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## Trinity Women's Athletic League Petitions for Equity in Stadium Renovation Projects, Requests Title IX Compliance Assessment

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The Trinity College Women's Athletic League (TWAL), a coalition of representatives from the women's athletic teams, created an online petition last week to "Stop Gender Inequity in Athletics at Trinity College." The petition, which has garnered over 1,700 signatures, was created by women athletes at Trinity who allege gender disparities in the Jesse Miller (Men's Lacrosse/Football) and Robin L. Sheppard Fields (Women's Field Hockey/Lacrosse) renovation projects. The petition also requests a full assessment of Trinity's compliance with Title IX and achievement of the law's requirements by January 2022.

The coalition, which first gathered on Friday, Sept. 24, indicated that its



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grievances date back to the spring of 2019 when the Board of Trustees approved the renovation design and scheduled a February 2020 start for construction. After pausing all capital projects amidst the

onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Trustees approved resuming the Miller and Sheppard Fields renovations at their February 2021 meeting.

Vice President for Student Success and Enroll-

ment Management announced via email that the renovations would include new spectator stands for Trinity and visiting fans, a press box supporting both fields, enclosed suites,

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## SGA Budget Committee Reveals \$225,000 Initiative to Aid Student Expenses; College Provides No Announcement About Plans

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The Student Government Association (SGA) Budget Committee has developed a \$225,000 initiative to support students throughout the semester and coming years. The *Tripod* recently spoke with SGA Parliamentarian Joshua Jacoves '23 about the initiative. Using leftover money from last fiscal year's Student Activity Fee (SAF), the Committee collaborated with various offices and facilities earlier this year to create a full-time internship coordinator position and establish individual funds for printing, textbooks, research, and senior dues.

This is the first time a member of the SGA has publicly discussed the de-

tails of these initiatives. A Sept. 23 news update on the Raether Library and Information Technology Center's website thanked the SGA for an "extremely generous donation" that helps students purchase all required textbooks costing more than \$50. However, the College has not released an official statement about the Committee's initiatives as of Monday, Oct. 4.

Jacoves told the *Tripod* that the Budget Committee directed \$30,000 to the Dean of the Faculty's office to help pay for the first-year salary of the internship coordinator: \$120,000 was given to Raether Library to establish funds for printing (\$50,000) and textbooks/research (\$70,000). \$75,000 was placed into a senior equity



The Raether Library and Information Technology Center was given \$120,000 total. \$50,000 was used to establish funds for printing while the remaining \$70,000 was used to establish funds for textbooks and student research.

fund to be jointly managed by the offices of the Dean of Students and the Students, Activities, Involvement, and Leadership (S.A.I.L.) Office.

Trinity's Budget Direc-

tor Marcia Johnson confirmed the figures provided by Jacoves.

These initiatives were developed during the 2021 spring semester after

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## CORRECTIONS

## Tripod Editorial California Oil Spill Reminds Us of Need for Change

This past Sunday, Oct. 3, a pipeline breach occurred five miles off of the coast of Huntington Beach. There are about 17.5 miles between the pipeline and the shore, and the situation has been classified by the Coast Guard as a "major oil spill." The spill has infiltrated the entirety of the Talbert Wetlands and has significantly impacted the wildlife in this area. The amount of oil that leaked is equal to about 126,000 gallons of post-production crude, and according to Huntington Beach Mayor Kim Carr, is a "potential ecological disaster." The carefully cultivated land that has been taken care of by Orange County officials in collaboration with the Army Corps of Engineers and the Land Trust has not been completely destroyed in the span of a single day. Offshore oil drilling has always been a point of controversy, especially in this day in age when there are tar sand oils, fracking natural gas, and the need for conversion to renewable forms of energy like wind, solar, hydroelectric, and geothermal. As of the morning of Sunday, Oct. 3, the leak had not been completely stopped, and the oil slick plume measured an estimated 5.8 nautical miles long, from the Huntington Beach Pier down into Newport Beach. Once hosts to amazing forms of wildlife and scenic areas to walk along, these beaches are now off limits to visitors in order to prevent contact with "potentially toxic oiled areas." Instances like the Deepwater Horizon oil spill resulted in the death of 11 workers. During this particularly historic spill, an estimated 4,900,000 barrels of oil leaked into the gulf. The petroleum that leaked from the well before it was sealed extended more than 57,500 square miles of the Gulf of Mexico, and oil contaminated beaches of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama,

and Florida. All in all, an estimated 1,100 miles of shoreline were polluted back in June of 2010. One might think that after such an occurrence When rigs like this are active, it becomes unavoidable that they will spill, causing insurmountable damage. Although we've gone through periods of mitigated offshore drilling, the practice has obviously continued. Back in 2016, the Obama administration "permanently" banned offshore oil and gas drilling in the "vast majority" of US-owned northern waters. This was part of former President Obama's attempt to solidify his environmental legacy before leaving office, and were intended, according to a White House statement in the Washington Post, to "reflect the scientific assessment that... the risks of an oil spill in this region are significant and our ability to clean up from a spill in the region's harsh conditions is limited." Although Huntington Beach is by no means the arctic, it still incredibly difficult to clean up a spill of the size of the one that occurred this past Sunday. It is also just as damaging to the environment regardless of what kind of environment the spill occurs in. After a recent trip to the very part of Newport Beach that is currently littered with blobs of oil and dead sea life washing ashore, I was disheartened to hear of the stark difference just a few months can make in the appearance of a once scenic beach, and how likely spills like these are to occur. The facilities that operate the pipeline were built in the 1970s and 1980s, according to CEO of the Houston-based oil and gas company Amplify Energy (the company that owns the burst pipeline) Martyn Willsher. Orange County Supervisor Katrina Foley also relayed that the pipeline had likely been leaking "longer than we know."

Why do we allow offshore drilling when they don't even have the means to control major leaks of deep water rigs? We got off easy this time, and that says a great deal considering the ecological impact of this spill alone. Who knows what will happen the next time a spill occurs especially since rigs are aging with every passing day. The longer these rigs are out there in the harsh salt of the ocean water environment, the greater the chance for major leaks as the equipment corrodes. It is not a matter of if there will be another major spill, but rather a matter of when. We have the means to do away with oil drilling, so why continue this damaging practice?

We need to transition to renewable sources of energy to avoid climate change disasters and even our own extinction. Continuing to burn fossil fuels at current rates will lead to increasingly incalculable damage to the environment, and hence to humans. Drilling for oil causes short and long term damage to our world, our environment, and our climate. Thus, the practice should be eliminated. If it is not, drilling practices will inevitably lead to the continuation of these kinds of spills, and closer and closer to our shores, as the Huntington Beach spill indicates. These spills will continue to happen in the shallow, continental shelf regions which are rich with biodiversity and are particularly sensitive to spills.

-KJN

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# NEWS

## Marijuana Still Prohibited at Trinity Despite State's Recent Recreational Legalization

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MANAGING EDITOR

Trinity students are still prohibited from possessing and consuming marijuana on campus despite the state's legalization of the drug for adult use, according to an email from Dean of Student Life and Director of the Bantam Network Jody Goodman on Thursday, Sept. 23.

"As you may be aware, on June 22, 2021, Governor Ned Lamont signed into law Senate Bill 1201 to authorize adult use of cannabis in Connecticut, effective July 1, 2021," said Goodman in her message to students. "However, Trinity College must still abide by federal laws that regulate the use of cannabis (marijuana) on a college campus."

Connecticut became the 19th state to legalize the recreational use of marijuana during the summer when Gov. Ned Lamont signed Senate Bill No. 1201 "An Act Concerning Responsible and Equitable Regulation of Adult-Use Cannabis" into law.

People aged 21 years and older have been allowed to possess and consume 1.5 ounces (42.5 grams) of cannabis plant material and up to 5 ounces (141.7 grams) in a locked container at home, the trunk or locked glove compartment of a person's vehicle.

Goodman stated that the Drug-Free Schools and Community Act requires U.S. colleges such as Trinity "to prevent the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students and employees." Additionally, she indicated that federal regulations prohibit the "unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs by students and employees both on the institution's premises and as part of any of its activities." Goodman also noted that Connecticut state law expressly bans "the ingestion of marijuana on any school grounds or any public or private school, dormitory, college, or university property."

Drawing from these federal and state regula-

tions, Goodman officially announced that "Trinity College strictly forbids the use, sale, distribution, or possession of cannabis (marijuana) on Trinity College property or at any Trinity College sponsored program, event, or activity, even if accompanied by a medical prescription, regardless of an individual's age."

Trinity's policy applies to (1) any part of the cannabis plant or any product derived from any part of the plant; (2) any THC-containing products such as, but not limited to, cannabis (marijuana) concentrates or edibles, and/or any form of CBD; and (3) any cannabis-related paraphernalia such as pipes, bongs, roach clips, marijuana vaporizers whether unused or decorative.

No changes have been made to the 2021-2022 Trinity College Student Handbook related to the drug and alcohol policies. The Medical Amnesty Policy remains unchanged as well. The Medical Amnesty policy exempts a stu-

dent who is experiencing a physical and/or mental health crisis due to the consumption of drugs or alcohol from disciplinary action under the College's Drugs Use and Alcohol provision if it's the student's first violation of that policy.

Goodman declined the *Tripod's* request for an interview and sent the following response via email instead: "Trinity College must always comply with federal laws. We continue to be concerned about the use of alcohol and other drugs on our campus, which is why we employ [sic] an Alcohol and Other Drug Education Specialist to provide students with education and other resources. Due to the onset of the pandemic, there were fewer students on campus during the 2020-2021 academic year, which resulted in fewer violations"

Chief of Staff and Vice President for External Affairs Jason Rojas, who serves as the Connecticut House Majority Leader, declined the *Tripod's* request for comment.

## Women's Athletes Petition

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warming rooms for Trinity athletes and visiting teams, as well as modern and accessible restroom facilities.

However, since the Trustees' last meeting, the football stadium is near completion whereas Shepard Fields will require significantly more work.

