in April when we decided to apply.”

Dressler continued, noting that despite not getting the housing she had originally expected, she was still satisfied with the quality of housing. Dressler added that “the rooms are great, a two room double elected by an entryway/bathroom to a third single. The community has been awesome so far, we’re hoping to meet at least once a week and every one seems very supportive of one another and excited to participate.”

Many students were unaware of their living situation until mid-June. Salisbury said, “it takes a long period of time to assign student housing on the waitlist. Most of the students [are assigned] by the end of June, some July. [This is] mostly because we were waiting to see what would open up because students’ plans change.”

Salisbury further indicated that the Academic Affairs Committee “does not even meet until June” and issue determinations relative to required withdrawals because of academic concerns that impact housing. Salisbury added that she does “not get that in formation until almost mid-June” and that, this year, “there were a number of students who were hoping their permission would be accepted and applied for housing.” Thus, determinations on vacancies are not readily available until after the Academic Affairs Committee issues decisions.

Salisbury also clarified to the Tripod that students who are living off campus this year are doing so of their own accord and are not receiving any help from the school. She added: “We consider our- selves a residential cam-
pus and so we do allow around 175 students for off-campus living, but this year we went a little bit over that number.” Salisbury indicated that while the College did allow more students than is usual to go off-campus because of the circumstances, “Trinity ‘does not work with the property owners’ leases are between the property owners and the students simply, compact diesel en-
gine pump which has since appeared in many tractors and trucks. Roosa’s obitu-
ary in the New Places News noted that “more than 30 million of Roosa’s efficient, compact pumps have been produced around the world since 1947.” Roo-
sa, who never attended college, credited “porse” verance for his success, noting that he “worked and worked and worked.”

Roosa’s philanthropy continues to have impact at Trinity, with this year’s inaugural lecture and the continued occupation of the chair he established. Previous Roosa chairs include Joseph D. Bronzino, the current Vernon D. Roosa Professor of Applied Science, Emeritus, who retired in 2010. Roosa also gave monies to support a chair in “manufacturing engineering at the University of Hartford” and was particularly con-
cerned at the time of his death with the needs of “handicapped children.”

New Task Forces to Address Campus Climate, Women

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Trinity College President and Professor of Neuroscience Joanne Berger-Sweeney has announced the creation of two new presidential task forces aimed at addressing issues of concern on campus. These two task forces, one on the status of women, project to begin in the spring, arose from previous discus-
sions around common ideals of “shared govern-
nance” and the president’s belief in “our potential to achieve even more” in the areas of campus climate.

According to an email recently sent out to the community by President Berger-Sweeney, the task forces aim to “shed light on the progress we’ve made in recent years and address the work that remains to create a welcoming and equitable environment for all,” according to Berger-Sweeney’s email. These task forces will be multi-constituent in na-
ture, with an invitation expected to faculty, staff, and students, among oth-
ers, soon. Chief of Staff to the President Jason Ro-
jas added that “one of our next steps is to put out a call for self-nominations, which should happen by the end of the week.”

The proposed task forces also build upon previous actions tak-
en by the administration last spring, when employee and student campus climate surveys presented a number of concerns regarding the health of our campus climate that called for attention and review.

Trinity College’s inaugural Vernon D. Roosa Professor of Applied Science lecture will be given by Susan Masino next Tues-
day, Sept. 17 at 10 p.m. Masino, whose lecture is titled “Brain Health, In-
side and Out: Digesting Basic and Applied Re-
search to Inform Public Policy,” serves as the Ver-
non D. Roosa Professor of Applied Science and will speak to students, faculty, staff, and the public in the Washington Room of Ma-
ther Hall. A small recep-
tion will follow the event.

Masino’s previous aca-
demic research interests include “mechanisms and opportunities to promote and restore brain health with the relationship among metabolism, brain activity, and behavior.” Masino has specifically focused on a form of “met-
abolic therapy called the ketogenic diet.” The diet has also been used to treat seizures, and has impli-
cations for brain health and diverse disorders,” according to an email an-
nouncing the lecture from the President of the College Joanne Berger-Sweeney.

Masino is also involved in projects focused on sustaina-
tibility issues, specifically relative to “New England’s forests” accord-
ing to Berger-Sweeney’s email. Honors include the Charles Bullard Fellow-
ship in Forest Research, in collaboration with Har-
vard Medical School. In-
terior Dean of the Facul-
ty Sonia Cardenas added that Masino “is an excep-
tional scholar, teacher, and leader in the community.”

