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Small State, Great Beer

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Student Founds Library for Children

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Hanifa Darwish ’22 rec­ognized a need for children’s libraries in her hometown of Kabul, Afghanistan. Like many Afghans, Hanifa had not grown up with bedtime stories, but hopes to help the next generation. She spent the summer after her first year at Trinity actively work­ing to open a new library for local students. Schools in Afghanistan typically have limited resources and many students, often fifty in one class alone. Previously, there was just one library in the city of Kabul that catered to childhood education. Dar­wish, who described herself as a lifelong lover of read­ ing, wanted to do her part to encourage young peo­ple in her country to read.

Darwish spent the sum­mer designing the library, which included gathering English and picture books from libraries in the Unit­ed States, games, Farsi and Pashto-language books, as well as hand-painting the walls. Creating the library was a job Darwish under­took from the ground-up, and installed new doors, windows, rebuilt the

Policy Bans Kegs at Greek Life Parties

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Trinity College has re­cently enacted a new policy which prohibits the use of kegerators—commonly re­ferred to as “kegs”—in the College’s fraternity and sorority houses. This di­rective comes in response to the Sept. 1 Alcohol and Drug Guidelines released by the North American In­terfraternity Conference. Those guidelines, spec­ifically No. 4, state that “common sources of alco­hol, including bulk quan­tities, which are not be­ing served by a licensed and insured third party vendor, are prohibited.” Director of Campus Life Initiatives and Social Houses Kathryn Wojcik spoke with the Tripod, adding that “the decision to remove kegs from social events and move toward a BYOB or Third-Party Catering System came from the National Offices

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Two Arrests Made Following Armed Robbery on Campus

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The Hartford Police Department and Trinity College’s Campus Safety officers were dispatched to address an armed rob­bery and motor vehicle theft in the Trinity Com­mons parking lot the eve­ning of Thursday, Sept. 12. Two Trinity students were the victims of the robbery, which occurred around 8:45 P.M. Subse­quently, the stolen motor vehicle was involved in an accident, with two of the three suspects placed under arrest. A third sus­pect remains at large.

In an email to the com­munity, Director of Cam­pus Safety Brian Heavren noted that the three sus­pects were “male” and that the Trinity “students were not injured in the inci­dent.” The students were approached while coming back to campus and head­ing “toward the Summit South dormitory.” The original email noted that the suspects “displayed a handgun” to induce compli­ance with their demands. The weapon has since been described as a “B.B. gun” and was recovered at the scene of the accident.

Following the robbery, the students “fled into the Summit South dormito­ry” and the motor vehicle was involved “one to two minutes later in an acci­dent.” As a result of the accident, Heavren noted, “two of these individuals [the suspects] were sub­sequently transported to the hospital and remain in police custody.” Heavren met with the Trinity com­munity on Monday, Sept. 16 to address the concerns, adding that Campus Safe­ty will “continue to assist the Hartford Police De­partment by providing as much information as we can and also reviewing our deployment in that area.”

Trinity College securi­ty is overseen by Campus Safety officers, the “major­ity of whom work the eve­ning and midnight shifts, from 7:00 P.M. to 3:00 A.M.,” added Heavren. Further, Trinity deploys Securitas—a private secu­rity vendor—along Trin­ity’s roadways and walk­ing paths as an additional level of protection. Lastly, noted Heavren, on “Fri­days and Saturdays from 7:00 P.M. to 3:00 A.M. Trinity contracts with the Hartford Police De­partment to have officers in the campus vicinity.”

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Students in Darwish’s hometown of Kabul, Afghanistan.

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Beloved Chartwells employee Olga Mangiafico passed away over the summer. Olga was well-known to Trinity students for working at the front of the Mather and, as her obituary states, loved interacting with students, “who kept her youthful prior to retirement at the age of 92.” Olga enjoyed her family, singing, dancing, traveling, and making jokes. She was originally born in Solarino, Italy and spent most of her life in Hartford.

According to her obituary, she is survived by her daughter Maria Eleonora Mangiafico of Rome, Italy; her son Ernesto and son-in-law Angel Diar Mangiafico of Wethersfield; five grandchildren Vianca, Baldino, Adriana, Marco and Serena as well as several nieces, nephews, and a countless number of former friends. The Trinity community is deeply appreciate of Olga’s commitment to the College and she will be sorely missed.
Luke Bronin won the Democratic primary election for mayor of Hartford on Tuesday, Sept. 10. Bronin, the incumbent mayor, won by a large margin of approximately 50% of the vote. His opposition, Trinity alumni Eddie Perez ’96 and Brandon McGee, each claimed around 27% and 14% of the vote, respectively, according to The Hartford Courant.

