Breaking two pool records, a powerful Yale team overwhelmed a game Trinity squad 58-17 at the Trowbridge Memorial Pool on Saturday afternoon, January 15. Excellectly coached by the eminent swimming instructor, Bob Kiphuth, the Eli swimmers gained eight firsts against the Blue and Gold's one. Although Yale took top honors all the way, Joe Taylor came through to win the 200-yard breaststroke while Doug Rofrano took a second and a third in the 220 and 100-yard freestyle, respectively. Butch Meyers also showed up well for the Hilltop, taking second in the diving.

In spite of the 58-17 rout suffered by the Roosters, Coach Joe Clarke's natators showed Yale that supremacy in the 200-yard breaststroke event clearly belongs to Trinity. The men from New Haven were pitifully weak in this department. "Balboa Bullet" Alan Ford, sensational Yale meerman, broke the pool record in the 50-yard freestyle. Ford's showing was impressive but not as spectacular as the publicity he received before the engagement would seem to indicate. There is no denying it; Ford is a great swimmer, but we were nowhere near his accustomed brilliance at the Trowbridge Memorial pool last week.

While Trinity's Joe Taylor outdistanced Yale in the breaststroke, Doug Rofrano, formerly of Springfield College, was one of the Blue and Gold's crack natators in the pool. Doug is without qualification one of the best masters of the freestyle in the East. Other Trinity Roosters who received the well earned plaudits of the capacity crowd were aces Katz and Randdall; Butch Meyers, Stu Barthelmes, and Will Carothers.

At the end of the meet Yale's totals for the season were two wins out of two encounters. Trinity's previous record was one victory at the expense of the Coast Guard and a loss to Brown.

In the Medley Relay, with a time of 3:11.2, the visitors broke the pool record set by the Purple of Williams College in 1941, while world's record holder Alan Ford had his time clocked at 0:23.4, setting a new pool mark in the 50-yard freestyle.

Scene From Comedy Production

Eckert Puts All-Navy Show Into Production

In view of the news of the Stratagoon Ray and from what is known about the coming all-Navy show, no one will be able to say that the Trinity College theatre season was lacking in humor. The coming Navy show, as yet untitled, was written by Bob Eckert.

Thespians have already been signed up and rehearsals are under way. This show is trying to get away from the amateurish that prevailed the first all-Navy production of last summer. The cast plans to turn the Chemistry auditorium into a playhouse. Music will be provided by the Glee Club, the Pipes and a new band formed by Arnold Lami.

The show is due for presentation Friday, January 28. In the leading roles are Dave Schroeder, Sid Hurwitz, Bill Conron and Joe Brush. Bob Eckert, author, is also directing, with Chief Specialist John C. Young and Norwood Bostic assisting.

Feathers Fly In Close Contest: Williams Wins

Trinity's Roosters were caught in the webs of the barn floor just two minutes last week at Williamstown, but this was quite enough time to spell their doom, despite a shedding of feathers in the last three minutes of the fight that netted within two points of a draw. The final count: 48-46.

With the clock reading five minutes to go and the score even at 37-37, Dibble of the Williams' Purple stole the ball from a careless Rooster, dribbled down court and under the Trinity hoop to sink the tie breaking counter. Teammate Burke, promptly, took over and poured in three hoops in a row, with set shots, and then gave away to Cobden, who connected for the remainder of eleven points. And all this in two minutes.

Once united, the Roosters went to work coming back with seven baskets as Bill Hayes sunk two set shots, Willie Turner dropped in one, Hayes converted on a free throw, and Joe Ponselle tossed in a hook shot after a Williams' foul shot. But then time ran out, Trinity bowing.

Trinity College was a scene of ribaldry on Friday night, January 14, in the Chemistry Auditorium when Yudowitz, Goldstein, and Dougherty presented to students and faculty their musical comedy, "The Stratagoon Ray."

The lights were dimmed about 7:30. For close on to ninety minutes, across the portable stage, there moved episodes in words and song. From lampooning not only events and personalities familiar to the V-12 trainees but seminarian figures as well, to the final hilarious solution as to what "drawers" the much sought after "Monasmirk-Stratagoon Ray" was to be found, the house was constantly re-echoing with spurts of laughter.

Produced and directed by W. Shakespeare Yudowitz' according to the program "the poor man's Orson Wells," the comedy, adapted from "the novel, 'Much Ado About Nothing' by the Producer and Messrs. Samuel Goldstein and James Dougherty," with a musical score cleverly modeled after the Gilbert and Sullivan operettas, attended centered around the mysterious Stratagoon Ray. H. Q. Poopdeck uncovers the plot of Irena and Baron Von Schtewbum, Nazi agents, to steal the secret plans, and he saves the day as well as the weapon.

