Still No Search Committee for New Dean of Faculty

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Trinity’s Faculty Conference, an advisory and adjudicatory committee of the faculty, has not yet reached a resolution with respect to the position of Dean of the Faculty and Vice President for Academic Affairs. While the position’s pending vacancy—formerly held by Tim Cresswell—was announced to the community in March, seven months later there has been no announcements regarding the composition or timeline of the search committee as the conclusion of the fall semester approaches.

The Dean of the Faculty occupies an important role at Trinity, overseeing the college’s progress on matters of curriculum, appointments and promotions, and program and course offerings, among other responsibilities. The Dean of the Faculty also possesses the ability to make staffing decisions across departments, with the advice of the college’s Educational Policy Committee (EPC). September of this semester. The Tripod reached out to Secretary of the Faculty and Associate Professor of Economics Mark Stater, who chairs Faculty Conference, for comment on the progress of discussions. Stater stated that “each search is unique” and indicated that “we’ve been more focused on process than on moving quickly.” Stater did not provide specifics on the discussions that had occurred at particular meetings. Stater did confirm that more information would be provided to the Trinity community regarding plans for a search in November.

Chief of Staff to the President Jason Rojas confirmed Stater’s comments, telling the Tripod that “the president and faculty conference have been holding productive work sessions to determine the make-up of the search committee and the process for identifying the best external search firm to support the search.” Rojas added that “their collective goal is to provide more information to the campus community in November.” Stater also told the Tripod that the faculty was having “productive conversations with the president.” Rojas confirmed that Faculty Conference met with Berger-Sweeney on Friday, Oct. 25, but did not provide specifics of the meeting discussions.

Berger-Sweeney’s Mar. 14 email last spring indicated that Cresswell would assume a new professorship in Scotland on July 1. The president’s email noted that “the future academic leadership of the college is, of course, a primary consideration.” Several weeks later, Berger-Sweeney announced the appointment of Vice President for Strategic Initiatives and Innovation and Dean of Academic Affairs Sonia Cardenas to serve as Interim Dean of the Faculty and Vice President for Academic Affairs, a role she previously shared with former Academic Dean Melanie Stein during the 2015-2016 academic year. Cardenas spoke to the Tripod and indicated that she intends to apply for the position once it is formally advertised. A search for a new Dean of the Faculty is a demanding process for the college to undertake. Most recently, Trinity recruited Cresswell in 2016 after an extensive search process. A letter from Berger-Sweeney in the spring of 2016 informed the Trinity community about the search process.

Homecoming 2019

Bantams returned to Trinity to celebrate Homecoming weekend. Although Trinity lost to Williams, the weekend provided notable events for all members of the community. Read about the game on page 12 of the sports section, and hear about the weekend on page 7 in the features section.

Halloween on Vernon

Trinity celebrated its thirtieth annual Halloween on Vernon Street.

Trees on the Quad

According to Vice President for Finance and Operations Dan Mitchell, 22 trees on the main quad are dead or dying. The trees will be replaced.
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Tripod Editorial
The Homogeneity of Homecoming: Of Beckys and Chads

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Correction

- GMR, BWC, AWD
To confirm the general purpose of seven professors over the course of about six months. To confirm the general procedure for finding a new Dean of the Faculty, the Tripod reached out to a retired faculty member familiar with the process. According to the retired faculty member, the Dean of the Faculty position is “relatively new,” as the first person to hold the title was chosen in 1968 to succeed the “Dean of the College,” which incorporated both academic and administrative responsibilities. Because the position was relatively new, throughout the 1970s and 1980s at Trinity there was little precedent for how Dean of the Faculty should be identified or chosen. The first Dean of the Faculty, Tom Mitchell, who served by President Ted Lockwood, stayed on in the newly created position until 1970. For Fuller’s replacement, Lockwood chose from within Trinity’s faculty and engaged in some kind of search process; however, there has not been included a formal search committee. Lockwood ultimately hired from within the faculty, the final selection being Professor of Engineering Ed Nye, who stayed in the position until 1979. Following Nye’s departure from the position, Andrew DeRocco served as Dean of the Faculty, and was chosen by Lockwood with some deference to faculty preferences. Subsequently, as Professor of History and President Emeritus Borden Painted stepped into the role of Interim Dean of the Faculty under President Jim English’s tenure, Trinity’s faculty deliberated over whether or not it was best to hire for this position from within the faculty or outside of the college.

The retired faculty member who spoke to the Tripod also discussed the search committee that brought Jan Cohn to Trinity in 1987, the first woman to serve as Dean of the Faculty. The Tripod corroborated this retired faculty member’s account of the search process by consulting faculty meeting minutes of the 1980s held by the Watkinson archives. The meeting minutes confirmed that, for this search for an external candidate, the committee included members of the faculty, administration, and two students who conducted rounds of interviews for several candidates. Additionally, the interim dean in that case was not expected to run for the position of dean of the faculty under a set of policies for such committees determined by the faculty. Following Cohn’s departure in 1994, President Tom Gerety appointed an external dean from Loyola College. Brown continued as interim dean, during which time no formal plans were made to replace him. Brown stepped down in 2004 and was replaced by another interim dean chosen from amongst Trinity’s faculty, Associate Professor of Religious Studies Frank Kirkpatrick. Thereafter, another search committee was formed in 2005, composed of faculty participants that interviewed and recommended candidates to then-President Jimmy Jones. This ultimately resulted in the hiring of Rena Fraden, who served from 2007-2013. Fraden was thereafter replaced by Tom Mitzell, who served until 2015. The faculty member indicated that there was “an enormous amount of turnover” in the position of Dean of the Faculty since its inception at Trinity. Generally interim deans were chosen from within the Trinity faculty, while permanent hiring for the position of Dean of the Faculty occurred through multi-investigator search committees, which recommended candidates to the President of the College.