The Courant reported that Bronin won 20 out of 24 precincts with the remaining four going to Pérez. The total number of votes cast was 9,117 with Bronin winning 5,386, Pérez winning 2,461, and McGee winning 2,461. The Courant reported that turnout was much lower than it had been in the previous mayoral election with only 19% of eligible voters turning out to vote. In 2015, 20% of Democrats participated in the primary election.

During the campaign, Mayor Bronin emphasized his stabilization of the city’s weak finances, a task he considered his main accomplishment; a $65 million projected deficit in the city’s budget, Bronin explored the option of filing for bankruptcy; however, he managed to avoid this option through budget cuts, union concessions, and a financial aid package from three Hartford based insurance and a state bailout. This bailout came with an agreement of greater oversight of the city’s finances. During the campaign, Bronin also highlighted the various new programs he started as mayor, such as the Youth Service Corps which strives to help young Hartford residents find work through community service projects.

According to the Courant, Bronin also emphasized the creation of a re-entry center at city hall designed for people returning from prison. Bronin was criticized by both of his opponents, who claimed the incumbent mayor had not done enough to help Hartford’s impoverished neighborhoods and instead worked for a development expansion downtown. The Courant also reported criticism towards Bronin for allowing a city official to run for governor of Connecticut and frequently labeling the “Greenwich-raised liberal” an exploitor of his position as mayor to achieve a higher political position in the future. Bronin cited his passion for serving the interests of Hartford in defense of his exploratory run for governor. According to the Courant, Bronin will serve another full term as mayor. Eddie Perez ’96, former Hartford mayor between 2001 and 2010, was May- or Bronin’s most signifi-
cant opponent. A long-time Hartford resident, Perez has spent his life in the city and worked as a community organizer in several Hartford neighborhoods before entering politics. In 2010, Perez was forced out of office after facing corruption charges. The Courant reported that Pe- rez began his campaign by asking voters to forgive him for “serving too long.” Brandon McGee, a representative of gangs in Hartford and Windsor in the Connecticut General Assembly, emphasized his background as a local Hart- ford resident throughout the primary candidacy. He ran on a platform to move out- side the apartment complex on Barbour Street where he grew up. Despite this strategy, he failed to ob- tain any of the precincts on election night. Current Trinity student Matthew Rivera ’20 ran as an independent candidate.

As of 2017, the Con- necticut Secretary of State has reported 41,266 regis- tered Democrats in Hart- ford, making that the overwhelming majority party of the city, ensur- ing that Bronin is likely to be reelected as mayor during the mayoral election upcoming in November.

Central Connecticut State University

Duke University

University of Bridgeport

According to The Connecticut Post, talks to merge the University of Bridgeport and Marlboro College, a small, liberal arts college of about 200 students in rural Vermont, have ended. The two schools began discussing a potential merger over the summer and a letter of intent was signed between the two schools. Marlboro was slated to become the Marlboro College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Bridgeport if the merger were successful. The two schools would operate under one administration, and the resources of the liberal arts college would aid the University of Bridgeport if the merger were successful. The two schools would operate under one administration, and the resources of the liberal arts college would aid the University of Bridgeport if the merger were successful.

In the wake of this decision, four Vermont colleges and universities have closed over the past year, and Marlboro in particular has struggled financially with its schools. In comparison, Trinity’s endowment is about $614.8 million. The Connecticut Post has reported that Marlboro will continue looking at potential schools to partner with to be able to sustain its campus and afford its students positive academic opportunities during their time in college.
**Trinity Rises in WSJ Rankings, Same Ranking in USNWR**

**Kat Namon ‘22**

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The Wall Street Journal released the annual report on college rankings for 2020 on Sept. 4. The rankings are created based on 15 indicators that judge the colleges on four core factors. The four factors consist of outcomes, resources, engagement and environment. Outcomes account for 40% of the weighting, and includes factors like the average salary earned by graduates of the college and how much debt they experience. Resources count for 30% of the weighting, and take into account the amount schools spend and invest in student services and instruction. Engagement counts for 20% of the total ranking, and is drawn from a student survey. The survey investigates student opinion on interactions with other students and faculty and staff. Environment counts for 10% of the total ranking, and assesses the diversity of the university or college.

Director of Analytics and Strategic Initiatives David Andres commented that, “This year, the Wall Street Journal ranked Trinity higher on the overall list (colleges and universities) and among the subset of liberal arts colleges. In each of the four broad categories of the WSJ formula, Trinity was ranked higher than last year. Because the WSJ does not publish all of the individual metrics behind the rankings, it is unclear which specific changes, relative to other schools, resulted in Trinity’s improved rank.”

