Faculty Declare Climate Emergency at Trinity, Discuss Commitments

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At the most recent Faculty Conference meeting in Dec. 2019, the Faculty approved a resolution declaring a climate emergency. The resolution, introduced by Professors Mark Silk, Sean Cocos, Johannes Erstein, and Christoph Geiss, sought “to join other institutions of higher learning around the world in declaring a climate emergency.” The language of the resolution drew heavily from a July letter drafted by institutions of higher learning that detailed a plan to address climate change prior to the United Nations Climate Action Summit in September 2019. As the resolution explains, “the letter is part of the SDG Accord, higher education’s collective response to the 17 SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) established by the United Nations General Assembly in 2015.” As of Monday Feb. 10, the letter has been signed by 247 institutions and 56 networks representing approximately 16,696 institutions. Among the terms enumerated in the resolution include carbon neutrality by 2030, or 2050 at the very latest, and “increasing the delivery of environmental and sustainability education across curriculum, campus, and community outreach programs.” Silk plans to introduce another resolution at the February Faculty Conference meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 11 to create a process or committee through which “the Faculty can meet those commitments in the Climate Emergency Resolution that relate specifically to areas of Faculty responsibility.” The resolution is expected to be approved.

Infosys Subject of Class Action Lawsuits

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Deadlines for an amended complaint and lead counsel were appointed in one of several class action lawsuits against Infosys, Ltd. (NYSE: INFY) in a case filed in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York. According to Business Wire, Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd, LLP, were “appointed lead counsel for plaintiffs in a class action brought on behalf of purchasers of Infosys Ltd. securities...for violations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.” Infosys, a major technology and innovation-driven firm based in Bangalore, India, formed a partnership with Trinity in September 2018 after opening a hub in Hartford, along with other higher education institutions across the United States. According to Business Wire, the deadline for the amended complaint has been set for Mar. 27, 2020. Robbins Geller, on behalf of the plaintiffs, alleges that Infosys “made false and misleading statements and/or failed to disclose adverse information regarding its [Infosys’] business and financial results.” The “Hindu Business Line” also indicated that separate class action suits have been brought with the Robbins Geller case from the Schall Law Firm of Los Angeles in December and the Rosen Law Firm in October. The “class period” of the Schall suit encompasses those who purchased Infosys securities between “July 7, 2018 and October 20, 2019,” according to a separate article in the Wall Street Journal. The Journal also reported that Infosys “made false and misleading statements to the market” and that CEO Salil Parekh “skipped standard reviews of large deals to avoid accounting scrutiny.” The Schall complaint also alleges attempts by the “Company’s finance team...[to] hide details of these deals and other accounting matters from auditors and the Company’s Board of Directors,” reported the Journal. These allegations are similar to those in the Robbins Geller suit and the Rosen suit. Infosys has been the subject of several additional class actions concerning employee visas since June 2019. In November, one case settled after “allegations of non-payment of payroll taxes for some employees” were brought in the state of California, according to the Business Standard. The settlement, for $800,000, resulted from a 2017 investigation commenced by California Attorney General Xavier Becerra relative to violating the state’s visa tax reporting requirements and immigration tax policies, reported the Standard.