Dean Cardenas further noted that she “looks for-
ward to her ongoing pro-
ductivity and success.”

Vernon D. Roosa, Hon-
orary Doctorate of Science Class of 1967, established the Vernon D. Roosa Chair in Applied Science in 1976. Roosa, who resided in West Hartford until his passing in 1989, gained fame for his

Inaugural Vernon D. Roosa Lecture Tuesday, Sept. 17

BRENDA W. CLARK ’21 MANAGING EDITOR
Summer of Improvement: Trinity College Renovates, Reinvents, and Reneus the Campus for the Fall

According to an email sent out by President Berger-Sweeney, the cam-

The main lobby in Mather experienced renovation over the summer.

pus received several nota-

tional work will be done to trees on campus.

ble renovations over the summer. The most recog-

niative offices on campus. The College mission state-

ment “Engage, Connect, Transform” has been add-

ed to the recently painted walls. Another important

change was an updated heating and cooling sys-

tem installed in Austin Arts Center. According to

the president’s memo, the previous outdated steam

pipe system has been re-

placed by a new system that will be in place for the

next 30 years. Additional-

ly, Ferris Athletic Center

received a new renov-

ation with the replacement

of bleachers in the gym.

The college devoted

ded much time and effort

into the renovation of the Cross-Cultural Liv-

ing Community (CCLC),

Doonesbury Hall. Doones-

bury received a brand new kitchen for students to use, and according to

Doonesbury resident Sim-

ar Subramaniam ’22, this addition has been

instrumental in “bring-

ing together the residents

of this already close-

knit community.” While

Doonesbury Hall itself

has existed for a long time

(it was formerly known as

PRAXIS), a living commu-

nity dedicated to Trinity

students with an active

interest in community en-

gagement in the Hartford

area), only recently was it

transformed into what it

is today. “This space was

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The Cross Cultural Living Community (CCLC) was

partially redesigned over the summer.

Lastly, the Summit Fa-

cilities Committee (SFC)

will begin to remove the

trees located along Broad and Vernon streets. As the

advisory committee dedi-

cated to the preservation

and safety of the students

and the campus itself, the

committee came to the con-

clusion that many of the
trees located on these two

streets suffer from a myr-

iad of problems, ranging

from Dutch elm disease and emerald ash borers

beetles. According to Vice President of Finance and

Operations Dan Hitch-

el in a community-wide

e-mail, the trees will be re-

moved before winter so as to mitigate the damages

cause by falling branches, and the school is “work-

ing on plans to replace the trees in the spring.”

Intercollegiate Update: News on Nearby Campuses

Brown University

Brown has placed Director of Development for Computer and Data

Science Initiatives Peter Cohen on administrative leave after reports alleged

that Cohen helped "secure money from Jeffrey Epstein for the MIT Media Lab,

where he was previously employed" according to The Brown Daily Herald.

The Herald cited the New Yorker for breaking the story, as the magazine

originally uncovered an email authored by Cohen stating that “Jeffrey money, needs to be

anonymou.” The New Yorker reported that emails show Epstein served as a liaison

between donors and the MIT lab, including Bill Gates and founder of private equity

firm Apollo Global Management Leon Black.

Cohen did not respond to a request for comment filed by the Herald. Brown
director of News and Development told the Herald that Brown never received

any funding from Jeffrey Epstein.

Tufs University

At the end of the spring semester, a part-

time custodian at Tufts had complained that her employer at the University, C&W Services,

increased her workload and was slow to respond to her complaints after the employee

announced her pregnancy. Following her pregnancy, she was granted just two weeks

of maternity leave, or else she would lose her

job, according to a report from The Tufts Daily.

Upon returning to work, the custodian stated

that she was given an “arduous workload” and

ultimately was fired because of a lack of necessity

for her job with C&W Services. Tufts clarified

in the Daily that they are not responsible for

C&W employees. “We appreciate all that C&W

employees do to create an environment that

is conducive to learning and working for our

students, faculty and staff,” said Collins in a

statement to the Daily. "Tufts plays no role in

the decision to terminate C&W employees.”

