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Second annual Relay for Life a Huge Success: Trinity raises over \$78,000 for the American Cancer Society

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This spring, sophomores Will Cyphers, Caitlin



Trinity students set up their tent and prepare to camp out for the night.

Farrell, and Dan Hoyle successfully coordinated Trinity's second annual Relay for Life to benefit the American Cancer Society. On April 14-15, over 600 members of the Trinity community took part in the 12-hour event on the Jesse Miller Football Field. In the end, over \$78,000 was raised for cancer research and support services, exceeding last year's amount by several thousand dollars!

The Relay began at 6:00 with blessings and remarks from Hillel Director

Lisa Kassow and Chaplain Dan Heischman. Associate Dean of Students Ann Reuman spoke of her battle with cancer, highlighting the Relay's purpose as a celebration of survivorship. Dean Reuman stated that she considers herself, "a bionic, Amazon woman, feeling healthy and strong, lucky to be alive and loved, grateful for the kiss of wind on my skin, thankful for

President Jones then discussed his wife's battle with cancer. His speech described the helplessness and pain experienced by caregivers when a loved one is forced to fight cancer. He applauded the planning committee for their efforts in raising awareness and funds to fight this terrible disease. Nora Steinman '07 shared a poem about the power of hope.

The Relay officially began with the Survivor Lap, following the singing of the national anthem by Lila Claghorn '07 and Erin Fitzgerald '07.

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Luminaries purchased in honor of those who have fought cancer spelled out "HOPE"

days without neurotherapy or nausea, awe-struck and enheartened by all the powerful survivors who lit my path with their stories, showing me how to live with, through, and past cancer."



A few members of the Relay Planning Committee pose for a quick picture.

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Trinity Community Service Selected Highlights by the Numbers

\$102,674.73

Raised by Trinity students to benefit non-profit organizations in Hartford and around the world

123

Pints of usable blood collected from the Psi U/ Red Cross Blood Drive

28

Trinity students who spent their spring break volunteering with Habitat for Humanity in Jacksonville, FL

140,000

Kilowatt hours of wind energy purchased by Green Campus & SGA during the year

2,700

Number of new voters who were registered statewide as part of ConnPIRG's successful New Voters Project

140

Children who received holiday gifts from the ACES Sponsor-a-Snowman Drive

2,800

Articles of men's, women's, and children's clothing donated to local shelters

420

Pies that were baked and donated to local shelters as part of the Praxis "Great Pie Project"

100

Thanksgiving baskets filled with turkey and all the trimmings and donated to local families

Spring 2007 Event Recap

January

24

Community Service Fair: Representatives from more than 30 community service organizations on campus set up stations in the basement of Mather and spent the afternoon recruiting new members.

February

1

Relay for Life Kick-Off Rally: More than 100 students attended the rally to learn more about American Cancer Society's second annual Relay for Life at Trinity College.

2

Immigrants Speak Out!: More than 100 students packed Gallows Hill for the first of a series of lectures/rallies for immigrants' rights.

3

Soup-er Bowl Food Drive: Food drive held at a local supermarket the day before the Super Bowl that benefited the Hartford Catholic Worker. Several carloads of goods were collected!

21

Red Cross Blood Drive (sponsored by

Psi Upsilon): Drive collected 62 units of usable blood.

March

8

ACES Annual Auction for Charity: Raised \$2,100 in support of Ciara, a teen-aged participant in Trinity's Dream Camp program, who was recently diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis.

18-25

Alternative Spring Break with Habitat for Humanity: 28 Trinity students spent their spring break building houses with Habitat for Humanity affiliates in Jacksonville, FL.

27-28

Fifth Graders go to College: Alpha Delta Phi brothers served as tour guides for Hartford students as they attended a variety of panels and workshops at Trinity.

April

14-15

Relay for Life: More than 500 students participated in the overnight event that raised more than \$70,000 to support the American Cancer Society.

21

Lions Club Wine & Cheese: Annual fundraiser brought together Lions from around the state for an evening in Hamlin Hall.

21

Best Buddies Ball: More than 500 buddies from chapters around the state enjoyed the "We Are the Champions" themed dance in Trinity's Community Sports Complex.

30

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner: Over 100 student volunteers were honored at a formal dinner in the Washington Room.

May

5

Fun Fair: Student groups set up booths on the Mather quad and hosted carnival for local children.

Get Naked with Praxis: A campus-wide clothing drive that collected thousands of donations.

Graduation Pledge: Graduation seniors pledge to be more "socially responsible" in their future careers.



2007 Habitat for Humanity Spring Break: Jacksonville, FL

This spring, 28 Trinity College students took part in Habitat for Humanity's Alternative Spring Break trip to Jacksonville, Florida. Armed with suitcases, sleeping bags, movies, games, and snacks, we boarded our chartered bus on Saturday, March 17th and departed from the Mather parking lot. With the freshly fallen snow and freezing temperatures behind us, we arrived in warm Jacksonville on Sunday afternoon ready for a great week!



Students thoroughly enjoyed painting a home near HabiJax Headquarters.

Our home for the week was the newly renovated Riverside Presbyterian Church, right in the heart of Jacksonville. The church kindly provided us with two spacious rooms to sleep in, air mattresses, shower facilities, and our very own kitchen. Conveniently enough, the church was located a short walking distance from a beautiful park on the St. John's River as well as near several restaurants, shops, and Jacksonville Landing (the city's premiere shopping, restaurant, and tourist destination).

Sunday night was spent exploring the city and Monday was split between our Habitat Orientation and a day at the beach. During orientation, we learned that HabiJax (the Habitat for Humanity affiliate in Jacksonville), is one of the largest Habitat organizations in the United States. In addition to the more than 1,500 homes they have built in the area, HabiJax has also built community centers, clinics, and even helped arrange SAT prep and coordinate college scholarships for students living in Habitat neighborhoods.

We learned about the neighborhoods we would be working in during the coming week and the qualifications that people must meet in order to become a Habitat homeowner. Once orientation was over, we boarded the bus for the beach and spent the entire afternoon relaxing in the sun, swimming, and playing an intense game of frisbee!

Tuesday through Thursday, our group was split in half and sent to two different build locations; one near HabiJax headquarters and another at the Jacksonville Beaches site. Under the direction of AmeriCorps volunteers and HabiJax employees, both groups spent the following days hanging siding, painting, caulking, and working on a wide variety of other exterior projects. Especially exciting was the fact that many of us also got to work on houses side by side with their homeowners. In addition to financial re-



The group spent an afternoon at one of the nearby beaches in Jacksonville.

quirements that HabiJax homeowners must meet, they also have to complete a minimum of 300 hours of "sweat equity" working on their own homes and/or homes in their new neighborhood. Working with and getting to know the actual homeowners made everything much more personal and made the week even more rewarding.

Our fun in Jacksonville continued even after our workdays ended. On Tuesday night, the entire group dined at Mongo's Flat Hot Grill on an outside patio overlooking the St. John's River. On Wednesday night, several people went downtown to see the

Broadway production "The Lion King," some went to the nearby movie theater, and other opted to hang out at the church. After work on Thursday, people spent time soaking up the sun in the local park and exploring the shops in our neighborhood before heading out to dinner at a local restaurant.