"The recent stadium construction left female athletes feeling sub-par and is just a symbol of schoolwide observations regarding gender inequities in sports on Trinity College's campus," the petition states. "As we are excited for the success of our fellow men athletes and we do not want to take away from what they have, we are just asking for parity."

DiChristina declined the *Tripod's* request for an interview, although he indicated that he, Director of Athletics Drew Gailbrath, and Associate Athletic Director of Athletics Kristen Noone will be meeting with students and others this week to discuss these issues.

## Intercollegiate Update: News on Nearby Campuses

Quinnipiac University	Amherst College	Harvard University
<p>Quinnipiac University's recent decision to close Ireland's Great Hunger Museum has sparked public outrage from the campus community, according to <i>The Quinnipiac Chronicle</i>. In early August, the university's Board of Trustees voted unanimously to permanently close the museum due to the low attendance and financial concerns. The museum attracted fewer than 20 visitors per day and only generated funds to cover nearly 25 percent of its operating budget. However, current students, faculty, and alumni were not welcoming of the Trustees' decision. "Having the institute, the museum and the library collection made us distinctive within the world...I think it's such a shame now to have broken that up," said History professor and Director of Ireland's Great Hunger Institute Christine Kinealy. An open letter addressed to Quinnipiac President Julian Olian and the Trustees, the Committee to Save Ireland's Great Hunger Museum stated "Budgets can be cut, staff released, hours decreased; none of these possibilities even appears to have been considered." Associate Vice President for Public Relations John Morgan indicated that the university is in "active discussions" with potential partners for relocation.</p>	<p>Orientation Leaders (OL) and several Community Advisors (CA) have not been paid for their work nearly a month after the New Student Orientation, according to a Sept. 29 article in <i>The Amherst Student</i>. The article also reported that several CAs have experienced delays in receiving their bi-weekly paychecks during the first few weeks of the semester. "Some of us have credit card bills due, some of us were expecting this money to pay off various debts that we have," said Sophie Kubik '23 who works as an OL. "It really sucks to [be] promise[d] \$600 and then just not [be] give[n] it in a timely manner." Associate Dean of Students Scott Howard and Director of Residential Life Andrea Cadyma indicated that the delay in CA paychecks was "the result of an unexpected employee departure in the Office of Financial Aid who processed payroll in the college's new system (Workday)." "While these errors are certainly frustrating and inconvenient, we have not been notified of any student experiencing hardship as a result of these delays," said Howard and Cadyma. OLs and CAs also raised complaints about the fact that administrators have not informed them of resources available for financial aid following the financial delays.</p>	<p>Harvard's graduate student union voted to authorize its second strike in two years, according to <i>The Harvard Crimson</i>. 1,860 members out of 2,029 (91.67 percent) authorized a strike, clearing the two-thirds majority required. The Harvard Graduate Students Union-United Automobile Workers' Bargaining Committee (HGSU-UAW) can now move to call a strike at any time. The strike authorization is the culmination of six months of negotiations between the union and the University. HGSU-UAW wants Harvard to allow independent arbitration for discrimination and sexual harassment complaints. The union is also seeking increased compensation and benefits in their second contract. "The University feels a strike is unwarranted given the progress the two sides have made in recent weeks, including the University proposing \$14 million in increases above the previous contract's compensation and benefits levels, and the option to use third-party arbitration to appeal non-Title IX harassment and discrimination claims," wrote University spokesman Jason A. Newton in an emailed statement Thursday evening. The strike authorization results were released after 8:15 p.m. to a small crowd of graduate students in Emerson Hall.</p>

## College Campus Safety Report: Sept. 26 - Oct. 4

**Saturday, Sept. 25**  
On-Campus Residence Hall

Sexual Offense - Rape  
Reported to Title IX Office.

**Sunday, Sept. 26**  
Mather Hall

Larceny, Theft from Building  
This case remains open.

**Sunday, Oct. 3**  
Jackson Hall

Vandalism - Property  
This case remains open.

**Sunday, Oct. 3**  
Crescent Street Lot

Larceny, Theft from Vehicle  
This case remains open.

## SGA Budget Committee Initiative Creates Full-Time Internship Coordinator; Funds Printing, Textbooks

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Trinity's COVID-19 restrictions prevented many clubs and organizations from using their funds. Jacoves indicated that these initiatives were approved at the end of May after the Committee met with Vice President for Student Success and Enrollment Management Joe DiChristina; Dean of Student Life and Director of the Bantam Network Jody Goodman; and Director of S.A.I.L. Nikia Bryant.

DiChristina did not respond to the *Tripod's* inquiries into the origins of these initiatives and the College's discussions with the Committee.

"We all came to a consensus that yes, of course, this money should be going to student issues, student initiatives, and things that should benefit the students – instead of being taken back by the College," said Jacoves. The three administrators then gave the Committee clearance to pursue these initiatives. The student representatives who were present at the meetings included Jacoves, Camille Valentincic '22 (Vice President of Finance), Isabella Yung '22 (Finance Secretary), and Jederick Estrella '22 (then-Senator). Jacoves indicated that himself, Yung,

and Valentincic continued to develop the approved initiatives up until their finalization in September.

Responding to questions about the lack of communication surrounding these initiatives, Jacoves told the *Tripod*. "We wanted to wait until everything was set in stone so we can put everything out at once." "We didn't want to promise something that didn't end up happening," he added. "We want everything to be one source print so there's not multiple iterations."

When asked about whether the Committee obtained input from students outside of SGA, he stated that "due to the start of the initiatives beginning at the end of the academic year, a forum was not able to be held due to timing restrictions with finals." The Committee selected these initiatives "based off of [sic] conversations with the Deans, students, and from members' experiences through SGA with what students have come and asked for in previous years as 'big ticket' items." He also confirmed that the Committee plans on holding meetings at the end of the semester "to figure out how the remainder of the surplus funds should be allocated." Jacoves did not specify

the total amount of money remaining in the surplus funds; he instead stated, "The rolled over funds have been put into the current years [sic] SAF account to be used for the fall semester."

Jacoves told the *Tripod* that the internship coordinator will help students search for internships and obtain credit. He also claimed that the College aims to have an internship coordinator on campus by the spring. Associate Dean of the Curriculum and Professor of Theatre and Dance Mitchell Polin, who is familiar with the initiative, told the *Tripod* via email that the internship coordinator position "began with outreach from the SGA Budget Committee (in July) to provide increased opportunities for Trinity students to engage with the newly revised curriculum." He also stated that Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Executive Director of the Career Life and Design Center Joe Catrino "identified the need for an internship coordinator to support an expected increase of students completing internships at Trinity." Polin indicated that the College has not yet begun a search for an internship coordinator. He did not answer questions about the existence of a search committee,

the timeframe of the search, and the type of work the position entails. "Instead, the available funds enabled the college to make a more short-term hire for an internship coordinator consultant," said Polin. Catrino did not respond to the *Tripod's* inquiries into the position.

The Library currently manages the printing and textbook/research funds. Valentincic told the *Tripod* via email Monday that the money for these funds "are overseen by two different Library offices." Funding for printing dollars was transferred to Access Control and Card Services; Assistant Director of Constituency Services Rose Bernais has received the \$70,000 for the textbook (\$50,000) / research (\$20,000) fund.

The printing fund was created for students who run out of their allocated printing dollars for the year. Students can access these funds once per year by requesting for additional printing dollars via the Trinity finance portal.

The textbook and research fund is managed by the Library. The textbook fund covers textbooks from the bookstore that cost more than \$50 and do not have single use access codes. Jacoves told the *Tripod* that the Library made

a 41 volume purchase for the semester. The Library projects that the fund will cover textbook expenses for the next ten semesters. Additionally, the research fund can be used to pay for "databases, datasets, certain books, and research tools."

Director of Collections, Discover, and Access Services Katie Bauer told the *Tripod* Sunday that the Library has spent \$5,000 on textbooks for the fall semester. She also clarified that the research funds are reserved for research projects at the junior and senior level with a sign off from a faculty advisor. Bauer indicated that students would have access to the research funds starting Monday, Oct. 4.

The senior equity fund is jointly managed by the Dean of Students and S.A.I.L. offices. The money, which is currently available to students, can be used to pay for senior dues. Seniors can request for funds from the account via a form administered by the Dean of Students. Jacoves told the *Tripod* that interested students should contact S.A.I.L. or the Dean of Students office to make a request. Dean of Community Life and Standards Robert P. Lukaskiewicz did not respond to the *Tripod's* inquiries into the senior equity fund.

## Intimate Partner Violence, Domestic Violence at Trinity

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NEWS EDITOR

October is domestic violence awareness month. Last year, campus safety sent an email to the student body in response to a high level of instances of intimate partner violence or domestic violence on campus. By midterm during the fall semester of 2020, Campus Safety had responded to and intervened in three instances of intimate partner violence.

Interim Director of Campus Safety and Dean of Community Life and Standards Rob Lukaskiewicz explained to the *Tripod*, "Generally, we receive two to three reports of domestic or dating violence each calendar year. The three reported incidents from last fall occurring in close succession were unusual when compared to report-

ing history," prompting the email sent out to the student body. "We had one report in May this year to which Campus Safety responded," bringing last year's total number of reported incidents on campus to four, although also showing a marked decline in frequency compared to earlier in the year.

It is likely that there are more incidents of intimate partner violence that occur on Trinity's campus outside of what is reported, as Lukaskiewicz wrote via email, "National data tells us that incidents of domestic and dating violence are underreported." Nationally, these occurrences are not rare, and college students, especially young women ages 16 to 24, are the most likely to experience intimate partner violence. The majority of young people who do ex-

perience intimate partner violence, about 70%, report that they did not recognize the abuse while in the relationship. According to the National Domestic Violence Hotline, "more than 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men in the US will experience rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by a former or current intimate partner," during their lifetime.

"As a result," Lukaskiewicz added, "we work closely with colleagues on our campus who assist in both education and prevention, including WGRAC and the Title IX Coordinator." As incidents may occur that go unreported on campus, education and prevention are key in helping students know when and how to reach out for help.

