
**OFFICE OF INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH AND PLANNING – TRINITY COLLEGE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

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SUBJECT: FALL 2008 SGA SURVEY
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Fall 2008 SGA Survey

In November 2008 the Institutional Research and Planning Office randomly selected 613 Trinity College students for this survey, and mailed them links to the survey online. After three reminders we closed the survey with 330 students responding, amounting to a 54% response rate. Since the response rates varied significantly by gender and class year (from 38% among Senior males to 71% among Soph females) results below have been weighted by gender and class year.

FOOD:

On a scale from 1 to 10, how satisfied are you with the quality and variety of food, and the hours of operation, at:

	Quality	Variety	Hours of operation
Mather Dining Hall?	5.6	5.2	5.6
the Cave?	6.2	5.1	8.3
the Bistro?	7.3	5.9	5.6

On a scale from 1 to 10, how would you rate the installment of the "Coyote Jack's" in the Cave? 6.7

Do you think there should be a three-meal daily limit attached to our meal plans? 8% Yes

Do you feel that the items Chartwells sells for meal equivalencies are overpriced? 88% Yes

RECYCLING:

Do you recycle? Spring 2008: 93% Yes
Fall 2008: 93% Yes

What do you recycle? (Check all that apply)

<u>Spring</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Fall</u> <u>2008</u>	
90%	91%	Bottles, both glass and plastic
76%	73%	Cans
50%	64%	Paper, including newspaper
8%	13%	Other

Where do you recycle?

<u>Spring</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Fall</u> <u>2008</u>	
82%	81%	In your dorm
36%	52%	In academic buildings
30%	37%	Mather
31%	45%	Outdoor bins
31%	43%	Bins in the library/gym
10%	13%	Other

Would you recycle more often
if there were bins available?

Spring 2008: 82% Yes
Fall 2008: 75% Yes

Would you be willing to pay \$75 on your tuition
bill if it meant the College could purchase
renewable energy, such as solar and wind power?

69% Yes

If the College instituted a bike-sharing program
on campus, would you be to use it?

39% Yes

TRIPOD:

How often do you read the Tripod?

	Spring 08	Fall 08
Every week	16%	26%
Almost every week	27%	27%
Once a month	20%	20%
Very rarely	24%	21%
Never	12%	6%

What sections do you read? (Check all that apply)

<u>Spring</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Fall</u> <u>2008</u>	
65%	71%	News
56%	64%	Opinions
54%	62%	Features
49%	57%	Editorials
42%	48%	Sports
31%	32%	Arts

Do you feel the Tripod adequately reflects the opinions of the student body?

<u>Spring</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Fall</u> <u>2008</u>	
18%	21%	Yes
26%	21%	No
51%	54%	Maybe

How well does the Tripod inform the student body about the various issues on campus?

	<u>Spring 08</u>	<u>Fall 08</u>
Horribly	3%	2%
Poorly	11%	8%
Adequately	43%	50%
Well	27%	27%
Very well	5%	7%
NA	11%	6%
Total	100%	100%

TRINITY COLLEGE ACTIVITIES COUNCIL

Rate TCAC events and programs on a scale from 1-10.

	<u>% Attended</u>	<u>Mean rating</u>
TCAC: Fall Concert	68%	5.6
TCAC: Spring Weekend	71%	7.5
TCAC: 80s	79%	7.3
TCAC: Welcome Back Dance	76%	7.5

<u>On a scale of 1 to 10...</u>	<u>Mean</u>
How well planned do you find TCAC events?	7.0
The inclusion of Spring Weekend in the Trinity Spring semester?	8.5
Satisfaction with Spring Weekend?	7.4

SHUTTLES AND OFF-CAMPUS TRIPS:

When campus safety offers shuttles to and from the train station on special occasions, do you take advantage of this opportunity?

Spring 08: 31% Yes
Fall 08: 39% Yes

Based on the activities you are likely to use a shuttle for which hours would you prefer a shuttle to run?

Spr08	Fall08	
28%	45%	9pm-3am
27%	23%	8pm-2am
12%	16%	6pm-12am
16%	9%	7pm-1am
17%	7%	Other

Would you like to see increased hours/range of operations for the off-campus shuttle?

74% Yes

How often do you get off-campus?

Never	1%
Rarely	11%
Occasionally	40%
Fairly often	26%
Often	23%
Total	100%

How often do you go into Hartford?