Currently, the custodian has found a new job but would like to return to Tufts

where she had better pay and more hours.

Central Connecticut State University

According to the Hartford Business Journal, Central Connecticut State University unveiled a

new facility for esports. The room is designed to

support 12 video game consoles to play sports-

centric games for up to 22 students at a time. The

total renovation sponsored by CCSU cost $300,000.

“We are very, very excited about this new facility, because it’s not only about gaming” Toro said in

an interview with the Journal, citing the academic

and research-oriented advantages the facility offers.

Esports is becoming a more popular opportunity

for students at colleges and universities across the
country. CCSU joins about 63 higher-education

institutions in the United States that have esports

resources. This number has been rapidly increasing

at colleges in recent years. In the coming semesters,

CCSU plans to offer courses that utilize the

esports facility. In a comment to the Journal

CCSU President Zulma Toro expressed hopes that

the esports facility would be a groundbreaking

initiative for academics at the University
The Peaceful Tragedy of Turning 21 in America

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I live on the Long Walk in a first-floor dorm, so I hear most of the conversations that pass by my window. It's usually yelling like "don't step on the plant!" or "I'm gonna do it!". "What does it mean again? They add an extra semester on it?" It's also fun for me to hear awkward hellos preceded by what I know is an internal psychological struggle over when to make eye contact. But I also hear happy birthdays. It usually goes like, "happy birthday, man!", or "giiiiirl you're 21!!!", or other wishes that you just know ahead in time to finally get there. Sometimes, it even felt like time was running out, that maybe you wouldn't get there. That 21 is the legal drinking age exemplifies the cultural break through that comes with turning 21. You can walk into a new city and say, "all this is now available to me. There is literally nothing I cannot participate in." Other privileges that come with turning 21: gamble at casinos (try it: if you're morally sound and responsible, you'll never want to step away from being an unwilling incessant money-maker for the state, no one takes care of us, and no one makes milestones for us). There is literally everything is open to me. And maybe it's because I've been inculcated by a system that makes me feel this way, but I feel part of the world. Far away from an intense feeling of freedom, being 21 feels peaceful. And it's good to know that at the next big milestone, 50, let's say, the people celebrating with me will be people I chose to be in my life. And in effect, it will be a milestone I made myself.

"As a child and young adult, our lives were dominated by what would come next. We constantly lived in the moment because we had no responsibilities."

I'm over-generalizing. Our lives were dominated by what would come next. We constantly lived in the moment because we had no responsibilities. That's the thing that comes to our mind when we perceive time going forward? What does this milestone have to do with the way we perceive time going forward? The first thing that comes to our mind when we turn 21 in America is that we can legally drink. The build-up to this has been huge. Sneaking around your parents' cabinet in high school, using your older brother's I.D. to get into bars, counting on the Tap to be lenient, "knowing a guy" who knows a guy whose sister is 23. The excitement that comes from sneaking around like this evoked a weird combination of cherish...
“Lack of media coverage is one thing, but a much scarier thing is a total twisting of facts and truth.”

“President Trump was onto something when proposing the purchase of Greenland, but the media was focused on his poor delivery than the actual merits of this foreign policy move.”

President Trump’s inflammatory rhetoric. It would be a relief to be able to acquire these valuable metals with our current strength. Greenland, which functions as a logistics center for military activity in the Arctic. If America were to purchase Greenland, they could combat Russia’s encroachment on the region. Because of Russia’s foreign policy misbehavior in recent years, and their concerning thirst for power and territory, it would be helpful to not only America, but also to the rest of the world for America to acquire Greenland over Russia. So the reason buying Greenland would be a foreign policy win is the island’s abundance of natural resources. Greenland is rich in hydrocarbons, the key ingredient in petroleum and natural gas, and also in rare metals which the U.S. can currently only acquire from China. This could become problematic as the U.S. relationship with China has weakened over the past two years due to the trade war and anti-democracy but also anti-human rights.” In addition, it praised the bean-bag gun-arming policies to pay the 600-million-dollar subsidy every year. To recap, President Trump was onto something when proposing the purchase of Greenland, but the media decided to focus more on his poor delivery than the actual merits of this foreign policy move. There are many advantages to buying Greenland and it is something that previous leaders of our country and the leaders of our rivals have considered. Overall, Greenland is one of Trump’s better real estate ideas.
Heyssis Castillo ’22

Always a fly fit from Heyssis.