Some of the education and prevention manners taken by Trinity include, "is next week's launch of

the Red Flag Campaign, hosted by SECS (Students Expecting ConSent). The campaign educates the campus to speak up for friends or colleagues when they see warning signs ('red flags') of interpersonal violence and all forms of sexual harassment." The Red Flag Campaign is a national organization that promotes bystander intervention and education on red flags in intimate relationships.

"Green Dot, our campus-wide Violence Prevention Strategy, also stresses reactive or pro-active bystander intervention to shift social norms towards these values: Everyone must do something, no matter how small, to prevent power-based personal violence; and, all forms of power-based personal violence are not tolerated at Trinity," wrote Lu-

kaskiewicz. The Green Dot initiative on Trinity's campus provides training and workshops to members of the Trinity College Community providing bystanders with the skills they need to stand up when they notice that something is wrong.

Trinity College's Women & Gender Resource Action Center (WGRAC) also runs the Masculinity Project, a student organization in which, "Students of all gender identities explore and redefine masculinity so that it includes healthier and more inclusive definitions that allow for greater expressions of what it means to be a male-identified student on campus," according to the WGRAC web page.

Information that may be useful for anyone experiencing intimate partner violence can be found on Trinity's IX Web Page.

# OPINION

## Why the COVID Outbreak at Connecticut College Should Worry Trinity: Students Need to Be Responsible

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Connecticut College (Conn), a fellow school in the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC), experienced a shocking 170 COVID cases over the course of one week. While these numbers would have been alarming during the last school year, it is compounded by the fact that nearly all of the affected students were vaccinated. Like most other US schools, Conn required that students be vaccinated before beginning the fall semester, and achieved a reported 97.5% vaccination rate. The administration continued to require masks indoors and tested students on a biweekly basis, which the school credits with identifying the surge in cases relatively early on.

Conn's diligent tracking of COVID cases revealed an exponential growth in case numbers during the school's third week in session. School officials attributed the spread of the cases largely to social gatherings on- and off-campus, specifically in bars, cars, and dorm rooms. The school halted in-person classes and rolled out stricter regulations surrounding

student gatherings, including closure of most campus facilities and limiting stu-

CAC school, experienced 31 cases in the past seven days. Much like Conn, Tufts

rest and isolate without fear of academic repercussions and receive a test if they think they may be infected. If the transmission rates at Conn and Tufts, in spite of strict testing measures, are any indication, Trinity may need to increase the frequency of its testing efforts.

Schools like Trinity, where a large proportion of students live on-campus, are fundamentally cohabitational environments. While practicing responsible mask-

mindfulness of their health and the health of others.

The respective administrations of Trinity, Connecticut College, and Tufts have put a lot of effort into designing the best systems for COVID safety this fall. While acknowledging that our administration has made and likely will make missteps in this process, students have a part to play in maintaining a safe environment. There are very clear rules for student behavior on campus that we

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dent travel between dorms.

The college's rising COVID numbers quickly gained the attention of local news outlets, and the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) was quoted in many of the articles written about the outbreak. The DPH attributed the rapid spread in case numbers to lack of proper masking rather than an issue with vaccinated students. The problem, from their perspective, is transmission of the virus, not the seriousness of the cases in question. The DPH's comments also placed the onus of COVID prevention on students to use masks and maintain some semblance of social distancing. This problem is not exclusive to Conn. Tufts University, another NES-

has a twice-weekly testing policy and uses a daily health screening to prevent the spread of possible cases.

Watching these developments unfold over the past week further affirmed my belief in the necessity of proper testing requirements. Conn's testing policy helped them catch the sudden rise in cases early, so they were able to modify campus safety regulations to stop the spread of any further cases. Regular testing and tracking are vital to keeping the community safe, but students should also be able to easily get tested without waiting for their student ID number to come up in the weekly testing pattern. Students who have symptoms of COVID should be able to

*"I encourage students to think of their actions during this time in terms of safe behavior and unsafe behavior. Each person's threshold for their personal safety is their own to figure out, but please keep the safety of others in mind as well."*

ing and social distancing should be a common courtesy and could prevent many cases, students deserve to walk around their dorm, eat in the dining hall, and study in the library without fear of contamination. Testing may be a slight inconvenience to busy students, but it also gives them the peace of mind to live their lives with

should follow, but what happens off-campus and in our dorms is very much a gray area. I encourage students to think of their actions during this time in terms of safe behavior and unsafe behavior. Each person's threshold for their personal safety is their own to figure out, but please keep the safety of others in mind as well.

## Adjusting to Hartford's Aggressive Driving: Practice All You Can and Pay Close Attention to the Road Ahead

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OPINION EDITOR

When you finally reach your sophomore year at Trinity, you are given a reward for such perseverance: the ability to purchase a parking pass for \$220 per year. Most people succumb to this added debt because – let's face

There have been many articles submitted to the *Tripod* Opinion section throughout the years detailing the horrendous selection of food at Mather addressing subjects like the lack of food for those with dietary restrictions and the inability of the food to be digested. I actually believe

driving is a NASCAR race to test the traction of our tires and the duration of our lives. When I came up here with my car for the first time in my Trinity career, I had to make quite a few adjustments. First off, I had to slow down and pay attention to what was going on around me. While Hartford drivers do tend to disregard all the rules of the road, the pace down here is much slower due mostly to the narrower roads, tight turns, and – apparently – the traffic lights' lack of lawful enforcement. I do think it is important to note, however, that when I am talking about slowing down, that is due to the high speeds of where I am from. People at Trinity come from all over the country and world, most from the Northeastern US but nevertheless we come from everywhere. Some new drivers at Trinity may have to speed up in general because the most critical thing about Hartford driving to understand is its flexibility and require-

ment of extensive attention. Slow on Broad Street, fast on Farmington Avenue,

West Hartford versus Farmington. Connecticut cities are small and, thus,

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acceleration at the change of a light, quick brake at a stop sign—all these facets of driving in Hartford require precise measurement of the speed of those in front of you. This all means that I believe the adjustment to Hartford driving will be applicable to everyone, so what is the best way to adjust?

I would recommend driving as much as you can, specifically to grocery stores, fast-food restaurants, *et cetera*. Driving to the places of frequent travel helps you adjust to the driving patterns of Hartford ver-

you will probably find yourself driving through two to three cities each time you embark on a journey to a grocery store. When you begin to drive through these small cities and make the travel on a weekly basis, you will learn the intricacies of fast versus slow and caution versus acceleration.

Hartford driving is a very aggressive experience, so always keep your eyes on the road, and take any chance you have to embark on a vehicular journey, even if you are just needing some bread.

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it – Trinity bangs the need of a car into you your freshman year. Inaccessibility of food on weekends and the questionable food quality when it is provided pushes students to either starvation or exuberant Uber Eats fees. Oh, but the saving grace of this debacle of the pocketbook is the ability to have a car on campus, but that must also have a fee because...college.

crawling to the bathroom after consuming Mather pizza or powder eggs is part of the Trinity matriculation process. Putting this tricky situation aside, I want this article to discuss the adjustment to Hartford driving.

I am from Arkansas, so the big, open roads back home called for speeds upward of 90 miles per hour and fast turns. Down there,



## Three Things to Learn from the German Election: Changing Polls, Center-Left Success, Far-Right Still Here

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On September 26, Germany held a federal election to elect the members of the Bundestag, the only federal representative body, as well as to decide who will succeed Chancellor Angela Merkel.

Merkel has served as Chancellor since 2005. In late 2018 she announced that, after the 2021 elections, she would step down — 16 years after she first took the position. Now, Olaf Scholz, the leader of the center-left Social Democratic Party (SDP) is poised to succeed Merkel as Chancellor. Armin Laschet, Merkel's successor as leader of the center-right Christian Democratic Union (CDU), oversaw the party's worst performance since 1949, the year it was originally formed. Scholz will likely seek to

before we see what the new coalition looks like, it looked like Annalena Baerbock, the young lead-

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the election results offer a few important takeaways.

Firstly: things change — fast.

In January this year, the CDU was polling very well, consistently hitting around 35-37%. It looked like, despite Merkel's intention to step down, power would remain in the hands of the center-right. Then, the CDU began a sharp decline to around

er of the Greens who spoke of bringing the nation in a new direction, would lead post-Merkel. The SDP was polling at a very weak 15%, with some speculating that they could potentially be a junior partner to the Greens.

Once again, the race changed, with both the CDU and the Greens struggling to return to their previous highs. Finally, at the end of August, the SDP rose to around 25%, creating a small lead over the CDU that they were able to maintain through election day.

Now, Olaf Scholz will almost certainly become Chancellor, with the CDU being locked out of a governing coalition. Secondly: these results may be indicative of a growing center-left resurgence across the West.

Over the past year, center-left parties have seen several successes. This includes the very strong per-

formance of New Zealand's Labour Party and Biden's victory last year. This year, this includes the creation of a coalition dominated by the center-left in Italy and now the favorable results for the German center-left. There are exceptions — such as Britain's Labour Party that has not been in power since 2007 — but, by and large, Western center-left parties have been doing well over the last two years.

With Australia's Labor

taken the form of the Alternative for Germany (AfD). Though the AfD dropped from 12.6% of the vote in 2017 to 10.3% this year, it remains a relevant party.

There is something critical that separates the current far-right movement in the United States. In the U.S., the GOP has largely accepted this faction, which has, in turn, pulled the party right and gained significantly more support. On the other hand, no major party in

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party neck-and-neck with the center-right Liberals in the primary vote and beating the Liberals by 6% in the two-party-preferred vote, it looks as though this trend could continue next year. However, as the first takeaway noted, things can change quite a bit. But, as of now, things are looking a bit better for many center-left parties.

Thirdly: despite gains by the center-left, the far-right has not vanished. Much like in the United States, Germany has seen the growth of a nationalism-centric ideology that heavily utilizes xenophobia and antagonistic rhetoric. In Germany, this has

Germany has had any interest in having the AfD become a coalition partner, and both the CDU and FDP are resistant to adopting similar policy stances. Because of this, the far-right movement in Germany likely cannot grow much outside of the AfD.