On Friday, the entire group came together to work on two HabiJax homes that were next door to each other. HabiJax treated us to a delicious lunch, surprised us with a picture slideshow that documented our week in Jacksonville and gave each of us a HabiJax t-shirt. After taking quick showers at the church, we packed up the bus and headed back home to Hartford with lots of new friends and great memories!

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our fundraisers throughout the year and helped make this trip possible. Also, thank you to the Student Government Association and the President's Office for their additional financial support and to the Office of Community Service and Civic Engagement for helping us coordinate this trip. Finally, a very special thank you goes out to Chartwells for their generous food and beverage donations. They provided us with more than enough water, soda, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, and snack foods to get us through the week! We really appreciated it!

For more information about our trip or about Habitat for Humanity at Trinity, please contact Emma Etheridge at emma.etheridge@trincoll.edu.



Taking a quick break from a hard day of roofing at the Jacksonville Beaches site.

Special Report: Stop the Raids! by Charlie Fuentes '07

Throughout the past year, students of Trinity College have become increasingly involved in the fight for immigrant rights. They have been featured in a number of newspaper articles, on the news, and on the radio, in protest against the treatment of immigrants and in support of immigrant rights. As part of a subcommittee for Trinity's chapter of Amnesty International: Stop the Raids! (STR) has been an essential part of the immigrant struggle for rights in Connecticut.

At the end of the 2006 fall semester, students brought forth the idea of organizing an immigrant rights groups on campus and, through the help of Amnesty International, students were able to make this idea happen. On February 2, 2007, more than 100 students, faculty, and staff members packed Gallows Hill for the first of a series of ongoing events in support of immigrant rights. The event, which was sponsored by Amnesty, featured members of the Latino and pro-immigrant community in Danbury. Isaac Antonio, one of the "Danbury 11" a group of eleven Ecuadorian day-laborers that were illegally detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), spoke at the event.

Antonio told his story of what it felt like to have all basic rights stripped from him. A leader in Danbury's Latino community was also present to speak about the reasons why people must leave their countries and come to the United States. Another speaker gave an overview of the immigrant rights movement in the US and locally. And the last speaker, a young activist from Danbury, told students how they could become more involved in the struggle.

Less than a month after this event, students organized another event, "Swift Injustice" also at Gallows Hill. This time the speakers were two Latina women from Hyrum, Utah who were present during an ICE raid on a Swift & Co. meatpacking plant, in which more than 300 workers were taken from their jobs to be deported, leaving hundreds of children at home without parents to care for them.

These women also spoke at the east coast regional forum to address



Several Trinity students joined local residents in a march for immigrants' rights.

the ICE raids that were taking place in the US. Here, more than 450 people (including many Trinity students) came in support of immigrant rights. Trinity students also played a key role in organizing the event along with grassroots groups from Danbury.

After this event, the subcommittee began to take a more pivotal role in the struggle for immigrant rights and adopted the name "Stop the Raids!- Students of Trinity College". Soon thereafter, the group mobilized in response to an illegal raid on a Hartford immigrant household and more than 30 Trinity students spent a cold winter morning protesting on the front steps of the Federal Building in Hartford.

Just a few days later, STR and Trinity students were in front of the Federal Building once again in support of the Danbury 11 who were facing a judge for the first time, since being release from various detention centers across the US. STR and the other groups were successful as the Danbury 11 and their attorneys were granted 6 months to prepare a defense.

Although no more events were held on campus, STR continued to be active during the remainder of the semester and throughout the summer.

During May, STR was not only present at a national day of protest for immigrant rights that took place in New Haven, but also one of our members addressed the crowd of more than 500 people.

In June, after New Haven was hit with a raid that took 33 immigrant workers off the street, STR was called up by organizations from New Haven and asked to take the lead in a protest outside the Federal Building in Hartford to show support for the "New Haven 33". Days later, STR participated in a march through the streets of New Haven that culminated inside City Hall.

Most recently, STR received word of an immigration raid just blocks away from Trinity College, and the members of STR who were still on campus sprung into action. A press conference outside the Hartford City Hall was held in order to bring these violations of basic human rights to the attention of the Hartford community and the city's Mayor Eddie Perez. STR was joined by other community groups to demand that the City defend all its residents against similar attacks.

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The press conference had a great impact on the relations between STR and these community groups. Currently, members of STR are taking the lead in a coalition of Hartford area grass roots organizations, religious groups, and cultural organizations and concerned residents, to get some answers from the mayor and try to better the everyday lives of the immigrant residents of Hartford.

In addition to the unrelenting work of the Trinity STR members, we have also received a great deal of support from campus groups such as

VOID, La Voz Latina, AASA, and the Temple of Hip-Hop as well as from many local community groups.

STR is always ready to lend a helping hand to all the immigrant rights groups in Danbury, New Haven and any where else we may be able to help.

For more information about our efforts, please contact Charlie Fuentes at Charlie.Fuentes@trincoll.edu



Ibrahim Jibrell '09 speaks one of the recent rallies for immigrants' rights.

Amnesty International by Alexandra Blair '07

Dedicated to raising awareness of human rights abuses, Trinity's chapter of Amnesty International focuses on issues at both the national and international levels.

One of our major areas of concentration this spring was an immigrants' rights campaign which was spearheaded by Charlie Fuentes '08. In early February, approximately 100 students packed Gallows Hill for a panel discussion about the controversial Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raid that occurred in Danbury, Connecticut in September 2006. During the raid, ICE arrested 11 undocumented Ecuadorian day laborers (known as the "Danbury 11"), treated them harshly, and shuttled them from prison to prison while permitting little to no communication with their worried families. Speakers for the event included "Danbury 11" worker Isaac Antonio Maldonado, his attorney, Jason McGahan of the Connecticut Regional Coalition for Immigrant Rights, and representatives from the Danbury Coalition for Peace as well as the Association of Gañansol Residents in Danbury. Inspired by Maldonado's story

and the discussion at this initial event, several students made the trek to Danbury later in the month to attend a large immigration forum hosted by Western Connecticut State University and also attended the immigration rally that took place in Hartford in early April. Charlie did an excellent job coordinating and mobilizing the Trinity campus for these events and we look forward to continuing to work with him on this campaign in the fall.



In addition to the immigrants' rights campaign, we also continued our fair trade campaign efforts. Purchasing fair trade goods (such as coffee, clothing, etc.) ensures that farmers and others who have played important roles in the production process are paid fairly for their work. Fair trade coffee is now available in the Cave as well as in Mather Dining Hall. Also, students had the opportunity to purchase fair

trade items throughout the year at events like the International Hip Hop Festival in March.

The year culminated with the Hartford Community Block Party which was coordinated by Sarah Gardiner '10. The event took place on a sunny Sunday afternoon at the Trinity Boys and Girls Club and succeeded in bringing together members of Trinity and the surrounding community through dancing, mural painting, and a variety of games.

After a successful year, we look forward to all and the future campaigns that are to come. For more information, please contact Megan Borgelt at Megan.Borgelt@trincoll.edu or Dave Lenzner at David.Lenzner@trincoll.edu.

Voices Organized in Democracy (VOID) by Carrie Edwards

VOID (Voices Organized In Democracy) is a politically progressive organization that strives to balance action and discussion. Since the group was formed, VOID has engaged in thoughtful debate which gives us a foundation upon which to act.