Changes to the ranking system were made this year, resulting in significant moves for certain schools in the ranking. According to the Journal’s rankings, best-value schools must rank in the overall top 250. Trinity ranked at 111 last year, earning a score of 86 in resources, 601-800 in engagement, and 476 in environment. This year, Trinity jumped up to a ranking of 87, earning a score of 95 in outcomes, 66 in resources, and 393 in environment. Previously, the rankings took into account a value-added analysis of student loan default rates. However, this year an evaluation of the average level of student debt at graduation replaced the analysis. The debt levels include federal loans but exclude private student loans and parent PLUS loans. The graduation rates refer to students who are, as defined by the Education Department’s Integrated Post-secondary Education Data System, first-time, first-time: non-first time, full-time: first-time, part-time: non-first time, part-time.

“We are pleased that in most of the major national college rankings this year, Trinity rose significantly,” commented Vice President for Communications and Marketing Angela Schaad for. “While rankings are not in themselves a sufficient reflection of quality, we know that rankings matter and that they are a reference point for families in the college search process. So we do pay attention to them, and we continue to focus on improving measures that many rankings consider, such as retention and graduation rates, that are of strategic importance to Trinity and central to our academic mission.”

In addition to the Wall Street Journal Rankings, the United States News and World Report also released their 2020 Best Colleges rankings. These rankings are based on factors that demonstrate academic quality, like faculty resources and graduation rates. The best value rankings take affordability into account. Trinity ranked number 46 among national liberal arts colleges, with an overall score of 72 out of 100. Of the best value schools ranking, which takes into account a school’s academic quality, as indicated by its 2020 USNWR Best Colleges ranking, and the 2018-2019 net cost of attendance for a student who received the average level of need-based financial aid, Trinity ranked number 49.

**Kegs No Longer Allowed at Fraternity Parties per Policy**

And fraternal insurance companies to reduce the liability of organizations serving alcohol.” From information found on the Conference’s website, however, the guidelines do not include explicit references to kegs.

Concerns over litigation and the use of kegs is not a new issue to fraternity and sorority life; in a June 12, 1991 article by Susan Dodge in the Chronicle of Higher Education, a “risk management” policy that bans beer kegs was approved by “thirty-four of the forty-nine national fraternities.” At the time of the Chronicle article, President of Fraternity Insurance Purchasing Group Durward W. Owen indicated that a “keg ban would lower the risk of alcohol-related accidents and make insurance companies more likely to extend coverage to Greek organizations.” Similarly, on Oct. 29, 2016, New York Times article indicated that several schools, including the University of Michigan, had recently undertaken “ bans on kegs” in an effort to control “the connection between drinking and campus sexual assault.”

The Times article further noted that administrative attempts to quell alcohol consumption have focused their efforts on the types of alcohol consumed. Wojcik indicated that “the College is implementing these changes to be consistent with National and insurance guidelines.” All Trinity College fraternities are a part of the North American Interfraternity Conference. Wojcik added that “the first weekend of social events under these policies went well” and she affirmed that she is “committed to supporting the students through this policy change.”

The College Campus Safety Report, Sept. 7-Sept. 12

**Thursday, Sept. 12**

340 Summit Street

Motor vehicle theft.

Open case.

**Thursday, Sept. 12**

Trinity Commons Parking Lot

Robbery and motor vehicle theft. One arrest was made.

**Saturday, Sept. 7**

Summit Street

Larceny-theft from motor vehicle. Open case.

**Saturday, Sept. 7**

North Campus

Drug use violation. 5 students involved, disciplinary referral issued.

**Saturday, Sept. 7**

81 Vernon Street

Disorderly conduct. Disciplinary referral issued.

**Wednesday, Sept. 11**

Smith

Drug use and liquor law violation. 5 students involved, disciplinary referral issued.

**Sunday, Apr. 14**

Off-Campus

Sexual offense- fondling reported. Referred to Title IX coordinator

**Saturday, Sept. 7**

Wheaton

Larceny-bicycle theft. Open case.
On Improving Trinity: Friedman’s Adam Smith U

DANIEL NESBITT ‘22

Over the past few weeks a number of different organizations have published their official College rankings for the 2019/20 academic year. How did Trinity fare this year? Not very well at all. First, let’s examine the less-important rankings and other variables. The prime example that comes to mind is the Formal Organizations department. Funded by the Shelby Cullom Davis Endowment, the largest endowment for the study of entrepreneurship and economic enterprise in the country, the Formal Orgs. department is home to superlative professors and fascinating, unique courses. For some reason, despite it being the largest and most unique, Trinity fails to market our educational experiment. As Friedman describes Friedman, “it pro\textsuperscript{duc}es what the consumer wants.” This guarantees that it is the preferences of the students themselves that dictate what teachers are employed, rather than the interest of the university itself. Every increasingly, students consistently feel that admin\textsuperscript{istra}tors act against or without regard to student preferences. Instead of hiring qualified professors, and professors charging students to take courses at a mutually agreed price. In addition, there would also be other coexisting organizations that, for example, do nothing except give examinations and grant degrees, or perhaps other campuses providing private dorms. The essential characteristic of this scheme is that, like any market system, describes Friedman, “it pro\textsuperscript{duc}es what the consumer wants.”