However, though far-right movements may not be able to take over larger and stronger center-right parties, the new but smaller far-right parties and movements that have sprung up — even those that will struggle to find new support — will likely remain present in Western democracies in the near future.

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partner with the center-left Greens and the liberal Free Democratic Party (FDP).

Though there are still months of negotiations

25% in mid-April. This coincided with a significant increase in support for the Greens, which rose from 17% to a peak at 28%. For a mo-

## Psychedelics Should Not Be Listed as Schedule I Drugs

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We are facing an unprecedented mental health problem, particularly in younger generations. COVID lockdowns have only exacerbated the already substantial problem of ever-increasing rates of depression and anxiety across the United States. Though there are likely many potential causes of these increased rates, recent research has suggested that psychedelics could be a promising solution to our declining mental health.

Due to the strict nature of the Controlled Substance Act (CSA), the primary governing legislation concerning federal drug law, research on the potential benefits of many scheduled drugs has been significantly hampered in years past. However, in recent years, scientists have begun to make up for this historical lack

of knowledge and research.

Almost all the drugs known as “psychedelics” are currently listed as Schedule I under the CSA. By definition, a Schedule I substance has “no currently accepted medical use” and “a high potential for abuse.” That psychedelics have no accepted medical use and a high potential for abuse is plainly false. It is important to note that though I reference psychedelics broadly, each psychedelic drug has varying pharmacological characteristics and properties which need to be evaluated for on an individual drug basis.

Recent scientific findings indicate that psychedelics actually do have significant medical and therapeutic potential. In May 2021, researchers from the Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies (MAPS) published the results in of their Phase Three clinical

trial — that is, a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study: basically the gold standard for assessing the therapeutic effects of a given treatment — investigating 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA)-assisted therapy (MDMA is sometimes referred to as “Molly” or “ecstasy”) for the treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and their results were extremely promising. They found that “MDMA-assisted therapy represents a potential breakthrough through treatment that merits expedited clinical evaluation,” as the treatment was found to have a greater effect on clinical measures of PTSD than “any other previously identified PTSD pharmacotherapy.” It is important to note, though, that the authors qualified that additional head-to-head comparison of MDMA-assisted therapy with current PTSD

pharmacotherapies is needed to make clearer and more definitive conclusions about the relative efficacy of MDMA-assisted therapy. That Phase III clinical trials for psychedelics are being conducted is evidence enough that there is an “accepted medical use.” Furthermore, there were a total of 17 clinical trials for MDMA, Psilocybin (Magic Mushrooms), and LSD in 2020 alone. This goes to show that in our democratic system, drug regulation does not necessarily reflect recent scientific advancements.

Now let's examine psychedelics' alleged “high potential for abuse.” In reality, classical psychedelics such as LSD, psilocybin, and N,N-Dimethyltryptamine (DMT), generally speaking, do not lead to addiction/dependence and are not considered to be reinforcing. As prominent pharmacologist David Nichols explains, this is due to

the fact that “serotonergic hallucinogens do not have direct effects on brain dopaminergic systems, a pharmacology that appears essential for nearly all drugs that can engender dependence.” “Although there is a general public perception that psychedelic drugs are dangerous,” Nichols writes, “from a physiologic standpoint they are in fact one of the safest known classes of CNS drugs. They do not cause addiction, and no overdose deaths have occurred after ingesting of typical doses of LSD, psilocybin, or mescaline.” Thus, the notion that psychedelics are dangerous or pose high potential for abuse is simply not true. Ironically, psychedelics have shown great efficacy in treating alcoholism and drug addiction.

The scientific evidence is clear-cut: psychedelics should not be classified as Schedule I substances.

# FEATURES

## Trinity Female Athletes on their Protest Participation

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Have you seen the pictures of members of women's athletic teams sitting in the bleachers circulating on social media? Last week 130 female athletes gathered at Robin L. Sheppard Field to hear the grievances of women's field hockey and lacrosse players, who were promised permanent constructed seating at their field for this fall, and to gather in solidarity of female athletes suffering from gender inequalities in athletics. After taking photos at both Robin L. Sheppard Field and Jesse/Miller Field, the women headed over to the softball field to shed light on the experience of the softball players. Softball players work with a broken scoreboard, a frequently flooded field, and a lack of seating and lights. Many of the athletes have noticed and reported disparities between the treatment of their own team and their counterpart men's team during their time at Trinity. As far as the experience

of the field hockey players, in 2019 the athletic department gave a presentation showing the planned construction of seating at both Jesse/Miller and Robin L. Sheppard fields. The field hockey team was looking forward to having permanent seating at their field that would accommodate 1,000 spectators. At the presentation, it was also revealed that Trinity would host the field hockey NCAA Division III championship in the Fall of 2021, this semester. When the field hockey team arrived at campus this past August, the construction at Jesse/Miller field was practically finished while their own had yet to begin. Athletic Director Drew Galbraith made an appearance at a field hockey practice to inform the players that the bleachers would arrive any day now and the construction would be done quickly.

To the players' surprise, the construction was completed in eight hours. That's because, instead of the stadium they were promised, only a few temporary five-row bleachers were assem-

bled to the side of the Robin L. Sheppard field, right behind the massive permanent stadium at Jesse/Miller field. This was especially surprising considering the historical parity between Robin L. Sheppard and Jesse/Miller fields. "This is frustrating for us because it doesn't even accommodate 1,000 people like it was supposed to," Field Hockey captain India Shay '22 remarked. Shay and her fellow teammates take on the Connecticut College Camels, whose coach approves the seating for the NCAA tournament, on Tuesday, Oct. 12. The athletes anticipate that upon evaluation of their seating that day, the chance to host the NCAA tournament will likely be stripped from Trinity. "That's a huge opportunity lost," Shay noted.

The players met with Drew Galbraith to ask him what happened to the stadium they were promised. His answer was that, because of COVID-19 and the associated costs, the athletic department needed to take from the women's field hockey and lacrosse

budget. Galbraith also explained that the architect who drew the image of the expected stadium at Robin L. Sheppard field simply got "carried away." Additionally, Galbraith revealed that there were no formal discussions or plans about changing what had happened, besides putting up Trinity banners on the bleachers. "We aren't asking for aesthetic, we're asking for appropriate seating," Shay said.

The team also released a petition. In fact, the same day the petition was released, the athletic department sent out emails to Trinity Athletics alums asking for donations. The field hockey alums, who are aware of what's been going on, immediately responded stating that they would not donate to the athletic department at this time as they do not trust that their money will be used in a fair way.

The petition requests that this mistake must be fixed by January. "Right now, we have to accept the fact that nothing is going to be done in five weeks,

which is disappointing for a senior like me, but hopefully something can be done in time for women's lacrosse season this spring," Shay explained.

Shay and her teammates' initial goal was to bring awareness. Now that the petition has around 2,000 signatures and a conversation about the disparities between men and women's athletics at Trinity has begun, the players now just hope to receive some communication from the administration acknowledging that they made a mistake and promising that they are going to work towards actively fixing it. "The lack of validation and acknowledgment of this has been extremely upsetting," Shay expressed.

Galbraith has noted in a meeting with the players that he is disappointed he has made the players feel this way.

Shay and other members of the field hockey team plan to meet with Galbraith soon for discussion. "I hope they feel the pressure and want to take action to change it," Shay said.

## Documentary Review: *The Social Dilemma* Enlightens

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*The Social Dilemma*, directed by Jeff Orlowski, is a documentary that brings to light the dangers of social media and its ability to capture and hold the attention of its users against their will. If you are looking to relax on the couch and have a movie marathon, consider watching this documentary. The statistics and skits are chilling, but it is important to be educated and aware about topics surrounding the negative impacts of technology so we can perhaps, as a collective society, improve our poor habits.

Tech companies have developed algorithms to predict our next moves, engage our attention, and keep us coming back. The documentary utilizes professional tech experts who worked for social media companies, many of whom helped to develop the algorithms that compete for our attention. Throughout the documentary, Orlowski uses skits to successfully emphasize the negative impacts that social media has on mental health, addiction, and the alarming impact of filter bubbles.

One of the topics the movie focuses on is social media's negative impact on mental health, especially in young girls. Orlowski uses a skit of a family with a teenage girl who is addicted to social media. One scene begins with a teenage girl posting a photo only to delete it because it didn't get enough likes. She then reposts the photo with dramatic filters and effects that get her more comments and likes. The unrealistic standards that social media sets for young girls and teenagers directly affects mental health. The idea that teenagers' attention is focused more on likes and comments emphasizes people's selective attention to moments and photos that will get them more likes. Social media, as exhibited throughout this scene, is taking over our attention and consequently leading to more mental health issues in society.

Another skit in the documentary is centered around teenage social media addiction. Ben, a teenage boy, had a crush on a girl named Rebecca, however, when she finally asked if he wanted to get lunch, he had already fallen victim to the addictive effects of social media. Unable to even look up from his phone he didn't even hear

what she had asked him. Orlowski additionally backs this up when Ben was unable to go two weeks without his phone. Despite his determination to go out with Rebecca at the beginning of his story or his want to unplug for two weeks, Ben's attention was fully focused on the world within his phone. This specific skit is very relatable to many teenagers today. Even when many do not want to focus on their phone, they have an almost hypnotizing pull that keeps them engaged while maintaining distance from things going on around them.

Another point which is crucial to the movie is shown through Orlowski's successful display of the alarming effects that fake news and filter bubbles have on people. The documentary emphasizes the black hole aspect of filter bubbles and their ability to isolate and consume us with one topic of information. During the skit, a character ends up at an overwhelming protest after spending nights awake on his phone. At the protest, the teenager ends up being pinned to the ground and almost getting arrested due to the isolated emphasis on this topic his feeds kept showing him. While this example was

very exaggerated it led to a stronger point being made by Orlowski on how dangerous and convincing filter bubbles can be. Orlowski also brings up the statistic that fake news spreads six times faster than real news.

Overall, Orlowski effec-

tively integrated the use of skits to show why social media is negatively impacting society, particularly young people. Orlowski was able to brilliantly take concepts that everyone is aware of and make them more relatable and concrete.