Fulbright Distinction

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According to a press release from the Trinity College Office of Communications, Trinity College has again been named a top producer for both the Fulbright U.S. Student and Fulbright U.S. Scholar programs for 2019-2020. Director of fellowships and advisers for the Fulbright U.S. Student Program at Trinity Anne Lundberg told the Office of Communications that “Fulbright has a reputa-
The Tripod editorial this week centers around efforts of faith. In a recent conversation on the state of liberal education with Wesleyan University President Mi- chael Roth, we learned of his concern that there is a general “lack of faith” in institutions of all sorts today. We concur wholeheartedly. This lack of faith has expanded from the echelons of educational institutions to our nation’s revered ar- biters, the court system, and to every agency and department of our federal government that, in theory, should hold the interests of the people in mind. Of course, theories do not always resolve as they should. The Pew Research Cen- ter has reported that the average percentage of individuals who “trust the government in Washington always or most of the time” has hovered between an average of 15% and 17% for most of President Obama’s and President Trump’s terms. Even during the turbulent years of the Nixon admin- istration, Pew indicates that the average faith did not drop below 98%. We do not call here for your faith in the President, or the Senate or House, or the Supreme Court. In an effort to keep the Tripod in- terests of non-party ac- tion—encourage those others who have not—to declare a climate emergency and take all steps within our purview to combat it. The Tripod believes that those solutions do not lie with a partisan solution but recognizes that in this instance there is a limit to the question of compromise. We cannot continue to operate in the perpetu- al manner of inaction that has for decades limited our national polity, the form- ally confront this problem. Perhaps one action well-within the ambit of each of us is a commitment of faith. In a recent conver- sation with other educational institutions to our nation’s revered arbiters, the court system, and to every agency and department of our federal government that, in theory, should hold the interests of the people in mind. Of course, theories do not always resolve as they should.

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As one of its first actions in the new legislative ses- sion, the state legislature’s Environment Committee voted Friday to raise a bill to ban Styrofoam cups and takeout containers. ConnPIRG Students have a long history in the state of advocating for and helping to win policies that reduce the amount of waste that ends up in our state’s incinerators and landfills. This year, their Zero Waste campaign will focus on making Connecticut the fourth state in the nation to ban polystyrene, the form- of single-use plastic com- monly known as Styrofoam.

ConnPIRG Students’ Visibility Coordinator Rachel Papalski issued the following statement on the committee’s vote: "Considering the effects that single-use plastics have on our environment for hundreds of years after their use, it is crucial to take steps towards reduc- ing this impact. That’s why we’re glad to see the Envi- ronment Committee taking immediate action to move towards a future without unnecessary foam cups and takeout containers. “From the state’s bottle bill in the 1970s to the bag ban that passed last year, Connecticut has a histor- ary of being a nationwide leading force in reducing plastic pollution. Banning polystyrene foam across the state would be another opportunity to show what it takes to move towards a zero-waste society.” It is because of the sup- port of members of our com- munity that we are able to move towards enacting this positive change, and for this, ConnPIRG is ex- tremely grateful. It’s time to take proactive steps to- wards bettering our future and make Connecticut the next state to go foam free.”

Rachel Papalski '23
The Student Government Association (SGA) met this past Sunday, Feb. 9, to discuss the Title IX Coordinator search committee, the Campus Climate Incident Response Team, and the upcoming Candace Owens event being held by Trinity College Republicans on Tuesday Feb. 11. In addition, the SGA committees provided updates on their various projects and activities.

SGA Vice President of Communications and Chair of the Housing Committee Jack Stone ’22 announced that the new room ratings for this year’s housing lottery have been submitted to Director of Residential Life Susan Salisbury and that housing lottery numbers will be assigned Thursday Feb. 13. Stone, also the Chair of the Student Life Committee, informed the SGA that the Student Life Committee will begin working with the Faculty Conference to discuss Trinity’s new universal non-discrimination policy currently in development. In addition, first-year Senator Joshua Jacobs ’23 communicated that the Constitutional Revisions Committee has nearly completed the first round of revisions to the Constitution and that it will be ready to be voted on by the student body this spring in conjunction with SGA elections. Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Dr. Anita Davis updated the Student Affairs Forum on the search for the open Title IX Coordinator position. The open position would have the new title of Assistant Vice President for Diversity Equity and Inclusion/Title IX Coordinator. Dr. Davis informed SGA that the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion is seeking recommendations for students to be involved in the search committee, with the ultimate goal of bringing candidates to campus in early March.

Dean of Campus Life & Vice President for Student Affairs Joe DiChristina presented the most recent draft of the statement of values for the new Climate Incident Response Team established last year. The document reads, “Comprising of students, faculty members, admin- istrators, and exempt and non-exempt staff mem- bers, the campus climate response team seeks to promote inclusion and equity through its focus on the Trinity community, its commitment to incident of intolerance. This team neither investigates nor adjudicates alleged violations of policy.” DiChristina added that a system for anonymous incident reporting has been developed that allows students to report to the Title IX anonymous reporting system. Many SGA members expressed positive sentiments about the response Team, noting that it will be a good means of responding to incidents of hate and empowering affected groups or individuals.