While these described structural changes are purely speculative and theoretical, there are approaches that Trinity could experiment with. For example, Trinity could introduce a tuition diversification plan. As Friedman describes it, “This arrangement would allow students, while purchasing most of their education from the university, to arrange some courses taught by instructors of their own choice.” One key benefit of this idea is that it does not have to be a massive and immediate structural overhaul, but rather a small-scale educational experiment. As the program develops over time, it would provide an alternative career path to many young academics, allowing capable teachers to acquire large salaries needed. Either way, some thing significant must be attempted. Will Trinity become Friedman’s Adam Smith U? Probably not (though one can hope), but hopefully significant changes shall be made.

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Orientation: Tradition and Time Consuming Meetings

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On Aug. 29, 2019, Trinity College welcomed the class of 2023 with open arms. Students hit the ground running with a multitude of activities scheduled for each day. While this was welcoming, there was a certain point where the activities got to be a bit too much. As a freshman myself, it was overwhelming having a busy schedule from the moment we arrived. Some activities were enjoyable: for example, the night time activities. Each night there was a different activity taking place for students to go to: Cave Karaoke, Carnival, Laser Tag, Burgoo, and Rollerblading are among some of them. For many, these activities served as a great way to branch out and meet your classmates and provided new students with the opportunity to leave their dorm room and explore.

The convocation and matriculation ceremonies were also a pleasure to attend. As a freshman myself, it was overwhelming having a busy schedule from the moment we arrived. Some activities were enjoyable: for example, the night time activities. Each night there was a different activity taking place for students to go to: Cave Karaoke, Carnival, Laser Tag, Burgoo, and Rollerblading are among some of them. For many, these activities served as a great way to branch out and meet your classmates and provided new students with the opportunity to leave their dorm room and explore.

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Internship Spotlight: Imane Bounana ’20 Explores India, Gains Marketing Experience with Infosys

BY AMANDA SCOPELLITI ‘20

When Imane Bounana ‘20 attended a presentation about Trinity’s new partnership with Infosys at the Career Development Center, she was immediately interested in applying for a summer position at the Bangalor, Karnataka, India-based company that specializes in business consulting, technology, and outsourcing services.

Bounana says that she was drawn to the idea of gaining professional marketing experience outside her comfort zone, in a new country and industry. Bounana is double majoring in French Studies and International Studies with a focus on African Studies and completed a minor in Writing, Rhetoric, and Media during her junior year at Trinity. She credits her liberal arts education, specifically the classes she took towards her Writing, Rhetoric, and Media minor, for teaching her strong writing skills and says these skills have helped her greatly during the internship application process, as well as during internship experiences.

As a marketing intern at Infosys, Bounana held a position within the Education, Teaching, and Assessments Unit. She was part of the Lex Team, the group responsible for marketing the Lex app, an internal learning platform for Infosys employees to stay updated on the latest information in business and technology. Her main responsibility during her two months at the company was to work on initiatives to encourage Infosys employees to use the app, and her biggest task was to get as many of the company’s 120 summer interns to participate in the Lex app and share their testimonials. Her other major responsibilities during the summer included designing and implementing campaign ideas to increase the number of users on the Lex app and writing scripts on how to use the app that would later be converted into videos.

Bounana worked on an all-female team with four other women but spent the most time with her supervisor, who also served as her mentor during her time at Infosys. She says that it was “very empowering to work on a team of all women,” adding that there was “so much inspiration on a daily basis.” One thing Bounana appreciated about the company culture was that she had both a professional and personal relationship with her supervisor. She says that there were “few professional boundaries,” than what she was used to from past internship experiences, and she could work productively with her boss and chat with her about life over a cup of coffee. Every summer intern at Infosys was assigned a supervisor and Bounana says that hers “did an excellent job of being both a boss and a friend.”

One thing Bounana was disappointed about is that she was supposed to direct a virtual reality tour of the Lex app, but she was not able to complete the project due to time constraints. However, she did attend many sessions and workshops about virtual reality and had the opportunity to learn about new technology that she was not educated on prior to her internship experience. Bounana is originally from Morocco and attended high school in South Africa before making the journey to Hartford to attend school at Trinity, so she didn’t find it difficult to adjust to life in India and “welcomed living in a new place.” She says that her living situation in India is pretty similar to what students are used to in the United States. She and the other Trinity student interns lived in an onsite dormitory that housed interns in addition to employees and visitors. On the weekends, Bounana would often spend her free time traveling with other students to South Indian cities including Mysore, Hampi, and Pondicherry. She enjoyed connecting with the Indian people and says that she felt safe and relaxed during group excursions. She found the culture in India to be much more laidback than the American lifestyle, and she says the people she met “reminded her of the Moroccan people, welcoming, kind, and open.”