# President's Office Hosts Array of Festive Food Trucks

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Food trucks are somewhat of a Trinity tradition. They are present at first-year orientation and welcome-back week, dominate their own events throughout the school year, and can be found in any of the school's drive-ways when there is a large event. Students at Trinity often mention the food scene in Hartford, including the food trucks, a common pull factor when in the midst of the college search. The food trucks on campus bring a taste of Hartford and beyond to students, staff, and visitors, creating and fostering positive relationships between communities.

On Wednesday, Sept. 29, ten trucks lined the Gates Quad and Mather Circle, drawing hungry students away from the usual routine of the dining hall for the afternoon. Some of the trucks included Craftbird, La Mesa, Wing

It On Wheels, Brasato Italian Street Cuisine, Iron & Grain, and Green Grunion.

The center of campus was overflowing with students, professors, coaches, and more, eager to get to the front of the line to get the vouchers. Ahead of time, students were able to register for their top-choice food truck. All who came were able to eat, while vouchers lasted, with priority given to those who registered. Each voucher was valid for one meal at one food truck, but after 2 P.M., all leftover vouchers were fair game, whether you had visited the trucks or not, serving as a perk for some.

First-year student Isabella Paris '25 was pleased with the opportunity to eat something besides Mather, especially in the middle of the school week.

"I think they are fun and automatically lift spirits," she said. Paris also enjoyed the food trucks and vendors like build-your-

own plant terrarium earlier in September. Embracing the spirit of college, these pop-up shops are a great way to try something new. Joining the Trinity community from New Hampshire as a part of the Cities Gateway, Paris appreciates any opportunity to experience Hartford, settling into her new home.

However, there's room for improvement. "I wish there were more vegan and vegetarian options," Paris shared. Students with dietary restrictions struggled to find the perfect bite, while others weren't sure what to pick ahead of time without knowing the options.

Other students felt this disappointment when certain food trucks unfortunately couldn't make it – Baba Ghanoush food truck, in this case, had difficulties with their truck. These students were then able to pick from any of the trucks, but some felt they couldn't quite find some-

thing they liked, although there was a range of many different types of cuisines.

Paris also suggested more frequent visits from the food trucks. "It would be cool to have them on campus more often," she added. A variation in the trucks would also be exciting, allowing students to try different neighboring spots.

Last week, the different foods featured ranged from tacos and nachos,

falafel, pasta, and different types of chicken dishes like wings. It was different from Mather, and the variety also encouraged students to try something new. The festival is always one of the students' favorite ways to gather with their friends and classmates and continues to raise excitement from the campus community every time the food trucks arrive.



## Homecoming Weekend Yields Successful Reunions, Normalcy

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Trinity College brought back its annual Homecoming celebration from Friday, Oct. 1 until Sunday, Oct. 3. The weekend saw an array of activities, celebrations, and reunions that were enjoyed by all members of the Bantam community.

Friday morning began with alumni events as they were invited to return back to campus. The alumni events and activities included tours of campus, welcoming refreshments, registrations, and even lawn games, giving alumni time to reminisce of their days at Trinity. While revisiting with friends and introducing their families to the coop, the evening featured events like the Watkinson Library Open House with an impressive display of items related to Class of 1970. Dinners were held for the Class of 1963, the Class of 1960, the Class of 1970, and even an additional induction ceremony for the 2020 Trinity Athletic Hall of Famers. There were also performances by Kerry Kincy IDP '09 and Mixahawn Rozie IDP '12 and the Afro-Algonquin Trio in Coming Home: A Per-

forming Hartford Event. Cinestudio also continued offering showings of *Goodfellas* to complete the night.

Saturday morning and afternoon started off with a bang, with multiple homecoming breakfasts for both alumni and students. Additionally, there were more campus tours along with a food truck festival that was open to everyone on campus. Many groups and student organizations were around campus offering Trinity merchandise and other goodies. Later in the day, the Tansill Muldoon Stadium Dedication was held at Ferris Athletic Center just before the homecoming football game.

This year, the Bantams competed in the annual Homecoming football game against Middlebury College. Victorious over Middlebury, Trinity shut out the Panthers, 28-0, making the Bantams 3-0-0 in the NESCAC standings so far this year. Bantam spirit was back as alumni, students, and their families occupied the stands, parking lots, and beyond around campus tailgating through the morning into the late afternoon. Throughout the game there were plenty of booths selling Trinity gear and refreshments as well

as some local food trucks offering different types of food and refreshments. Trinity's Rugby Club also had a match against Williams College following the homecoming football game. Events such as the international students Fall Homecoming Mixer, F.I.S.T (Faith Inspired Students at Trinity) Taco game night, and Homecoming nights of worship were continuing throughout the day. On Sunday, the Bantam Field Hockey team, along with the Men's and Women's Soccer Teams faced off against Bates College. Service of the Holy Communion and a Roman Catholic Mass were held at the Chapel on Sunday as well.

The ability to carry on with a seemingly "normal" 2021 Homecoming was a breath of fresh air for the entire Trinity community. Events were welcomed and celebrations were held, and alums flooded the campus with enthusiasm for the Bantam community. Trinity pride and spirit reigned throughout the entirety of the campus, reminding students, faculty, staff, alumni, friends, and family what it's really like to be a Bantam.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## Watch An Autumn Movie Instead of TikTok You Heathens!

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It's officially October, y'all. And per my last article, yes, it is ideal running weather. But it's also movie season... Alas, the complex dualities of life. Truly though there's nothing like procrastinating your many academic tasks with a movie with autumnal undertones. Something about the way Hollywood dresses their actors for Fall. Matt Damon and Chris Evans in cable-knit sweaters. Saoirse Ronan and Michelle Pfeiffer in burnt leaf tones. Then the obvious fact that it's cold out. Movies are always better in the Fall, personal opinion or known fact? Regardless, here are some of my (and KGH's) favorite movies to watch during Fall. Cozy up in your twin XL with some M&M cookies you pillaged from Mather. Or pile into your common room, limited couch space and all, with your dinghy Target mugs and LED lights set to red. Make cave popcorn in your over-enthusiastically-heated Crescent kitchen. Invite your crush over? Do with these suggestions what you will.

### 1. Dead Poets Society

Obvious. New England boarding school on a lake? Name a better Fall setting than that. Plus, Robin Williams (RIP) and poetic undertones? Romantic. Tragic. Impeccable costumes, impeccable message. You might cry. You might start reading Longfellow. Be open to both.

### 2. E.T

Come onnnnn. It's so good. It's so wholesome. It's so meta? What is friendship? What does it mean to transcend differences? What do we as a society value? Take a hint from E.T. It's Spielberg at his best. Overall heart warmer.

### 3. Good Will Hunting

It's got it all. Boston in Fall, Boston accents, Harvard, an underdog, the line "how you like them apples?", romance, camaraderie, BOTH Afflecks (for better or for worse). Robin Williams again. It's feel good. Maybe it'll teach you a lesson about expressing your emotions properly... @men.

### 4. Knives Out

CABLEKNITS. DRAMA. POLITICAL COMMENTARY. UNDERDOGS. LEGAL JARGIN. CHRIS EVANS. Very good directing. Very good script. Very good message. Lots of beautiful trees?

### 5. Little Women

Whether it's the original with Winona and Christian or the Greta Gerwig remake with Saoirse and Timothee, the costumes, the setting, the general hatred for Amy... let's talk about it. This is a movie prone to starting fun, little arguments. In the best way. Unrequited love? Perfect for cuffing season.

### 6. Coraline

This movie scarred me as a child and continues to scar me. Does not help that for a week in fourth grade everyone called me Coraline because they knew it freaked me out. So kind of them? Still, really beautifully made and even if it's creepy it's a good Fall watch pre-Halloween. Never will I look at black buttons the same.

### 7. Rushmore

Wes Anderson, we love him. Max is one of my favorite cinematic characters. It's also generally hilarious. So many good one liners. Bill Murray shines. Who's going to start a Trinity Beekeeping Club? Get it trending.

### 8. Ghostbusters

Honestly one of the few movies that pulls off horror-comedy. It's mainly able to do so because of the cast. Has Bill Murray made a bad movie? Let me know. Ghosts. Gargoyles. Gallivants through New York. Very good date movie.

### 9. The Shining

Stephen King is one f\*\*\*\*\*d up dude. Honestly where does he come up with this sh\*t? Creepy. Disturbing. Lots of long hallway scenes. Lots of running through snow that will make you feel like you're in a panic dream. 11/10 likelihood of making you double-check your bathroom door lock.

## Review: Matt Ox's "Pull Up ft. Key" Ages like Fine Wine

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"I told her to pull up, I don't really love her, I might have to dub her," concedes youthful star Matt Ox on his 2018 hit "Pull Up." The artist was a mere thirteen-year-old when he collaborated with Atlanta rapper Key on this timeless track. With captivating lyrics like "Dripping in Margielas," it's no surprise the boy-wonder has accrued a devout following of nearly one million monthly listeners.

Based out of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the young rapper first emerged on the scene back in 2017 with his release "Overwhelming," a track he dropped at only twelve-years-old. Only a year later in 2018, the music magazine Fader compared him to Playboi Carti when he released his debut OX; later that year he would appear on the late XXXTentacion's "\$\$\$" and prove himself a force to be reckoned with in the rap world. The Oogie-Main and

TrapMoneyBenny produced "Pull Up" is a charming tune that allows Matt Ox's tender, tenor voice to soar as he covers topics that were, and arguably still are, mature subject material. He totes his wealth — at least a six digit value per, albeit unreliable, sources — and jewelry, talking about how he can double up both his check and his neck. In the same breath, he reminds us that he's self-empowered and independent in saying that he "won't take her out" nor pay her rent. Matt Ox is cheeky, coy, and confident as he brags that he "be rockin' Gucci, [he] be rockin' Fendi." The child star emits the swag of a seasoned rockstar, or Justin Bieber in his early 20s, as he soars along the track.

