AD on Suspension, Administration Declines to Comment on Specifics

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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Members of the fraternity have confirmed to the Tripod that Alpha Delta Phi (AD) has not been permitted to open for parties for multiple weekends and has been placed on social suspension. The length of this suspension and reason for disciplinary action are unclear; though students have suggested to the Tripod that AD’s pledging procedures were in violation of College policy. For at least the past three weeks, AD has been unable to open for parties and has been discouraged from holding events.

Last year, AD ran into trouble when a member used a derogatory racial slur on Instagram. When the situation arose, then-President Max Herman ’19 spoke to the Tripod, stating that, “this type of behavior is reprehensible.” The AD brother involved was since suspended indefinitely from the fraternity. As rumors on campus swirl around the reasons for the suspension, the Tripod reached out to current AD President Courtland Boyle ’20, and the national chapter of Alpha Delta Phi, neither of whom responded to requests for comment. Director of Campus Life Initiatives and Social Houses Kathryn Wijck responded to a request for comment from the Tripod, stating that, “Out of respect for them (AD), their chapter, and our process, I will not be commenting at this time.”

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The faculty of Trinity College passed a significant revision to the undergraduate curriculum at the Faculty Meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 12, including the creation of a new distinction in credits between “academic” and “co-curricular.” The curriculum passed with 126 in favor, 6 in opposition, and 3 in abstention and will require 32 academic credits, 3 co-curricular credits, and a wellness requirement for graduation. The new system will be effective for the Class of 2025.

Under the new system, academic credits would include approved teaching assistantships, peer-teaching, first-year mentorships, and short-term study away options such as J-term. Co-curricular credits may also be earned for paid or unpaid internships, summer research, and fellowships. To satisfy the wellness requirement, students will complete four “wellness experiences,” including two before the end of their sophomore year.

The curriculum revision also seeks to afford opportunity for innovation, with a process in place for departments or programs to propose “3-credit, integrated experiences,” which will provide students with “experiential certificates” upon their successful completion.

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In my final editorial for the Tripod, I wonder, what do we owe our campus in our capacity as Trinity’s only student-run newspaper? It is no secret at Trinity this semester that AD has been shut down, for an undetermined amount of time. As I am reaching out to Director of Campus Life Initiatives and Social Houses Kathryn Wojciech, I indicated that she could not comment on the situation out of respect for the fraternity brothers.

What respect do we owe AD? They have clearly done something wrong (again) as they have consistently done since my first year at Trinity. If I am waiting outside in the freezing cold in the middle of the night over the weekend, as the social culture at Trinity so strongly dictates I must, don’t, and our community, have a right to transparen- tness? In my final editorial, I would like to call on Trinity to leave behind its elitist, exclusive groups.

Why are student leaders in Elms and Key (ranging from Greek Life organizations, cultural houses, student government, motivational speakers, etc.) meeting in black robes, under the impression that they are better than any- one else? Why do sopho- mores pledging fraternities get to decide which female students are attractive enough to be let into the crucial social gatherings of the weekend? Why doesn’t the administration address these problems? After my recent experience, I am putting an end to the secret societies seems like an obvious task. When I speak out against these closed, oprressive groups, I am con- stantly told they are the ones bringing Trinity its accolades, it is useless to try and reform them. After all, editorials critical of the fraternities have run in the Tripod since George Will ’62 first suggested that they need to be ceased enti- rely (my own opinion on the Greek Life system is, ironically, not as far left). But, as a casual observer of Trinity’s finances, I won- der, where is all this money that fraternities bring in?

In terms of endowment, why do we lag dramatically behind the NESCAiCs that have Greek Life or those other familiar bas- tions of traditionalism we associate with Trinity? I absolutely love Trin- ity, I want the best for Trinity College and am incredibly grateful for ev- ery opportunity I have had in my time here. I find it sad that the social culture has evolved into polarized factions of Trin- ity; this divide no better demonstrated than in the pages of this week’s issue.

I only want Trinity to improve, which is why I have initiated this article in the student-run newspaper in my four years here. The Tripod serves as a method for conveying campus dis- course, featuring students and organizations, as well as reporting on what the community should know. The Tripod, as I have dedicated myself to it, my primary aim is to high- light injustices that must be discussed. My mis- sion is to encourage us to engage in campus muck-rack- ing. 80% of our content is positive, I promise! The Tripod has grown and changed in the past four years. In my thirty issues as editor-in-chief of the Tripod, we have ac- complished a lot—from the layout, the website, and the quality of our stor- ies and writing. If I have learned anything in my time here, it is that every person on campus provides something valu- able to our community. It inspires me more than ever to push back on the idea that a closed group of students delus- ed with notions of power contains “the best and the brightest” of Trinity. Each of us contributes something important and meaningful.