Bounana also says that the Indian food was amazing—and incredibly spicy! She remarks that even when she asked a vendor to make a dish less spicy, it was still the maximum amount of spice she could handle. However, after two months there, she learned to embrace the spicy food. Overall, Imane Bounana’s experience at Infosys allowed her to hone her professional skills, travel, learn new things, and figure out what she “likes and doesn’t like in a job.” The internship came with its challenges, but it enabled Bounana to grow her skills and establish valuable relationships.

Bounana’s internship was based in Bangalore, India, giving her the opportunity to explore the country.
Celebrating 50 Years of Cinestudio

Cinestudio will be celebrating its fiftieth anniversary of operation in Feb. 2020. To commemorate Cinestudio’s long history with Trinity College, the Tripod met with Cinestudio coordinator Claire Pritchard ’20, who spoke enthusiastically about her time with the organization.

As she explained, Cinestudio is an independent entity started in 1970 by a group of Trinity students, including James Hanley and Peter McMorris. Students felt a need for a space on campus to show films and chose the auditorium of the Clement chemistry building to base their project. The theater was designed to model a 1930s film house. The grand opening of Cinestudio showed a double feature of Alice’s Restaurant and Yellow Submarine and was widely attended by students. Today, Cinestudio continues to screen exciting films that might not be shown in typical movie theater.

A staff of about fifty student volunteers work for Cinestudio. Pritchard became involved with Cinestudio starting her first year at Trinity. Although she is not a film studies major, she has enjoyed watching films and helping Cinestudio run its day-to-day operations, citing the location as a “refuge” for students on campus.

“Students can always find something they resonate with,” explained Pritchard. Running Cinestudio, particularly at the beginning of each semester, is a major task. Cinestudio is led, in part, by four coordinators, including Pritchard as well as Amelia Huba ’22, Suzanne Carpe ’22, and Lucia Leone ’22. Their tasks include organizing Moonlight Movies (a free film series for Trinity students), meetings with student volunteers, running social media, serving as a point person, scheduling special showings, and many other tasks.

Cinestudio hosts many events throughout the year, including the Trinity Film Festival and the LGBT Film Festival. Some of Pritchard’s favorite memories include showing 2001: A Space Odyssey in 70mm, a specific measurement of physical film in an old-fashioned style. This style was also utilized for the films Dunkirk and Roma. Always on the edge of cutting-edge film, Cinestudio has remained Trinity’s staple art house movie theater throughout the decades.
“Apocalypse Now: Final Cut is an Imperfect Masterpiece

While the intro to The Doors' song “The End” played, interspersed with images of the main character, Capt. Willard (Martin Sheen), a ceiling fan and clouds of fire swirling up the heart of the Vietnam jungle, I became instantly hypnotized. This beginning scene alone in Francis Ford Coppola’s Apocalypse Now: Final Cut is impressive because it foreshadows the complex tumult of portraying humanity during times of war, alongside general political commentary against U.S imperialism and the horrors of war. Despite the masterful cinematic qualities that keep the plot going, there are issues with pacing in this specific cut of the movie that hinder it from being as holistically perfect as the original.

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The only real gripe I had with this cut of the movie was the imple- mentation of the “French plantation” scene. This scene in particular ru- ined the pace of the mov- ie because by the time it is shown, the characters are so deep in the river and their own minds that everything we see is in- herently dark to reflect the larger metaphor. The tone of the film is then drastically undercut because the French plantation scene is bright, colorful, and expository by comparison. Not only does it ruin the immer- sion of the darkness that the audience was sucked into, but it explicitly tells you the main idea of the film, instead of letting the imagery speak for itself. Apocalypse Now: Final Cut is an imperfect mas- terpiece that deserves to be experienced at least once in your life. It will burn images into your head about the fragility of the human psyche and the tragedy of war that cannot be erased, no matter how hard you try.

See this film at Cine- studio Tuesday, Sept. 17 at 7:00 PM. If not avail- able, be sure to seek out the original, theat- rical cut of Apocalypse Now on a multitude of streaming services.
When you think of the defining off-road automotive models of the 20th century, you’re likely to think of Ford Bronco, Toyota Land Cruiser, Jeep CJ, and the Mercedes G-class spring to mind. All of these vehicles are extremely capable and greatly contributed to the popularity of SUV’s today. That said, there is a vehicle whose capability, brand recognition, and popularity puts them all to shame: The Land Rover Defender.