Finally, Director of the Student Activities, Involvement, and Leads- h. (S.A.I.L.) Office Nikki Bryant spoke with the SGA to address concerns brought about by the ongoing Candace Owens event on Tuesday Feb. 11th hosted by Trinity College Republicans. In addition, SGA members voiced concerns about security at the event, consist- ing of private hired security, Campus Safety, and Hartford PD. Other SGA members voiced concerns as to whether enough was being done to ensure that students feel safe following the event and had access to support resources on campus.

The program intends to incorporate the City of Hartford as a resource in studying urban envi- ronments in an effort to embrace Trinity’s loca- tion in an urban setting. Director of Trinity Col- lege’s Center for Urban and Global Studies and Paul E. Raether Disting- guished Professor of Urban International Studies George Garth Myers spoke with NBC Connecticut about the college’s new graduate certificate program, which was first established in 2013. The program intends to incorporate the City of Hartford as a resource in studying urban environments in an effort to embrace Trinity’s location in an urban setting.

Trinity currently announced the college’s new graduate certificate in Urban Planning. This certificate will first become available to students during the fall semester of 2020, as reported by NBC Connecticut. This new graduate certificate program will make Trinity the first college in Connecticut to offer a graduate program in Urban Planning. The program will cover the Public Policy master’s program in conjunction with the department of Urban Studies. The program will cover both domestic and international urban planning methods, theories and concepts with special attention to practical, ap- plied and empirical work, a rising field of study within academic urban studies more broadly. The graduate certificate will consist of four courses. Two of these courses will be core courses, and two will be electives. The courses available as core courses are URST 820 PBPL 833 Intro to Urban Planning, URST 874 PBPL 874 Public Policy Practicum, and URST 850 PBPL 820 Urban Research Practicum.

Courses taken as a part of the Certificate will count toward a master’s degree in Public Policy if the student chooses to pursue a master’s degree in pursuing the certificate, or at the completion of the certificate program.

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How Social Media Has Left Us Unable To Be Alone

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"Fear of Missing Out" is a term that has begun to plague our generation and it all stems from our need to make connections with others. People these days would rather respond to a text while driving, risking our own lives and those of others, just for the chance to make a small amount of social connection. Peo-

ple love to follow blogs, Instagram feeds and Twitter streams during class out of fear that they just might miss something important. We, as humans, crave connection. We are in desperate need of peo-

ple knowing us and fear more than anything being forgotten. Social media allows us to feed these cravings, but in a gener-

ation where seemingly we can be in constant contact with others, how could we still feel so alone?

With the increase in social media and ad-

vances in technology, we have forgotten what it's like to really be alone. This fear of missing out (FOMO) feeling has only increased because of this.

Even when we try to disconnect, it consumes us. It's hard to con-

nect one more time just to make sure we haven't been completely forgotten. Our phones are used as a looking glass into the lives of the people we know, but are they really looking out for our best interests?

What was created to allow people a better connection to the world has become a greatest experiences come with costs. We are always missing out on something, and with every choice we make we give up the out-

comes of the other pos-

sible choices. What we need to do is stop over-

thinking and start being okay with these choices. There really is no way to fully rid ourselves of the suffering that comes with FOMO. But we can learn to manage it. We are on a planet of over seven billion people, we should rejoice in the mo-

ments we actually get to be alone. A break from social media and getting comfortable in our skin would have Latino themselves into our society is neces-

sary for our own sanity. And for a second we get our human need for attention and just simply

Others say, "a break from the social pressures that have rooted them-

selves into our society is necessary."
The 2020 Democratic Primary: A War of Information

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Last week there was an excellent opinion piece written by an anonymous student who so bravely spoke out on a taboo topic. They affirmed Taiwan’s democratic freedoms and its inclusive values while criticizing aggression from China, however, there was one glaring issue I take with that piece, that mainly being the author’s insistance on using the phrase “Republic of China” and that they do not advocate for “Taiwanese independence” since it’s already part of a sovereign state of the Republic of China.”