As VOID prepares for another school year, the organization looks to establish itself not only as a progressive political outlet but also as a community space which serves as the proverbial glue that binds together Trinity and the greater community. Though VOID members hail from all sectors of the Trinity social and extracurricular spectrum, "over-committed" seems to be one common denominator that describes many VOIDers. For this reason,

the organization intends to reshape itself as a not just a political group but also as a progressive alliance dedicated to bringing together many like-minded groups with the intention of maximizing participation in all activities. While the current state of affairs (globally, nationally, and at Trinity) can at times seem overwhelming, the current social climate promises the opportunity for perpetual, efficient and meaningful action for change. Hopefully, VOID will serve as the progressive hub for such action.

VOID's upcoming alliance with the fledgling Trinity chapter of the newly revamped Students for a Democratic Society (yes, *the* legendarily SDS of the 1960s student revolution fame)

should add some revolutionary spunk to VOID's handling of national political issues. VOID also plans to take a stronger, more cohesive and more visible stand against United States military involvement in Iraq, possibly through exploring the use of public spaces as a means to inform the community and reshape the public consciousness.

Given VOID's trademark enthusiasm and diversity of ideas, we anxiously await your presence and input at our first meeting of the semester.

For more information about VOID, please contact Ben Miller at Benjamin.Miller@trincoll.edu.

American Medical Students Association (AMSA) by Urey Chow '09

The American Medical Students Association (AMSA) is a national organization that is committed to representing the concerns of physicians-in-training. Trinity College's chapter is comprised of premedical, pre-veterinarian, as well as pre-dental students who are all concerned with and dedicated to improving medical training and the nation's health. One of the overriding themes is that *everyone* should have access to health care and that access to high-quality health care should be a right and not a privilege.

Throughout the year, we raised funds for a number of causes, participated in a variety of community service projects, and hosted various events. We started off the year by participating in the annual AIDS Walk to benefit AIDS Project Hartford. We fundraised for this event through a spare coin drive through which we raised \$500.

In the spring semester, AMSA revived a program that allowed students to shadow a Hartford physician at either Hartford Hospital or the Connecticut Children's Medical Center.

Several of our members took advantage of this opportunity and learned a lot from their experiences. We also started a Pre-med Reading Group this semester at which books such as *The 7*



A few AMSA members take a quick picture after the AIDS Walk.

Habits of Highly Effective People and *The House of God* were read for fun by whoever could attend the meetings.

March 7th-11th was the date of AMSA's 57th Annual Convention which took place in Washington, D.C. This year we were fortunate enough to fund 8 AMSA members to attend this convention where we heard from several moving keynote speakers and at-

tended numerous talks on various medical and healthcare issues around the world.

One of our biggest projects this year was fundraising and participating in the Trinity College's 2nd Annual Relay for Life. We created a team, raised \$600, and showed our support in the fight against cancer as we walked around the school track all night at this overnight event in mid-April.

The last and final event that we fundraised for and hosted this year was the 2nd Annual Fox Fashion Show for which we raised \$400 to benefit the Michael J. Fox Parkinson's Foundation. We had 20 of our very own Trinity students, as well as Dean Alford, model clothes from J. Crew, Ralph Lauren, Lily Pulitzer, Dakota Martin, Express Men, Brooks Brothers, along with several other vendors.

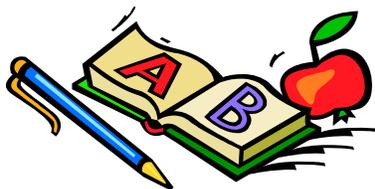
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Adolescent Mentoring Program (AMP) by Melissa Katz '09

The Adolescent Mentoring Program (AMP) is an organization of Trinity mentors that works with high school students in the Hartford area for a couple of hours each week. The first hour of our program is usually dedicated to homework help sessions and the second hour is usually spent doing some kind of group discussion or activity.

The different social issues that we explored this semester ranged from the schools' suspensions policies to genocide in the Sudan. We also held a "Culture Day" in which we discussed our different backgrounds and ethnici-

ties and an "Art Day" during which we talked about different artists and their works.



Throughout the semester we collaborated with other Trinity groups such as Art Synergy, Amnesty International, and the Writing Center to help teach the students about subjects rele-

vant to the world outside of Hartford. We also spent a great deal of time doing team building exercises to strengthen the relationships between mentors and their mentees as well as between the mentees themselves.

For more information about AMP, please contact Melissa Katz at Melissa.Katz@trincoll.edu.

Artistic Expressions by Lindsay Dakan '07

Artistic Expressions at Charter Oak enjoyed another very exciting and fun-filled semester. The program continued to run on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons at the Charter Oak Cultural Center in Hartford. Most of the children who participated came from nearby Betances Elementary School and live in the surrounding neighborhood. In addition, this semester we formally partnered with the Center for Youth (which runs an after school program at Betances)

and they began to send their different classes to the program each day.

The students spent several hours a week working on all different types of art projects with guidance Trinity volunteers and it proved to be an enjoyable experience for everyone involved. Both Susan Botzko '07, who created the program three years ago, and I are graduating, and we would like to thank everyone at the Charter Oak Cultural Center for all their love

and support. In addition, we want to thank everyone we have worked with at Trinity to make this happen, particularly Elly Jacobson and Joe Barber. Susan and I have worked very hard and have been rewarded tremendously by this program, and we are very grateful for the experience.

If you are interested in volunteering with the Artistic Expressions program, please contact Jasmin Agosto at jasmin.agosto@trincoll.edu.

Big Brothers Big Sisters by Steve Netcoh '09

This past year, in the Nutmeg Big Brothers/Big Sisters program, Trinity students were given the opportunity to impact the lives of young students living in Hartford. Our Trinity students, known as the "bigs," made the short trip down to McDonough Elementary School once a week to spend an hour with their "littles."

In addition to providing homework help, about 30 Trinity "bigs" spent time playing board games or just chatting and hanging out with their "littles." The Trinity students served as

great role models for these children and the weekly visits were rewarding for everyone involved. It was clear that both mentors and their mentees ma-



tured a great deal over the course of the program. Many "bigs" and "littles" established friendships that will likely continue into the coming years.

Because McDonough Elementary School is located just around the corner from Trinity, our strong base of volunteers carpooled to the school in pairs or groups of three, depending on their time slot. If you would like to become a volunteer or would like more information about the Big Brother/Big Sister program, please contact Steve Netcoh at Steven.Netcoh@trincoll.edu.

Peter's Retreat by Dan Cosgrove '08

All students are invited to volunteer at Peter's Retreat, a local home that offers support programs and housing for adults living with HIV/AIDS. Peter's Retreat was opened just a few blocks away from campus in 1994 by the Center City Churches organization in Hartford.

This community service group gives students the opportunity to forge personal relationships with both the

residents and fellow volunteers in an off-campus setting. Students go to the home twice a month to assist with various tasks, such as cleaning the house or playing pool and other games with the residents. Those involved have had positive experiences, and we hope to continue our organization's success into the upcoming fall semester.

If you are interested in working with Peter's Retreat, please contact

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Best Buddies by Jenny Gragg '07

Best Buddies is a national non-profit organization that is dedicated to enhancing the lives of people with intellectual disabilities by providing opportunities for one-to-one friendships. The Trinity College Chapter is part of the organizations known as Best Buddies College. Our partner groups are the State of Connecticut Department of Mental Retardation (DMR) and the Greater Hartford Association for Retarded Citizens (HARC), Inc.