Nahdyn Reyes ’23

Wear a shirt that expresses your mood so you don’t have to say it.

Hareena Johnson ’22

I’ll let you in on an open secret: tie dye is wavyyy.

Heyssis Castillo ’22

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Always a fly fit from Heyssis.

Anne Valbrune ’21

Who says a calm fit has to actually be calm?

Masho Strogoff ’22

An iconic fall fit: flannel, ripped jeans, boots, and a blue face time piece.

Caleb Prescott ’22

Sometimes all you have to do is drop the name brand on them: Stussy t-shirt.

Tripod Reviews Opening Weekend on Vernon Street

AD

“Thanks for leaving the back door open.”

★★★★★

Kappa Sig

“They’ll let anyone in these days.”

★★★★

The Hall

“Renovations have not fixed the grime.”

★★★☆☆

The Mill

“Lux Deluxe slapped, but they ran out of beer.”

★★★★
Trinity Rome Campus Celebrate 50 Years in 2019

Trinity Offers Roman Summer

50 for the Next 50 Aims to Celebrate Women at Trinity

The fall 2018 class of the Trinity in Rome program.
Arts & Entertainment

Norman Fucking Rockwell is a Wonderful Enigma

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Lana Del Rey has ruled the indie scene since the viral success of her 2012 sad girl anthem “Video Games” from her debut Born To Die. The album still hasn’t left the Billboard Hot 100 chart even as Norman Fucking Rockwell, Lana’s latest release, secures her role as a 2010’s icon in both popular music and culture.

Opening with Lana cooing a breathy, “god-damn, man child” on the title track “Norman Fucking Rockwell,” dismissing men with their bad poetry and even worse habits over a soft piano ballad. Next comes one of the album’s earlier singles, the cinematic “Mariners Apartment Complex” which winds guitars and over sultry guitars, giving way to a lengthy solo halfway through the song. The song mixes elements similar to the works of Father John Misty and Tame Impala while holding true to Lana’s whimsical California landscape. Another earlier single, “Dein’ Time,” a Swahili cover is a sweet and salty seaside banger that follows through on Del Rey’s blatant dedication to paying homage to her West Coast wonderland. Lana’s sticky, smoky voice coats the equally vibey and exciting guitar.

“Fuck it I love you” one half of a stunning music video duo, along with “The Greatest,” shows off the soft, vulnerable blue-jeans-and-cigarettes Lana Del Rey that made her a queen of cherry-emoji-Twitter and “aesthetic” Tumblr alike. The equally love-sick “Love Song” is a slower, more somber pia-no ballad that showcases Father John Misty and Lana’s subtle vocal prowess. The melancholy is tangible as strings emerge under the mournful keys as harmonies cry out “be my once in a lifetime” and “I’m a fucking mess.”

Norman Fucking Rockwell is an indie pop journey into the mind of a true artist, one Pitchfork has even deemed one of the best song writers of the century. Certain tracks like the 1950s-esque “How to disappear” and the swelling, begging “California,” call to mind Del Rey’s earlier Honeymoon while other moments like “Bartender” recall the essence of Born to Die. Lana effortlessly crafts feelings of nostalgia throughout the whole project that mirror earlier highlights in her career. However, on the album’s final song, “hope is a dangerous thing for a woman like me to have” the songstress closes with a soulful “But I have it/Yeah, I have it /Yeah, I have it /Yeah, I have it,” showcasing the newest, happiest, most self-award and powerful version of the enigma that is Lana Del Rey. Lana Del Rey’s career has been an artful journey of a woman exploring different musical styles, shifts in her thematic interests, and the evolution of a more polished professional dream-girl pop star. Norman Fucking Rockwell has arrived with a cosmic bang.

Sad Girl Autumn Slaps:

“Happiness is a butterfly”
“hope is a dangerous thing for a woman like me to have”
“Venice bitch”

Fucking Love Songs:

“Fuck it I love you”
“The Greatest”
“be my once in a lifetime”

Lana effortlessly crafts feelings of nostalgia throughout the whole project.

Whats Going On at Austin Arts Center?