Unless we are purely arguing over semantics, Taiwan ought to have its independence affirmed and to be called by its name because that name exists within the title of our island and our nation. Further, to suggest that Taiwan is merely an entity that exists within the Republic of China is sinister that there are simply two Chinas, like North and South Korea.

Taiwan as well as some disputed territory. This is significant because it demonstrates how outdated the current constitution is as well as the popular sentiment that it should be further altered to reflect the new nation which it governs. Some might even advocate for the complete rewriting of the constitution. It would not be surprising to one day see the wording “Republic of China” completely stripped from the constitution.

The author notes that the current Taiwanese constitution proclaims itself to be the Republic of China (ROC). This is because it was originally drafted in China, back when its creators intended to rule the entire Chinese empire.

The constitution today does not reflect the will of the Taiwanese people, which is why it has underrepresented its citizens. One of the most important revisions is that it no longer claims the entire Chinese mainland, only Taiwan and in Taiwan, the ROC ruled as a brutal dictatorship. Their policies killed countless people and the Taiwanese were even friendly with Hitler and Mussolini. In Taiwan, the ROC governed with an iron grip. It was not different from Communist China, with the exception of more market-based economic policies. If you questioned the regime you could disappear and never be heard from again. This brutal treatment by a government that only came to Taiwan in 1949 sparked a democractic movement that had far-reaching consequences. The main motivating force of this movement was Taiwanese nationalism, creating a Taiwan governed by Taiwan, for Taiwanese. This is why part of the reforms included allowing the country to hold seats in governments. Eventually the new democratic regime guided the nation toward becoming what is now one of the freest and most prosperous countries in the world. Effectively this was a peaceful and quiet regime change that allowed people like my grandparents to reclaim their sovereignty from their Chinese oppressors.

Last week’s article excised a nuanced understanding of the China-Taiwan relationship, which is what makes them Chinese person in denial. Although the Taiwanese celebrate and observe many Chinese traditions, saying that makes them Chinese would be like saying I am a European because I was born in Western ideas.

The greatest sin with the phrase “Republic of China” is that the ROC was an occupying force. Just like how Taiwan’s current occupation by colonial powers such as Japan, the ROC was even another foreign occupying force. The ROC was the original leader, Chiang Kai-Shek, was a Chinese general who had ambitions of ruling all of China. After losing to Mao Zedong and the Communist Chinese, his regime fled to Taiwan. Both in China and Taiwan, the ROC ruled as a brutal dictatorship. Their policies killed countless people and the Taiwanese were even friendly with Hitler and Mussolini. In Taiwan, the ROC governed with an iron grip. It was not different from Communist China, with the exception of more market-based economic policies. If you questioned the regime you could disappear and never be heard from again. This brutal treatment by a government that only came to Taiwan in 1949 sparked a democractic movement that had far-reaching consequences. The main motivating force of this movement was Taiwanese nationalism, creating a Taiwan governed by Taiwan, for Taiwanese. This is why part of the reforms included allowing the country to hold seats in governments. Eventually the new democratic regime guided the nation toward becoming what is now one of the freest and most prosperous countries in the world. Effectively this was a peaceful and quiet regime change that allowed people like my grandparents to reclaim their sovereignty from their Chinese oppressors.

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For young or politically disaffected individuals recently energized to vote for leftist politicians like Senator Bernie Sanders and local candidates, registration issues for the Democratic primaries are nothing new. In 2016, many New Yorkers turned out to vote for Sanders, yet found they could not since they were not listed as Democrats on the voter rolls. Voters must have registered as Democrats six months before the primary to cast a ballot. But there were some likely not aware of this deadline, others may have been some of the 125,000 voters removed from the rolls due to “irregularities.”