I’m extremely grate- ful to those I work with on the Tripod staff. Every editor, writer, and organization of content for our articles has positively impacted my time here and has im- proved our paper for the benefit of the school. Next semester, Brendan W. Clark ’21 will take over for me as editor-in-chief. He’s an outstanding writer, a great manager, and a true journalist, and he will do more with the Tripod than I have attempted so far. For better or for worse, the Tripod provides a historical narrative of Trinity. Keep reading it! Whether student, faculty, staff, administration, I encourage you to keep up with the Tripod, a small record of the history of my time here. I’m so honored to be a part of that history, in whatever small way.

Note on the Opinion Section

This week’s Tripod had a particularly con- tentious opinion section. The opinion section is a difficult aspect of the Tripod to manage, particu- larly in our commitment to balancing the values of free speech and the notion of the press as a market- place of ideas. As we note in each issue, opinions ex- pressed belong to the writ- er and the writer alone. However, on occasion, we feel the need to address specific points. Thus, the Tripod executive board specifi- cally condemns the arti- cle “Where is the Fairness when it Comes to Trans Athletes,” written by Sam Taishoff ’20. While Mr. Taishoff has the right to his opinion, the executive board finds the timing of this article to be crass and tasteless, especially as it promotes what we believe to be a bigoted opinion. The Tripod executive board strongly believes in the right of transgender in- dividuals to express their identities and recognizes the valuable contributions they make in our pluralistic society. Transgender in- dividuals, just as all other persons, should have the opportunity to participate in sporting activities as they desire. An individual’s gender identity should not preclude them from being an active participant. Nor should such gender identi- ty limit them from participat- ing in whichever way they feel most comfortable.

The Tripod believes in the dignity of all human beings and encourages the community to support transgender individuals throughout the year, but especially during Transgender Awareness Week by taking advantage of the plethora of events offered by the Queer Resource Cen- ter (QRC) and other allied organizations on campus.
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While enjoying my 45th Reunion this summer, I took a look at the plaque on the cannon that is closer to the Chapel, a picture of which is attached. Trinity should not be honoring those who fought for the Confederacy, whose central purpose was the preservation of human bondage. That some Trinity men believed in, fought and died for the “Plantation Masters” does not warrant their being honored along with the North, an interconnection to the Union and demoralize slavery. After all, I am sure that many German soldiers in WWII died for a cause in which they believed, but that doesn’t entitle them to be remembered at the same time we recall those who gave the ultimate sacrifice to defeat Nazism. The plaque should be removed.

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- Solidification of club approval process.
- Implementation of group as a resource to recognized student groups.

Campus Safety Committee:

- Creation of the committee and goals.
- Improve sense of safety among students on campus.

For further information on the work that has been done this semester, please visit our website or the BantamLink Student Government Association page and see our uploaded Meeting Minutes or come to our Office Hours in the von Church this Wednesday from 12pm-1pm or email SGA-Pres@trincoll.edu.

In addition, please feel free to join us for a Karaoke Kickback night in Vernon Social from 6-9pm this Thursday evening. As always, we appreciate hearing from the members of our community, as it is your concerns we strive to address. We look forward to the rest of this semester and the upcoming spring to continue serving you all to the best of our ability.
How Trinity Students are Engaged in the Political Process: Campus-Wide Involvement in Elections

KAT NAMON ’22 NEWS EDITOR

In January of 2012, the US Department of Education issued a call to action which challenged colleges and universities to show support for academic programs and designed to increase student civic learning and engagement in democracy. As a result, the Institute for Democracy and Higher Education (IDHE), part of the Jonathon M. Tisch College of Civic Life at Tufts University, created an initiative which took the form of The National Study of Learning, Voting and Engagement (NSLVE) is the first and only study that objectively examines institution level data and student data on student voting, and shares these findings with campuses that participate in the program. The NSLVE offers a close examination of campus climates for political learning and engagement, and clarifies correlations between specific student learning experiences and voting. Every school that participates in the NSLVE report out to the rest of the community. The Tripod was lucky enough to receive the report from the President’s Office, and its findings are highlighted in detail below.