There's an irresistible aura to "Pull Up" that traps the listener in its soothing, soulful chime-y tones. The 13-year-old rapper inhales the audience with the ferocity of a pink, bouncy Kirby. In merely one chorus, you're sucked

in deep to his world. Matt Ox oozes charisma while Key offers tongue-in-cheek lyrics such as "I read her mind, summa cum laude." What shows cloutier than a bar that references graduating at the top of your class? A lyrical joke making a reference to the mind without alluding to oral sex is genuinely worthy of praise. The duo drip in palatable amounts of eclectic steez as they coast over the Working on Dying collective's delectable instrumentals. As one Genius Lyrics comment reads, the song is "relaxing af," with haunting, plucky little keys and soft snares. "Pull Up" is a sun-storm on a summer day, a quiet pink sky at a dusk, a set of wind chimes in a sweet breeze. Nearly three years later, his single "Pull Up ft. Key" has solidified itself as a timeless homage to Matt Ox's ever-expanding legacy.

You can find Matt Ox's latest release UNORTHODOX on all streaming platforms.



Photo via Matt Ox's Instagram profile page ([Instagram.com/mattox](https://www.instagram.com/mattox))

# Weekly Skylights: The *Tripod* Looks to the Clouds

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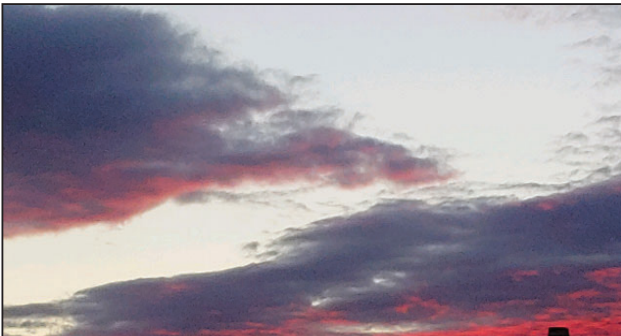
September 27, 2021. 7.6/10.

(Left) The ritual is actually not so complicated. The townspeople think they need one of the forest druids to assist them in its many steps, but I know better. I took walks in the forest until I came upon one of the druids. She sat on the ground, leaning against a tree in her green robes. "Hark," I said, to make her aware. The druid rose from her rest and faced me, looked me in my eyes. I stared back into her eyes and in them I saw the entire forest as if through a window. The forest as it used to be, long ago, before we town folk settled and set about chopping it into pieces for our houses and exports. When the forest was primal and horrifying and loving at the same time. When it cared for us and we feared it respectfully. I think I understand now why some of us leave the town walls and disappear past the trees. But I pulled myself out of my reverie and did what I came to do.

(Right) What we could see of the sky was dull and brooding, and it felt almost like an omen of the fruit of our discussion. She was pleasant to me, the druid, and she answered all of my questions more or less to my satisfaction. I expected her to be reserved or even angry at my audacity, and her willingness to talk placed a block of dread like ice deep in my stomach. I received an inkling of the danger of their secrets, enough to be afraid. Some hours passed and by the time I was done the night had taken hold. The druid offered to shepherd me back home, only as far as the tree line, of course. I gave my thanks but refused, in part because I wanted the time alone to think, and also because I needed to collect some supplies on my way. The ritual required a number of ingredients, some easy to gather and others much, much more difficult. I'd start right away.



September 28, 2021. 7.4/10.



September 29, 2021. 7.8/10.

(Left) A cycle formed. Day after day I woke at daybreak and ventured into the deepest and quietest hollows of the woods. Whatever paths existed were slivers of dirt beset on all sides by rampant vegetation, and more often than not I had to carve my own path, sword and lantern in hand. There was much to do. I gathered roots of all sorts, berries of potent red and violet, ragged leaves and soft quilted leaves, rough bark and smooth bark, the fragile stems of fresh sprouts and chunks of tree flesh sticky with sap, to name but a morsel. And the creatures: bone shavings, tooth shavings, so many eyes to be preserved in jars, bits of fur stealthily plucked from dreaming beasts, claws won with my own blood, and their blood, so much of it, enough that it has become as common a fluid as rainwater to see glistening on the grass. Seasons came and went but I kept at my task diligently until at last I acquired the necessary components. It was time.

(Right) Night fell and I began my sorcery. I had drawn the circles in chalk, mathematically precise, and the runes within the circles were also crisp and clear. My ingredients lay prepared in bowls on the wooden floor. I lit the thick candles and they cast their glow across the room. As I remember the atmosphere was haunting. It felt right. I stood in the center of the circle and began the chant. The words were unfamiliar to my tongue. At first, I said them again, and again. The end of one utterance flowed into the next, feeding itself and growing more powerful. The candles dimmed, their light so much farther away now, and I felt the sensation of falling through mud while I stood in place. The chant spoke itself now, without my control. I held on to it like a raft in the storm of my mind, full of dark waters bearing something unspeakable. The bowls caught on fire as the chant reached its natural climax. A howl in the dark from somewhere deep. A blast of wind that burst open the door. The shrieking wind. Shrieking. And then it was over. I collapsed. My limbs misbehaved as I pulled myself toward

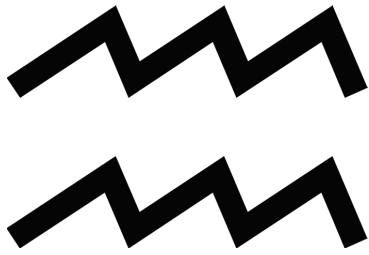


September 30, 2021. 8.0/10.



# Bits & Pieces

## Your Halloween Horrorscopes: Movie Edition



**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)**

*The Shining*

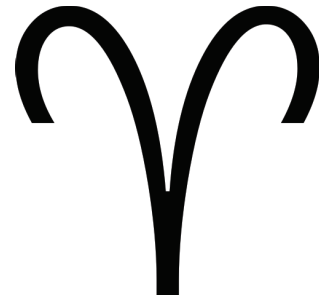
Autumn has got you stir crazy, get ready for this winter by ordering a depression lamp and a new weighted blanket. Trust me.



**Pisces (Feb. 20- Mar. 20)**

*Saw*

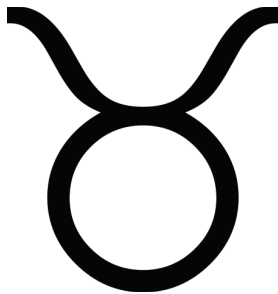
Let's play a game, with your emotions. You're an irresistible tale of torture porn and confusion.



**Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)**

*The Exorcist*

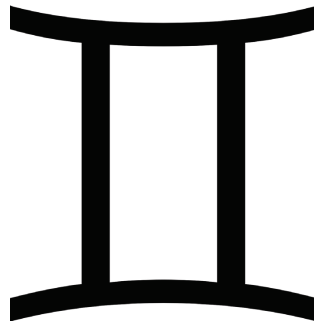
Your fiery spirit is demonic and explosive. Embrace your wild side by getting raucous and rowdy during spooky season.



**Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20)**

*Addams Family.*

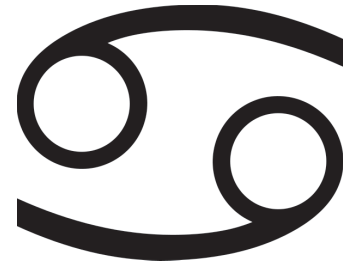
Endearing and timeless, you're always ready to defend your own and do some classy snapping.



**Gemini (May, 21-June 20)**

*Texas Chainsaw Massacre*

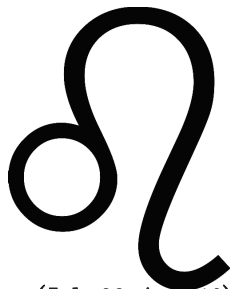
You're a stand out from the crowd with your explosive reactions and blood-fueled rage.



**Cancer (June 21- July 22)**

*Carrie.*

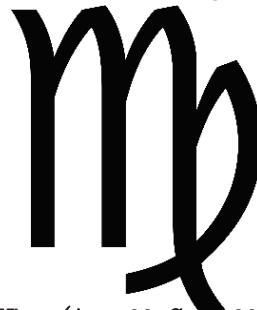
Drama is your MO. This Halloween, don't let any blood rain on your parade. Pick your chin up kiddo, your tiara is falling.



**Leo (July 23- Aug. 19)**

*Friday the 13th.*

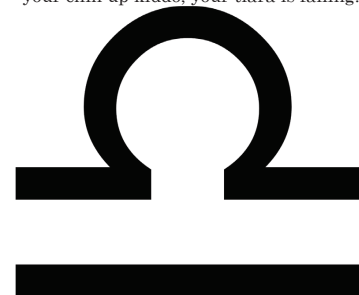
Just like Jason, you won't be caught dead. Ever. There's too much attention left in the world.



**Virgo (Aug. 23- Sept. 22)**

*Casper the Friendly Ghost.*

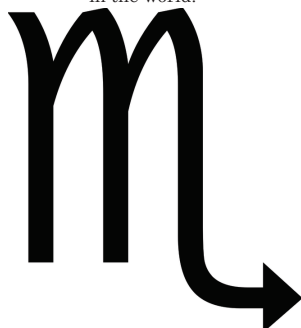
You're a sweetie and a favorite for the kids. Your mother probably loves you. Congrats.



**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**

*Scream.*

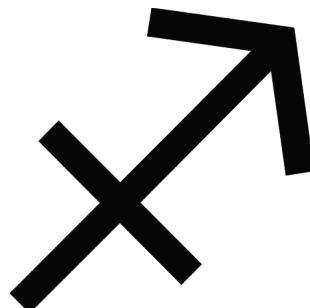
You're a twist on the classic, a popular hit that no one will complain about. It's also your season, enjoy the next two weeks!



**Scorpio (Oct. 23- Nov. 21)**

*Midsommar.*

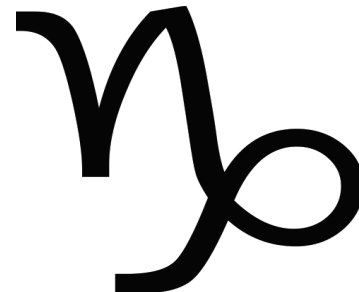
You're a sexy nightmare. The people love you, men definitely fear you. Burn, baby, burn!



