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OPENING DAYS OF COLLEGE

Some of the Old Customs

The customs by means of which the students acclaim themselves to the college are very old. We have never had any details of their beginnings, and we assume that they or some customs very much like them have always been in force. They are revered by the students and are kept alive by the honorary societies, which is the Trinity spirit incalculable to every student.

On the Friday afternoon of the first week of college the formal opening takes place. The opening ceremony is a very impressive one which takes place in the College Chapel. All the students are present and the Trinity College Hymn, which was composed by Professor Shepard, is sung while the faculty in their robes are slowly in order of their seniority. At the front of the chapel service and at every rush as that for the entire year the freshmen occupy the rows nearest the aisles, the sophomores occupy any those immediately higher, then the juniors, and finally the seniors. Unless absolutely necessary no student is supposed to sit in any row except that aside for his class. This service lasts for about a half hour, during which the President makes his address and any timely announcements.

The freshmen and the sophomores after the service of the first, which is held on the campus in front of New College, return to college, facing each other, and have three one-minute touches. After the three touches the freshmen and sophomores group themselves around a designated tree on the campus. The rush lasts twenty minutes and is always center of the junior, and the seniors are in the rear.

From the end of the rushes on Friday afternoon until Monday afternoon there are no contacts between fresh and sophomores which are not purely social. On Monday, however, the freshmen are ushered into by the two classes, and many new contacts are formed. The two classes line up, facing each other, and have three one-minute touches before the sophomores go down to the gymnasium, which will consist of a swimming pool and six squash racquet courts. This unit of the gymnasium will be dedicated to the memory of Samuel B. Parkridge Trowbridge of the class of 1894, who was the consulting architect and who was working on plans for the new buildings for the college until his death. His firm, Trowbridge & Livingston of New York, are now working on the plans for this unit with the cooperation of Mr. Howard Greenley of the class of 1894, who has succeeded the late Mr. Trowbridge as consulting architect of the college.

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ARCHITECT’S PRELIMINARY SKETCH OF PROPOSED GYMNASIUM

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SCHEDULE OF FRESHMAN WEEK

Monday, September 19:

Registration of Freshmen. All new students report, on arrival, at the Dean’s Office, for assignment to rooms and to faculty advisors.

Extravaganzas: 9 to 12; English; 2 to 5; French. (All entrance examinations are held in Boardman Hall.)

3:30 p.m. Faculty and new students dine together at the Commons.

Tuesday, September 20:

All freshmen must meet their faculty advisors for conference Tuesday and Wednesday.

Extravaganzas: 9 to 12; Latin; 2 to 5; History. 5.15 p.m. Lecture in Public Speaking Room: “What College Is For?” Professor Perkins.

Wednesday, September 21:

Extravaganzas: 9 to 12; Elementary Mathematics; 2 to 5, German, Italian and Spanish.

4:00 p.m. All freshmen report to Mr. Oosting on the football field, “St. John’s Day.”

7:30 p.m. Talks in Public Speaking Room: “The Scholastic Problems of the Freshman Year?” Professors Kristoli, Hilyard and Burr.

Thursday, September 22:

Extravaganzas: 9 to 12; Chemistry and Physics; 2 to 5; Greek and Advanced Mathematics.

3:00 p.m. New students in small groups as assigned for conferences.

5:00 p.m. Competitive Examination for Senior Scholarship.

Friday, September 23:

Extravaganzas: 9 to 12; Torndike Test, to be taken by all new students.

2:00 p.m. Preliminary Medical Examination, Boardman Hall.

4:30 p.m. Final enrollment of Freshmen at the College Office.

5:00 p.m. College opens. First Chapel.

Saturday, September 24:

2:30 p.m. Freshman Chapel.

4:15 p.m. Registration of Upper Classmen.

Sunday, September 25:

Afternoon. Faculty Reception.

SONG LEAVETTS.

Through the kindness of the Alumni Association The Tripod has been enabled to give to each freshman, with his copy of the paper, a leaflet con- taining all of the most important Trinity songs. One of the first things which sophomores always require the freshmen to do is to learn songs and cheer. We are trying, by distributing these folders to the freshmen, to help them in their troubles with the sophomores and to start them early in the path of learning these songs, the knowing of which means so much to every Trinity man.

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RUSHING

Information for Freshmen

"Rushing," which means the entertainment and bidding of freshmen, is conducted under what is known as the "cutthroat" system. There are no rushed rules which bind the freshmen or the fraternities. This system is admittedly poor, but since we have no Rushing Agreement we must use it.

There are eight fraternities at Trinity. Seven of these are national in their organization and one of them is a local society. These fraternities are:

Epsilon Chapter of Delta Phi, Established 1850.
Phi Kappa Chapter of Alpha Delta Phi, Established 1877.
Alpha Omicron Chapter of Kappa Epsilon, Established 1879.
Beta Delta Chapter of Psi Upsilon, Established 1880.
Phi Chi Chapter of Alpha Chi Rho, Founded 1880.
Sigma Gamma Chapter of Delta Chi, Established 1881.
Delta Chi Chapter of Sigma Nu, Established 1884.
Local Fraternity of Alpha Tau Omega, Founded 1919.

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COLLEGE RECEIVES TWO BEQUESTS

The College has received two bequests this summer of fifty thousand dollars each. One came from the estate of the late Mrs. Frank C. Sumner and the other from that of the late Judge Elbert H. Gary.
TO THE ALUMNI.