The NSLVE 2018 report, put together by Tufts University, recorded that Trinity had a 30.9% voter rate, a significant increase since the 2014 report, which recorded a voter rate of 12.7%. This increase was not due to more eligible voters at the college, as that number actually went down by 55 students, according to the 2018 report on the midterm elections. The number of students who voted increased by 358, and the registration rate increased by 11.8% since 2014. This increase, voting rates, compared to all institutions, show Trinity below the rest by 8.3%.

The report includes other information on the students’ voting data and Trinity, including voting methods, age groups, education level, undergraduates, and participation level, enrollment status, gender, race/ethnicity, and field of study. Due to Trinity’s increasing voting rate, the college was honored in the 2019 “ALL IN” Challenge Awards Ceremony, which recognized colleges and universities that are committed to increasing student voting rates and wider interest in voter participation on their campuses. The overall turnout for college students reached 40.3% in the 2018 midterm election, a more than two-fold increase since 2014. The ceremony took place on Tuesday, Nov. 15, in Washington D.C. Trinity received a silver seal for achieving a student enrollment and voting rate between 30% and 39%. Associate Vice President for External Affairs and the President’s Chief of Staff, Jason Rojas, added “We remain committed to increasing student civic engagement in the future.”

New Curriculum

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Another significant change is the addition of “Honors in Liberal Arts,” to be awarded to those students “who graduate with a minimum 3.667 GPA in each of two majors” in different academic divisions.

The proposal also includes a provision that issues of faculty workload will be revisited by an “implementation and oversight subcommittee” two years after the program is implemented. The revised proposal does not make any changes to the College’s foundational and distribution requirements, though the proposal’s rationale does indicate that the College will “be considering the rationales of all these requirements over the coming year.”

The Tripod spoke with Interim Dean of the Faculty and Vice President for Academic Affairs Sonia Cardenas, who added that “we are grateful to the Curriculum Committee and the faculty for their thoughtful work and commitment. It’s a distinctive, forward-looking curriculum that advances our mission and prepares students for the future.”

The Tripod previously reported on the changes in an Oct. 1 article. The full proposal, together with the rationale, will also be available on the Tripod’s website.

The Fair Trade Campaign and its Food Products on Trinity’s Campus

GILLIAN REINHARD ’20 EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

To increase sustainability initiatives on campus, Trinity joined the Fair Trade Campaign earlier this semester. The Fair Trade Campaign is a grassroots movement encouraging conscious consumption. Fair Trade goods provide producers, such as farmers and workers, economically stable and sustainable livelihoods. According to FairTradeCampaigns.org, it encourages “sustainable production and environmental protection.” Through this movement, members of the Trinity community are encouraged to promote Fair Trade products and increase Fair Trade foods offered on campus.

Fair Trade is commonly confused with Free Trade. FairTradeCampaigns.org clarifies that Fair Trade “ensures that producers are treated ethically and fairly compensated for the work they are doing,” while Free Trade focuses on the corporations and businesses responsible for imports and exports. The Tripod spoke with Trinity College’s sustainability coordinator Rose Rodriguez ’15, who has been working with Chartwells to put together a list of products that are Fair Trade certified. On the meal plan, the Bistro and the Cafe offer fair trade coffee, while the Underground offers Omar coffee in the medium and dark roasts as well as espresso beans. “This will be an ongoing project as more products become available and more campus locations offer Fair Trade products,” explained Rodriguez. “Chartwells and the office of sustainability are leading these efforts, but students in the SGA food services committee are now involved in the discussions as well as the managers of each campus store that make purchasing decisions on particular products.”

Currently, important steps to promote the Fair Trade Campaign on campus include raising awareness of Fair Trade products at Trinity. “And of course, we plan to expand the list of products available,” added Rodriguez.
When I was still a little kid in an elementary school, I was told by my teacher in the patriotic education class that I should love my country. The slogan that we recited repeatedly is that “love the party and love the country.” I was too young to decipher the nuances, but I get the gist— the fact that the party is ahead of the country. After Xi Jinping assumed the presidency in 2013, he strengthened his grasp on power both politically and ideologically. He first proposed the so-called “Chinese Dream” in 2013, that China’s lost national greatness will eventually be restored by no other than the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). His doctrine, “Xin Jinping’s Thought,” was written into the Chinese Constitution after the 19th National Congress of the CCP that its core is “Ensuring the Communist Party of China’s leadership over all forms of work in China.” Besides, Xi is a nationalist leader and has strategies such as conflating the idea between the CCP and the Chinese nation and the social representation and others to indoctrinate the Chinese citizen at a holistic level.