Never	4%
Rarely	26%
Sometimes	39%
Often	25%
Always	6%
Total	100%

Would you use subsidized Taxi-vouchers as a means of getting off-campus?

73% Yes

How do you get into and around Hartford?

63%	Personal or Friend's Car
15%	Bus
9%	Cab
5%	By foot
1%	Other
1%	Zipcar
5%	NA
100%	Total

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

In your eyes, how much has the SGA improved from last year to this year?

	Spring 2008	Fall 2008
A great deal	8%	7%
A little bit	35%	46%
None at all	30%	21%
NA/DK	26%	23%
It has gotten worse	1%	2%
It has gotten much worse	--	1%
Total	100%	100%

Rate the effectiveness of the SGA on a scale from 1-10.

Spring 08: 5.6
Fall 08: 6.1

Have you used the SGA Web site? 19% Yes

Do you know who is on the SGA? 58% Yes

Do you understand the operating procedure of the SGA? 36% Yes

CABLE TV

How often to you use the cable service in your room?

	Spr08	Fall08	
53%	48%	Daily	
23%	26%	Seldom/Never	

If your residence hall had a TV in its common room, would you be likely to use that over a personal TV?

Spr08: 20% Yes
Fall08: 20% Yes

Do you use your common room television? Spr08: 24% Yes
Fall08: 34% Yes

If students, on an individual basis, paid for cable, would order it? Spr08: 25% Yes
Fall08: 26% Yes

Do you think SGA should continue to provide for cable? Spr08: 82% Yes
Fall08: 85% Yes

In your mind, do you categorize cable as an official Student Activity," to be recognized alongside the typical clubs, organizations, and other social activities that are typically labeled as such? Spr08: 45% Yes
Fall08: 49% Yes

Do you think that cable should be provided to all students free or charge? Spr08: 75% Yes
Fall08: 81% Yes

How often do you watch ESPN?

Every day 26%
Never 32%
Often 23%
Seldom 20%
Total 100%

On a scale of 1 to 10, how important would you rank the inclusion of ESPN in our cable package? Mean: 6.5

INFORMATION

How often do you read global emails from the SGA President?

	<u>Spr08</u>	<u>Fall08</u>
Almost never	16%	9%
Very rarely	20%	9%
Sometimes	23%	26%
Almost every time	25%	30%
Every time	13%	20%
Total	100%	100%

How would you describe global e-mails?

Informational	47%
Somewhat informational	32%
Very informational	9%
Waste of time	13%
Total	100%

How do you usually hear about events on campus? (Check all that apply)

Spr08	Fall08	
87%	93%	Word of Mouth
68%	73%	Facebook
64%	63%	Flyers
48%	49%	Trinity Exchange
23%	28%	Tripod
7%	12%	Other

How would you rank Trinity's Internet access on a scale of 1 to 10?

Mean: 6.5

On a scale of 1 to 10, please rate your dorm's bathrooms and laundry rooms. Mean: 5.7

Do you think that common hour is a productive use of scheduling time?

- 39% No
- 26% Yes
- 35% Yes, but make Tuesday's schedule the same as Thursday

Do you think students should be able to enter dorms and other buildings such as the Ferris Athletic Center by simply using their Personal Access Code?

77% Yes

If you have not registered to become a Zipcar member, why not?

want them by mather & always booked

usually borrow the car of a friend

Two of my roommates have cars and the few times I can't borrow their cars it doesn't seem worth the cost of renting the zipcars here.

too pricy

Too much money.

too much money

Too expensive

Too expensive

Too expensive

Too expensive

too expensive

too expensive

too expensive

too expensive

too complicated

there are not very many available

The card has to be sent to my home address because that is my billing address. I am planning on signing up over break.

the annual fee

Roommates have cats

roommate has a car

Room mates have cars. Rarely go off campus.

Pricey

Plenty of my friends have cars i can use.

own car

not necessary

Not interested

Not economical for me, when I go somewhere I typically spend the night.

Not cost effective for quick trips to CVS, grocery store

not convenient

Not 21 yet.

nope, dont have a license yet

no. I currently don't have a valid license.

no. have a car.

no, too expensive, easier to borrow a friends car...

No, I know many people with cars.

No, I have a lot of friends with cars on campus.

No, I have a car on campus.

No, I do not have a license.

no, haven't needed it yet

No, because I have my own car on campus.

no reason

No need; I do not travel off-campus except when I go home.