In 2016, Clinton won New York by 58% and Connecticut by 57%. New York and Connecticut are among 20 states to have closed Democratic primaries. The politics of information once again contributed heavily to the 2020 Democratic caucus in Iowa. Firstly, the Buttigieg campaign cancelled the reliable Des Moines Register poll, which was later revealed to show a lead for Sanders. His campaign alongside the Biden campaign, financially supported Shadow, the company which developed the chaos of delayed returns and vote count irregularities from Iowa in the past few days. The CEO of the company, Tracey, is a former chairwoman of the Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor party. The actual results of the caucus hold equal weight to how the media reports on the them. Results from the Iowa caucuses were downplayed before voting even took place, and afterwards by the State of the Union address. The information trickled in, Pete Buttigieg was declared the winner with 62% reporting. However, Sanders holds a steady popular vote lead with 96% reporting. In numerous precincts, like Black Hawk county, significant discrepancies in votes favoring Buttigieg were reported compared to records from the Sanders campaign.

Many of these were electoral fraud or a curse in New Hampshire? One thing for certain is that Bernie Sanders is in his best position yet after Iowa, and is currently leading Nate Silver at 538. However, the fate of the race is still largely dependent on who controls the information: votes, reports, and facts.

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Trinity Artist Spotlight: Caitlin Southwick ’20

Caitlin Southwick ’20 is currently working on her senior art thesis. Learn more about her work in the A&E section on page 9!
“Land of People” by Zhang ’22 Captures Israel and Palestine

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On Feb. 4, a new exhibit titled “Land of People: Photographs of Israel and Palestine,” opened in the Mathers Art Space. The exhibit showcases a photo series captured by Shuye “Eric” Zhang ’22 while he was on the “Fresh Perspectives” trip last August sponsored by Trinity College Hillel.

“The mission of the “Fresh Perspectives” trip was to shine an intention to improve pieces of written work to the Writing Center. Writing to provide support for her Trinity peers as they make their way through the writing process. Dow and her fellow writing associates engage in one-on-one tutoring to improve pieces of writing brought in by clients.”

Interview: Writing Center Associate Summer Dow ’22

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coming to understand perspectives that they may otherwise have not come across. Dow says that writing is like a time machine because, through the writing word of work, she can travel to eras other wise would have never been able to experience. Dow greatly cherishes this access to various perspectives that writing provides her with as her favorite part about working at the writing center is exploring pieces from diverse curriculums. Helping students with anything from a chemistry research proposal to a political science essay to a creative writing poem, Dow loves to learn about subjects she has not taken at Trinity and to meet students from these different disciplines that she otherwise may not have had the opportunity to meet.

In her position as a writing center associate at Trinity College, Dow aims, over her next two and a half years at Trinity, to make the writing center even more widely known across campus. Dow is looking to make the writing center more equipped to handle the needs of all students, Dow hopes her peers can find comfort and success in their writing process and leading them to view themselves as strong writers. Because of the immense enjoyment she has found in collaborating on the writing of others, Dow imagines pursuing a career in editing or publishing. Dow has come to greatly appreciate the opportunity writing affords us to communicate with each other. Dow believes writing to be so powerful because of its ability to connect people. One is able to not only express their own ideas, arguments, and emotions, but also understand those of others, perhaps learning from or

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The Tripod began to report on the new Trinity College Chapel as early as 1930. The Chapel, which replaced the one located in Seabury, was completed in 1933 and designed by Philip H. Frohman, who also designed the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.

Trinity History: The College Chapel, Completed in 1933
animal and food related puns that are delivered with deadpan seriousness, creating a tension in the viewer that not only confuses them about the actual subject matter at hand, but also the way in which they should be reacting. This beautifully sets the stage for the famous portrayal and use of "dream logic" in Lynch's films, where the onscreen action and dialogue doesn't make sense initially due to the drastic inconsistencies and contrasts between characters, setting, and tone. However, as time goes by and the film starts to complete itself, the seemingly illogical "logic" of the film completes itself, fulfilling the viewer's emotional understanding of the dream world on-screen. This is best exemplified by the constant use of non sequiturs, which seem to be going nowhere as the dialogue initially jumps around from topic to topic, but by the very end, the story of what Jack did becomes whole.