Clearly, this strategy is extremely effective in certain aspects. On the one hand, any comments or reactions which will criticize the CCP are being labeled as ‘unpatriotic’ and later chastised by the public outcry. The Hong Kong protest has received unimaginable condemnation from people in mainland China as it was labelled by the CCP as ‘intervention and efforts from the West.’ From a broader perspective, such nationalism also enhances people’s belief in and support of the CCP, which further demonizes democracy and the West. However, Xi’s manipulation of Chinese nationalism and the conflation of the CCP as China actually backfires and makes it harder for him to achieve his goal of ‘reunifying China.’

Fewer and fewer people, especially young people, identify as Chinese but rather as separate identities, like Hong Kongers and Taiwanese. Specifically for Hong Kong’s case, the hatred towards the CCP is China’s national economic despair caused by income disparity, incen- tivizing protesters to persevere in their actions, deteriorating the situation and escalating violence.

Today, over 500,000 students from mainland China are studying abroad in North America and Western Europe, with 300,000 of them alone in the U.S. (33.2% of all international students in the U.S.), amid the U.S.-China Trade War and protest in Hong Kong. The over seas students are in no way immune from this surge of Chinese nationalism. There have been many recent articles written by Chinese overseas students, most of them claiming that they have become more ‘patriotic’ after having the opportunity to study abroad. They have discovered that the democratic values promoted by the West are sinister and worthless. There is a strong belief that such things are happening as they don’t tend to happen at home, so they seem to be unaware that such things are happening as they don’t tend to happen in their immediate society. It’s time to step back and critically and discern differences in political systems. If the uprooting and the rise of populism reveals the tremendous weakness within the democratic system, but the simple fact that I have to remain anonymous when writing this piece is a lot about the Chinese authoritarianism system. Sure, partisan media is one of the major issues in the U.S., but it does not justify suppression by the Chinese government when it comes to free speech. The bottom line is that it’s more important than ever for students like us to resist the initial pressures of nationalistic emotions, and tendencies towards oversimplified international incidents. We need to be independent thinkers and not be trapped in any cults of political belief.

Where is the Fairness when it Comes to Trans Athletes?

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STAFF WRITER

Please see the Tripod’s condemnation of this article on page 2.

Since Bruce Jenner’s public transformation into a woman, many Americans have come to accept transgendered people. This is due to a change in the American attitude in which the transgendered people are allowed to be part of society in every way, from social and professional life to legal rights. Many Americans have come to live and work with them, and they are no longer seen as strangers to the world.

However, even in a society that accepts transgendered people, there is still a lot of discrimination and prejudice. Some people believe that transgendered people are not real women or men, and that they should be treated differently. This is a problem that many transgendered people face every day.

For example, transgendered people are often discriminated against in the workplace, and are not given the same opportunities as their non-transgendered counterparts. Additionally, transgendered people are often the victims of violence and harassment, and are not given the same protection as their non-transgendered counterparts.

In conclusion, transgendered people are facing a lot of discrimination and prejudice. However, with the help of society, they can be accepted and treated as equal members of the community.

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In my *Tripod* article in last week’s edition entitled “SGA Represents Students’ Most Desperate Mission,” I called on all student leaders and SGA members to demand the Elm and Key Society restructure its student registration procedure. After my article was published, I received a screenshot of a GroupMe conversation from an anonymous, encrypted email. In this group chat, presumably the Elm and Key group chat, Larsen was venting her frustration to surreptitiously and nefariously impose their will upon Trinity rather than through the democratic mechanisms by which they are specifically elected, but she also has acted with blatant disregard, antipathy, and spite toward members of her own constituency. Her statements would almost certainly constitute “conduct that is unbecoming of a Trinity College student,” as outlined in the Student Handbook, let alone the act of conduct of the highest elected office in the SGA. By any measure, though, her statements and actions are entirely improper for that of an elected official – it is too much to ask that an elected official treat her constituents with respect and not question their mental health and seek to harm their future employment opportunities?

Further, Larsen’s comments trivialize the true struggles of those suffering through mental health issues. To suggest that I, among others, “need mental help” purely for having the gall to openly criticize Elm and Key and SGA does a disservice to the countless Trinity students battling mental health problems. Larsen’s comments also raise even further questions surrounding the values of Elm and Key. What kind of “important work” could they be doing for campus culture when their members act crassly and inconsiderately toward others?