**Sagittarius (Nov. 22- Dec. 21)**

*Nightmare on Elm Street.*

You've ruined children's lives without a care and refuse to stop. Chill out this fall.



**Capricorn (Dec. 22- Jan. 19)**

*Halloweentown.*

You retreat to your childhood when you're feeling unsafe. Take a trip down DCOM lane this month.

# Trinity College Memes for Toxic Long Walk Teens



getting drinks at dinner

your parents buying your drinks at dinner



# Overheard at Trin: Yik Yak Edition

“I love weed. School sucks.”

“I want to revenge fuck Campo.”

“Oh, you ‘totally agree’ with my discussion post? Let’s fuck.”

“You’re telling me a campus made this pizza?”

“I sleep peacefully every night knowing the Taliban could never invade Trinity because they couldn’t find a place to park.”

Homecoming reactions to seeing....

Alumni you forgot existed	
Alumni you hate	
Graduated seniors from your freshman year	



# Due to Growing Stadium Costs and Budget Cuts, Football Forced to Eliminate Mandatory Helmets

LIZ FOSTER '22  
BITS & PIECES EDITOR

The *Tripod* has spent the better part of the last year following the development of Trinity College's brand new football stadium. A product of alumni donations and a collective disinterest in any other Bantam sport except for the occasional squash match, the Jesse/Miller Stadium is finally available for public use. Though it was a result of philanthropy, the College's budget continues to shrink by the day. As a result of continuous losses, some of which are a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic restricting the school from raising tuition in 2020, the football team has been forced to reduce the number of students permitted to wear helmets during practices and games. The qualifier? A GPA over 3.7.

Trinity's football coaches, the athletic department, and the wider administration have all been met with severe criticism for this blatant disregard for students' health and wellbeing. The various risks at hand are a never-ending list of potential injuries, or even fatalities, that the

College presumably does not want to be held accountable for or sued over.

When pressed, one athletic director replied: "Hey, we were already pushing the envelope by allowing women's field hockey to have three whole sets of bleachers. Do you really think there's enough cash floating around for us to find ninety-nine different helmets to fit the heads of ninety-nine Division III athletes? The rugby kids don't wear helmets and they're doing just fine!". This director was unaware that multiple rugby players are facing concussions, black eyes, and other facial injuries explicitly as a result of their lack of helmets.

For many students, it comes at little to no surprise that a school that fails to keep its health center open beyond 5 P.M. on weekdays has no interest in preserving the wellbeing of its NESCAC championship winning athletes. With the blind confidence of any part of Trinity's administration, the athletics department firmly believes that their approach to providing helmets to only the players who have appeared on, or will appear on, the College's Faculty Honors List is the

correct strategic approach. However, the department has made it abundantly clear that they have no idea how many students breach this specific grade point average. One could quickly assume that a group of athletes may be meat heads, but who is to say that Bantam Football isn't a collective of scholars whose GPAs soar over the rest of campuses? No one, not even the players themselves, know how many helmets will be available nor how many students will be left to compete over them. Based upon Trinity's budgeting skills and persistent low expectations for its own student body, one could assume that the number of helmets at-hand will be significantly lower than the number of heads in need of protection from harm.

Though the 2021 football season is well underway, rumors have milled about that the new "Maybe You'll Get a Helmet" policy could be enacted at any time. Because the College and its policies have continuously proven arbitrary, the implementation of this controversial new shift for Bantam sports stands as a looming threat waiting for the

right higher-up to snap their fingers and decide that the moment has come.

The people of Trinity have also begun wonder if parents and students will move forward with a lawsuit in the wake of this decision. In the wake of controversy surrounding the support for wom-

en's athletics at Trinity, or rather the lack thereof, this new football policy stands as a way of re-centering the limelight onto men's sports once again. Only time, and an infinite number of concussions, can show us the success of the 3.7+ program.



Trinity College's new stadium, the Jesse/Miller field, is considered of the most notable signifiers of support for a Division III football team in recent years. Rumor has it, Bowdoin will be the next team to follow suit.

## Sororities Thrilled to Announce New Record Number of Apples Harvested in Annual Fall Forage

LIZ FOSTER '22  
BITS & PIECES EDITOR

Autumn has finally begun to fall upon Trinity College and the greater Hartford area. And what greater proof is there of the arrival of spooky season than a gaggle of sorority girls clutching pails of apples? With October now upon us, the various sororities of Trinity College are bringing in their first harvests of the season.

"It's kind of, like, a primal thing, you know? Like, if we were alive a few thousand years ago, we'd totally be gathering out in the fields while the men hunted for wild boar. We just wanted to, like, get in touch with our roots, and we encourage the men of Trinity to do the same. Honestly, I think there may even be a Hall pledge out there

already hunting for a feral pig," responded Becky McBeckenington-Beckster in an exclusive interview with the *Tripod*. Miss McBeckenington-Beckster was initially confused upon being approached by someone from a student newspaper she had never read and demonstrated no interest in ever reading. However, she followed up by offering our reporter a rip of her massive raspberry-flavored PuffBar.

The collective of sororities reported a record number of apples harvested: an impressive 1500. With the harsh Connecticut winter quickly approaching, these bushels of apples will prove essential to keeping Allen Place's community warm and fed throughout the upcoming hibernation season.

The cats of Vernon Street are reportedly hap-

pily anticipating to receive meals from this fall harvest as well. Chartwells also seeks to benefit from the bounty. The group is reportedly taking a few hundred apples to prepare apple pies of their own. The pies will not be included as a part of any meal plan, but rather will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. The College and Chartwells displayed equal amounts of confidence that giving away the pies would be a waste of student dollars, even though said student dollars have been put into over \$3,000 worth of meal plan charges.

With such a successful apple-filled September, who knows what the pumpkin patches of October will bring. The *Tripod* will be keeping a close eye on any updates from Trinity College's most profligate group of fall fruit enthusiasts.

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# Trinity College Announces Plans to Transition to Dry Campus, Retention Rate Quickly Drops to 0%

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BITS & PIECES EDITOR

The sun shines a bit duller in Hartford, today. In a shocking reveal that left the students soaked in hot, angry tears, Trinity College announced its plan to move to a dry campus going forward. A "dry" campus permits no drinking, even for students over the legal age of twenty-one, on all parts of campus. Be it in the dorms, Greek life houses, or college-sponsored events, the presence of booze will not be welcome. For a school like Trinity, one where students are gifted a handle of Svedka and a thirty-rack of Bud Light upon their arrival to the freshman dorms, this policy change comes as a complete and utter shock. Students, parents, alumni, and members of the faculty were aghast at hearing the news.

"It's almost impossible to hear the name 'Trinity College' and not immediately think of droves of liquor and crates upon crates of beer. When I arrived on campus, I wasn't even that into drinking, but now I can name seven different breweries in a fifty-mile radius," said

one member of the class of 2023 upon learning of the College's decision. His opinion seemed to carry throughout the student body, echoed in the sentiments of other students who expressed similar dismay. Universal shock permeates throughout the campus' 110 square acres, stretching even to those students studying away in Shanghai.

A school known to be synonymous with mild to severe alcoholism shifting to a culture that spits in the very face of Wine Wednesday and Thirsty Thursday threatens the very ecosystem that keeps Trinity College alive. That Trinity is joining the ranks of universities such as the Mormon haven Brigham Young University or the rape crisis central of the majority-Christian Baylor University marks a dramatic change for campus culture. What's next, soaking becomes all the rage?

Trinity College officials were quick to clarify their reasoning behind moving to a dry campus. The school is "embarrassed of their identity and desperate to reframe their image," but made no mention of the pervasive issues of sexual assault and racism permeate throughout the

campus. The banning of alcohol is presumed to be the College's solution to these systematic issues that have loomed above the campus for nearly two hundred years. No one in the community was willing to claim the decision as their own. Rather, the Office of Communications simply said, "the College as a collective." Without having had a conversation with the S.G.A., S.A.I.L.L., Barnyard, or a single trustee, the College appears to be ducking the question rather than owning up to their choice. The Board of Trustees are reportedly "disappointed and distressed" and quickly working to return to the glory days of Trinity where alcohol was freely available and women were nowhere to be found on the Summit.

Imagining a Trinity College without alcohol is imagining the world without spinning, the sun without shining, or Psi U without 25-year-olds. The College has conceded that with the dry campus policy comes the allowance of CBD products on campus. A recent email from Dean Jody Goodman reminded students that marijuana was not permitted on campus, including CBD products. CBD is non-psy-

choactive chemical often considered to be the most medicinal part of weed. The chemical is federally legal, but Dean Goodman was persistent in not letting students enjoy the sweet drops of CBD from a tincture. With the ban on alcohol, the CBD policy is students' only hope at achieving relaxation on the weekends.

Members of the Trinity admin administration clarified that the College's amnesty policy would remain the same. This decision comes with confusion given that the goal of a dry campus is to prevent students from drinking. However, due to the health

center's limited hours, it is hotly anticipated that no one will bother to seek help should they consume too much alcohol. When polling students, the majority agreed that it's, "honestly better to just risk it all then both- er with the health center.

When interrogated on the College's next potentially controversial decision, no administrator was willing to bite. After carefully dangling a five dollar bill on a fishing rod, Vice President of Student Success and Enrollment Management Joseph DiChristina, better known as Dean Joe, let two words slip: "mandatory abstinence."



Trinity College envisions what its students could look like on a dry campus. Qualitative surveys revealed that a Trinity without booze would, "just be Bates without any of the academic merit, status, or respect of Bates."

## The Beloved Cave has Finally Re-Opened its Doors! Here are the Top Ten Reasons Why This was a Mistake

1. Dean Joe never moved out of the fryer.
2. Straws are no longer provided, those damn turtles.
3. The Hall opens before the Cave does.
4. Medusa wants their meeting spot back.
5. The Beef Press.
6. The rats want their home back.
7. There's no still alcohol at trivia.
8. The ceiling has been leaking since 1823.
9. No pancakes. Where are the choccy chips?
10. The Chartwell's contract hasn't expired.



