Football Squad Arrives; Jessee Works Team Hard

Sticks, Nissi, Kelleher Are Bantams' Big Sticks

Will Jessee do it again?—this seems to be the question in the minds of those interested in the gridiron situation at Trinity. With fourteen lettermen returning from last year's undefeated, untied football team, Coach Dan Jessee also appears to be in an excellent position to come very close to, if not repeat, the sterling 1954-55 record.

At this time last fall, Hilltoppers fans eyed what they thought was a rough schedule and winced, however, when they witnessed the Bantams roll over Williams and Bowdoin, eye brows were raised and hearts began to flutter. It was obvious that Dan Jessee had made the mark of one of Trinity's finest football teams. It was not long before this team began to make history. Tuske, St. Lawrence, and Coast Guard fell before the big guns of the Trinity backfield, composed of Sticks, Nissi, and the fast-moving little halfback, Rizzo. A heart leaped up as a formidable opponent. The Bantams were undefeated, however, and ripped through the Amherst line for their sixth consecutive victory.

Great Expectations

It is not difficult to picture the excitement and expectation among the Trinity fans. The Hilltoppers were charging to revenge their defeat of the past two seasons from their traditional enemy Wesleyan. Few who saw that last game of the '54 season will ever forget it. The final gun saw Trinity ahead, by four touchdowns; they had accomplished what nobody had expected at the beginning of the season.

Unbeaten, untied through seven rugged games, the Hilltoppers out-passed, out-ran, and out-played every team they had come up against.

28-Man Squad Reports

Last Monday twenty-nine men turned out for the pre-season workouts. Only two men from the string were lost through graduation last June. Almost immediately, the squad began a two-day schedule of workouts from 9 to 11 in the morning, and 2 to 5 in the afternoon.

Many of the men have put on weight during the summer, and during the drills, they all appeared to be in tip-top shape. They still retain the air of enthusiasm and Vere which held them in such good stead last year. The Bantams have less than three weeks to get ready for their traditional opening game against Williams on September 24.

Good Backfield

Backfieldwise, Jessee has little to worry about. With Charlie Sticks, George Kelleher, and Dick Nissi passing his offense, Big Dan can feel fairly sure that the Bantams will not lack plenty of punch.

Sticks, who is co-captain with Nissi, is a second all-East choice last year. He has gained more than 1500 yards rushing in the past two years. From all appearances in the early drills, it looks like the Big Stick will repeat his performances.

Dick Nissi, who returned to Trinity last summer after a stint in the service, will add another big gun to the punching attack. Nissi, as a sophomore star in 1956, led the team with 500 yards rushing.

INTRODUCING . . .

The men who lead Trinity, above is Dr. Albert C. Jacobs, President of the College. At right is Dean Joseph C. Clarke, Dean of Students and Registrar. Below is Dean Arthur H. Hughes, Dean of the College.

College Year to Open With 266 Freshmen

Large Class Enters Trinity To Begin Orientation Week

BY PAUL TERRY

Two hundred and sixty-six students from twenty-two states and three foreign countries arrived on campus today to attend Freshmen Week activities prior to the beginning of the 1955-56 school year. Nearly one-third of these men are from Connecticut, with 49 from the Greater Hartford area alone.

New York, as was the case last year, has sent the next largest delegation. There are 56 students from the Empire State, 18 of whom live in the Greater New York City area.

Massachusetts and Pennsylvania in that order claim the third and fourth segments of the Class of '59, with 27 and 25 students respectively.

Sixteen men have journeyed from Illinois to begin their college careers at Trinity this year, thirteen are Illinois Scholars.

Other students have come from such far-away states as Minnesota, California, Colorado, Tennessee, and Wisconsin. Hawaii, Korea, Australia, and Columbia, South America are also represented in the Class of 1959.

Elton and New Dorm

All resident freshmen will live in the New Dorm and Elton. Because of the increased number of dormitory rooms afforded by the New Dorm, 217 men will live on-campus. In spite of the fact that many students from the Greater Hartford area will be living at home due to limited dormitory facilities. This year, there are only forty-nine non-resident freshmen.

Evening Program

Formal activities of the Freshman class begin this evening with a program in the Chemistry Auditorium. William R. Perle, Secretary of Admissions, will greet the new class, and introduce Dean Clarke, who will address the freshmen, explain the Freshman Week, and extend to them a hearty welcome in behalf of the college community.

Hugh Zimmerman, President of the Senate, will also address the students and briefly discuss the Senate and its functions. At this evening's program, the Senate is the highest body in the college's system of student government, and all extracurricular activities and clubs are under its jurisdiction.

Student Clubs

The student clubs will also be discussed, and the Freshmen are urged to participate in the extracurricular activities which the college provides.