Fall Dance Auditions:

Where: The Performance Lab at Trinity Commons

When: Tuesday 9/10, 12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

When: Wednesday (9/11) and Thursday (9/12), 6:30 – 9:30 p.m

Musical Theater Auditions:

What: “Edges”

Where: Austin Arts Center Room 112

When: Wednesday (9/11) and Thursday (9/12), 6:30 – 9:30 p.m
Arts Editor Asks: Where Is Camp Trin’s Public Art?

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A&E EDITOR

There is no question that Trinity’s campus is lovely. We’ve all seen the Chapel and the Long Walk, and I’ve even heard compelling arguments praising the brutalism of the LSC, but where is all of the public art? The popular belief is that Trinity has no public art. This is not actually true, but, there is good reason for this belief. Trinity is a world-class institution, ranking notwithstanding, but how can we expect to compete on the world stage without top-notch public art? Is retention rate correlated to the number and quality of public art on campus? In my unscientific opinion, absolutely.

To be fair, Trinity does have public art, primarily made of metal and not particularly exciting. Trinity seems to have gone out of its way to hide the few bas-relief sculptures that do populate our fair community.

Before we embark on this journey, let me first define the parameters of this survey. I am not including architecture in the umbrella of public art. Sure, it’s public and it’s art, but so are a lot of things. With all that being said, let us investigate the state of art at Camp Trin.

Starting outside of Admissions, we find a bantam. This diminutive metal statue appears to be made of gears. Much to my disappointment, the gears are immobile and while it is a nice piece, this bird hardly pushes the boundaries of anyone’s imagination. The sculpture is remarkably small for the grand vista of the Lower Long Walk. Moving northwards, we find a large steel monstrosity at the intersection of North and High Rise. In spite of its size, this industrial collection of girders is obscured by its surroundings. Standing before it, I find myself unmoved, so why don’t we move down Vernon Street in search of something more beautiful?

At the bottom of Vernon there is another metal sculpture, but this one is a brilliant yellow. It’s meaning is elusive. Some say it symbolizes the value of a liberal arts education. Hiding at the bottom of Vernon Street, few will ever see this work of art.

Back at Vernon Social, a technicolor mural adorns the wall. This explosion of color is far more exciting than most of the art on campus, but unfortunately it is relegated to the least used part of Vernon Social, a notoriously una- derused building in general. Perhaps the arrival of Steve’s Bagels will return this mural to Trinity’s consciousness. Heading down the Long Walk, we find the centerpiece of Trinity’s campus: good old Bishop Brownnell, presiding over the campus with his arm outstretched in an eternal benediction. Trinity’s only human statue is an impressive one, but another upper-crust clerical white man from the 19th century is the last thing we need. Where is something exciting? Something raw? Fear not, I’ve saved the best for last. The Jackson Symbol is a triumph of modern art that many at Trinity will go four years without appreciating. This piece is a prime example of outsider art. The creator is unknown and legend has it that the artist may have had a divine provenance. Much like Stonehenge or the Nazca Lines, the meaning and purpose of this work has been lost to the ages.

Like all of mankind’s greatest achievements, this work can be seen from outer space. Google Earth has done the important work of cataloguing this masterpiece for all to see. Simply search Jackson Hall and behold. I must admit that I had some reservations about covering this piece, Trinity’s greatest work of art, but I felt it was my journalistic duty to report on its magnificent existence to the Trinity community. Our intrepid staff photographer, Aidan Dumas ‘20, valiantly confirmed the existence of this marvel of vandalism with the Tripod drone.

My greatest fear these days is that the Man will see this, become aware of the Jackson Symbol, and destroy it. This would be a grave mistake but one that is entirely plausible. If you are a part of the powers that be, I urge you to leave this artwork intact as censorship of artistic expres- sion is against our values and Trinity already has so few works of art of this size and nature. I implore all Bantams to stop and appreciate the art that surrounds them, though there certainly ought to be more of it. Look at the Vernon mural and say, “this is pretty cool,” look at the sculptures on Vernon and say, “these are okay,” look at the roof of Jackson and ask, “what the heck?”

More than just paint splatters, it’s the Vernon mural!

Is There A Tasteful Number of Whale Stickers?