If one’s work is truly for the amelioration of Trinity campus culture and climate, then why must they impose their willful, conductful in doing so? That the members of Elm and Key approve of and encourage this kind of behavior, as shown by the number of likes within GroupMe, speaks volumes about the true goals and motivations of this group. In light of these findings, I believe that Trinna Larsen should resign as SGA President, or at the very least I hope that members of SGA can agree to censure Larsen for her comments. Perhaps a recall is in store for next semester, however, due to the complete lack of transparency of the SGA, or perhaps their simple incompentence, there is no constitutional mechanism by which a recall vote can be conducted. Regardless, Larsen must be reprimanded for her actions. Prior to this article’s publication, Larsen was contacted for comment, however, she declined to issue a response.

Picking Classes and Losing Hope: Course Selections

CHRISTO TOUB ’22
STAFF WRITER

After enduring another turbulent course registration period, I had the same reaction as I did ever since I picked my spring semester classes during my freshman year. This is my spirit: “I’ll be writing off my initial reaction of this system as a first-year student until at least my sophomore year.”

The most desired classes, even when they are for some of Trinity’s most popular majors, are a limiting factor for students trying to take classes. If students pre-submit their first choices and have a hold on your registration, you can be barred from even taking one class that fulfills your major requirement. It is possible to work around these limitations, but by all appearances, it seems like we could have a more functional system. This way, it would eliminate the frantically dealing student’s problems post 7 AM, when the class selection rush hour is in full effect. Because if you are one of those students whose system crashed when clicking enroll or had a hold on your registration, you can be barred from even taking one class that fulfills your major requirement, if you are interested in a popular academic discipline at Trinity.

If students pre-submit their first choices and had a system that allowed for first-choice preference, it would be a much less stressful experience for all. No longer would a student who was indifferent about taking that random Philosophy course need to lose first choice for another student’s favorite course. The only reason I can think of for Trinity maintaining this first-come, first-serve system is that it might reward those who are most prepared, but it doesn’t even succeed at that. Maybe there are some administrative secrets I don’t know, but by all appearances, it seems like we could have a much better system. Then, it comes to class registration.

Finally, I would like to address the problem I’ve been subtly mentioning throughout this article: how colleges across the country should address majors or areas of academic study that have very little enrollment. Should they be maintained for the sake of academic freedom, or should their resources be reallocated to support more popular majors that would better fit the interests of the general student body? I wonder if schools decided if there isn’t a significant enough level of academic interest or enrollment in a specific major, then it would be appropriate to cut the program to better support their more popular majors or areas of study. I’m not sure whether this is an impractical idea or even a good idea, I just want to pose this question.

Elm and Key Perpetuates Negative Culture at Trinity

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OPINION EDITOR

What kind of important work could they be doing for campus culture when their members act crassly and inconsiderately toward others?

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Our Process, a Note

How happy are students with Trinity? To gain some insight, the Tripod conducted a study. We reached out to all students via class Facebook groups, and presented a survey asking those who partook to rank their happiness with different facets of campus life on a scale of one (being least satisfied) to five (being most satisfied). Across the board, Trinity students considered their school to be just about average, with almost all results coming in at around a three out of five for satisfaction. The faculty and athletics emerged at the top with high overall student satisfaction, while dining services and the administration scored lowest amongst students.

Of the more than 2,200 students at Trinity, only 105 took the survey, making our results highly unscientific. Additionally, factors such as bias and interpretation were discounted by this study. So, please take these results with a grain of salt.

This initiative was inspired by a biannual survey conducted by the Bowdoin Orient. In almost complete contrast to Trinity, Bowdoin students most recently ranked their dining services very high and their athletic program very low. For more ideas on student outreach or categories to include next spring, please email tripod@trincoll.edu or visit our website at trinitytripod.com.
Faculty Profile: Professor Falk

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Tell Me Who I Am

Ed Perkins' documentary, Tell Me Who I Am, examines identity and memory, and the nature of trusting another human being, the effects of trauma, and the struggle of communication. The film explores the story of Marcus Perkins, with intricate cinematography by Patrick Smith and Erik Wilson that allows the audience to see the inner workings of the story from the eyes of the two main subjects as they are painting the full picture of their lives. Among their initial introductions weren't clear, the editing by David Charap and Andy R. Worsley allows for the audience to take in the magnitude of the story in a slow burn that makes every reveal more powerful and shocking. The story of Tell Me Who I Am revolves around two brothers named Marcus and Alex. At 17, Alex lost his memory due to a motorcycle accident, only recognizing his brother after awakening from a coma. The film is a gripping story about trauma, fear, and the need to find one's identity. Alex lost his memory due to a motorcycle accident, only recognizing his brother after awakening from a coma. The film is a gripping story about trauma, fear, and the need to find one's identity. Alex found himself sitting on the edge of a post bin. Stepping away from the camera, Alex realized that he was in a state of shock and confusion. He couldn't remember anything about his past, not even his own identity. As he looked around the room, he noticed a couple of Sourdough bagels, which had been toasted earlier in the day. Alex picked one up and started to eat it, but the bread was tough and dry. He felt a sense of despair and wondered if he would ever be able to find his way back home.