The spring semester proved to be a fun-filled one for our chapter as we held one large group event every month and had the privilege of hosting all the college chapters in Connecticut for the Best Buddies Ball!

Trinity students met up with buddies for the first time this semester at the Valentine's Day Dance. To add ambiance to our setting we decorated the room with red and pink and played a smooth mix of classic love songs. Along with dancing, we all celebrated by making our own valentines cards and enjoying cake and red punch.

In March, we headed to East Hartford for a Best Buddies gathering that included all of the middle school,

high school, and college chapters in Connecticut. This year the event had a pirate theme and our chapter hosted a "guess how much treasure is in the treasure chest" activity. At the end of the day, the person who guessed closest to the actual amount of treasure was able to take home all the chocolate gold coins that were in the chest!



Our final event for the year was the "We are the Champions" themed Best Buddies Ball which we held at the Koepfel Community Sports Complex on New Britain Avenue. All of the Connecticut college chapters of Best Buddies attended the event and had a great time dancing the night away. We would especially like to thank members of the Trinity College

football team who helped during the event, Chuck Pratt '07 for being our official photographer for the evening, Yusuf George '07 for dj-ing, and Haley Kimmet '08 for all of the time and effort that she put into planning this event. The evening was a great success!

After a very busy semester and a very successful year, Best Buddies Connecticut awarded our chapter with the Outstanding Officer Corporation Award. Thank you to all of our Trinity buddies and volunteers who worked hard throughout the year to make this possible!

If you wish to get involved in Best Buddies, please contact Bianca Sims at Bianca.Sims@trincoll.edu.

Habitat for Humanity by Gina Filloramo '10

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit housing ministry that seeks to eliminate substandard housing around the world. Volunteers of all different backgrounds, religions and races are united under the common goal of constructing homes for families in need. The Trinity College Habitat for Humanity Chapter serves the Greater Hartford area. The Hartford Habitat Chapter has been active for over sixteen years and has completed over 100 homes.

In order to help cover the costs of our builds and our Alternative Spring Break trip, we held a variety of fundraisers throughout the second semester. February was especially sweet with our Valentine's Day Carnation sale through which students could spend \$1 to surprise a special someone by having a carnation placed in their mailbox! We also continued to hold 50/50 raffles at athletic events and we spent time distributing Valentine's Day and final exam care packages that had been pre-purchased by students' parents or guardians.

During the spring semester, our chapter participated in six builds, most of which took place on Waverly Street, the site of the home that our chapter is co-sponsoring. Generally, five or six students spent the day at a house site helping with everything from painting to roofing. The home,

which will be owned and occupied by Claudette Jump and her family, is expected to be completed in late August. Several of us had the privilege of attending the home dedication ceremony which took place on Sunday, July 15th. After having spent so much time working on the house, it was especially rewarding to actually be there when



Students pose on the rooftop that they recently shingled.

Claudette received her house keys. Thanks to everyone who made the trek to Hartford for the special event!

In addition to our Hartford builds, 28 Trinity students opted to participate in our Alternative Spring Break trip and spend a full week build-

ing homes in Jacksonville, Florida. After weeks of enduring cold, snowy weather up in Hartford, we were all incredibly excited to get off the bus in Jacksonville and enjoy the warm Florida sun! Our first day was spent at the beach and on the next day we split into two groups and headed to two different worksites in Jacksonville- one near HabiJax (our Habitat affiliate) headquarters and on by Jacksonville Beaches. The week was filled with painting, shingling, hammering and making new friends. We would especially like to thank Chartwells for generously donating the breakfast foods, snacks and drinks that we enjoyed throughout the week. For more information about our trip to Jacksonville, please see the article on page 3.

Habitat is looking forward to the 2007 fall semester as it promises to bring more fun builds and our annual Habitrot 5k Walk/Run. For more information about the Trinity College Habitat for Humanity chapter, please contact Emma Etheridge at Emma.Etheridge@trincoll.edu or Gina Filloramo at gina.filloramo@trincoll.edu



Sarah Blanks '10 and Emily Witt '09 worked with an AmeriCorps volunteer to hang siding.



Allison McHenry '10 and Masha Treivush '10 helped install railings on a front porch.



Luvean Meyers '07 and Roland Grant '09 painted the outside of a home.

Green Campus by Kathryn West '07 and Sam Zivin '07

Green Campus is a student organization that is dedicated to increasing environmental awareness at Trinity. The spring proved to be another exciting and productive semester for us as we made a push for renewable energy on campus and significantly increased recycling efforts.



Annie Bonfiglio '10 shows how much she loves the new recycling bins on campus!

Currently, the only renewable energy used at Trinity comes in the form of “renewable energy certificates” purchased by Green Campus. In February, we encouraged students to write letters to President Jimmy Jones, Vice-President of Finance Early Reese, and Head Trustee Paul Raether and encourage them to invest in renewable energy, particularly solar and geothermal. Solar energy is an especially appealing option for Trinity because the State of Connecticut offers a 50% rebate on the cost of solar panels and the panels actually pay for themselves in fewer than 14 years. We delivered hundreds of letters to Paul Raether and about a dozen to Early Reese, who was kind enough to meet with students to discuss sustainability initiatives at Trinity. In turn, Green Campus then arranged a meeting between Early Reese and Bob Maddox, the head of the Connecticut Green Building Council. The administration now knows exactly what it will take for Trinity to commit to certified Green buildings and energy efficient practices. The challenge is to now convince them that the benefits of green building are worth the required capital investment.

To help our members better

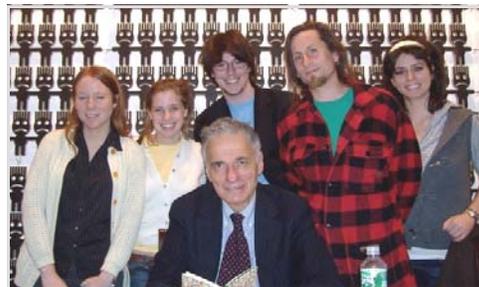
understand recycling, Green Campus took a field trip to the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority (CRRA), where all of Trinity’s bottles and cans are recycled. Seeing the mountainous piles of recyclables at the facility reminded us of how important it is to do something so simple like putting a plastic bottle in a recycling bin. Over time, that small action adds up and makes a huge difference. After all, if people had *not* chosen to put these items we saw that day into recycling bins, then all of it would be sitting (or burning) in a nearby dump. Inspired by what we saw at the recycling facility, Green Campus decided to set up a display of improperly disposed recyclables that we found in trashcans on our campus. We placed our findings in a disturbingly large pile on the Cave Patio to show how much more our campus could recycle if students and custodians wholeheartedly committed to doing it.

While there is still much work to be done and problems that must be resolved (there is still an overall lack of recycling bins, bins that are too small or placed too far away from trash receptacles, etc), Green Campus has worked with the Facilities Department and the Student Government Association to make many improvements. Outdoor recycling bins officially debuted on campus in March and are now located in the following locations: the upper and lower Long Walk, outside of Ferris Athletic Center, adjacent to MCEC, outside of the Bistro, and on the Cave Patio. These bins are constantly overflowing and are being used properly thanks to the clear signage provided by Bob Laptas at Facilities!