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WHO'S WHO AND WHAT AT TRINITY COLLEGE

Names of Organizations and Their Leaders

There are two honorary societies at college: the Medusa, which is a Senior society, and the Sophomore Dining Club. The Medusa consists of members of the Senior class who have been chosen the previous June. Each year in June, the Juniors all upon the Seniors and the old members of Medusa come up and tap those whom they have chosen to perpetuate the society. To belong to Medusa is to have the highest honor that a Senior can hold.

The Medusa is composed of the following: Dudley Holcomb Burr, William Frederick Ewen, Charles Gilbert Jackson, Nicholas Angelo Mastronarde, Arnold Henry Mosen, Jr., Charles Soms, Walter Eberle Whitaker.

The Sophomore Dining Club is composed of members chosen each year from the Sophomore Class, who have been the most representative and most active for the good of the college. The men are chosen after mid-years and they become the active Sophomore Dining Club, continuing until the middle of their Junior year.


The chief executive of the student body is the President of the College Body. He presides at all College Body and Senate meetings. He has the largest of power over all student programs within the limits of the Senate. The only restriction placed upon the President in the choosing of his Senate is that one member must be a member of the Neutral Body.

The President of the College Body is William Frederick Ewen. The Senate is the upper legislative body of the college. It consists of the President of the College Body and five other Seniors, one of whom must be a member of the Neutral Body. The Senate meets once a month. The members of the Senate are: William Frederick Ewen, William McEwan Ellis, John Clark Fitzgerald, Charles Gilbert Jackson, Walter Eberle Whitaker, Charles Soms.

The College Body is the lower legislative body of the college. Every student is a member of it. It is presided over by the President of the College Body, and meets the first Monday of each month.

The Senate Finance Committee consists of three members. This committee acts as treasurer and comptroller of all student activities. The members of this committee are: William McEwan Ellis, Arnold Henry Moses, Jr., John Manfield Young, Jr.

The Athletic Association has charge of all matters concerning athletics, and meets once a month, directly after College Body meeting. The officers of this association are:

Stanley Howard Leske, Graduate Manager
Charles Gilbert Jackson, President
Henry Knows, Secretary

The organization of the Football team is as follows:

The Finance Committee consists of three members. This committee acts as treasurer and comptroller of all student activities. The members of this committee are:

John R. Merriman, Manager
William Frederick Even, Captain
Berry Oakley Baldwin, Manager

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"It is not fair to attempt to trans­late the value of a college education into dollars and cents," Dean Walters, of Swarthmore, said. "But the impor­tance of a college-trained man in American business today is growing, and is doing much to raise business to the basis of a profession.

"In big business, with mass produc­tion and chain stores, the value of a liberal education cannot be overem­phasized. A man must have a broad un­derstanding of the relation of his busi­ness to the economic life of the commu­nity and of the nation, and this means something more than a know­ledge of his own immediate business."

Graduates in Demand.

Dean Walters pointed out that evi­dence of the regard of the business man for the college graduate is shown well by the fact that there are two or three business positions offered to virtually every Swarthmore graduate.

"The evil of this is that boys some­times have a streaking idea of the importance," Dean Walters said.

"Another evil is that they often accept the position that gives the largest cash return at the outset, and thus take up work for which they are not suited or in which there is no future.

"While the high school graduate who has four years' start may command a larger salary at the time the college man enters business, and even five or six years in the long run the latter will go ahead.

The growth of utility companies has made the college man indispensable, Mr. Donley, of the em­ployment relations department of the Philadelphia Electric Co., said.

"Higher education means more expen­sive equipment and requires the highly trained man," Mr. Donley said. "A man who attempts to follow engineer­ing today without college training has a hard row to hoe, to be sure, but will take thirty years to get where the college man will get in five years.

Must Take 'Cadet' Course.

"We recognize that the college graduate does not have a practical knowledge of his profession when he comes to us. He can work out equa­tions to the third degree, but when it comes to fitting into a large industry he is lost. As a result, most large corporations today have a cadet engineering course which we offer to a number of engineering graduates.

"These men rotate through all the divisions of our work as they can get a bird's-eye view of the corporation, and so see and realize the function of each department to the whole. At the conclusion of the course these men are ready to make the more es­sential part of engineering they wish to follow."

"You must not think of a university corporation is based on what we call the three 'M's,' namely, ability, business, money and material. A man needs all that college can give him, economics, psychology, technical training and culture."

Either Make or Break.

John Walton, a retired corncob man­ufacturer, expressed the opinion that "a college education will either make or break a man.

"A man's brains and hands are his tools. Just as the carpenter who suc­ceeds keeps his tools sharpened, so is it with the college man, provided he backs his brains to work. If the son of a wealthy manufacturer has enough sense when he leaves college to start learning his father's business from the bottom up, his education will make it much easier.

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College Men Preferred.

"With few exceptions, business con­cerns prefer college graduates," declared H. O. Ladd, secretary of the Central Y. M. C. A. bureau for employment. "But business shows a marked preference for the college graduate and will find such success just as easily.

"Most of the requests received at our bureau are for office, sales or technical work. The employer wants as much as he can get for his money, and if he can't get a college graduate he would be a man who has had at least two years' college training."

"On the other hand, a number of

industrial, in the opinion of Charles P. Vought, former president of the Chamber of Commerce.

"If a man has good common sense and likes to work, he will succeed without a college education," Mr. Vought said. "If he has those qual­ifications a college education will find him just as successful as if he had not.

"Say, what's limburger cheese con­ceded of?"

"It ain't composed. It's done basset.

"I am descended from a monk's dad.

"I dare say, but I'm sure, I never met any of your father's people.

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