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It’s that time of year again, and students have once again returned to Trinity’s hallowed grounds. The transpor- tation of choice for this mass migration seems to once again be any vehicle with the Jeep brand-name slapped on its grill, particularly the Wrangler. Now, despite Trinity being about as far from off-road as one can get, the Summit Street pot-holes make it seem like the surface of the moon, but it is still, at least technically, a road. This really isn’t anything wrong with a Jeep as your main daily driver. They are capable in most situations and because they are so popular, they are cheap. Who cares that they are borderline abusive to drive on paved surfaces, have a horrible build quality, are so likely to flip over they make special bumper stickers to help you try and hide the shame, and regularly have to flip it, you will find more room for those up- sidedown Jeep stickers so that when you inev-itably flip it, you will have an awesome Instagram post the rest of us can laugh about.

The consensus around the office is that one whale on your bumper is more than enough to proclaim yourself as part of the Trinity Col- lege Jeep Owners Association. Besides, having only one sticker leaves more room for those up- sidedown Jeep stickers.
Beginning of the Fall Season Sees Exciting Matches

Men’s Golf Faces the Bill Detrick Invitational

The men’s golf team had an excellent weekend as they were able to perform well during the 2019 Bill Detrick Invitational. The team was able to hold off seven teams to secure a second place victory in the invitational. Babson College was able to secure the win over the Bantams with 581 points. It was an outstanding achievement and is a great way for the team to start off the season. Among the other teams that were at the invitational were Amherst and Tufts. Throughout the invitational, Amherst trailed Trinity by a few strokes and were on the Bantams’ heels, however, the Bantams kept their composure and held them off. Meanwhile, Tufts placed themselves out of the running early, as they fell behind into fourth place, narrowly missing the top three.

Field Hockey Secures First Win Against Smith

The Field Hockey team secured their first win of the season in which they absolutely dominated against the competition. The Bantams, who are ranked 12 nationally, beat Smith College in a merciless 5-1 victory. Throughout the match, their were multiple instances that the Bantams flexed their offensive skills on Smith College placing an immense amount of pressure on the defense absolutely overwhelming them in the process. An amazing part about watching this team was that in just about every instance that Smith College had an opportunity to score, the Bantams shut down the opportunity and responded with quick attacks down the field that absolutely boggled the defense. This is a great start and amazing outlook for the rest of the season.

Women’s Soccer Suffers Setback Against Union

This past weekend, the women’s soccer team suffered an unfortunate back-to-back loss against Union College on Saturday and WPI on Sunday. The Bantams were hoping to start a winning streak as they won their first game of the season. However, a few turnovers set the Bantams behind and they were not able to recover. Yet, they did have a great game against WPI and although they did lose by a close goal, it demonstrates the potential that they have for the rest of the season. On offense, they rallied on attacks and made consistent efforts that got the ball down more into enemy territory, putting lots of pressure on WPI. The only true downfall in the match was the 75th minute of play when WPI was able to get a leg up on the Bantam defense and their freshman player Aspen Hawkins slipped by for a lucky shot on goal.

Cross Country Ranks Second in Invitational

This past weekend, the men’s cross country team had an amazing start to the season in which they were able to come in second at their home-hosted invitational meet. The team, ranked No. 10 in New England, was only a point away from first place. Although they lost to American International, this is a great start to the season and is a reminder of just how close these matches can come down to. An interesting note to make of this team was that six Bantams finished in the top 25 of competitors which is an amazing achievement. Senior tri-captain Ace McAllister finished second overall in the entire invitational. This past weekend reflects the great strides that the team is making and the opportunities that they will have to capitalize on in the future.

Volleyball Hosts Trinity Invitational, Takes 2 of 3

In what can be summed up as an amazing weekend for sports, the Trinity College volleyball team lead the way in a great start for the fall season. The volleyball team not only was able to set themselves apart from the rest of the competition, but they did so with a sweeping 2-0 and 2-1 victory in the tournament by beating Clark and Westfield State.

While the weekend looked like it was going to be a shaky start with the Bantams losing to Eastern CT by a total of five sets, their luck turned around when the team was able to rally on Saturday. Over the weekend, the team went out on the court in full force to have a 3-0 total game win over Clark. In that first game alone, the Bantams demonstrated the effectiveness of their defense and how they were able to dominate the court. They consistently had Clark’s defense scrambling to try to return shots.

However, at the end of the day, the Bantams were very calm and collected. They consistently executed their shots to win the game. A standout in the first game was Colette Scheffers ’20 who accounted for 6 of the 25 points. At the end of the first game, she had a total of 14 kills.