During Earth Week, Green Campus held events based on the 5 Captain Planet planeteeers’ powers: Earth, Wind, Fire, Water, and Heart. On Earth Day, we planted a beautiful dogwood tree. On Wind Day, we set up a giant wind turbine structure and plastered the campus with facts about wind energy. On Fire Day, we whipped up some smoothies made with solar power and educated people about how the combustion of trash affects air

quality. On Water Day, we assembled hundreds of water bottles on the Cave Patio and encouraged everyone to call legislators in support of Senate Bill 1289, the expansion of the bottle bill which would have added a 5 cent deposit to water bottles. Additionally, on Water Day, we sold (very reasonably priced!) plastic mugs to encourage Trinity students to ditch their disposable coffee cups and make the switch to reusable drink containers. Heart Day focused on endangered species; we hosted a “Save the Whales Bake Sale” that made about one hundred dollars for Greenpeace, an organization that has been protecting endangered marine mammals for more than 3 decades.

We rounded out the year by meeting citizen advocate Ralph Nader, the man responsible for a myriad of environmental, consumer protection, and open government laws, at the Connecticut premier of his biographical documentary *An Unreasonable Man*. In addition to hearing Nader speak, Green Campus had the opportunity to talk to him about our efforts and take several pictures with him!



Green Campus members were lucky enough to meet Ralph Nader at a screening of his movie.

Finally, we ran our annual Dump and Run project in May, collecting about 2,000 clothing items to donate to a local initiative to send clothes to South Sudan and preventing many other items from going into a landfill.

For more information about Green Campus, please check out our website www.sustainabletrinity.blogspot.com or contact Anne Bonfiglio at Anne.Bonfiglio@trincoll.edu or Elisabeth Cianciola at Elisabeth.Cianciola@trincoll.edu.

ConnPIRG by Ian Hendry '08

At Trinity, ConnPIRG (the Connecticut Public Interest Research Group) focuses on the Campus Climate Challenge (CCC) and the Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness.

To start off the spring on the right foot, our CCC campaign sent Valentine's Day cards to President Jimmy Jones, Vice-President of Finance Early Reese and Head Trustee Paul Raether in an effort to get them to commit to cleaner energy on campus. These efforts had a very positive outcome as President Jones signed a promise over the summer to lower Trinity's carbon

emissions in the near future. In the fall, CCC will continue to monitor the situation and the administration's efforts to follow through on their promises to change the way our campus utilizes energy.

In addition, CCC collaborated with Green Campus during Earth Week. The week long celebration included a tree planting, solar powered smoothies and a great deal of advocacy in order to get our students thinking about how they are affecting the environment. To supplement our efforts to get this point across we showed movies such as *An Inconvenient Truth* and

Who Killed the Electric Car and followed them with discussions.

On the Hunger and Homelessness side of ConnPIRG, many of our fall activities continued into the spring. This included volunteering at the Grace Episcopal's food pantry, holding food drives for local shelters and efforts to raise awareness about hunger in Hartford.

Both campaigns are looking forward to continuing their efforts during the fall semester.

For more information about ConnPIRG, please contact Ian Hendry at ian.hendry@trincoll.edu.

Hillel by Molly Goodwin '09

This semester members of the Hillel community have participated in several important initiatives. On Tu bishvat, Sarah Speigel '07 and Cheryl Gerber '07, inspired by their trip to rebuild the north of Israel over winter vacation, led a Tu bishvat Seder in celebration of nature and the arrival of spring. In preparation for the Seder, Sarah and Cheryl raised money for the Jewish National Fund, which will be used to help plant trees in Israel.

In the winter, David Goodman '09 tabled with members of the Darfur Coalition and Hillel to educate students about the crisis in Darfur. Students were asked to sign a statement meant to encourage members of Connecticut's delegation to take action against the genocide currently occurring in Darfur. Over a hundred signed statements were then glued to paper plates and the plates were strung together to symbolize the starvation and hardships that so many innocent people endure. Goodman and members of the Hillel student board completed the project by delivering the plates to the Connecticut Statehouse.

In celebration of Purim, members of Hillel joined together to bake hamantashen, a traditional cookie made especially for the holiday, and compile mishloach manot, gift baskets of fruit, cookies, and other treats that were then given to friends, family, and

those in need. The gift baskets were delivered to the Hebrew Home and Hospital for which Rebecca Wolff '10 organized weekly student visits throughout this academic year to celebrate the Sabbath.



Several students made hamantashen that was donated to the Hebrew Home and Hospital.

At the beginning of April, the Hillel community celebrated Passover with two large Seders. The community service committee organized and designed a hunger-awareness themed second Seder inspired by the Jewish national anti-hunger organization called MAZON. The goal of the Seder was to educate our community about the realities of hunger statistics in Connecticut, America, and Israel. The Seder also served as a starting-off point for one of the largest initiatives that Hillel has participated in this

spring.

In partnership with MAZON and Trinity's ConnPIRG, students participated in a trial-run community meals project. The goal of this project is for student members of various campus organizations to cook and deliver a meal to a local shelter every week in the coming fall semester. Chartwell's generously volunteered to donate all of the food needed for this trial-run which was held during reading week in the Mather kitchen. We successfully cooked and delivered food for nearly eighty people at Mercy House and My Sister's Place shelters.

Following our successful partnership with Sharsheret for breast cancer awareness month in October, we are planning another event for this fall. We are proud of our participation in Relay for Life for its second year at Trinity. We also look forward to participating in more Israel advocacy and action with Sam Newman '10 as our new Israel representative on the student board. We're looking forward to another successful year of social action!

For more information about Hillel, please contact Molly Goodwin at Martha.Goodwin@trincoll.edu or Hillel Director Lisa Kassow at Lisa.Kassow@trincoll.edu.

Annual Community Events Staff (ACES) by Meredith Wilson '09

After a enjoying a successful fall semester, the Annual Community Events Staff (ACES) kicked off the spring by hosting our 8th annual Soup-er Bowl Food Drive in February. On the Saturday before the NFL Super Bowl took place, ACES members spent the afternoon soliciting non-perishable food donations from shoppers at two local Stop and Shop grocery stores. Several carloads of goods were collected and then delivered to the Hartford Catholic Worker in the North Hartford.

In March, we raised over \$2,100 through our 16th annual Auction for Charity. Items available for students to bid on included faculty parking passes, dinner with various members of the faculty and staff (such as President Jimmy Jones, Dean Fred Alford, Rev. Dan Heischman, Professor Cindy Butos, Professor Tim Curran, Director of Community Service and Civic Engagement Joe Barber, and Graduate Assistant Sarah Hoyle), squash lessons with nationally ranked

Bantam Gustav Detter '09, sports memorabilia, and a wide variety of gift certificates to local restaurants and businesses. All proceeds from the event went towards helping Ciara, a young Hartford girl who has been a part of the Trinity Dream Camp mentoring program for ten years and is currently battling multiple sclerosis. The money will help her family make a down payment on a handicap accessible apartment near Hartford Hospital and help defray the cost of a new bed and bedroom set for Ciara.

In May, we paired up with the Trinity College Activities Council (TCAC) to sponsor Fun Fair, a carnival-like event for children from the Hartford community. Members of Trinity's different community service groups, clubs and Greek organizations set up booths on the Mather quad and spent the day painting children's faces, helping them with various arts and crafts projects, and playing games with them like Twister and musical chairs. This year was especially entertaining

because we worked with Professor Eric Galm to coordinate our event with the Music Department's Samba Festival.