Marcus, on the other hand, was suffering from a severe case of amnesia. He had lost all sense of identity and was unable to recognize anyone, including his own family. As he tried to make sense of his situation, he realized that he was in a state of shock and confusion. He couldn't remember anything about his past, not even his own identity. As he looked around the room, he noticed a couple of Sourdough bagels, which had been toasted earlier in the day. Alex picked one up and started to eat it, but the bread was tough and dry. He felt a sense of despair and wondered if he would ever be able to find his way back home.

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Weekly Skylights: The Tripod Looks to the Clouds

(Left) You walk among fallen leaves and broken twigs, boots crunching on the frozen black soil like spent coffee grounds. The autumn chill slips through your threadbare jacket and freezes skin. You shiver and pull your jacket tighter. Continuing along the path for some minutes, you spy a feather on the ground. You hold it pensively. The feather is made of the purest ice you have ever seen, clearer than mirror glass. Intricate lattices of frost trace the feather’s tips. Composing the spine is creamy, white marble. Though you do not know it, you have stumbled upon the shed feather on an Icehawk, an item which promises much adventure, and danger, for years to come. 9.2/10.

(Left) Today I thought I’d try some alliteration. Please forgive the slight cheat on the C.

An amorphous amalgam: air and aquatic ash, amble above, always. Clues cloud curiosity, cause crumbling queries, questions, case closed.

End everything, else every entity endures eternal existence, everlasting entropy. 7.8/10.

Connor Goes to a Car Show: An Automotive Odyssey

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This is the last issue of the Tripod for the semester, so it’s a tad fitting that we go out with a bang. This past weekend, I managed to score three free tickets to the Connecticut International Auto Show courtesy of Chris Russell at Paragon Group. Arts and Entertainment Editor Hunter Savery ’20, Contributing Writer Cameron Chottiner ’20, and I all drove down to Mohegan Sun on Friday morning to attend. For those of you who don’t know, international auto shows are typically where automakers from around the world bring their newest models to show off to potential customers and journalists. The Connecticut International Auto Show is relatively small compared to some of the year’s giants like the Geneva, Detroit, and New York auto shows, but is still able to draw cars from most major manufacturers. Acura, Hyundai, Kia, Toyota, Honda, Subaru, Ford, Chevy, and Fiat Chrysler all brought a significant portion of their current lineups and allowed guests nearly unlimited access. Of the cars shown and in no particular order, here are some of our favorites:

The 2020 Hyundai Palisade: This one was a real surprise to us, but I guess it really shouldn’t have been. Hyundai has truly come a long way since their introduction to the United States market. Hyundais used to be almost comically bad, but the new Hyundai Palisade and most of its new lineup are genuinely excellent automobiles. Hunter went so far as to say, “the most exciting car was the Hyundai Palisade.” Honestly, I sort of agree with him. Both the Hyundai Palisade and the Kia Telluride (both based on the same platform and developed together) seemed to be excellent large SUVs. For the money, it would be nearly impossible to find a better new car.

The 2020 Hyundai Veloster N: Sticking with Hyundai, we go to one of the cars that I was most excited to see. Velosters have remained pretty underwhelming for a long time, always having the interesting looks to stand out in the hatchback market, but never the performance to back it up. Finally, the Veloster N delivers. Developed by the same guy who used to run the M performance division of BMW, the Hyundai Veloster N is basically the most fun car you can buy right now for under $30,000. If you don’t believe me, consider that this little hatchback just won Road & Track’s Performance Car of the Year. The 2020 Lincoln Aviator: Jumping slightly up market, we come to the Lincoln Aviator. This thing’s interior was literally astonishing. All of us thought that this SUV was amazing after only having sat in it for less than a minute. The auto show was smart in their setup and placed the Lincoln stand amongst other exotic cars. It blew them all away. Climbing into the new Range Rover Evoque (which was, apparently, incredibly specked out with the way!) and after sitting in the new Aviator was comparable to sitting in an econobox. Even the interior of the new 2020 Mercedes G-Wagon felt significantly step down. The only car which seemed to come even remotely close to surpassing it was the new Rolls Royce Cullinan and that thing costs over $400,000.