The use and portrayal of dream logic does not end in the mysterious and absurdly funny dialogue, it also lies in the editing by Lynch. In order to enhance the noir atmosphere of the film, Lynch added a film stock reel effect over the digitally recorded music to make it seem as if the film was recorded during the golden age of film noir in the 40s. To heighten the surrealist aspects of such a gritty, dark setting, Lynch pasted crude human lips over the mouth of the monkey, creating a clear juxtaposition between the two differing subjects that adds to the layers of comedy to the dreadful atmosphere. This clearly follows Lynch's dream logic as two completely opposing tones are forced to work in unison in an emotionally illogical way. This gradual growth on the audience as they're enveloped in the rules established by the dream world, directly opposing that of human reality. Lastly, the tension of the film is intensified by the simple back and forth cuts of the detective and Jack that take up about three-fourths of the movie, making the impact of any shots that lay outside their simple back and forth more intense as the fate of Jack lies unknown.

The Neighbors' Window

The Neighbors' Window is a remarkable short film that speaks to the deepest crevices of the unconscious mind and manufactures the experience of dreaming in your conscious state. The two greatest contributing factors to the grimy, noir inspired atmosphere tainted by surrealistic elements were the editing and writing, both masterfully done by Lynch himself. Although general audiences may find this movie pointless due to its apparent lack of objective meaning, the true beauty of this fever dream lies in its attempt to enwrap you in its unique world and to make you forget about logic and reality. WMDJ? tells the story of a nameless detective (played by David Lynch) interrogating a talking Capuchin monkey named Jack, who is suspected of murder. The story may seem like a simple noir tale at face value, but surreal stylization of the 17-min short is a truly captivating experience to behold.

The screenplay by Lynch is one that can either be nerve wracking, hilarious, or both simultaneously, depending on the personality of the viewer. The dialogue is filled with animal and food related

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**Best Picture:**
Kwak Sin-ae and Bong Joon Ho, *Parasite*

**Best Director:**
Bong Joon Ho

**Best Actress:**
Renée Zellweger, *Judy*

**Best Actor:**
Joaquin Phoenix, *Joker*

**Best Actress In A Supporting Role:**
Laura Dern, *Marriage Story*

**Best Actor In A Supporting Role:**
Brad Pitt, *Once Upon a Time in Hollywood*

**Best Original Screenplay:**
Bong Joon Ho and Han Jin-won, *Parasite*

**Best Adapted Screenplay:**
Taika Waititi, *Jojo Rabbit*

**Best Cinematography:**
Roger Deakins, *1917*

**Best Visual Effects:**
Guillaume Rocheron, Greg Butler, and Dominic Tuohy, *1917*

**International Feature:**
South Korea, *Parasite*

**Best Film Editing:**
Andrew Buckland and Michael McCusker, *Ford v Ferrari*

**Best Production Design:**
Barbara Ling (Production Design) and Nancy Haigh (Set Decoration), *Rocketman*

**Best Costume Design:**
Jacqueline Durran, *Little Women*

**Best Makeup and Hairstyling:**
Dominic Tuohy, *Rocketman*

**Best Sound Mixing:**
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**Best Original Score:**
Hildur Gudnadottir, *Joker*

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"I'm Gonna Love Me Again," Elton John (music) and Bernie Taupin (lyrics), *Rocketman*

**Best Documentary Feature:**
Steven Bognar, Julia Reichert, and Jeff Reichert, *American Factory*

**Best Documentary Short Subject:**
Carol Dysinger and Elena Andreicheva, *Learning to Skateboard in a Warzone (If You're a Girl)*

**Best Live-Action Short Film:**
Marshall Curry, *The Neighbors' Window*
Caitlin Southwick ’20 Discusses Her Senior Artwork

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Art is one form of self-expression that many find to be one of the more fascinating aspects of human creativity and ability. Among artists, some find a brush and paint to be the easiest method of displaying their emotions or creating an image. Within the Trinity community, Caitlin Southwick ’20 uses her artwork to encapsulate numerous accounts of the human condition within a few frames.