No need for a car here

No need

No need

no need

no need
no money
no liscense
no license
no idea what that is
No I have my own car.
no driver's license
no do not want 2
no difficulty securing transportation otherwise
no because its overpriced
NO
no-don't need a car
Never got around to it.
my roommates have cars
My roommate has a car.
My roommate has a car on campus.
My roommate has a car
my roommate has a car
my friends have cars
My friend has one and I have other friends with cars on campus
my friend's have cars
Money, dont have a liscence
money and won't use often
its too expensive and hard to make an appointment
its expensive, and the cars are always being used, there needs to be more cars
its expensive
Its easier to borrow a car from my friend.
it is way to expensive. it's easier to ride the bus or take a cab.
It is a little of a hassle
It doesn't take credit cards that are not in your name and I don't have my own. It should take
credit cards under someone elses name.
insurance reasons and availability of simply two cars
insurance purposes
If I had the money, I would be a member. I'm cheap.
I wouldn't use it. I walk, jog, or take the bus everywhere.
I wouldn't use it enough.
I would like to, I just haven't gotten around to it yet.
I was going to, but I have a friend with a car.
I want to, but I keep forgetting to.
I think that the hourly prcie is too expensive. I also think that you need more of them on campus.
i really have not heard anything about it other than the name and i would not know how to go
about registering.
I own a truck
I own a car
I own a car
I nave not had a need for a car so far.
I live very close to home and have friends with cars I could borrow if necessary
i live very close to home and can get access to a car if need be.
I live close to home and therefore it isn't too useful
I just haven't had the time yet. I'll do it eventually.
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I have a car
I hate driving
I drive my friends' cars
i dont need to leave
I dont have license
I dont feel it is necessary
I don't travel that much outside campus, and when I do go somewhere the UPass comes in handy.
i don't think that there will be a car ready for me when i need it
I don't think I would use it enough.
i don't see the need
I don't really need a car. My friends can take me wherever I need to go.
I don't need to.
I don't need it
i don't have enough money
I don't have a license.
I don't have a license.
I don't have a license.
I don't have a license
I don't have a license
I don't have a drivers license nor the money.
I don't have a driver's license.
I don't go off campus much, and when I do, I go with my friend who has a car.
I don't Feel the need to because my friends have cars here.
I don't drive.
I don't drive.
I don't drive
i don't drive
I don't
I do not want extra avoidable expenses

I do not need to use it yet.
i do not need it
I do not have a use for a zip car, I live close by
I do not have a license.
I do not have a license
I do not have a license
I do not drive
I did not register because I did not think I would use the Zipcar and I did not want to pay the fee.
I cant drive
I cannot drive yet.
I can use other forms of transportation
I can use my friends cars and that is easier.
I can't drive.
I borrow friend's cars
I believe there is a fee, and I don't want to pay for use of the car, if I may not use it all the time.
And the insurance seems a little complicated
I am not eligible.
i already have a car
Heard that the car is usually unavailable due to popularity
haven't thought about it
Haven't needed to use one
haven't had the need to use the car
Haven't had the need for a car yet
haven't gotten around to it
Have own car
Have not had my license for a full year yet (curse of the international student)
Have my own car on campus
Have my own car
have my own car
have my own car
have car
have car
have a car on campus
Have a car
have a car
have a car
Get rides with friends who have cars
Friends have cars
Expensive
Expensive
Dont need it
dont need a car
dont have a license
Don't really see the point, the public transportation works for all my needs
don't need to drive with bus passes
Don't need to
Don't need a drive
Don't need a car.
Don't have the time.
Don't have any desire too
Don't have a drivers' license

Don't feel the need to register.

Don't feel the need to

Do not have a driver's license

Did not need it as much as I thought I would.

Costs too much

Cost too much, \$65 a day is too much for me to pay

Cost

Because I have a car

Because my roommates have cars.

Because it's a bit too expensive. Particularly the hourly rate.

Because I live close enough to school and my parents can easily get me within a hour and a half.

Because I have a car on campus

Because I have a car here

Because I have a car

Because I have a car

Because I didn't think I would need it.

Because I can borrow someone's car

Because I'm lazy

Already member

already have car

(1) I don't need it. (2) I need to sign up in advance, which ruins the point of having the convenience of a car to me.