Sometimes, it's okay to be a hater. Sometimes, it's good for your well-being. Honestly, it makes you pretty cool. Make the Cave Great Again!



# SPORTS

## Brady versus Belichick: The Ultimate Game of Chess

BLYTHE HASTINGS '23  
SPORTS EDITOR

It's the NFL fan's dream come true, a Brady/Belichick game, except this time, they will be standing on opposite sides of the field. In the upcoming game, Sunday, Oct. 3, the New England Patriots will face the Tampa Bay Buccaneers at home, welcoming Tom Brady back to his birthplace of football in an emotional and melancholy way. Brady, now sporting gray and red, instead of red, white, and blue, will make a return to his career home team, after leading his new team to a record Superbowl win in their stadium at Tampa Bay. Starting his 22nd year in the NFL, Brady, the winningest quarterback of all

time has faced a multitude of challenges, from different defensive schemes, terrible weather, injured receivers, and monumental comebacks, some on the Superbowl stage. But he has never had to face the man that coached him into the player he is today. Bill Belichick, also starting his 22nd year as head coach of the New England Patriots, with a career 0.678 win percentage, has won six Superbowl's, all with Brady. This game, and the hype surrounding it, will determine how both teams are viewed. Belichick could, as some view, become the greatest NFL coach of all time, or Brady could prove that his skill determines his wins, and not who is coaching him. Brady gets the opportunity

to match wits against Belichick in a chess match that will be a halting reminder of how much the New England Patriots blew it by letting their franchise quarterback get away. Despite this, Brady, whose 115 career victories in Foxborough stands as the NFL record for most wins by a quarterback in a single stadium will receive a standing ovation from Patriots fans. Fans are also expecting that the game will be paused to acknowledge Brady if he gains 68 passing yards, which is all he needs to beat Drew Brees' record (80,358), to become the NFL's all-time leading passer. Brady would join Brees, Peyton Manning, and Brett Favre as the only quarterbacks to beat all 32 NFL teams

if the heavily favored Buccaneers come out on top. As the Patriots are 1-2, while the Buccaneers are 2-1, this game is not only a showdown between the greatest quarterback and the greatest coach of all time but vital for their season record. Mac Jones, now starting quarterback for the Patriots after they

released Cam Newton from the roster, was drafted 15th overall from Alabama, where his standout performance during college, made him a clear pick for New England. With the game, soon to happen, fans wait anxiously as the Buccaneers step onto the field, Brady leading the way, back on his home turf.



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## Trinity College Women's Athletic League Leads Effort to Earn Greater Gender Equality for Women Athletes

BLYTHE HASTINGS '23  
SPORTS EDITOR

In a continuation of the subject on campus about the inequality of the new stadium project, and between men's and women's facilities in general, the women athletes on campus have started a coalition called TrinWAL. TrinWAL, which stands for Trinity College Women's Athletic League, is a petition to draw attention to the disparity between men's and women's athletics on the Trinity College campus. TrinWAL also hopes

to inspire women athletes on other campuses to start petitions to create change as well. With over 1000 signatures on the petition, TrinWAL hopes to grab the administration's attention with this important issue. TrinWAL celebrates the new stadium, which fields teams like football and men's lacrosse, and is excited for the opportunities it creates for the male athletes. They are asking for the same in return. A statement released by TrinWAL on their Instagram page said, "On Friday, September 24th, women athletes at Trinity College gath-

ered to unify and recognize the disparities that women athletes are experiencing. Concluding that meeting, we have decided to create TrinWAL, a coalition of representatives from every women's athletic team at Trinity. We see and live the disparity and ask for your help with creating parity...The recent [field hockey] stadium construction left female athletes feeling subpar and is just a symbol of schoolwide observations regarding gender inequities in sports on Trinity College's campus...The purpose of gathering your signatures is to show our

administration and athletic departments that we will no longer stand idle and will actively hold the college accountable for complying with Title IX. We hope to gather equal amounts of signatures from men and women as this is a movement for all. Please show your support for and join us in our fight to stop gender inequality in athletics at Trinity College." Donations to Trinity College work in a pool system, and therefore skew the amount of money going to different athletics on campus. Money cannot be directly donated

to the renovation of the field hockey, for example, but goes to athletics as a whole. With higher demands for funding for larger teams, which is unequal due to the roster sizes of men's versus women's sports, athletic donations, a majority of the time, end up going towards men's needs. Without a further change of the athletic fields, TrinWAL will continue to take steps to uncover the truth on campus about gender inequality and to show how addition of funding to one sport, doesn't negate the subtraction from another.

### This Week in Sports at Trincoll...

<b>Women's Cross Country</b> at Lehigh University <b>15th out of 41 teams</b>	<b>Football</b> v. Middlebury College <b>W, 28-0</b>
<b>Women's Volleyball</b> v. Middlebury College <b>L, 0-3</b>	<b>Women's Golf</b> v. Williams College <b>7th out of 8 teams</b>
<b>Women's Tennis</b> v. Bowdoin College <b>W, 1-0</b>	<b>Women's Volleyball</b> v. Amherst College <b>L, 0-3</b>
<b>Men's Soccer</b> v. Bowdoin College <b>L, 0-2</b>	<b>Women's Soccer</b> vs. Bates College <b>L, 1-0</b>
<b>Women's Soccer</b> vs. Bowdoin College <b>L, 0-2</b>	<b>Women's Field Hockey</b> v. Bates College <b>W, 3-1</b>

## This Week in Sports At Trincoll...

### Homecoming Shut-Out Statistics: By the Numbers

KAT NAMON '22  
CO-EDITOR IN CHIEF

The *Tripod* provides you with team statistics from the impressive Homecoming weekend shut-out, which the Bantams were able to accomplish against Middlebury this past Saturday, Oct. 2. The weekend also saw a notable win from the Women's Field Hockey team in their travels to Bowdoin. Field Hockey beat the Polar Bears 1-0 and achieved their first shut-out of the season. The Bantam Football Team will next travel to Clinton, New York take on the Hamilton College Continentals over Trin Days, on Saturday, Oct. 9 at 1 P.M. Hamilton currently holds a record of 2-1, compared to Trinity's 3-0.

Team Statistics	MID	TRIN
Total Yards	228	424
Pass Yards	118	341
Rushing Yards	110	83
Penalties-Yards	5-50	6-50
1st Downs	12	17
3rd Downs	4-19	4-14
4th Downs	1-5	0-3
TOP	27:07	32:53

#### 2nd Quarter

5:39 - Jack Barrett '22 receives a 10 yard pass from Spencer Fetter '23. 6 plays, 65 yards, TOP 3:15

#### 3rd Quarter

9:12 - Tommy Walsh '22 receives pass from Fetter. 2 plays, 70 yards, TOP 00:57

#### 4th Quarter

14:41 - Tommy Walsh '22 receives pass from Fetter. 2 plays, 70 yards, TOP 00:57  
04:43 - William Kirby '24 had an 18 yard run. 10 plays, 87 yards, TOP 4:31

### Another Weekend, Another Win for Bantam Football

BLYTHE HASTINGS '23  
SPORTS EDITOR

It was another big weekend for the Trinity football team, with a win against Middlebury, at home, on homecoming weekend. The shutout saw multiple touchdowns from the Bantams, making the final score 28-0. The Bantams, now 3-0, are cruising through their season, beating teams by a large margin, and flexing their new standout players, including QB1, Spencer Fetter '23. Fetter threw for 319 yards and two touchdowns, making big plays for Trinity. With three interceptions, the Bantam defense shut out Middlebury, wowing fans. After this win, Trinity remains tied with Wesleyan and Williams for first place in the NESCAC conference. The Middlebury Panthers drop to 1-2.

The score remained zeroes after the first quarter, a fantastic interception was made by Bantam William Crowley '23 that thwarted the Panther's opening drive on the Bantam 20 yard line. After working their way back down the field, Fetter threw to TE Jack Barrett '22 for a 10-yard touchdown pass, putting the first points of the game on the board. That 65-yard drive consisted of two passes for a total of 50 yards from Fetter and senior captain Devante Reid '22. The second half brought more excitement as Fetter threw to senior TE Thomas Walsh for a 57-yard touchdown. Walsh beat multiple Panthers before sprinting down the field into the endzone. This play came on Walsh's first career reception, as fans cheered him the whole way down the field. The Bantams contin-

ued to pound the Panthers as they scored again in the fourth quarter on an interception return to the endzone. Marked as the play of the game, senior captain and LB Brian Casagrande '22 picked off a ball and ran it the entire way, back down the field and into the endzone for a touchdown. This 86-yard interception return is the longest return of the season. DL Joseph Lepore '23, commented after the game "Brian's interception was surreal. And the fans really made the moment special." From there on, it was lights out, as the Bantams finished strong, not forfeiting a single touchdown or field goal from the Panthers.

The Bantams closed out the scoring with an 18-yard run into the endzone by RB William Kirby '24. Trinity, dominant throughout the game, held possession for

33 minutes. Reid finished with a winning 10 catches for 146 yards while Girard finished with seven catches for 79 yards, passing Tom McDavitt's all-time receiving yards record with 2,423. Kirby ran for 56 yards on 18 different tries and caught another 26 yards in the air. Trinity senior captain Matt McCarthy made a game record of seven solo tackles while Casagrande added five more and one and a half

sacks. Overall, the Bantams showed out on homecoming weekend, pleasing fans and alumni. OL Matthew Almanshi '23 reflected on the game saying, "It was a great team effort with the defense playing outstanding and shutting out Middlebury followed by explosive drives by our talented playmakers on offense." The Bantams play Hamilton away next weekend, hoping to keep their winning streak alive.



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### Coming Up for Bantam Sports:

Fri.

Women's Tennis at Mount Holyoke & Smith @ 1 p.m.

Women's Volleyball at Bowdoin College @ 7 p.m.

Sat.

Men's Rowing at Yale University @ 8 a.m.

Women's Rowing at Yale University @ 8 a.m.

Men's Tennis v. Bates College