ACES had a very productive spring semester and we cannot wait to get started on our projects in the fall. If you have any questions about ACES, please contact Co-Presidents Danielle Grossman at Danielle.Grossman@trincoll.edu and/or Andrea Chivakos at Andrea.Chivakos@trincoll.edu.



Lions Club by Haley Lepo '08

The Trinity College Lions Club is a member of Lions Club International, one of the largest community service organizations in the world. The Trinity Chapter sponsors events and fundraisers to benefit the less fortunate, specifically the sensory impaired.

This semester we continued our ongoing collection of ink and toner cartridges. We received over 100 cartridges in total this year, and donated the money raised to our core charities. Whenever you use up a printer or copier cartridges throughout the year, please bring it to the Office of Community Service and Civic Engagement or the library cafe. This fundraiser wouldn't be so successful without the help of the whole campus - thank you!

The week after spring break, we held a drive to accept donations of old eyeglasses and used cell phones.

We collected over 70 items, making the drive a huge success. The glasses were sent to Lions International, to be donated to those in need. The cell phones were distributed to the Interval House, a domestic violence shelter, to be used



as emergency phones. This is an annual, ongoing drive for the Lions, so please keep us in mind instead of throwing these items in the trash.

This year Lions International is conducting a fundraising campaign entitled "Campaign Sightfirst II", and

our club decided to become a part of the effort. At a bake sale in March we sold edible delights along with CSF II wristbands. We will be continuing this effort in the fall, so keep a look out and lend a hand.

For more information about Trinity Lions Club, contact Haley Lepo at haley.lepo@trincoll.edu.

Praxis by Nora Steinman '07

Praxis is Trinity's only residentially based community service program. Its mission is to create an environment that actively engages students in community related projects on campus and in Hartford while fostering a sense of community among its members. All thirty-two Praxis members reside in Doonesbury on Vernon Street. As part of our commitment to Praxis we devote an average of three hours a week to independent volunteer service. We also participate in and organize several group projects each semester.

In January, Praxis welcomed eight new members. While everyone continued their involvement with their individual service projects, we spent much of the winter months focused on recruiting students for next year as well as fundraising for our Relay for Life team. The intensive recruitment effort paid off considering that Praxis received a record number of applications this year, and for the first time in recent history there were more qualified applicants than available spaces in the dorm, requiring the selection committee to carefully evaluate everyone who applied. Additionally, at the end

of March, we elected next year's coordinators. Ian Hendry '08 will be running Praxis with Dan Hoyle '09 during the fall semester and Rebecca Snyder '09 in the spring.

In April, Praxis sponsored a team at the second annual Relay for



A group of Praxis members pose for a picture during the Relay for Life

Life. Team Praxis's eleven members raised over \$1,500 for the American Cancer Society. Additionally, a number of Praxis members held key leadership positions on the Relay Planning Committee and/or participated with other teams at the fundraising event. Praxis concluded the spring semester with

two final projects: Fun Fair and Dump and Run. At Fun Fair, we ran a booth where kids could decorate their own bookmarks, and we collaborated with Green Campus's Dump and Run to collect clothes and furniture no longer wanted by students.

Praxis also held an ice cream social where new members and old members were able to get together and meet. Unfortunately, with the close of the 2006-2007 academic year, Praxis graduated ten seniors including Jorge Amaral, current coordinator Nora Steinman, Jessica Wagner, and Caroline Milano who have been members of Praxis since sophomore year as well as the Praxis Residential Coordinator, Todd Morrison. However, under the leadership of next year's coordinators, Praxis appears to be in great shape to continue making a difference on campus and in Hartford. For more information about Praxis e-mail trin-praxis@gmail.com or contact Dan Hoyle at Daniel.Hoyle@trincoll.edu or Ian Hendry at Ian.Hendry@trincoll.edu.

Encouraging Respect of Sexuality (EROS) by Haley Lepo '08

EROS stands for Encouraging Respect of Sexualities. We embrace people of all sexualities and work to promote a more accepting Trinity community. As part of this mission, EROS has recently become more involved with community service.

This semester was an active one for EROS. At the end of February we co-sponsored a summit with True Colors Inc. titled "Intersection of Isms." Essentially, this event addressed not only issues of sexuality but also of racism, sexism, and religion. In addition to the hundreds of high school students from the Hartford area, many Trinity

students also attended and joined in the productive dialogue.

In April, we organized the "Day of Silence," a national event in which people take a pledge of silence in order to bring attention to the fact that many members of the GLBT community are forced to stay silent to avoid harassment and violence. At the end of the day we hosted a breaking-the-silence reception and discussed the experience and difficulties that many people faced during the day.

Also in April, we invited motivational speaker Robyn Ochs

to campus for an informative lecture titled "Bisexuality: Myths and Realities." Other events that we participated in this semester included the Relay for Life to benefit the American Cancer Society and the Fun Fair (sponsored by ACES and TCAC).

We hope to continue our campus involvement next year and also expand into the Hartford community. For more information regarding EROS, please email us at eros@trincoll.edu.

Kappa Kappa Gamma by Mary Elizabeth Clune '08

To continue Kappa Kappa Gamma's wonderful tradition of community service, the sisters of the Zeta Theta Chapter proudly represented Trinity College in numerous philanthropy projects this spring.

The spring community service season began with the second annual Trinity College Relay for Life. With hopes to surpass our 2006 fundraising accomplishments, the sisters enthusiastically joined the chapter's online team in order to raise awareness and money (more than \$2,000!) for the cause.

On the night of the event sisters camped out, walked around the track in teams, and picked up food from local restaurants. We are particularly proud of Jenn Wise '08, a dedicated Kappa sister who helped to both organize the event and create a slide show for the Ceremony of Hope, a special part of the event in which participants who have been personally touched by cancer celebrate those who survived or died of the disease. The night proved to be emotional and inspiring. The sisters were touched by the student and faculty speeches, especially Dean Ann Reuman's personal account of her battle with cancer. We are eager to participate again next year!

Kappa sisters were also involved in "Take Back the Night," an

event that promotes awareness of sexual assault and rape on college campuses and encourages students to take responsibility for themselves and others both during and after college life. As an all-female organization with



A few Kappa sisters pose together at the Relay for Life

such strong campus presence, the chapter felt it was important to support this event as sexual assault and rape is such a pressing issue on college campuses. We are proud to report that every Kappa sister attended!

This semester we also supported Operation Smile, an organization of doctors, nurses and other volunteers who travel internationally to developing countries to perform cranial facial surgery on children with deformities such as cleft lips and cleft palates. Mary Elizabeth Clune '08

traveled as a volunteer for the organization to Hanoi and Hoi Ann, Vietnam and Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Kappa sisters have raised awareness and funds for Operation Smile to support Mary Elizabeth, and this past semester were able to donate over three hundred dollars by tabling at Mather and through personal donations generously made by sisters and their families. College students frequently volunteer abroad with Operation Smile, so hopefully more sisters will take the opportunity to travel and work with the organization!

To end the spring semester of community service, the Kappa sisters helped and enthusiastically participated in the Trinity Fun Fair by creating colorful masks with Hartford children out of paper plates, sparkles, and feathers

The sisters of Kappa Kappa Gamma dedicated much time and energy to community service events this semester. In addition to the activities mentioned above, the sisters also volunteered with organizations such as ACES, AMP, Dream Camp, Big Brother/ Big Sister, Habitat for Humanity, and Hillel.