Notable among the impersonations of characters appearing upon the scene are those of Professor Harytoume Delirium played by Charles Hazen, Professor Monasmirk as portrayed by Austin Crouchley, and F. D. R. as mimicked by Stanley Kilgfield with much vocal success. Typical of the remarks in the scenes in which these characters appeared were: Prof. Delirium to student Poopdeck: "The author of this book must have been crazY!"; Poopdeck, "But, sir, you wrote the book!" and Harry Hopkins (William Aspell) to F. D. R.: "Say, F. D., where's Eleanor?" re-responded to with "Eleanor, who knows where Mrs. Roosevelt ever is?" More on the straight acting side credit must be given to George Oberle, sailor Poopdeck, and his feminine leads, Jessiemay Wilson and Ann Simmons, who provided quite a few thrills for the lads in the audience.
National War Service

President Roosevelt, in his recent message to Congress, outlined a five-point program which might well serve as our economic pattern for victory. The item, however, which arrested the most attention was the President urging Congress to enact a National War Service Act. The chief difficulty of the address was the failure of the Chief Executive to describe the type of National War Service Act the current situation demands. He failed also to refer to the Austin-Wadsworth bill, now buried somewhere in the Congressional files. This plan is one of the most popular of the many proposals for compulsory national service.

In the light of Mr. Roosevelt's address, there is no doubt about the urgency of such a measure. It would put every able bodied American adult into the fight. A National War Service Act would actualize every potential resource, human and material, in the battle for democracy.

Why Mr. Roosevelt waited so long before proposing such legislation is difficult to explain. In any event, the menace of any let-down by either capital or labor in the war effort would be made impossible by an act which would mobilize every American civilian for war work. The President has now ceased playing politics with labor leaders. It is to his credit he is jeopardizing his traditional position with organized labor by taking a long range point of view of the situation. The public will support any act which will hasten victory.

In appealing for Congressional support, the President said, "national service is an issue which transcends politics." Intelligent bi-partisan action is now up to Congress.
Cadets Foiled In Attempt to Start Auspiciously

By A. Howard McLaughlin

On January 7, Coast Guard Academy sent its basketball team to Trinity to open the cadets' season. The Blue and Gold did not let the New London boys get off to a very auspicious start as they broke away to a 17 to 0 lead in the first five minutes of play. This early lead proved to be of much value to the home team as the final score showed a 14-point advantage for Trinity, 61 to 47.

With Mike Corcoran scholastically ineligible to compete, Coach Ray Ooosting used a new combination of players, ranking in size from a five-foot, five-inch forward to a six-foot, four and a quarter-inch center. Act­ing Captain Dick Kirby and Hal Hayes were at forward, Will Turner at center, and Bill Renken and Joe Ponsalle at guards. This group played heads up ball at all times and were able to pile up such a lead that the reserves were able to play a good deal of the last period of the game.

There was no question in anyone's mind as the large crowd left the Hopkins Street gym following the game, that Mario "Joe" Ponsalle was the outstanding player of the evening. He not only succeeded in sending six field goals through the hoop, but he also played a bang up game defensively. Kirby was bottled up in the second half as the Coast Guard covered him completely after Dick had made eleven points in the first period. Leading scorer for the Hilltops was Bill Henken with five field goals and five foul conversions for fifteen points.

After those first few minutes of play the Coast Guard was decidedly in the ball game. They were able to take a number of shots, many of which found the center of the hoop. With Dorsey, Austin and Lynch peppering the basket with shots, the Cadets pulled within range of their V-12 rivals until Ponsalle started his teammates on another rally to ice the game.

The Coast Guard will next be host to Trinity in New London on Friday, February 4. At that time the Rosters will have a much more dif-

Civies Start Hoop Team; Bow to Choate 29-34

The Civies, a basketball team composed entirely of civilian students at Trinity, are this winter playing teams in and near Hartford. In the interest of honest fun and their love of the game, a group of Trinity men have organized themselves into a formidable basketball squad. They have won handily three games while dropping four close decisions. Their last encounter they bowed to Choate in a hard fought contest, scoring 29 points to Choate's 34. Dick Danielson was high scorer for the Blue and Gold Civies, dropping in more than one-half of the Hilltop's baskets. Other members of the team are George Baxter, Les Cramer, Howie Goldberg, Mike Piastro, Karl Reiche, the captain of the squad; Don Shaw, Dick Staples and Jack Thomas.

