

# TRINITY STUDENT

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## Profs to move in with students

### Administrators force faculty into residence halls to build community

In a move designed to enrich Trinity's on-campus community, administrators have decided that starting next semester, professors will be required to live in the on-campus residence halls along with the students.

"Forcing the students to live on campus for three years simply hasn't been enough to promote the kind of community that we would like to see," said Board of Trustees member Howard Yacht. "For that, we need to bring the students and teachers together."

"The key to successful education is successful teacher-student relationships," said Residential Life spokesperson Abigail Kramer. "By having the students live alongside our distinguished faculty, we hope to foster such relationships."

New training sessions for Resident Assistants, designed to help them accommodate the special needs of the faculty, will be taught during Winter Break.

"Professors are people too," Kramer said. "And like all people, they are fragile. We're teaching the RAs what to do with an emotionally distraught professor."

The RAs will learn such things as how to deal with the professors complaining about the department chair's petty vendetta against him or her, how to calm them if they get denied grant money, and other sticky subjects.

"Overall, I think we can improve the emotional health of Trinity's faculty greatly," Kramer said.

The faculty, however, has some reservations.

"Clearly, this situation is absurd," said political science professor Jacob Hammil. "How am I supposed to write about the effects the Truman Doctrine had on United States Post-World War 2 foreign policy if I have to listen to the guy next door booming his goddamn bass at all hours of the night? And what really sucks is, we can't have a microwave."

The choice is not so popular with students, either.

"What if I end up suiting with that total bitch that gave me a D in Intro to Soc or something?" Greta Schultz said. "I don't think I could handle that."

Despite the unpopularity of the decision with faculty and students, the administration is still "100 percent committed" to the new policy, said Yacht.



### Let it B

Real community at work: students extend a birthday greeting to their friend with a festive display of sidewalk chalk. It may be called graffiti by the administration, but to us, it's a happy break in the monotony of our obsessively-manicured campus.

"The fact is, though Trinity students tend to be a homogenous, interchangeable bunch, they do not form a cohesive, mutually supportive group of people that could be referred to as a community. So, we're going to make one from the top down, by legislating it."

Students anticipate some benefits, though.

"If I'm up all night every night writing papers during midterm week," James McNugheit said, "you can be damn sure my profs will be, too."

Yacht went on to comment that once a community atmosphere is achieved, Trinity could advertise the fact in the promotional literature it releases to thousands of high school guidance counselors every year. "We've got it all figured out," Yacht stated. "Come to Trinity for the Three C's: Community, Cleanliness, and Culture."

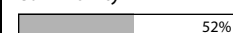
"Of course," he added, "we still have to work on that culture thing. Hmmm...now what policies can we invent to get some culture? An administrator's work is never done."

### What would you like best about living with a professor?

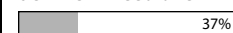
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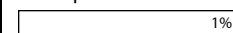
"Greater sense of community"



"Can always find an ugly tie when I need one"



"Oral" presentations



Source: an informal survey

Where is God when life sucks?



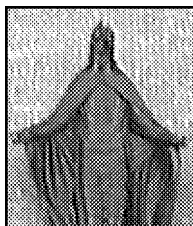
"I find that God is a relative term, used primarily by fruit to speak of danishes. Much in the way of food."

— Atlas



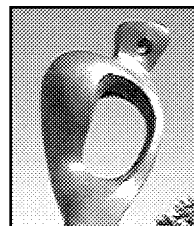
"I don't know about God, but when life sucks, I'm still right here taking shit from you people."

— George Storch Head



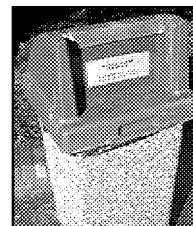
"Wherever there is 'Free Food.' That's where you'll find us holy types. That, or bowling, right, dad?"

— Protestant Jesus



"Lost in an invalid directory structure in the corrupt boot sector of life."

— Large Interior Form



"I've seen him drop in at Bombay's. God can drink, lemme tell ya! And his stories are great."

— Esplanade Trash Can

## Finding the strength to cope

A strategy guide for dealing with mandatory attendance

Stuck in a class with mandatory attendance? Is being in that class just like those good old high school days of endless doodling, napping and chatting with your friends over the noise of the teacher? Does the prof make the class do mind-numbingly boring and useless activities for the sake of taking up class time? Does he not let you go to the bathroom, even when you need to go really really bad?

Senior Tadbit Inebriated shares his coping style.

"I drink a lot. I show up to class so shit-faced, everything the prof says is funny," he says. "Usually it helps if I bring a six-pack along with me, it gives me something to do while I sit there. The prof doesn't care, sometimes I give him a beer or two. I think I'm going to get an A."

Freshman Anita Nap has a slightly different strategy. "In highschool, I perfected my technique of sleeping with my eyes open," she said. "Since nothing's really changed since I got to college, I just stay up all night partying and sleep in class. The profs never can tell the difference. It's a really cool trick, too. One time, I fell asleep like that on the couch while my boyfriend was out of the room. When he came back in, he totally freaked because he thought I was dead. It was pretty cool."

Some resort to blatant mockery.

"I like to piss the prof off by repeating every word she says in an Elmer Fudd voice," says Junior Kel Blanc. "She gets so angry, but she can't deduct from my grade because it's entirely based on attendance, and I'm there everyday."

## GO SOMEWHERE! DO SOMETHING!

### Egg Rolls at Pan Asia

FOOD

*The best thing since the Mexican food line.*

Mmmmm...It's time to check out the newest addition to the Mabee menu: Egg Rolls. These scrump-o-licious delights are high in flavor and light crunchy happiness. Each batch varies from day to day, but the quality is fairly consistent. If you're in the mood for a full course ethnic meal, try the various noodle and rice entrees available everyday for lunch and dinner. Pan Asia. Mabee Dining Hall. \$1.25/egg roll.

### A Confederacy of Dunces

BOOK

*by John Kennedy Toole*

Ignatius J. Reilly is a 30-year-old self-proclaimed genius still living with his mother. He is too busy with his indictment of the 20th century to pay much attention to anything else, until his mother forces him to get a job. The funny stuff happens when, as Ignatius deals with the work world and hatches plot after plot of political upheaval, all to impress his former girlfriend, Myrna "The Minx" Minkoff.

### Marijuana

WEED

*5 Myths, 5 Risks, 5 Facts, 5 Questions*

This brochure from Counseling and Career Services is one of the best, least biased, and most critical looks at common misconceptions about marijuana. It's not the typical "Don't do drugs" brochure; instead, it focuses on educating yourself about the potential risks and dangers, while emphasizing making your own choice. The facts are accurate and the presentation is fair. If you've dismissed it as more Reagan-era propaganda, give this brochure another chance. Pick it up in your residence hall or ask C&C Services for a copy. "Just say Know."

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