Backfield Looks Strong
Little Support in Line

By Hjal Oples

The Trinity football team faces its most rugged schedule in years this season, and there are enough question marks as to the probable record of the team to give any coach the heebie-jeebies. Although the schedule is shorter than usual, six games rather than eight, not a single one of the Bantams' opponents looks anything like an easy mark at this writing. The gridironists will meet, in this order, Williams, Bowdoin, Tufts, St. Lawrence, Coast Guard, Amherst, and Wesleyan.

Coach Dan Jessee, greeted, on Labor Day, some thirty-five candidates for his squad. Of this number only eight are lettermen from last season's team. Jessee saw fourteen lettermen leave through graduation last June.

Backfield Strong
Backfield-wise, Jessee has little to worry about. With Charlie Sticks, George Kobrosky, and Dick Nasi to pure his offense, he must feel fairly sure that the Bantams will not lack plenty of punch.

Kobrosky, the hottest fullback that Trinity has had since the great Mickey Kubesky romped his way into the All-American line in 1936, relied on 900 yards rushing last year and scored 74 points as a sophomore sensation. As an even better season is expected of Charlie this year...

Little Gene Binda, the backfielder, was Trinity's number two, the last year, with 451 yards rushing. A senior this year, Gene will undoubtedly come up with another fine season.

Dick Nasi, returning to Trinity from a job in the service, will add an other big gun to the running attack. Dick Nasi in 1950, led the team with 589 yards.

At quarterback, Jessee will rely on the services of Bobby Alexander, who, although not the most powerful man on the squad by any means, has proved his ability to lead Jessee's split-T maneuvers. Alexander replaces Quarterback Jim Lovgan, just through graduation. Graduations hurt Jessee's backfield in any way at all, it was at this all-important position. It is expected, however, that Bobby will make the grade.

To back up his powerful backfield, Jessee has four sophomores additions to the squad in the persons of halfback George Kolbger, who did most of the running, kicking and scoring for last year's freshman team, Dave Taylor, also a halfback, fullback Don Taylor and quarterback Nick Hall.

Line is Doubtful
It is in the line that Coach Jessee faces all of his headaches. June saw the disappearances of Bill Crenson, captain and All-Connecticut guard, Paul Arruti, All-Connecticut second-team tackle, and Lineemen Al Smith, Al Morse, and Max Anderson. The loss of these stalwarts leaves some pretty terrifying holes in Jessee's forward wall, and it is by no means certain just who will be able to step into the shoes of such fearsome Lineemen as Crenson and Arruti. Despite his backfield strength, which is only a hair less than phenomenal, Dan can expect real trouble unless he comes up with some right answers, line-wise. As a nucleus around which to build his 54 line, the Bantam coach can count on Captains Lou Maciascan and Ed Lindermeyer at ends, tackle (and, incidentally, point-kicker) Frank Leete, guard Ed Campbell, and Ray Aramini, who started last season at center, but finished up as a guard.

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Trinity Booters to Open Against Clark

The Trinity Soccer squad will soon get its practice under way, in hopes of another good season under Coach Roy Dath. Last year's booters boasted two All-Americans, Neil Matthews and Pete Carlough, both graduates in June.

Soccer has only in the past few years come into its own as a major sport at Trinity. Attendance has rapidly increased, and it is expected that student interest will be at an even higher rate than before this fall.

The first home game will be played on October 16th against Tufts. Coach Dath will greet several of last year's lettermen, as well as some hopeful prospects from a good fresh man squad. Student support is encouraged for this exciting contest.

Gerhold Appointed Freshman Coach

William H. Gerhold, a member of the physical education staff of Ohio State University for the past two years, has been appointed Freshman coach, it has been announced by President Albert C. Jaehde.

Mr. Gerhold attended Oberlin College, where he won letters in football, basketball and baseball. He was graduated in 1932. He received his Master's Degree from Ohio State last year.

He will coach freshman football, basketball and baseball and serve as an instructor on the physical education staff of the College. He succeeded Frederick H. Booth, who recently accepted the post of head basketball coach at Maplewood, N.J. High School.

Facts and Figures

About 265 freshmen will be resident students. Ten of this number will be Hartford area men, since the expansion of dormitory facilities has made it possible for the first time for local men to live on campus.

The entering freshmen represent twenty-two states and three foreign countries. About sixty-three percent of the class comes from outside Connecticut. Eleven sons of alumni, and four brothers of present students are members of the Class of 1956.

An added feature of the Freshman class this year is that freshmen are expected to enter the AFROTC program. Total enrollment in the program this year will be about 257, a considerable drop from past years due to recent limitations by the Air Force on cadet enlistment.

EDITORIAL

As another year of Trinity history opens up the Trij ped takes pride in being one of the first student organizations to welcome the new class. Although we welcome you on behalf of the whole college, we naturally are going to feel slightly personal about them ourselves.

The Trij ped has a tradition of being one of the most controversial topics at Trinity. Sometimes we on the editorial staff feel that no one reads anything more than the 86 point headlines or the cartoon. At other times we feel that everyone has read every word, but everyone has also written a letter to the editor complaining violently about something we have printed.

We always wait with interest for the reaction to the Wednesday publication.

As a new class we do not expect you to react differently to the Trij ped than an average sophomore or underclassman, so we feel it is only fair to tell you some of our problems.

The first is that you will undoubtedly hear much of the coming fall before it is published in this "news-paper. This is inevitable in a weekly paper. The second is that editorially we are very likely not to agree with you; you may be infuriated by the second page columns. Our attitude is "better this than bored." It is our duty to play the "bad guy" as well as the mouthpiece.

Some of you will join the staff this week. We hope that you are as interested editorially in the Trij ped as you are news-wise.

In any event we hope that not all of our words will fall on deaf ears and that you will make yourselves known to the paper during your next four years.

FOOTBALL

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Likely candidates to fill in the holes are veteran guards Gery Crowell and Dave Borsch, tackles Ken Sherry and Frank Foley, and ends Felix Karsky and Benny Williams. Karsky could prove a huge help, bringing a recurrence of last year's knee injury, which plagued him throughout the season.

Fast and rugged, high hopes are held for the ex-Bulkeley High star.

Some Sophomore Help

Some help should be available from the several sophomores lined up for varsity use. Up from the frosh are end Bill Stout and 6-foot-4-inch Will Nieves, tackle Jerry Carroll, end Ray Kievas and Paul Casey, and center Ward Gidley, and Dick Morris.

Albeit the material is on the whole good, it's green for the most part, and there really isn't an over-abundance of it. Coaches Jesse, Christ and Kueh have quite a chore on their hands in the next three weeks. Williams booms big on the Bantams' football horizon, that first game being scheduled for Trinity Field on September 25th.

No Pushover Rivals

Summing up, Trinity football fans can expect to see a lot of flashy and powerful backfield play from the Bantams this year, but as far as we are concerned, who can tell? Dan Jesse, for the first time in his career at Trinity, which has been a long and successful one, faces the grim possibility of dropping every game to his opponents. Replacing Hobart and Dickson on the Trinity squad are Williams and Bowdoin, two teams who certainly will not pose the fat set-up rivals that their predecessors did in the past few years. Amherst, Coast Guard, Tufts, and the hallowed Wesleyan are always tough. The Trij ped urges strong student support of the football squad, and extends its heartfelt wishes to Dan Jesse, Karl Kurther, Art Christ, and the whole squad for a successful season.