The 2020 Aston Martin Vantage: The Aston Martin was, as expected, beautiful. Cameron’s favorite car of the show, the new Vantage seems to mark a return to form for Aston Martin after the slightly disappointing DB11. Aston Martin’s have always been beautiful, and the DB9 and old Vantage are some of the most beautiful cars produced thus far this century. Their interiors, however, have historically failed to measure up. The new Vantage rectifies this in a big way and easily measures up to other cars at its price point. While other cars may be faster or go around a track better, you would be hard pressed to find a more classically appealing luxury automobile than the new Aston Martin Vantage. Driving around in this car is basically like wearing a Rolex, people will take notice. I’ll leave the closing of this piece to the venerable Hunter Savery ’20: “I walked away empty handed and broken-hearted, not counting all of the free stuff I took home. Come to think of it, I wasn’t really heartbroken either. Actually, the car show was fine." 8/10.
Bantams Have a Strong Start To Winter Season

Trinity Men’s Basketball Opening Tournament Finals

The Trinity College Bantams opened their season in the Lafrance Hospitality Men’s Basketball Tournament this past weekend at Tripp Athletic Center. After a long battle of momentum changes, The Bantams were not able to hold off the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth Corsairs, losing 69-67 in the finals of the tournament. Trinity got an early lead in the first half, losing 9-2. However, the Corsairs responded quickly with a 22-5 run, leaving the Bantams trailing 34-27 at the half. Trinity opened the second half with a 18:9 run to improve the score to 43-45. The Corsairs came roaring back with 6:21 left to close the gap to 55-55. The Bantams were able to take the lead as senior Donald Jorden had a bucket to improve the score to 63-55. However, after trading points in the last minute, the tournament MVP Marcus Azor capitalized on a drive down the left side to lay in the go-ahead lay-up along with drawing a foul. Trinity had chances to take back the lead but could not find the hoop on free throws as well as a three point shot at the buzzer.

Cross Country Division III Championship:

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Men’s Hockey Sweeps the NESCAC Opening Weekend

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This past weekend the Trinity College men’s hockey team started the season off on a strong note against fellow NESCACs Connecticut College and Tufts University. For their first game of the season on Friday proved to be very successful as they sealed the game off with a 3-1 win. The team started the game very strong and continued to keep the energy alive throughout the game, never ceeding the lead. In the start of the first period alone the Bantams proved that they were out for a win. Within the first six minutes of play senior Nick Fiorentino nailed a shot into the back of the net. However, Connecticut College did not let the goal go unanswered. Their defense immediately responded back with a strong push from the back and moved the puck through the Bantams’ midfield. After some confusion in which the Bantams’ defense got split, Connecticut College was able to sneak a pass through which resulted in a slap shot out of nowhere. This resulted in a tie game which lasted till the end of the first period. While the first period ended in a tie, the Bantams made a valiant effort again after Donald Jorden had a bucket to improve the score to 63-55. However, after trading points in the last minute, the tournament MVP Marcus Azor capitalized on a drive down the left side to lay in the go-ahead lay-up along with drawing a foul. Trinity had chances to take back the lead but could not find the hoop on free throws as well as a three point shot at the buzzer.

Women’s Swimming and Diving Tie Hamilton

The Trinity College Bantams tied the Hamilton College Continentals 149-149 in the women’s swimming and diving dual meet this afternoon at Bristol Pool. After much back and forth, the meet came down to the 400-yard freestyle relay in which the Continentals’ foursome finished first and third to score 13 points. The Bantams fourth-place quartet was only 2.05 seconds behind The Continentals third-place quartet, but was not able to stop the Continentals from totally points up to 149.

The Bantams’ second place quartet was led by Junior Amanda Mc- Stocker, sophomore Olivia Fournier, Erin Murphy and first-year Rachel Papalski. Individually for The Bantams, Zoryanna Matlashewski and Aurelia Umholtz placed first in their individual events to put points on the board for Trinity. Junior diver Lia Urban-Spillane’s score of 234.85 in the one-meter diving was 40 better than any other diver. Grace Ch- ouinard and Olivia Ramos followed Urban-Spillane to finish 1-2-3 in the event. The three of them were also able to take the first three spots in the three-meter diving.