To find promising candidates, the college was continually forced to undertake a long and thorough vetting process. However, “the degree of experience at Trinity with a search committee process is limited,” added the retired faculty member. In most instances, however, the departure of a Dean of Faculty would be followed by the announcement of a search committee with three to five weeks. The faculty member observed that, in this context, a seven-month gap between the announcement of a departure and the creation of a search committee was highly unusual considering Trinity’s institutional history.

In a statement released by Eleanor Daughtery, Associate Vice President and Dean of Students at the University of Connecticut, students were warned against donning Halloween costumes that may be considered racially insensitive. She states that “jokes and costumes cannot be used as an excuse to belittle the significance of identity and inclusivity on our campus and our world. These are our choices. Our actions. Our commitment to care.” These precautionary statements come following the recent arrest of two students, an incident that took place at the end of October. The Office of the Dean of Students has also called for a collective effort in fighting against hateful racist behaviors on campus. This will be directly coordinated with the External Affairs Chair of the student government, Dayani Douglas—who has also echoed the office’s plea for a joint effort in standing against hate speech. “I think raising awareness on racial issues and racial insensitivity is the responsibility of not just the university, but also everyone in the wider campus community.

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Student Emergency Fund Centralized, Restructured

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In Today’s World, Free Speech Under Siege in Higher Ed.

As the late playwright and novelist James Bald- 
win once said, “We can talk about anything 
our issue, whatever you desire-
ment is rooted in our op-
pression and denial of our hu-
manity and right to ex-
st. In many ways I agree; 
surely, we should aspire to 
be kind to one another and 
root out racists. How-
ever, it is worth noting that my polarized 
time this way of thinking has extended far beyond its bounds. The 
idea that speech is violence is 
taking root in colleges across America, empower-
ing disturbing censorship policies. Students from a variety of 
positions are calling 
themselves victims and 
demanding the rights of

“Around the country, people’s voices are being reduced to a whisper... our culture of debate, and discussion is faltering.”

SGA Reforms Must Abide By Existing Rules of Order

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MANAGING EDITOR

Our Student Govern-
ment Association—a body 
that exists to represent 
the voice of the student body—
has recently undertaken a 
revision of their consti-
tution. In the spirit of de-
mocratisation, so they assert, the SGA aims to separate 
their constitution from their bylaws. Henceforth, 
bylaws will govern their members’ actions. The cons-
titution, under the proposed 
system, will remain invi-
able except by referen-
dum of the student body.

In principle, this seems 
a relatively innocuous change. I think such a change may in fact be 
in the best interest of our student government and 
am in favor of the division. Still, in these discussions, 
several proposals came 
calling my attention that are deep-
ly troubling: the potential 
elimination of Robert’s Rules of Order as the gov-
erning text of meetings and the 
elimination of the role of 
parliamentarian. Why, 
you might ask, is this a 
matter of concern? How 
does the role of a parliamentarian 
impact you as a student? How 
does my day change 
dependent on the method of 
voting? How does a par-
liamentarian actually fac-
to into the preservation of 
my rights? At its heart, the 
mindre of rules and order 
affirm that the elected 
representatives act fairly, 
conserving the rights of ma-
jority and minority alike. 
Parliamentary rules 
prevent a government from 
abusing its powers, inten-
tionally or unintentionally. The 
students have a right to 
know what their elected 
government is debating and 
should have the abil-
ity to speak on matters 
during appropriate 
ignited periods of “pub-
lic comment.” This is the 
cornerstone of any demo-
ocratic process and must be 
preserved if our student 
government will continue to 
represent our voice and 
the public good. Our SGA 
constitution affirms its ob-
ligation to the students, as 
it exists to “officially rep-
resent the individual con-
cerns of the Student Body.”

If these concerns are to be 
represented, the student 
government should not 
have an affirmative right to 
discard with rules and 
procedure when it suits 
them. This is why real 
son text such as Robert’s exists in the first place. 
I valued the opportunity 
to give public testimony on 
this matter before the SGA 
over the meeting, the SGA 
President indicated that a 
new matter would be 
introduced onto the agenda 
concerning the Student Or-
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I understand it—acts to 
correct the “two-step pro-
cess” that was the lynching 
who is embattled by a partial 
minority. I understand this to be a 
universal right, not just for the 
student body. However, because of this addi-
tion to the agenda without 
distribution to the student body, those interested in 
free speech and debate, we 
need to do better in exer-
cising this right. I am judgment of this fundamental right.

The first black Ivy 
League President, Ruth J. Simmons, in her 
convening text at Brown 
University remarked, “Knowledge 
rooted in freedom of speech 
and inquiry. Over the cen-
turies, freedom of speech has 
turned tyrannical, led new generations of 
students to the academy... in 
fallen on free speech. That's 
what censorship and intol-
"The whole notion that speech 
is violence is not only a dan-
gerous one, but it's literally an 
dated product of the past."

those they disagree with 
be diminished. I even got a 
personal email sent to me 
by a sitting Trinity SGA 
member that “In today’s political climate, I am sure 
you are aware that polit-
ical ideologies are taken 
very seriously and can 
lead to real harm. I have 
heard stories of physical 
danger and threats to 
free speech on college campuses.”

the world that 
consulted prior to the 
student body. How do 
SGA members actually fac-
themselves involved in the 
process? Is the goal of the 
SGA to be as a means of 
protecting these rights are actually 
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fact that we have codified 
protections for free speech in 
the First Amendment of the 
Constitution is a tremen-
dous achievement that 
we ought to honor. Not only 
does it protect this funda-
mental, normal right, but 
it’s a profound realization 
that an inclusive, pluralis-
tic society requires the tol-
eration and protection of dif-
erent ideas. The world is 
an incredibly diverse place 
full of countless different 
perspectives in which 
individuals cannot 
voice their minds with-
out fear of retaliation isn’t 
much of a society at all.