After the meeting, the freshmen are invited to attend get-togethers of the various clubs. At these meetings, the president of each club will explain further about the functions of his particular organization.

Freshmen Will Have New Football Coach

J. John L. Wentworth, a former All-Connecticut tackle and a member of Trinity's undefeated and untied 1949 football team, has been named the Hilltoppers' assistant coach of freshman football.

Athletic Director Ray Ostring announced the appointment and said that Wentworth already is hard at work with Coach C. B. Feland planning for the start of freshman practice about the first of October.

Wentworth, a one-time intercollegiate baseball star at William Hall High School in West Hartford, graduated from Trinity in 1952.
THE FIRST WELCOME

As another year in Trinity history opens up, the Tripod takes pride in being one of the first student organizations to welcome the class of 1959. Although we welcome you on behalf of the whole college, we naturally are going to feel slightly personal from these columns.

The Tripod, over a period of many years, has developed a tradition as being one of the most controversial organizations on the Trinity campus. A student newspaper is by definition the organ through which news of campus activities is disseminated to the students. It is certainly more than a glorified bulletin board in this, for in the editorial columns, we not only offer the opinions of the editors, but we also make suggestions. Often these suggestions and opinions are met with acceptance by some, rejection by others, and exasperation by still others.

Sometimes we feel that no one reads anything in the Tripod further than the headlines and the cartoons; at other times it seems that everyone not only reads every word, but also that everyone has written a letter to the editor complaining bitterly about something we have printed. We always wait with interest for the reaction to the Wednesday publication. We on the staff will always welcome criticism, providing it is fair criticism. By this we do not mean criticism of the newspaper exclusively, but rather of the whole scope of life in the college community. We are too happy to print letters to the editor, if they are written sincerely and with the benefit of the college as an aim. As to criticism of the publication itself, we welcome this too, for we realise that we are not professionals, and are quite willing to make changes and improvements when the circumstances warrant it. We desire, above all, to make the Tripod the best college newspaper possible.

We feel it is our duty to present to the students news of campus activities in an interesting, accurate, and journalistic fashion.

As a new class we do not expect you to react differently to the Tripod than any of the upperclassmen, so we feel it is only fair to tell you some of our problems. The first is that you undoubtedly will hear much of the campus news before it is published in this "news" paper. At a college the size of Trinity this is inevitable; however, the Tripod is also the unofficial historian of the college, and we have this obligation to think about also. As was said before, you may be infuriated by what is said in the editorial columns. Our attitude here is "better this than bored." It is our duty to publish the gadding as well as the mouthpiece.

Some of you will join the staff this week. We hope that you are as interested editorially as you are news-wise. At left end, Felix Karsky, who starred at that position last year, will hold up his end of the line. Frank Foley will take over the slot at left tackle which was vacated by Frank Leute. Bob Show will play the left guard position, and Ray Aramini will center the ball.

On the other side of the line, big Ed Campbell will fill the spot at right guard, while veteran Jerry Channel will remain at right tackle. Sam Niness will add to the Bantam offense from the right end of the line.

Other returning lettermen are Paul Catatodos, guard; Ray Kisonski, guard, and Don Taylor, a fullback from East Hartford.

Co-captains of the 1955 football team being congratulated by Edward J. Demolley, '57 at the fall sports banquet. At left is Charlie Sticka; Dick Nasi is on the right.

Felix Karsky (43) racing to receive a pass from Bobby Alexander in a tough game against Coast Guard.

Gerald Channel, six-foot-two, 195-pound tackle from Darien, Connecticut.

Dick Nasi (47) seen galloping down the Wesleyan field on his way to score one of the touchdowns which defeated the Cardinals and brought the 1954 season to a close with a perfect record for the Hilltoppers.

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Trinity Freshmen Are Named Illinois Scholars This Fall

Trinity men have been chosen Illinois Scholars, it was announced today by William Poole, Secretary of Admissions here. The Illinois Scholars comprise one of the largest scholarship groups at the college, their number totalling well over forty students.

Began in 1947

The Illinois Scholarships were established in 1947 by a special fund which provides scholarships with a four-year value of up to $25,000 each for young men who reside in the state of Illinois. They are awarded on the basis of intellectual distinction, character, leadership ability and need.

Illinois Scholars in the Class of '59 are: David Belmont, Highland Park, Illinois; Michael Burns, Chicago; Gerald Emsley, New Haven; John Foster, Lake Bluff, William Franz, Berwyn; Paul Christe, Hillside; Fred Mook, Darien; Jerry Olson, Western Springs; Robert Perce, Lake Forest; Karl Schieh, Hillside; Phillip Sinchowski, Desmet; and Philip Jackin, Oak Park.

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