Trinity Women’s Basketball Takes Third In Tip-Off

The Trinity College Bantams hosted the annual Tip-Off Tournament this past weekend where the Eastern Connecticut State University Warriors took home the title in a victory over the Springfield College Pride. The Bantams started out the first quarter trailing by five but slowly found their momentum and closed the first quarter with a three-pointer by senior tri-captain Peace Kabari to give them a 16-10 lead.

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The Bantams also continued this effort into Saturday as they faced off against Tufts who they faced last year on the way to NESCAC championships. Once again, the Bantams came out to the game with the intention to sweep the weekend. By the start of the first period, both teams were still feeling out the territory and trying to find loopholes in the defense. Then 12 minutes into the first period the Bantams broke through and scored a goal, in a manner very similar to the Connecticut College game. They carried this lead for the rest of the first period. Then, in the second period, the game really started to pick up speed as the Bantams com- pleted shot after shot on the race toward victory. The Bantams gave the Jumbos an absolute beat- ing, and it became quite clear that the Jumbos had little hope in making a return in the game.

The team ended the game with a win of 4-1 and swept the weekend. This is an amazing start to the season, and we are looking forward to what the team will be bringing to the table as the rest of the season continues. We wish them the best of luck as they are on the road against Amherst and Hamilton this upcoming weekend for more NESC- CAC qualifying games.
English Premier League Sees “Super Bowl” of their Season

**The Premier League So Far:**

1. Liverpool
2. Leicester City
3. Chelsea
4. Manchester City
5. Sheffield United

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After a weekend which comprised of the clash of the Titans in both the Premier League and the Bundesliga, and many more stories around European soccer/football, it enters the winter portion of the season dreadful for Premier League teams and cathartic for others. It is an exciting time to introduce a column which will highlight the happenings in the soccer world when the demand for resilience begins to define the difference between champions and the rest.

Let’s get right into the action. The long-awaited “Super Bowl” of the Premier League season thus far was dynamic, high-contested, and unable to escape the headlines for reasons beyond gameplay (a story of the Premier League this season). Liverpool hit Man City for two goals in the first thirteen minutes, representative of the form they’ve exhibited all season but with a different weight given the occasion. Handshall? No? Who cares go down and get the ball back? Circumstance provided that points and counterpoints exist on both sides: proximity, a deflection off of Bernardo Silva, the “silhouette” and Alexander-Arnold’s arm’s position... What VAR can’t have the power to overturn is the switching of play between Liverpool’s full backs that led to the Scousers’ second goal, likely nail in the coffin for the royal blue. Pep Guardiola bypassed subtitle when it came to his disdain for the match’s refereeing, unless that was actually the most genuine show of thanks to a refereeing crew the Premier League has ever seen. The Citizens missed Laporte and David Silva, but Pep’s tactical decisions regarding players like Bernardo Silva and De Bruyne have something to offer to the fire. With a return leg at the Etihad accounting for the principal possibility that Liverpool drops points in their remaining fixtures, this weekend may have made it official: the title is Liverpool’s to lose. After the international break, City face Chelsea on Saturday, November 23rd with Manchester United vs. Sheffield to come the next day to rekindle what will prove to be an exciting winter in the Prem. “Der Klassiker” proved to be a one-sided affair as Bayern saw four past Favre’s Dortmund, the first time anyone has scored more than twice against them since Schalke in April. Mats Hummels briefly forgot he left the Bavarian giants to once again man his post at the center of Dortmund’s defense, adding insult to injury with an own goal in the eighteenth minute of the match. Hans-Dieter Flick, recently given the helm at Bayern in the wake of Niko Kovac’s sacking, will look to maintain this momentum against Fortuna Düsseldorf to catch up in the league before heading into Matchday 5 of the Champions League. Favre’s days look to be numbered in the Ruhr as Dortmund’s start sees them sixth in the league, tied with Leverkusen for second most goals allowed out of teams in the top eight, behind only Bayern. Juventus beat Milan 1-0 after a late goal off of the bench from Paulo Dybala. The headline however fell upon who Dybala replaced, coming on for Christiano Ronaldo in the 55th minute. Sarri pulled the injury/time management card when questioned on the decision. But apparently, unlike LeBron, Ronaldo needs no such management, scoring a hat-trick for Portugal over the international break. We’ll see how that one plays out when the jets land in Turin to prepare for Atalanta and Atlético Madrid after the break. This column will pick up again in the Spring after the winter has chosen its beneficiaries.