Free speech in America 
is robustly protected legal-
ly, but that's not the prob-
lem. The problem lies in 
the willingness to protect 
this for fundamental right 
and their willingness to 
use it. This is especially 
true on college campuses 
where some students and 
faculty are calling for the 
shutting down of those 
they disagree with. Alex 
Alexander Hamilton and 
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Abigail Adams were killed for 
their political beliefs. The 
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the Rutgers University 
Conservatory called 
for, and won, a referendum 
to defund the school’s 
newspaper for what it found 
to be “fake news.” When 
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newspaper, The New 
York Post, wrote that Tony 
Chaparro was spoken at UC Berkeley, pro-
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nity to be heard. Sudden 
changes to the agenda 
impede opinions and 
make it more difficult for 
the entire student body.

How could this have 
been avoided? Despite 
the fact that I expressed 
my concern to the entire-
ty of SGA, a parliamen-

tarian (for the members of 
the SGA) had the power to 
stop any discussion on rules 
that would have been equally 
prepared to intervene and 
inform the chair of this vi-
olation. This distribution of 
power ensures that even 
the chair must play within 
the restrictions of impar-
tial rules. It prevents any 
oncipient from gaining 
too much power and insti-
tuting tyranny. It is, at 
its heart, an important role 
that preserves the dem-
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initially ordained to be 
correct may speak. With 
us, the students are just 
able to nod in agreement.

Ruth Simmons, to the 
tune of thunderous ap-
plause, later remarked, “If 
you’ve come to this place for 
comfort [Brown Uni-
versity]... pass through that 
portal, and live a little. 
Black.” The university, 
s pecially one with the 
caliber of students here at 
Trinity, should be a place 
where the leaders of to-
morrow are forged. Out-
side our dear old Trinity 
is a world full of tenen-
dous issues that only the 
sharpest minds and tough-
est souls can face. Around 
the country, peoples’ voice 
are being reduced to a 
whisper. Whether it stems 
from an oppressive insti-
tution or fear of backlash, 
our culture of debate and 
discussion is faltering. In 
times like this, this small 
college needs to roar like a 
to protect free speech.

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of parliamentarian. Why, 
you might ask, is this a 
matter of concern? How 
does the elements of an agenda 
impact you as a student? How 
does my day change 
dependent on the method of 
voting? How does a par-
liamentarian actually fac-
to into the preservation of 
my rights? At its heart, the 
mindre of rules and order 
affirm that the elected 
representatives act fairly, 
conserving the rights of ma-
jority and minority alike. 
Parliamentary rules 
prevent a government from 
abusing its powers, inten-
tionally or unintentionally. The 
students have a right to 
know what their elected 
government is debating and 
should have the ability 
to speak on matters 
during appropriate 
ignited periods of “pub-
lic comment.” This is the 
cornerstone of any demo-
ocratic process and must be 
preserved if our student 
government will continue to 
represent our voice and 
the public good. Our SGA 
constitution affirms its ob-
ligation to the students, as 
it exists to “officially rep-
resent the individual con-
cerns of the Student Body.”

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represented, the student 
government should not 
have an affirmative right to 
discard with rules and 
procedure when it suits 
them. This is why real 
son text such as Robert’s exists in the first place. 
I valued the opportunity 
to give public testimony on 
this matter before the SGA

those they disagree with 
be diminished. I even got a 
personal email sent to me 
by a sitting Trinity SGA 
member that “In today’s political climate, I am sure 
you are aware that polit-
ical ideologies are taken 
very seriously and can
SGA Should Maintain Position of Parliamentary

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Moreover, the bylaws of most municipal governments prohibit additions to the agenda twenty-four hours prior to the meeting, for the very purpose I note above. Our faculty on this campus, our state legislators, and our congress all have parliamentarians, whose role is to make sure we can act swiftly when questions of rules arise. Who are we, as students, to re- ject a practice well-known throughout our nation’s democratic institutions? Why should we not, in- stead, take this opportunity to embrace rules and the objectivity they introduce into our debate. If the SGA wishes to make its actions more democratic by divid- ing the bylaws and the con- stitution, we should be en- couraging adherence to the rules, not discarding them. Unfortunately, Sunday night, the student body lost an opportunity to voice their concern for or support of an important element of the rule— the appeal of clubs—and that is a loss that cannot be re- coupled. Furthermore, SGA is still governed by Robert’s, as they have not yet insti- tuted constitutional revis- ions, and so they have in fact violated their rules as they stand under our SGA constitution. As Montes- quieu so aptly asserts, “to become truly great, one has to stand with people, not above them.” Our SGA is not above the rules. It is an entity above on campus, nor any orga- inization. For this student government to reach its objectives, it must adhere to the rules, the same rules that the governments of our cities, states, and towns observe. For here, had the rules been maintained and had their watchdog—the parliamentary—been in office, this diatribe may never have been necessary. Consider also the case of voting. Robert’s Rules as- sure that the citizenry has a right to hear the positions of its elected representa- tives. Our SGA has allowed for public votes in the past and it is my hope that the practice is maintained as revisions go forth. Robert’s, however, protects the vot- ing interest. Any member of the elected body has the right under parliamenta- rian procedure to request “a division of the assembly by having the affirmative rise and then the negative, so that all may see how members vote.” Similarly, certain motions may re- quire the need of a roll call as each member votes. These mechanisms ensure that the student body knows what their rep- resentatives believe and what they are fighting for. As elected officials who represent the interests of all students, there is hardly a reason why votes should be conducted in se- cret. If you have an opin- ion, stand by it. You were elected for your voice and it is on your votes that you will be adjudged in the next election. In my case, as an officer and war- riors for the Tripod, we put our