If you would like more information about Kappa, please contact Mary Elizabeth Clune at mary.clune@trincoll.edu.

Pi Kappa Alpha (Pike) by Jake Narva '09 & Dan Hoyle '09

This past spring semester the brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha (Pike) collectively logged over 650 hours of community service, volunteering with several organizations such as Big Brother/ Big Sister, Habitat for Humanity, ACES, and Peter's Retreat.

In addition to each brother's individual community service projects, our chapter had opportunities to work together for campus-wide events, such as the 2nd Annual Relay for Life. 25

brothers joined the Pike team to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. Brothers walked the track the entire night of the event to show their support for the cause. Sophomore brother, Dan Hoyle served as Co-Chair of the Relay, which raised over \$70,000 for cancer study and research.

David Allen '09, Harrison Tsopelas '09, Will Mannen '09, Andrew Rohman '07, and Peter Fortin '08 crafted a sturdy camp site that lasted

well against the inclement weather. Other brothers, such as Joshua Grossman '10, Chuck Pratt '07, Chris Giacolone '07, and Alex Manevitz '09, picked up food and beverages from restaurants all over Hartford throughout the night of the event. Brothers Ivan Belcic '08 and Corey Stein '10 spent a portion of the night on the drums and keyboard, respectively, as part of the

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musical group, "The G-Punch," which performed for everyone on the Jesse/Miller Field.

Another well attended spring community service event was the Trinity College Fun Fair. The Fun Fair was organized by the members of ACES and TCAC. The event was held on the quad outside of Mather Hall and featured performances by the Samba Ensemble which included Pike brother, Brett Jackson '09. Several brothers organized musical chairs activity for local Hartford residents at this event. Prizes were awarded to the winners of each round!

Brothers also attended several Habitat for Humanity builds in the



Hartford area. Pi Kappa Alpha is especially proud of Christopher Giacolone '07 for his dedication to this organization throughout his four years at Trinity. We are sure that Chris will be

missed by Trinity's Habitat for Humanity chapter as much as he will be by our fraternity!

This semester, Pi Kappa Alpha demonstrated its continual dedication to community service. We hope to maintain such high levels of participation in the future in an attempt to improve our campus and the local community.

For more information about Pi Kappa Alpha, please contact Caleb Wasser at caleb.wasser@trincoll.edu.

Alpha Delta Phi (AD) by David McDonough '08

This past semester the brothers of the Phi Kappa chapter of the Alpha Delta Phi (AD) continued their long-standing tradition of excellence in community service. We hit the ground running with our 9th annual Fifth Graders Go To College day in coordination with the Hartford Consortium for Higher Education. Over the course of two days, AD brothers hosted more than 100 fifth graders from Hartford Public Schools. Escorting the students to workshops around campus and eating with them at Mather, our goal was to provide these inner-city students with a look at what college is like in the hope that it will motivate and encourage them to further their own education. The brothers truly enjoyed the experience and found the day to be rewarding and constructive.

Next, with the help of the Men of Color Alliance (MOCA) and some very talented musicians and artists, we hosted our inaugural hip hop/reggae show, the goal of which was to help smooth over the friction between some of the different ethnic, cultural and religious groups on campus. The night was a great success as members of all

different types of social groups on campus came to our house and danced together well into the night.

Continuing in this vein, AD sponsored a lecture by Michael Fowlin, a well-established expert on race relations. Fowlin addressed the campus



with the hope of helping to create a more cohesive student body in the aftermath of the disturbing events which occurred at Trinity during the first semester. The event was well attended and very eye-opening for many people.

Also in the spring, we sent a large contingent of brothers to the *Take Back The Night* event to show our support and concern for incidents of sexual violence as well as to help raise

awareness around this very troubling issue.

In April, 21 brothers participated in Trinity's second annual Relay for Life and raised over \$3,200 for the American Cancer Society. Our fraternity chef donated his services and baked several tasty desserts for the Survivor and several brothers toughed out the rain to help the Planning Committee clean up after the event. It was a great experience for everyone involved and we are already looking forward to participating again next year.

Alpha Delta Phi is proud to give back to both the Trinity and Hartford communities and we are excited for another active semester of service this fall. For more information on AD community service, please contact David McDonough at David.McDonough@trincoll.edu.

Zeta Omega Eta by Jen Perrone '09

Zeta sisters certainly kept themselves busy this past spring 2007 semester, willingly and wholeheartedly. We began the semester by implementing a tutoring program at the Montessori Middle School. Every week, Zeta sisters helped young girls and boys with math and English work to help them prepare for the Connecticut Mastery Test.

Our next project was a fundraiser for the well-deserving organization called *Nothing but Net*, which buys and assembles mosquito nets to help prevent the infection and spread of malaria to children in African countries. Through tabling at Trinity sporting events, we were able to raise \$500-enough to purchase 50 nets!

Throughout the year we also worked with *Dress for Success*, an amazing organization that provides needy women with professional clothing that they can wear to job interviews. Professors and students alike donated business suits, skirts, purses, blouses, etc., to help motivated women get the chance they deserve at employment!

In response to events on campus which sparked campus-wide discussions about the importance of embracing our gender, race, and socioeconomic differences, we hosted an informative lecture by Greta Edwards, former National Organization of Women (NOW) board member. In addition, we helped found the Inter-Social Committee to help bring various groups on campus together to discuss these issues and how to work together to make Trinity College an inclusive and enjoyable environment for everyone.

Zeta has also taken preventative measures against these “ism’s” that poison our world. Perhaps one of the most worthwhile projects we have undertaken this past semester is the organization of the second annual Trinity College Young Women’s Leadership Forum (TCYWLF). For two weekends, Zeta sisters joined together once again to provide camaraderie, education, and open-mindedness for a number of outstanding young women from various Hartford middle schools. The forum consisted of educational sessions that

focused on sexual health, feminism, leadership skills, global women’s issues, and college education.

Zeta ended the year with various by participating in the second annual Relay for Life where we were one of the runners up for the highest number of team members. Sisters Kate Dworkin ‘09 and Urey Chow ‘09 served as co-chairs for the event’s Entertainment Committee and were both indispensable members of the Relay Planning Committee. We are incredibly proud of all the hard work they put into making the event a success!

In addition, throughout the year, Zeta sisters participated with a variety of community service programs with groups such as Habitat for Humanity, ACES, VOID, Feminists United and several mentoring programs. We are proud of our accomplishments during the past academic year and are already looking forward to next year!

For more information about Zeta, please contact Kate Dworkin at Kate.Dworkin@trincoll.edu.

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The crowd cheered as various survivors circled the track, celebrating their successful fight against cancer. A small acapella concert followed featuring the Trinitones, Quirks, Dischords, and Accidentals. Survivors and their caregivers were then escorted to Hamlin Hall for a formal dinner. Writing Professor and cancer survivor, Cynthia Butos, shared her experiences of fighting breast cancer with the other survivors.

Six-time cancer survivor, Amanda Garbatini ‘09, captivated the audience with her emotional, personal story later in the night. She recalled noticing an unusual bump on her calf and being diagnosed with cancer when she was 11 years old. The tumor returned twice, requiring a leg amputation in 2000. She also fended off differ-



The Trinitones were one of several a capella groups that performed at and participated in the Relay for Life.

ent types of cancer in her lungs as well as her ribs. Garbatini reflected on what Relay for Life means to her, saying she “received so much love and sup-

port from not only my friends, but from the entire community. [Now] I have the opportunity to be here with a story that will hopefully encourage you to continue your support for this universal fight.”