In game one there was also a display of the new freshman talent and their ability to block a majority of Clark’s attempts at points.

Throughout game two, the Bantams made several valiant attempts to seal the game early. Although they did end up winning, in the end, it was a close match with the final score ending at 27 points. However, throughout the first and second set, it looked as if the team was gaining momentum and creating a large gap between the Bantams and Clark.

The team had multiple aces and a consistent amount of kills early on in the match. The opposition made a quick attack back that ended up pushing the match into the high scoring game that it became.

Overall, this weekend is a sign of success for the upcoming fall season. It is apparent that the Bantams volleyball team has a lot of potential for the season ahead. Despite some challenges that may arise throughout the fall, they will likely be able to meet the challenge head on and adapt to any obstacles.

This weekend was already proof of the talent that this team has and if they can put everything together as they have shown that they are capable of doing, this season may just be one of their best ones yet. The competition that they have ahead of them for the rest of the season is quite challenging, however, their victory on the court against Clark is a great predictor of the season that lies ahead. As they prepare for another difficult game against Western CT on Wednesday, we wish the Bantams the best of luck in upcoming matches.

Trinity Volleyball had a successful opening weekend.

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This Week in Sports...

**Volleyball**
- v. Clark: W, 3-0
- v. Westfield St.: W, 3-0

**Football**
- No games to report

**Women’s Soccer**
- at Union: L, 1-0
- v. WPI: L, 3-2

**Men’s Golf**
- Bill Detrick Invite: 2nd/10

**Women’s Golf**
- Bowdoin Invite: 4th/4

Athletics Hall of Fame Represents College’s Priorities

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This fall semester marks the beginning of the brand new Trinity College Athletics Hall of Fame, a new athletic department distinction meant to mark the storied success of Trinity College’s legendary athletes and coaches.

Trinity’s athletic department announced the creation of a Hall of Fame in November of 2018 along with a college-wide nomination process in which students, faculty, coaches, and alumni could submit a recommendation of someone that they felt was worthy of induction into the Hall of Fame. Once the nomination period was complete, a group of eleven distinguished Trinity community members, together forming the “Hall of Fame Selection Committee,” were charged with selecting the first class of Trinity athletes and coaches to be inducted.

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Part of a larger project to reinvigorate Trinity’s athletic department, the introduction of an athletic Hall of Fame pays homage to the role that athletics has played in Trinity’s nearly 200-year history, and represents a deep commitment to the role that athletics will play in the college’s future. Although many small Division III colleges similar to Trinity prioritize fundraising in other sectors of their institutions, Trinity, as seen by recent facility upgrades and the creation of new state-of-the-art fields, is trying to bring its athletic prowess and tradition into the forefront while maintaining academic prestige.

This is not the first time that Trinity has tried to grow its athletic brand. Back in the mid-1990s, College President Evan Dobelle heavily invested in the athletic department with the hopes of resurrecting Trinity from declining enrollments and lackluster institutional messaging. At the time, Dobelle’s goal was to invest in international recruitment for a sport that fields only one national collegiate division (squash) in order to make Trinity the best in the country and bring the college’s overall brand back to life. It’s safe to say that that investment has worked out well for the squash team and the college as a whole.

The Trinity College men’s and women’s squash teams’ international notoriety and legacy is part of the reason why the athletic department is creating a Hall of Fame. Trinity’s deeper commitment to sport and the role that it plays in solidifying a collegiate institution is certainly unique for the NCAA’s Division III. This new Hall of Fame is a way to memorialize that commitment and all that it has done for the college.

No matter what the future holds for Trinity one thing is for sure: the college’s storied athletic past will not be forgotten. Director of Athletics Drew Galbraith, according to the Trinity College Athletic Department, is excited to showcase that history: “We have a rich tradition of athletic success at Trinity and this will allow us to properly honor that legacy.”

TRINITY COLLEGE ATHLETICS

New fields display the significance of athletics at Trinity.

COMING UP FOR BANTAM SPORTS:

**Sat.**
- Football @ Tufts: 1:30pm
- Men’s Soccer @ Colby: 1:30pm
- Women’s Soccer @ Colby: 11am
- Men’s Golf @ Middlebury
- Women’s Golf @ Wellesley

**Sun.**
- Men’s Golf @ Middlebury