Common Service: An Uncommon Virtue in Our Time

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I’m a senior, and there’s hardly a moment when I’m not thinking about life after gradu- ation. In all your time here, with professors and advis- ors suggesting graduate school or job offerings, has anyone ever suggested joining the armed forces? Probably not. There’s not a big military presence at our university. In fact, there’s none at all, but it wasn’t always like that. The Reserve Officer Training Corps existed here too, until it was abolished in 1969. Trinity is hardly ex- ceptional. After the draw- down of conscription and the introduction of the Selective Service Act and the All-Volunteer Force in the 1970s, we’ve seen a change in how our society thinks of soldiers. America today is stymied in the Civil War, as did Japanese Americans in 1942, in the Korean or Vietnam Wars, for a nation that had enslaved them and put their families in camps. Military service can be a channel for so- cial progress, for national betterment, because it is one of the purest forms of self-sacrifice. The very term national service is suggestive of its import; they exist for the national good. Our teachers, the police, civil servants. And it is one of the most venerated because of the inherent risks of being a soldier. Death on the bat- tlefield is the most obvi- ous, but hardly the only sacrifice asked of soldiers. Years of PTSD can accom- pany service and treat- ment is lacking even today. Yet this national ser- vice is being unfairly dis- tributed. I’ve met many enlisted women and men for whom military ser- vice is an escape—which, while it does not deme- ne their sacrifice for the na- tion, does not bode well for what is ostensibly a volunteer force. Howev- er, the fact is that some escape service altogether. One of those populations are the well-off, and, typically, college students. ROTC wasn’t abol- ished at Trinity in a vac- uum. Trinity kids didn’t want to serve. Vietnam, while John McCain and John Kerry both served with distinction, alongside some nine million other Americans in Viet- nam. One of the biggest reasons ROTC programs nation-wide were aban- doned was to keep college students from national service. More cynically, when the nation asked for some to serve in Vietnam, the middle class on up to the richest gave hearty assent. When the nation asked for soldiers to serve in the war. In other words, when the armed forces represent the nation, the decision on where, and for what reasons, to use them is genuinely democratic. To honor soldiers while si- multaneously never con- sidering service ourselves is the basest hypocrisy. My message is sim- ple: I want more people to match words with deeds and to take an honest moment to consider national service. We don’t necessarily need ROTC at Trinity, nor should we re- instate conscription. But

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by countless paradoxes when it comes to military men and women. On one hand, we hold them up as valorous heroes, brave warriors who are doing our part to keep the opposite to be true. Historically, serving one’s country has been a way to demonstrate loyalty and courage. African-American soldiers fought and died to save the Union, leaving the heavy task of national service to the few who take it upon them- selves creates a distinct class of soldiers who, not unjustly, consider themselves unfairly burdened. That distance between the soldier and the civil- ian lets us send our citi- zens-at-arms thousands of miles away to die for our gain without a second thought. In this American democracy, we must stand true to the ancient tradition of the citizen-soldier. We owe one’s country, whether as a teacher, a doctor, a po- lice officer, or a soldier, is the position civic duty of every American, just as it is everyone’s civic duty to vote. Or, as the Marine Corps puts it, we don’t want more soldiers— we want better citizens.
Trinity College held its annual Homecoming celebration from Friday, Oct. 25 to Sunday, Oct. 27. Kicking off the Welcome Friday morning, alumni were invited to return to the classroom and sit in on current classes. The rest of the day’s activities included tours of campus, an open house at the Trinity College Archives, and a Greek Life career mentoring event, ultimately giving alumni the opportunity to remember their good times on campus and enjoy the sunny weather Friday brought. The evening was filled with dinners for the Class of 1963, the Class of 1970, and the Trinity Athletic Hall of Famers. There was also an all-welcome Shabbat dinner at Zach’s Hillel House, where Pride month was celebrated. Additionally, the movie Hustlers showed that evening at Cinestudio.

Saturday was filled with breakfasts, brunches, and lunches celebrating our alumni athletes. Free Trinity t-shirts were given away that morning at the All-Campus Vonnon Social Center Tailgate where Trinity’s four a cappella groups performed. Later that day, our field hockey team and men’s and women’s soccer teams played, as did our football team in the annual Homecoming Football Game against Williams College. Unfortunately, Williams won 29 to 15, but Trinity spirit was not lost as the alumni, faculty, and students congregated in both the stands and the parking lot, tailgating through the game that was close until the end. Throughout the game, one booth gave away free donuts and apple cider, another sold Trinity gear, and two food trucks sold local cuisine. The weather could not have been more perfect for everyone to gather, bring their dogs, and enjoy the company of others with the sounds of the PA announcer in the background.