A senior sociology and art studies double major, Caitlin is heavily involved in campus life, being both the president of the Mill and a coxswain on the varsity women’s rowing team. She is currently haessed at work writing a sociology thesis and creating a studio arts visual piece as well.

Her admiration for art stems from when she was just a young girl, telling her entire first grade class that when she grew up, she would become an artist. As she continued through school, her artwork became a larger part of her life and soon became a major passion. When she arrived at Trinity, however, she was not sure that visual art was something she wanted to continue to pursue as a discipline.

Putting her unsteady feelings aside, Caitlin decided to take another art class, and loved being able to express herself through the medium she was so accustomed to. Thus, she decided to add a studio art major and continue to explore her passion academically and intellectually at Trinity College.

Now a senior, Caitlin has had the ability to create her own artwork that represents an important aspect of her life. She described her studio arts project, a masterfully designed series of people playing cards. The paintings are based on images, taken by Caitlin, of groups of four to nine friends casually playing card games together in casual settings. She then chooses the most genuine, emotional photos and recreates the image on a large canvas. Though the image may seem simplistic, it holds numerous truths that demonstrate the creative talent Caitlin possesses.

“A card game is one of the simplest, genuine human interactions that a person can have,” said Caitlin. “Many of us grew up on silly card games. As illuminated by Caitlin, these images are metaphorical as well as literal. ‘The card game represents the trajectory of a typical human friendship,’ she explains, ‘the longer you play, or hang around with someone, the more you learn about how people act: whether or not they’re competitive, easy going, anxious.’ The cards also represent the idea that no matter how much you understand about the outward actions of another person, you never truly know the ‘hand’ they hold. In other words, while someone may seem pinpoint or recalcitrant, their personal torments may be controlling their actions and their attitudes.

If you want to view Caitlin’s work in person, come to the arts thesis show on Apr. 21.

Please see Caitlin’s artwork in Features this week on page 7

Liz’s Weekly Bangers: From Halsey to Lil Peep

“Giving Girls Cocaine”
Lil Peep, Lil Tracy
Drugs aren’t cool, but this song certainly is. Peep groans over lo-fi beats, contrasting Tracy’s fiery flow perfectly.

“JAM”
Halsey
When it’s 3 a.m. and you’re lying on your common room couch desperate for human contact, this song will keep you company.

“Lonely Eyes”
The Front Bottoms
Indie-alternative vibes straight out of the mid-2010s. Let the soulful strings take your pain away.

“OUTWEST”
JACKBOYS, Young Thug
JACKBOYS was a lackluster project. Young Thug’s crooning on this banger acts as a saving grace for the EP.

“stupid horse”
100gecs
Though definitely not for everyone, this electronica-meets-pop-punk-meets-PC-Music song is funky, fun, and very fresh.

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**Bantams Winding Down The Winter Season**

**Trinity Women’s NESCAC Championship**

The Trinity Women’s Squash team won their 14th straight NESCAC Championship on Sunday afternoon, beating the Williams College Ephs 8-1 to secure their big title. At the Rosenbaum Squash Center at Wesleyan University on Sunday, seven Bantams won by a 3-0 score and the team dominated the top eight positions for the day. Vanessa Raj, a senior from Penang, Malaysia, played a big game and only allowed her opponent nine total points. Another Bantam, Habi-ba Dawood from Cairo, Egypt, also played well, only allowing 14 points from her opponent. Trinity is hoping this win and championship title will push them from No. 3 to No. 2 in the national Squash poll. Their final match is this Saturday against Princeton at 1 p.m.

**Men’s Hockey Sweeps the Weekend**

The Trinity Men’s Hockey team had a big pair of wins this weekend. On Friday, they beat Middlebury 6-2, while raising over $50,000 for the fight against Breast Cancer. Senior Barclay Gammill scored his 10th and 11th goals of the season against Midd. Taggart Corriveau, Riley Pratten, Dylan Healey and Cole Poliziani all scored for the Bantams on Friday. Goalsies Teddy Loughborough and Jonathan Capriotti had 32 saves combined. Trinity did not hold back against the Bobcats at the Koepel Center on Friday. It was a good game both to end Trinity’s 4-game losing streak and also to raise money for a good cause. On Saturday, Trinity continued their victory ride against Williams College. Gammill finished with a hat-trick in the 5-3 win for the Bantams.