This is the first time any Trinity students have formed a team that has played independently of the Athletic Association. Athletic Director Ray Ooosting has, however, placed his stamp of approval on the venture. Future opponents will include the West Hartford Red Hawks, Kingswood Prep School, Osborne Farm and the East Hartford Wolverines. Arrangements are expected to be made for the team to meet some of the local high school squads.

Harvard Comes Up with Trick Announcement

Harvard's athletic association came up with a trick announcement on the eve of their battle with Trinity which prevented the Hilltoppers from traveling to Cambridge where they most assuredly would have taken the measure of the Crimson. The Big Three member cancelled all games with teams outside the greater Boston area, thus leaving the Trinity Rooster, the Wesleyan Cardinals, the Yale Bulldogs, and other teams out in the cold.

Shannon's Restaurant, Inc.
"Where the Irish of Hartford Meet"

41 Webster Street
Telephone 7-6003

Weak M. I. T. Outfit Capable of Pulling An Upset

Following last Saturday's game with Williams, the Rosters play once more at home. Their opponent this time will be the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. This Cambridge team is not to be sneered at, although its present record points toward the strong probability of a Blue and Gold victory. M. I. T. is capable of pulling an upset, but it is hardly expected over the fast, spirited and aggressive Rooster team.

Yale Replaces Wesleyan As Key Trinity Rival

Sad news to the many Trinity alumni is the fact that the basketball players do not consider Wesleyan as their big rivals this season. They do, however, look upon the Middletowners as formidable opponents, able to give a better showing of themselves than they did on December 11, when they were walloped 84 to 42.

The big rival this year is Yale. This can be easily realized when it is noted that Trinity lost a heart-break­ing game to the Elims last month in New Haven. The overtime battle left the Rosters two points behind, which some of them considered as bad as being trounced by twenty points. Therefore, it can very readily be seen that every Trinity player is preparing himself for Wednesday evening, January 26, when Yale comes to Hartford to play our gallant team. The object of the game will be revenge and ultimate victory, and you can be sure that the basketball squad will go all out in that battle to bring new glory to themselves and to Trinity.

Business Manager Resigns

Richard L. Staples, Business Manager of the Trinity Tripod, and Clarke W. Cady, his assistant, tendered their resignations on January 10 from the business staff of the college newspaper, due to the pressure of studies and other outside work. While on the staff they served capably.
Lieutenant Mueller Interviewed by Tripod

No sundowner is Lieutenant Frank E. Mueller, USNR, Executive Officer of the Naval Training Unit at Trinity. Born the son of a practicing physician in a small prairie town in Eastern Iowa in 1928, Lieutenant Mueller was President of the College for the use of the Navy Trains. It has been converted into a recreation and writing room, the equipment in part being donated by the USO-JWB. The rest of the equipment is either College or Navy, or has been purchased from the funds in the Welfare Fund.

This room, along with the Lounge, will form a convenient place for the men to meet with each other, to engage in ping-pong, chess, checkers and other games, to write letters and to listen to recordings which have been donated by the USO. In addition, the room will have displayed a variety of interesting posters, charts, pictures, etc., relating to the Navy, the study of which may greatly enhance a man's knowledge of his work to be.

In order that the use of the rooms may contribute to the maximum enjoyment of the individuals and appeal to the greatest number of men, the following simple rules are promulgated for all concerned.

1. Eating and drinking in these rooms is prohibited. Such may be engaged in at the place of purchase.
2. Sleeping on the couches, moving furniture about the room, placing feet upon the furniture, and other similar conduct is prohibited.
3. Loud talking, calling, laughter, etc., which may interfere with the conduct of classes above or the professors' quarters to the south, may cause disciplinary action or the closing of the rooms. All men should constitute themselves as wardens to aid in maintaining a proper club-like atmosphere.
4. Individuals may not engage in more than one complete ping-pong game if other men are awaiting for the table. This also applies to the checker and chess games.
5. Equipment placed in the rooms is not to be marked, moved, removed or otherwise mistreated. This applies particularly to the various charts, pennants, flags, photographs, game equipment, etc.

6. The game room has been newly painted; the Lounge has been newly cleaned. All men are to refrain from any activity which may dirty the head, overhead or deck. Waste paper baskets and ash trays are conveniently placed. Use them, not the decks.
7. The tables are made to play on. If you are tired, sit in the chairs or on the sofas.
8. Civilian students are encouraged to use the game room, but will be governed by the above rules.
9. Gambling, by Navy regulation and College law, is prohibited.
10. Broken or missing gear is to be reported to the Navy Office.