On Sunday, the agenda included a Service of the Holy Communion at the Chapel, a brunch at Mother Dining Hall, a farewell brunch for the Class of 1963, as well as three movie showings at Cinestudio. Overall, the 2019 Homecoming was one for the books. From students to faculty to alumni, all enjoyed the sunny days. Naomi Guaden ’23 remarked “it was a great day to see the Trinity community together to show school spirit.” Eve Pollack ’20, a senior at Trinity, said the days were bittersweet because it’s her last homecoming, but remarked, “once a Bant, always a Bant!”
Despite Rain in the Forecast, Halloween on Vernon a Success

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At 1 p.m. on Oct. 27, the Annual Community Events Staff (A.C.E.S) and Trinity athlete volunteers filled Vernon Social, waiting for children to arrive to begin their treat-filled trip down Vernon Street. Although the rain remained constant throughout the day, so did the children who visited Trinity to collect their goodies and parade down Vernon Street with their chaperones. Within the hour of the start, small waves of children came filing in for their afternoon of trick-or-treating. The children made their way to Trinity to enjoy the spirit of Halloween and were not going to let the unfavorable weather get in their way.

Halloween on Vernon Street, Trinity’s annual trick-or-treating event, provides children from the surrounding areas with a safe and entertaining afternoon of playing games, collecting candy, and showing off their costumes. Now, after 30 years as an event at Trinity, Halloween on Vernon continues to be a great success each Sunday before Halloween. Director of the Office of Community Service and Civic Engagement Joe Barber hoped the rain wouldn’t keep the kids away. “We’ve been through rain before—we’ve even been through snow before,” he mentioned as he waited for the kids to start arriving. Holding this event rain or shine gives the children of Hartford the opportunity to experience the Halloween festivities that they may not have the chance to participate in, in their own neighborhoods. From 1-3 p.m., Trinity’s Greek and cultural houses welcomed the children of Hartford for crafts and games, and of course, the always-anticipated candy to fill their bags as they moved on to the next house.

“The event itself is to provide kids with a safe Halloween,” Barber said. “The event helps the kids to feel like they have a welcoming environment to come and enjoy it. The event is all about the kids, so we want them to feel safe and have fun.”

Tripod Reviews: Hot Takes from Homecoming

Psi U
“I had a good time, for once.”
★★★★

Late Night Hall
“3:30 a.m. on Saturday was better than 3:30 a.m. on Sunday.”
★★★★

Pike Homecoming Darty
“They might make a comeback.”
★★★★

Crow
“Bring back the outdoor parties.”
★★★★

Trinity History Feature: Trin Wins

November 12th, 1949

On Nov. 12, 1949, Trinity defeated the Wesleyan Cardinals in football for the first time in 13 years, narrowly winning 7-6.

Interestingly, early Tripods such as this do not refer to Trinity athletic teams as the Bantams, but rather, the “Hilltoppers.” Widespread use of the term “Bantams” in Tripod sports articles did not begin until 1950.
When Steve’s Bagels first landed on Trinity’s campus, the Tripod email was flooded with requests for Liz Foster ‘22 and Hunter Savery ‘20 to review the hot new bagel joint, thus we had no choice but to spend all my break looking to see if I could find one. After a week of disingesting and discussing the enigma that is Mr. Ste- ven Bagels. The following is a conclusive report for furthering both editor’s experiences in trying out Vernon Social’s latest breakfast offering. The opinions expressed in this article are the editor’s own, but should be considered marshall law. Take that as you will.

Liz’s Hot and Cold Cuts: 
Arriving at Steve’s Bagels, there was an aura of mystery about the venue. The highly anticipated fol- low up breakfast joint after the omenous disappearance of my early morning bagel armoire have dropped in full force. As I stood in line, accompanied by Arts & En- tertainment editor Hunter Savery, I was met with the seemingly endless line. The essence of Vernon Social overwhelmed me as I ordered bagel dish after bagel dish. Soon enough, the words “I’ll have a Big Steve please” fell out of my mouth. The woman work- ing at Steve’s proceed- ed to ask me how I liked my eggs, something that caught me off guard. From suburban Dunkin’ Donuts to the delis of Greenwich Village and everywhere in between, I’ve never been questioned about how I wanted my eggs on my ba- con, egg, and cheese. Con- fused, I stuttered back, “fried?” My voice raised on the end of the word, showing the Steve’s em- ployee just how unsure I was. I was equally jarred when asked about the type of bagel I wanted for the “MPB” I ordered. Unfortu- nately, I cannot recall what these initials stand for. Perhaps, the disks spoke to me because it was a bacon, egg, and cheese sandwich on a glazed donut. It went against anything I’ve ever known or loved. A kaiser roll? Sure. A bagel? Love to see it. But a BEC on a donut? The idea was border- ing on blasphemous and I needed to know its inner workings. Naturally, I was confused when asked what kind of bagel I wanted for this delicious donut des- ert. breakfast, beginning the panic of ordering. Hunter and I proceeded to a nearby table where we realized just how open our Vernon Social is. When our food was ready, I was more accurately aware of the vulnerability I faced as I ate my breakfast at 3:30 in the afternoon. 