The Land Rover Defender was originally launched in 1983 as a continuation of the Land Rover Series III, and III which had been in production since 1968. Like the Jeep CJ and Mercedes G-class, the Land Rover can trace its lineage to the Jeep CJ and Mercedes G-class. The Land Rover Defender is powered by either a turbocharged 4-cylinder engine delivering 286 HP or a 6-cylinder delivering 305 HP. The only transmission option available will be an 8-speed automatic with a 2-speed transfer case. As disappointing as this may be to some perspective buyers, it really isn’t my main problem with the new Defender. During the redesign, much of the boxiness and angularity of the original design was lost, likely in the name of pedestrian safety. In doing so, the new Defender lost, at least to my eyes, some of what made it unique. The Mercedes G-class also recently had a major re-design and has seemingly lost none of the character which has made it so unique and desirable. To me, the new Defender has a bit too much early 2000’s Range Rover in its design (especially in the front end) and no one has ever accused those cars of being beautiful.

I am not saying that the new Defender will be a failure however and am especially interested in the 3-door model which is slated to launch a bit later than the 5-door. It will be interesting to see how the new Defender will compete with the 2020 Ford Bronco which aims to capture a seemingly similar market with a similar design philosophy.

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A&E Editor Toasts Craft Beer in the Nutmeg State: “My Cup Runneth Over” with Great Brews

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A&E Editor

This past Saturday saw the greatest coalescence of craft breweries in the history of the Nutmeg State. Small State Great Beer, in spite of the high cost of entry, I knew that it was my duty as a journalist to attend and report back on my findings from this hoppy bacheloral. Small State’s 2019 festival featured 60 breweries from around Connecticut, each offering at least two beers on tap per stand. Beer wasn’t the only option though, as there was a healthy and innovative selection of ciders and spirits as well. Connecticut may not be the largest state, but what an offering.

The tickets for this year’s festival included unlimited pours, the catch being a wristband only covered a three hour window. To sample every beer available, one would have to finish a beer every 1.5 minutes or less. Needless to say, I felt seriously ill by the time I left, but the fine folks at Small State struck a deal with the fine folks at Lyft to offer discounted rides for festival goers and Constitucion Plaza is also in walking distance from Trinity, contrary to popular belief. Everyone who knows anything about craft beer knows that this decade has seen the market flooded with IPAs, double IPAs, and all manner of hoppy monstrosities. Equally dominant on the artisanal brewery scene today is the sour, particularly the Gose, pronounced go-zuh.

The fruity sours were out in force at the festival and it was a much needed change of pace. Although, that many sours isn’t much better than that many IPAs.

Fine brewskis weren’t the only draw at Small State Great Beer. There were food trucks, a brass band, and even giant pong. I danced my butt off and ate a raspberry, sauerkraut bratwurst.

What more could any one want? But circling back to the beer, it was excellent, decadent in fact, as there was far too much of it. The glasses provided was small, so small in fact that I was initially devastated. But I lost track of the pours in the chaos, and after innumerable sours and IPAs I was perfectly happy with the reduced beer glass size. At the festival’s opening my posse tried to stick to an orderly map of the festival, but pouring rain precipitated a beachball and the remainder of my beer Odyssey was a hop hazard spling of brew after brew.

The rest of the offerings amounted to something of a blur, but overall I was both pleased and impressed. There were some unpalatable concoctions, such as a Maibock that took “malty” much too far or a stout that tasted more like old coffee than beer. However, all things considered, Small State was a fantastic celebration of life in the Constitution State and I had an absolute blast. As a senior, I do not know whether I will be in Connecticut come fall 2020, but if I am you may be certain that I will be at Small State Great Beer.
Bants Have a Strong Weekend, Sept. 13-15

Volleyball Defeats Southern Maine

The Volleyball team had a rough start to the weekend after losing 3-1 to Simmons College. However, this proved to be a great learning opportunity for the team. They were able to effectively adapt and overcome as they continued on to face Southern Maine later in the day. Throughout those matches they were able to consistently and effectively execute their plays. Needless to say, they absolutely dominated the competition and sealed the win 3-1. An amazing start to see in these matches were the attacks that the Bantams had early on in the game. This proved to be extremely effective as they were able to belittle Southern Maine early on and limit any chance for them to rally later on in the match. As they push through with the rest of the season we are looking forward to seeing this success and how they are able to use it to stack up against the rest of the competition.

Field Hockey Suffers a Loss to Colby

This past weekend was a thriller for the field hockey team as they set off to Main and face Colby and University of New England. It was quite an even weekend as the first match against Colby did not go so well, as they lost 3-1. They struggled to put points on the board and unfortunately were overwhelmed on the defensive end. However, the team pulled through on Sunday and definitely improved going into the University of New England game with a different mindset. The team went out quite aggressively and were able to strike first and gain a one point lead early on in the match. However, University of New England struck by quickly and leveled the game out at 1-1. Yet, the Bants continued to make efforts to get the ball down the field and were able to continually relieve the pressure off of their defense. After a few strong drives they got the shots that they needed and were easily able to seal the game off at a 3-2 victory. They will be returning back up North this week to face Keene State on Thursday.