**Women’s Diving: RPI Invitational Tournament**

The Trinity College Women’s Swimming and Diving team claimed two top three finishes in the one-meter and three-meter events on Saturday at the RPI Invitational. Lia Urban-Spillane, a junior from Rochester, New York, finished second in the three-meter dive, only twelve points behind the RPI diver that took first place. Urban-Spillane also finished second in the one-meter dive, finishing with a score of 333.50, four points away from first place. Junior Jazmin Johnson placed third in the three-meter dive with a score of 360.75. These Bants, along with the rest of their team mates, will compete in the NESCAC Championships at Middlebury this weekend. The meet begins on Thursday at 7 p.m.

**Women’s Track and Field: Cupid Tournament**

The Trinity College Women’s Indoor Track and Field Team had a great weekend at Tufts as they competed in the Cupid Challenge Invitational. Samanta Freena, a senior from Cape Elizabeth, Maine finished second in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 17:54.70. Trinity also competed in the 4x400-meter relay on Saturday. Those runners consisted of seniors Katie Lazor and Hannah Neufeld and junior Emma Buckley and first-year Juliana Kennedy. The group came in fourth with a time of 4:08.66. Skye Embrey placed fifth in the triple jump at 36’ 04". The Bantams will travel to Boston University this Saturday for the David Hemery Valentine Invitational.

**Bantams Beat Bates For Senior Day Victory; Trinity Set to Face Off Against Amherst Mammoths Next Week**

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The Trinity College men’s basketball team celebrated their senior day in a solid victory over the Bates College Bobcats this past Saturday. With five Bantams finishing in double-digit scoring, the Bobcats fell 114-78 after a 35 to 13 run for the Bantams in the first half. Senior co-captain Nick Seretta led the scoring for the Bantams with 22 points, five rebounds, and two assists. The Bobcats got off to an early lead, leaving the Bantams trailing 16-9 in the first five minutes of the first half. With buckets from freshman Stephen Lora and senior co-captain Kyle Padmore along with a three-pointer from junior Colin Donovan, the Bantams tied up the game with 10:10 remaining in the first half. Seretta gave Trinity its first lead of the game by sinking a fade-away jump shot with just 7:40 to go in the half. After much back and forth, senior Christian Porydzy hit two three-pointers to give the Bantams an 11-point lead with just one minute in the first half. A quick basket for the Bobcats left the Bantams trailing 51-43 at the halftime mark. At the start of the second half, Trinity kept their lead at seven with buckets in the paint from sophomores Donald Jorden Jr. and senior Jakubis Brooks. Although the Bobcats pushed back with a few jump shots of their own, three-pointers from Porydzy and senior Joe Bell improved the Bantams lead to ten points with just 11:30 to go in the game. Consistent sharp shooting from Bell, Porydzy, Donovan, and Seretta allowed Trinity to stretch their lead to as far as 33 points with just under three minutes remaining. The trailing Bobcats fought back but were not able to overcome the difference, finishing in a 114-78 final. The difference for the two teams was the accuracy from the floor. The Bantams shot 37 of 68 (54.4%) from the floor and 13 of 24 from behind the three-point line while the Bobcats were just 40.3% from the floor. The accuracy put Seretta, Donovan, Books, Padmore, and Porydzy all in double-digits for the Bantams. Trinity also dominated on the boards for a total of 41 rebounds to only 29 for Bates. The win improved Trinity’s record to 15-7 (5-3 in the NESCAC) and dropped the Bobcats to 11-10 (5-5 in the NESCAC). Hopeful for the rest of the season, Trinity co-captain and lead scorer Nick Seretta says it was a “great team win Saturday against a good Bates team and a very special day for us six seniors. We are looking forward to hopefully securing a home playoff game with two big wins at Amherst and Hamilton this weekend.” The Bantams will travel to Massachusetts this Friday, Feb. 14, to face the Amherst College Mammoths.

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