Survivors were honored again at dusk during the Ceremony of Hope. Luminarias sponsored in honor, support, or memory of those who have had cancer lined the track and spelled out the word “HOPE” on the visitor side of the bleachers of the football field. The Ceremony of Hope concluded with a slideshow complete with names, pictures, and messages to loved ones who have lost, are still fighting, or have won their battles with cancer.

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Fall 2007 Upcoming Events



August

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FACES/Praxis Training: Student community service leaders return to campus early to begin planning for the new academic year

September

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9th Annual Do It Day: A half-day event that engages students, faculty and staff members in service projects at different sites around Hartford

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Activities Fair: Representatives from more than 30 community service organizations on campus spend the afternoon recruiting new members

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Park River Clean Up: Green Campus takes part in the "Source to Sound" Connecticut River watershed clean-up

October

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Making Strides Breast Cancer Walk: Kappa Kappa Gamma, the Women's Center, and Zeta Omega Eta all participate in the walk held at Bushnell Park

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Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by Psi Upsilon

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Halloween on Vernon Street: A half-day event that gives hundreds of local children and their families a fun and safe Halloween experience

November

4

Habitrot: 5k run sponsored by Habitat for Humanity to raise funds for their Alternative Spring Break trip

10

Green Homecoming: Green Campus and SGA pair up to distribute biodegradable cups for tailgates and purchase wind energy to offset Trinity's energy use for that weekend

17-18

Thanksgiving Food Basket Drive: Turkeys and all the trimmings are donated to 100 families of children who attend the M.D. Fox Elementary School

17-18

The Great Pie Project: Praxis bakes hundreds of pies and donates them to nonprofit organizations in Hartford

December

ACES Sponsor a Snowman Drive: 100 holiday gifts are collected for the children of the Hartford Interval House, a domestic violence shelter

Office of Community Service & Civic Engagement's 2007 Honors Day Award Recipients

The Samuel Fishzohn Awards for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties and Community Service was established in 1966 in memory of Samuel S. Fishzohn, Class of 1925, a prominent figure in social work and welfare. These awards are given each year to two students in each of the two categories:

1. **Community Service**--for a student who has demonstrated initiative and creativity in community service related to important social issues. **Recipients:** Lindsay Dakan '07 & Susan Botzko '07
2. **Civil Rights and Civil Liberties**--for a student who has worked with dedication in civil rights, civil liberties or race relations. **Recipient:** Charlie Fuentes '08

Alexander Goldfarb Award for Community Service is awarded jointly by the City of Hartford and Trinity College to the Trinity student who, through community service, has done the most during this current year to benefit the City of Hartford and its citizens. **Recipients:** Marla Stancil '07 & Kathryn West '07

The St. Anthony Hall Community Service Award was established by the St. Anthony Hall Foundation. It is awarded annually to a Trinity College fraternity or sorority member who has demonstrated initiative, creativity, and commitment in the areas of service, activism, and/or civic engagement during the academic year. In conjunction with this award, a financial contribution will be made in the recipient's name to support a nonprofit organization or community programming initiative of his or her choosing.

Recipients: Emily Solomon '08 (Kappa Kappa Gamma) & Maggie Rivara '07 (Zeta Omega Eta)

Trinity's second Relay for Life is a success! *(continued from page 16)*

Throughout the entire event, at least one member from each of the registered teams was walking around the track at all times. Teams represented



Allison McHenry '10, Kristina Pappas '10, and Greg Amarra '10 help fill luminaria bags for the Ceremony of Hope.

various clubs, Greek organizations, athletic teams, religious groups, residence halls, and groups of friends. This year, the bleachers were lined with beautifully decorated signs of each participating team. According to Co-Chair Will Cyphers, "No matter how successful one year is, you take a risk by planning it again, but the enthusiasm and participation shown tonight by the campus community has really reinforced my faith in Trinity."

Co-Chair, Caitlin Farrell agreed stating that "Relay has truly brought this campus together for a cause that is bigger than any one of us. Each person participating in tonight's event is here for a reason. Even though the Trinity community may sometimes be considered 'fractured,' tonight's participation displays the connections we all have to one another."

As emotional as the event was, it was also a great deal of fun. A stage was set up in the southern end-zone of the football field and there were live music performances by "The G-Punch," "Zebrocobra," and Chase Caillouette '10. DJs Manek Mathur '09 and Greg Lee '10 kept things lively and supplied the music for several spontaneous dance parties throughout the night. Mike Borgonos '08 and Felix Seda '08 served as the hosts for the entire event.

Over 30 local restaurants donated food and beverages to the event. We were especially appreciative of the kindness of Chartwells who donated all of the flatware, cups, napkins, and hot water. Food and Beverage Co-Chair Scott Mussmann '09 stated that he was "amazed by the generosity of the Hartford community." Fellow Co-Chair, Alex Yudkoff '10 agreed, stating "most restaurants were incredibly cooperative and eager to donate to such a cause." Special thanks to Hot Tomato's for catering the survivor dinner again, Chartwells for their supplying of silverware, and members of the Jazz Ensemble for providing live, dinner music.

The Relay Student Planning Committee is amazed and touched by the continuing support Relay receives from the entire Trinity campus. The American Cancer Society warned this year's planning committee that they might not raise as much as last year, as people may be less inclined to donate as much to an annual event as they would to a one-time program. However, this year's Relay surpassed last year's by more than \$10,000 dol-

lars! Will Cyphers stated, "there is no way to properly thank all those who contributed to Relay's success. Trinity faculty, students, friends and family members all made this event possible. The planning committee would have had nothing to plan if we did not have the support of these people."

The Planning Committee would like to thank their advisor, Sarah Hoyle, for all of her hard work in overseeing this event. Sarah worked tirelessly with the co-chairs on properly planning each detail of the Relay. Her optimism and enthusiastic energy motivated each member of the Planning Board and proved to be crucial to the Relay's success. Sarah, we cannot thank you enough!



Members of the BRIDGE organization set up their tent behind Robin L. Sheppard Field.

The bar is now set high for next year's Relay for Life. If you are at all interested in helping plan/ organize this event, please contact Caitlin Farrell at Caitlin.Farrell@trincoll.edu or Dan Hoyle Daniel.Hoyle@trincoll.edu.

2007 Relay for Life Planning Committee

Co-chairs: Dan Hoyle '09, Caitlin Farrell '09, & Will Cyphers '09

Logistics Co-Chairs: Chris Minue '07 & Ian Hendry '08

Food & Beverage Co-Chairs: Alex Yudkoff '10 & Scott Mussman '09

Entertainment Co-Chairs: Kate Dworkin '09 & Urey Chow '09

Publicity Co-Chairs: Emily Santiago '10 & Gina Policastro '09

Accounting Co-Chairs: Jon Nyce '09 & Leighann Kinter '08

Members: Matt Fuentes '09, Kate French '09, Sam Newman '10, Peter Kempson '10, Maham Chowhan '10

Survivor Dinner Chair: Danielle Grossman '08

Ceremony of Hope Chair: Jenn Wise '08

Survivorship Chair: Amanda Garbatini '09

Luminaria Chair: Lindsay Nyce '10

Advisor: Sarah Hoyle