Men’s Golf Tee’s off at the Duke Nelson Invitational

The Bants had a long weekend match up in Middlebury over the weekend. They faced off against over 23 teams and was one of the larger Invitations that they will go to during the fall season. Overall, the team finished in 15th place and did fairly well considering the vast majority of the competition that was present. New York University won the invitational and was followed by Williams and then Middlebury who took third by one stroke. The Bantams have a long track record of competing against New York University and have yet to achieve.

Cross Country Beats University of New England

This past weekend the men’s cross country team was off to a running start. After a close match the prior week the team really put the pedal to the metal and took off with a flying start. The team truly was able to excel on the course and McAlisters was 1.5 seconds off of the fastest division III. Trinity sealed out the top 20 of runners and even had quite a few in the top 10. The team as a whole totaled 34 points and were able to get first place out of 11 teams. They did so well that there was even a seven point gap that separated them from the second place group of Franklin and Pierce. Overall, the team is off to a great start to the season and we are looking forward to the amazing things that they have yet to achieve.

Men’s Soccer Loses Difficult Match to ECSU Warriors

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After a strong start to the beginning of the season the men’s soccer team has had a few tough games over the past week. This past Tuesday in particular was quite a shell shock, as they lost 2-0 against Eastern CT. The team had an amazing start to the game putting up strong attacks early on, but were unfortunately unsuccessful and unable to put any numbers up on the board. However, both the Bants and the Warriors were playing a very defensive style game in which both teams had an immense amount of opportunities to score. There were a few scenarios in which the Bants would get the ball rolling and make a break down one of the wings, however the shot was never successful. An amazing part of the game that stands out was mid way through the first half, it seemed as if the Warriors had outsmarted the Bants and had an opportunity to score. However, the play was unique in that the Bants quickly regrouped and kept their composure, limiting any opportunity for a shot on net. This first half could well be summarized as a battle of the defenses in which both sides maintained a scoreless first half, despite the amount of offensive pressure that came their way.

In the second half, however, the tide of the game was slowly changing. Both teams made some adjustments to their lineups and added a new energy to the game. Everett Lyons ’22 got the chance to start the second half off goal and almost immediately came under fire by the Warriors. Within the first three or four minutes of the half the Bants had scattered the Bants defense, leaving Lyons with more pressure. Then within 10 minutes of the start of the second half it happened. The Warriors split the defense and broke through taking advantage of the three on two situation the Warriors slipped a past to their forward. He executed a one tap shot just outside the 18 yard box. Lyons was just a few inches short of blocking the shot and unfortunately it sailed right into the top corner giving the Warriors a one point lead early in the second half. Despite this minor set back the Bants attempted to rally and attack the Warriors, but unfortunately had come up empty in their attempts.

They had many attempts on goal and some well thought out attacks that allowed them to tactically move the ball down the field, yet they were not able to string together a consistent attack that truly tested the Warriors defense. Much of the second half continued similar to the first a defensive game in which the Warriors did their best to maintain the lead. Then with just three minutes left in the second half the Warriors seized the turnover. Quickly moving the ball into range of the goal, they took their shot and sealed the lead and the game at 2-0. Needless to say, this game is a great chance for the team to learn from their mistakes. Those last few games have been great to watch for the intensity that the teams bring. However, they have been falling short in the second half. As the team moves forward and progresses in the season it will be great to see how they are able to clean up their second half act to absolutely destroy the competition.

We wish them the best of luck as they proceed to play Connecticut College on Tuesday.
**Men’s Golf**