To find a starting place with Steve’s is to ask to summarize a conglomer- ate of tastes. Steve’s of- fers a wide variety of foods, notably breakfast sandwiches. From Steve’s, I’ve successfully sampled multiple bagels, cream cheese spreads, and ob- scure sandwiches. The in- famous “Big Steve” is, in fact, one large steven com- plete with bacon, sausage, two eggs, and cheese on an eight inch grinder roll. After shoddily splitting up our Big Steve and MPB, I found myself craving the thing bagel is always a sure-fire way to satiate your morning hunger, but I’ve found Steve’s Asago bagel to be his best work. Cheesy, but not too cheesy, the Asago complements the meat, cheese, and egg combination swimmingly. Adding a splash of sri- racha mayo on top makes this dish better and I cannot recommend it enough. Though the ba- gels of Steve’s are quite satisfactory, I do believe calling them “New York bagels” is a bit of a stretch. Steve’s Bagels got off the Metro-North at Stamford. His bagels call the Olive Garden in Times Square a “delicacy.” I’ve had better bagels for less bread, but at the same time Steve’s is a step up from the Bistro’s circular wheat products. Overall, Steve’s Bagels is an enthralling ad- dition campus if for nothing more than good ole Steve. 6/9/10.

Steve’s One Liners:

- To Steve or Not To Steve
- You either die the everything bagel or live long enough to see yourself become the salt bagel.
- Oh say, can you Steve?
- Covfefe, Covstefe
- I hate to see you go, but I love to watch you Steve.
- The Old Man and the Steve
- Funston, Funsteve
- Lil Steve

Hunter and I cheered our sandwhiches and I bit into the massive Steve-o. Though overwhelmingly ini- tially, the blend of flavors was fairly satisfactory. The bacon was crisp and flavorful, and though the eggs and cheese looked messy together, their combination was en- hanced. An element throw- ing off the sandwich was the sausage which had been chopped into small pieces, and had a less than desirable texture. Addi- tionally, the grill roll was a confusing choice as I found myself craving the firm yet doughy sensation of a bagel. However, an eight inch bagel was clearly not a viable option for this breakfast sandwich. A standard bacon, egg, and cheese on an every- thing bagel is always a sure-fire way to satiate your morning hunger, but I’ve found Steve’s Asago bagel to be his best work. Cheesy, but not too cheesy, the Asago complements the meat, cheese, and egg combination swimmingly. Adding a splash of sri- racha mayo on top makes this dish better and I cannot recommend it enough. Though the ba- gels of Steve’s are quite satisfactory, I do believe calling them “New York bagels” is a bit of a stretch. Steve’s Bagels got off the Metro-North at Stamford. His bagels call the Olive Garden in Times Square a “delicacy.” I’ve had better bagels for less bread, but at the same time Steve’s is a step up from the Bistro’s circular wheat products. Overall, Steve’s Bagels is an enthralling ad- dition campus if for nothing more than good ole Steve. 6/9/10.

HUNTER’S TRIPID OPINIONS: 
Do you Steve what I Steve? Steve’s Bagels is Trinity’s hottest new restaurant, easily eclips- ing the ’stro and Mathir, but is it any good? That is what I set out to discov- er as I arrived at Steve’sThursday afternoon with eminent art critic and Milton graduate Liz For- ter ’22. Arriving at Stev- en’s we soon realized that we were entirely unpereared to order and exploring questions like: “What kind of bagel would you like?” Running the gauntlet that is Steve’s we decided to sample two of Steve’s more distinctive offerings: the Big Steve and the MPD. I am aware that neither of those sand- wiches involve bagels, big deal, tell it to the judge. The Big Steve was a daunting behemoth, consisting of fairly standard breakfast sandwich actors, namely eggs, bacon, sau- sage, and cheese. The nov- elty of the Girthy Steve, which ought to be its real name, was that it was thicke as can be. That sandwich had wagon, my lord, as the meat and eggs and cheese were heaped atop an 8 inch “grinder roll.” The actual flavor and texture of the sandwich were not outstanding in any regard, but were serviceable. The true gift of the Big Steve, aside from its size, was the unlimited joy of eat- ing a sandwich called the Big Steve. That sandwich alone made it clear that Liz and I would spend more time making jokes about Mr. Steven Bagels than thinking about the food. I never laid eyes on Steve, but if the logo is any indication he may look like a potato holding a cup of joe, for everyone’s sake, I hope that’s the case. I would also like to marvel at the fact that his name is Steve Bagels, I mean what are the odds? Checkmate, atheists. However, I cannot dismiss. The MPD was the other sandwich du jour and while I have no idea what it stands for, its de- fining characteristic is its doughnut base. The MPD is essentially just a bacon, egg, and cheese on a donut instead of a bagel, which may sound off-putting, but I can assure you it not only seems off-putting, but is in fact quite unsettling. The flavor profile is surpris- ingly nice, the sweet doughnut actually pairs well with the bacon, but the texture is what throws you. I kept chewing as if I were eating a bagel, which is to say far too much for the soft doughnut. Every time I took a bite it felt like the wires in my brain were getting crossed. I had an outstanding fried chicken sandwich on a sa- vory bagel at a restaurant in DC. This was nothing like that though, there was nothing solid enough in the sandwich to bal- ance out the doughy soft doughnut. Overall, I would recommend avoiding the MPD unless you’re stoned out of your mind and have a ton of time, but not one second by a cav- ity, because this is one of the few egg sandwiches with a high sugar content. In conclusion, Steve’s is best summed up by its mozzarella sticks, they ar- en’t very good, but I keep buying them at Trivia because it’s still better than Chartwells and I’ve ac- cepted that Goldberg’s isn’t coming back. Steve is an old pal. He’s there for you when you need him, espe- cially when you’re drunk, stoned, or hungover. Yeah, he isn’t that great and in the real world you proba- bly wouldn’t hang out that often, but he’s reliable and maybe he doesn’t exactly fill the hole in your heart left by Goldberg’s, actually he probably does, just in the artery clogging way and not in the romantic way. I’m not in love with Steve and his bagels, but maybe I’ll learn to love him, and after a year of only Chart- wells and cash-only food trucks, maybe its time for us all to settle. 6/10.
When rivers pass by, what do we hear? The murmur of chur- kling liquid, the croaks of frogs, the slapping of fish against the wa- ter’s surface? Yeah, we do. And is there anything else? Certainly. The smell of damp grass and nutrient-rich mud. The tree blossoms and their pink, sweet scent. What sound do clouds make as they flow by, murky waters in the sky? It’s the whisper of an old friend sharing a memory you thought long forgotten. That, and the sound of teardrops falling like rain. 7.9/10.

When most Americans think of the G-Wagon, they imagine a four door ultra-high-end box on wheels bought mostly as a status symbol rather than for practicality. The 460 series G-Wagons of the 80s and 90s are not that. Never originally sold for sale in the United States. These 460 series G-Wagons lack nearly every unnecessary creature comfort you might commonly associate with a modern G-Wagon. Wood paneling and leather upholstery are gone and in their place are plastic panels and exposed metal. Some do have leather seats, but it is far more common to find them with cloth or in some cases even rubber seats. In terms of exterior appearance, they have that boxy appearance that has become synony- mous with the G-Wagon. The 460 series came in three or five door options with the three-door version coming in both hard and soft top variants. In terms of engines, there were several options ranging from four to six cylinders with both diesel and gasoline options. At this point, you may be wondering why I am so passionate about these old SUVs and that is a totally fair critique. They are old, outdated, basic trucks which are low on horsepower and lack modern safety equipment. What they may lack in features however, they more than make up for in capability and style. Originally developed as a military vehicle for the German Army, the G-Class was envi- sioned as a vehicle which would be simple to make, simpler to maintain, and able to transport troops and supplies wherever they were needed. This design philosophy is also what resulted in the cre- ation of the Jeep. Howev- er, unlike the Jeep which has become highly domes- ticated over the years, the 460 series G-Wagons still contain much of what made them true rugged all terrain military vehicles. Secondly, unlike the Jeep, the 460 series G-Wagons are extremely well built. In fact, every single one was almost entirely hand built in a factory in Graz, Germany. In terms of style, the G-Wagon is a clas- sic. While yes that can also be said about the Jeep, there is something jarring about the G-Wagon’s design that draws attention like nothing else. Addi- tionally, there is the fact that these trucks are in- credibly uncommon, espe- cially in the United States. I would be incredibly sur- prised if you had even known about the three- door version of the G-Wag- on before this article, let alone actually seen one. A Jeep is still the obvi- ous choice for most every day needs. However, when it comes time to eventu- ally replace your current Jeep, I strongly urge you to at least check out an 80s to 90s G-Wagon. For less than you would spend on a Jeep, you could have a much more unique and classic truck which would last for- ever, stand out in a crowd, and would happily accept whatever punishment you could possibly throw at it. 8.6/10.
Trinity Women's Field Hockey Trumps Wesleyan

Trinity took on the Wesleyan Cardinals for a much needed win this past Saturday at their home field in Hartford, CT, resulting in a 6-1 victory for the Bantams. Coming out firing from the start, junior Kendall Brown had an extremely strong game, scoring a hat trick in the first 17 minutes. The Bantams took a 4-0 lead from goals from Kendall and senior Nicole Quinlan. Wesleyan was able to find the goal late in the second quarter, but then was unable to hold off the Bantams offense. Goals from Caroline Curtin and Caelin Flaherty in the third quarter sealed the deal for the Trinity Bantams and moved their NESCAC record to 2-7. The bantams will take on Amherst College Tuesday at 6pm in hopes of securing the last spot in the NESCAC Championship tournament.

Trinity Men's Rowing Thrive at Wormtown Chase

Ending the season on a good note, the Trinity College Bantams finished with two victories in both novice crew races. The novice eight won a four-boat by an impressive 110 seconds and the novice four boat finished 13.1 seconds before the runner up. Competing against 17 other crews, the Trinity varsity eight placed third with a time of 17:27, coming in only 1.4 seconds behind second-place Wesleyan. The Bantams second varsity placed 11th, both losing to the first-place Williams. Among a field of 12 boats, Trinity varsity four placed in fifth with a time of 21:22:6.

Men's rowing will end their official season here at Wormtown Chase in high spirits for next season. However, the crew takes to the water this week to train for an unofficial scrimmage against Tufts on Saturday before entering their winter season.

Trinity Women's Rowing Places High at Wormtown

Bantam varsity four placed second out of 16 crews with a time of 24:09:6. Holy Cross finished next, 22 seconds after the Bantams. The Bantams second boats in the varsity- and novice-four races both came in seventh place. The crews did very well despite the difficult head wind conditions on the water.

Women's Soccer Beats Eastern Conn. State, Wesleyan

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The Trinity College women's soccer team took two close matchups this past week against in-state foes Eastern Connecticut State University and Wesleyan University. The two wins bring the Bantams to 6-6-2 on the season and extend their winning or draw streak to four.

On Wednesday, the Bantams travelled to Mansfield, CT to face the 5-10 Eastern Connecticut State Warriors in the final non-conference game of the season for both teams. Precision striking combined with staunch defense contributed to Trinity’s dominant performance over the Warriors. Duun O’Hara ’22, a Connecticut native, was the star player for the Bantams as her consistent play throughout the game allowed Trinity to keep Eastern on their heels.