Ty Jumbos 14 to 8 on the road in Medford, Massachusetts during the Trinity two different running at-combined for 20 yards on touchdown. Running back Girard '21 for a four-yard wide receiver Jonathan before hooking up with Lambert picked up right more quarterback Seamus side of the ball, sophomore game. On the offensive first quarter of the game-outs all throughout to hold Tufts to three-ties. The Bantams were able to show signs of previous form, especially on the defensive side of the ball. The Bantams were able to hold Tufts to three-yards or less throughout the first quarter of the game. On the offensive side of the ball, sophomore quarterback Seamus Lambert picked up right where he left off with his near flawless play at the end of the 2018 season, orchestrating a methodical charge down the field before hooking up with wide receiver Jonathan Girard ‘21 for a four-yard touchdown. Running back Spencer Lockwood ‘21 combined for 20 yards on two different running attempts during the Trinity drive. After a missed extra point, the Bantams were still up 6-0 at the end of the first quarter. After readjusting to the stingy Bantam defense, the Jumbos found an opening, re-taking the lead after a strong air game led to completions of 40, 17, and 13 yards before a 10-yard connection for a game-tying touchdown. Both teams struggled to find the end zone for the remainder of the second quarter, leaving the halftime score at 7-6. After a scoreless Trinity drive that tragically ended in a missed field goal, the hosts executed another long and methodical drive to start the second half, punching holes in the historically staunch Bantam defense. The key play for the Jumbos came when their senior quarterback executed a 48-yard completion on third-and-four deep in his own territory. The home crowd went wild, eventually giving the Jumbos the confidence to find the end zone and take a 14-6 lead. The next score by either team was set up when Bantam punter Ian McDonald ‘20 combined with a personal foul on the defense gave the Bantams a prime opportunity to steal the game away from the Jumbos. On the final play of the game a Tufts linebacker sacked Vazzano before he could get a pass off, ending the game and putting the Bantams in a precarious spot as they enter the rest of NESCAC play. Despite being taken out before the final drive, Tufts starting quarterback Seamus Lambert racked up 111 yards on 26 attempts while also rushing for 88 yards. Schofer and Girard led the receiving core with a combined 10 receptions. Despite the loss, Trinity’s quest for another NESCAC title in a row. A 37-yard completion to wide receiver Koby Schofer ‘20 combined with a personal foul on the defense gave the Bantams a prime opportunity to steal the game away from the Jumbos. The switch showed that Trinity head coach Jeff Devanney has yet to find a trustworthy starting QB, a necessary piece if the Bantams are going to win their fourth NESCAC title in a row. A 37-yard completion to wide receiver Koby Schofer ‘20 combined with a personal foul on the defense gave the Bantams a prime opportunity to steal the game away from the Jumbos. On the final play of the game a Tufts linebacker sacked Vazzano before he could get a pass off, ending the game and putting the Bantams in a precarious spot as they enter the rest of NESCAC play. Despite being taken out before the final drive, Tufts starting quarterback Seamus Lambert racked up 111 yards on 26 attempts while also rushing for 88 yards. Schofer and Girard led the receiving core with a combined 10 receptions. Despite the loss, Trinity’s quest for another NESCAC championship is still well within reach. Next up will be Bowdoin this Saturday in the Coop at 1pm.

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| v. Southern Me. | W, 3-1 |

**Women’s Soccer**

| at Colby | L, 2-0 |

**Men’s Soccer**

| at Colby | L, 4-1 |
| v. Eastern Colby | L, 2-0 |

**Football**

| v. Tufts | L, 14-8 |

**Men’s Golf**

| Duke Nelson Invitational | 15th/23 |

**Women’s Golf**

| Ann. S. Batchelder Invitational | 7th/7 |

**Football Cedes First Game of the Season to Tufts**

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The Trinity College football team suffered a tough start to their season this past Saturday, losing to the Tufts University Jumbos 14 to 8 on the road in Medford, Massachusetts. A rare early season slip up could be problematic for the Bantams, especially if upcoming opponents sense weaknesses in the three-time defending NESCAC champions. Despite the unfortunate outcome, Trinity did show signs of previous form, especially on the defensive side of the ball. The Bantams were able to hold Tufts to three-yards or less throughout the first quarter of the game. On the offensive side of the ball, sophomore quarterback Seamus Lambert picked up right where he left off with his near flawless play at the end of the 2018 season, orchestrating a methodical charge down the field before hooking up with wide receiver Jonathan Girard ‘21 for a four-yard touchdown. Running back Spencer Lockwood ‘21 combined for 20 yards on two different running attempts during the Trinity drive. After a missed extra point, the Bantams were still up 6-0 at the end of the first quarter. After readjusting to the stingy Bantam defense, the Jumbos found an opening, re-taking the lead after a strong air game led to completions of 40, 17, and 13 yards before a 10-yard connection for a game-tying touchdown. Both teams struggled to find the end zone for the remainder of the second quarter, leaving the halftime score at 7-6. After a scoreless Trinity drive that tragically ended in a missed field goal, the hosts executed another long and methodical drive to start the second half, punching holes in the historically staunch Bantam defense. The key play for the Jumbos came when their senior quarterback executed a 48-yard completion on third-and-four deep in his own territory. The home crowd went wild, eventually giving the Jumbos the confidence to find the end zone and take a 14-6 lead. The next score by either team was set up when Bantam punter Ian McDonald ‘20 combined with a personal foul on the defense gave the Bantams a prime opportunity to steal the game away from the Jumbos. On the final play of the game a Tufts linebacker sacked Vazzano before he could get a pass off, ending the game and putting the Bantams in a precarious spot as they enter the rest of NESCAC play. Despite being taken out before the final drive, Tufts starting quarterback Seamus Lambert racked up 111 yards on 26 attempts while also rushing for 88 yards. Schofer and Girard led the receiving core with a combined 10 receptions. Despite the loss, Trinity’s quest for another NESCAC championship is still well within reach. Next up will be Bowdoin this Saturday in the Coop at 1pm.

**Coming Up for Bantam Sports: Sat.**

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Men’s Soccer @ Williams, 3:00pm
Women’s Soccer @ Williams, 7:00pm
Men’s Golf @ Williams
Women’s Golf @ Mt. Holyoke

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