O’Hara went to her left foot to give the Bantams their first scoring opportunity of the game, a 35-yard missile that found the crossbar and was cleared by the defense. O’Hara remained on the attack after receiving a pass from Hannah Storozuk ’23 and putting yet another shot off the crossbar (this time from 20 yards out). Close calls continued for the Bantams as Storozuk almost converted on another solid strike with 17 minutes left in the first half.

Trinity finally found the back of the net in the 84th minute after Aspen Hawkins ’23’s 25-yard strike was blocked by the Eastern goalie before being rebounded into the back of the net by a charging O’Hara.

Jennifer Stuart ’22, the Bantam goalie, recorded her third shutout in six starts as Trinity outshot the Warriors 23-2.

Next up for the Bantams was a Homecoming weekend and senior day matchup with NESCAC rival Wesleyan at the Trinity Soccer Field. Staying true to form, Trinity’sstellar rookie class showed their strength and poise under pressure as Delaney Markham ’23 scored both goals for the Bantams in their 2-1 victory over the nationally-ranked Cardinals.

Bantam goalie Jennifer Stuart continued her outstanding play as she recordedsix saves (six of which were on target and cleaned) and two outfield saves in the six-yard box before being rebounded into the back of the net by a charging O’Hara.

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Unlike the Eastern Connecticut game, Trinity scored much earlier out of the gates on a corner kick from Tricia Pollock ’20 just ten minutes into the game. The shot deflected off of the goalie’s gloves and straight to Markham, giving the rookie the perfect opportunity to score her first goal in a Trinity uniform.

Remarkably, just two minutes later the same exact play occurred to give the Bantams an early 2-0 lead. Despite the early Trinity success, the Cardinals showed their tenacity and competitiveness by scoring less than a minute after Markham’s second goal.

The early excitement for both teams led to an equally exciting defensive battle in the second half. Wesleyan came agonizingly close to tying the game up, finishing up with 21 total shots, nine of which were on target and three of which found the post. The Bantams’ best chance to tie things up came late in the second half on a missed penalty kick. Trinity’s ability to hold on and beat a tough conference opponent is a testament to the tenacity of this young team.

Next up for the Bantams is a home match against Amherst Tuesday, Oct. 29th at 7 pm.

Women’s Soccer Beats Eastern Conn. State, Wesleyan

Trinity Women's soccer defeated Eastern Connecticut State University and Wesleyan in close games over the homecoming weekend.

Women's Soccer Beats Eastern Conn. State, Wesleyan

Trinity Men's Soccer Defeated by Wesleyan

Trinity Men’s soccer suffered a tough 3-0 loss to Wesleyan this past Saturday, Oct. 29th. After a scoreless opening 30 minutes, the Cardinals were able to find the back of the net on one-time shot inside the six-yard box by freshman Matthew Rubinstein to take a 1-0 lead. Three minutes later, senior Trevor Devanny of Wesleyan found the top right corner off of a long header, making the score a quick 2-0. The Cardinals snuck one more in before the half, following up a shot that was saved by Trinity keeper Anes Gadun. The Bantams came out in the second half, increasing the intensity and physicality. Firing five shots in the second half, they were unsuccessful in finding the back of the net. With a record of 1-12-1, the Bantams will face Amherst College this Tuesday to conclude their season.
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**Football Cedes Homecoming Game to Williams**

This past weekend was by far the most exciting of the fall season. As always, Homecoming weekend drew a large crowd of alumni, parents, students, and all members of the community looking forward to watching some great games, none more anticipated than the Homecoming football game at Jessee/Miller field. As well as the amazing giveaway of a variety of bantam gear from Barnyard. This year Trinity (4-3) went up against Williams (6-1), another big football giant in the NESCAC. Because of their high standings, the rivals were due for an intense match over Homecoming weekend.

In the first quarter, the game was off to a rough start. Williams was able to seize the opportunity early on and get a quick touchdown on the board to put them ahead. They then focused on a very tight defensive game, not allowing the Bantams to get within range of scoring any points. Then, the Ephs shut down a sizable amount of the pass plays, while controlling the running game on the ground. This technique shown from Williams was overwhelming on Trinity early on in the game. The Bantams limited their ability to successfully move the ball down the field. Unfortunately, this trend continued into the second quarter as Trinity struggled to get the ball out of their own end. Although there were moments in which it seemed that they had a break away and a chance to score, each opportunity was cut short by the Ephs. The Bantams did manage to put six points on the board in the second quarter, but still were trailing Williams, who closed the half at 14-6. Nonetheless, the Bantams persisted and when half time rolled around, the football team reconvened and evaluated how to approach the second half of the game.

In the second half, the Bantams must have had a good pep talk because there was a lot more energy in their gameplay. Within the first two possessions, they were able to score and narrow the point gap. Although they pushed hard to get more on the board, they were never able to break 15 points, and unfortunately lost momentum. Not long after the Bantams scored, the Ephs responded with a 36 yard rocket of a pass that was completed for a touchdown. Trinity attempted on multiple possessions to respond, but came up empty handed as they were shut down by the Ephs defense. Throughout the end of the game, the Bantam defense did not get much of a break and eventually lost control as the Ephs continued to put points on the board throughout the afternoon.

Williams sealed the game at 29-15 and closed out Trinity’s chances of four NESCAC championships in a row. This loss also marked the end of Trinity’s 20 home game winning streaks. In total, the Bantams are now tied 38-38-2 out of the total times that they have played Williams. Although the Bantams lost their Homecoming game, they made a strong push near the end and kept up the fight with Williams. The Bantams have two games left of the season with Amherst and Wesleyan. We wish them the best of luck as their season comes to a close and can not wait to see how it ends.