What brings you to Hartford?

a lot of stuff, bars, schools, food, etc.
Addiction to Red Bull
Art Classes
Art museum, train station, and restaurants
Bank of America, My Job, My Crack-Cocaine Addiction
Barnes and Noble, Whole Foods, Elizabeth Gardens, entertainment mostly
bars
Bars
Bars and shopping.
bars, movies, shopping
Bars, restaurants
Bars/Restaurants
Basic services
Bushnell, dining, wadsworth, train station
Car
Church, Movie, Plays, Reading
coffee, dinner, barnes and noble
College
Crew
Cultural events, restaurants, shops, sightseeing, visiting family
dining out
Dining out. Shopping. Train Station.
dining, going out to bars, shopping
dinner
Dinner
Dinner
Dinner at restaurants
Dinner, CVS, Shopping
Dinner, errands, entertainment
Dinner, movies, hockey games
dinner, movies. events
Dinner, picking people up from the train station, Pharmacy
dinner, shopping, recreation, etc
Dinner; more often to West Hartford
Dunkin Donuts, gas, and the mall
Duties I have to do.
Early Decision II
eat and drink
eating off campus, going to cvs
Eating out, church, shopping, internship, volunteering at a local school
Eating out, shopping, plays, class field trips
education
errands
Errands, restaurants, bars
food
Food
food and groceries
food and shopping
Food and shopping.

Food or Parents

food shopping, general errands, going out to eat

food!

food, drinks, events

Food, Friends

Food, mall

food, personal shopping, entertainment

food, shopping

Food, shopping for things at cheaper-than-bookstore prices

food, shopping,

Food, shopping, hanging out

food, shopping, the movies, etc

Food, theater

food.

Food/activities

food/shopping

friends or brother

Friends, Restaurants, Movies

Gas Station, CVS, the bus to the Mall, Movie Theater, Food

Getting off campus

getting supplies

Go out to dinner, go to a bar

going out to dinner

Going out to dinner

Going out to dinner and bars downtown.

going out to dinner, and bars

Going out to dinner, shopping

going out to eat

Good food, shopping, entertainment

Government Buildings, Restaurants and Replenishing Supplies

Groceries, art events, restaurants

Groceries, food, westlake mall, change of environment

groceries, shopping

Groceries.

grocery, movies, mall

Hair Care, Restaurants, Work,

Haircuts, shopping, food, etc.

i'm hungry because chartwells has awful food. I want to go to Hartford more, but the taxis here are weirdly expensive. To and from whole foods is 40 dollars

I am only in Hartford because I go to Trinity.

I am originally from Hartford. Although I live on campus, I stop by my house every once and a while.

I go into Westhartford to go out to dinner or ice cream.

I go running, and if someone has a car to target/walmart/wallgreens

I go to Hartford mainly because I need to buy personal things and sometimes I go to Union Station to get a bus.

I go to school here.

I live here.

I live in CT

I live off-campus in downtown Hartford

I live off campus, so I live in Hartford, so I'm always going.

I try to get off campus to explore,
I work at Travelers, so I am in downtown Hartford at least twice a week. I drive myself. And I occasionally go out in Hartford, and I take a cab.
Internship, Restaurants, Entertainment
Internships, eating, community service, library, shopping
Just to get off campus and have a nice dinner with my mates
Lived in Hartford 18 years of my life. No point in leaving now.
mainly dinner places.
mall
Mall
mall, restaraunts
Mall, Restaurants
Mall, shopping at other stores, restuarants, downtown
Mall, Wal-Mart, Supermarket, Nail Salon
Meals, shopping, classes
Movies
movies, restaurants, bushnell, my research, mall
movies, shopping
Movies, Shopping, Food, etc.
Nail Salon, Shopping, Hair Salon
Necessities, Restaurants
Necessity
Night life, food shopping
opportunities, food, shopping
pledging
Purchasing food that tastes good and necessary items for my room.
Random activities / shopping for food or other necessities.
recreational activities
Restaraunts, buying stuff
Restaurant, Movies, Plays and food shopping
restaurants
Restaurants
restaurants and movies
restaurants is the only reason i go into downtown
restaurants, bars
Restaurants, bars
restaurants, bars, and shows
Restaurants, bars, etc
restaurants, bars, shows
restaurants, concerts, museums
restaurants, concerts, shopping
restaurants, movies
Restaurants, Movies
Restaurants, movies, shows
Restaurants, museums and train station
Restaurants, museums, shows at the Hartford Stage or the Bushnell, shopping
Restaurants, parks, friends' houses
restaurants, shopping
Restaurants, shopping
Restaurants, Shopping
Restaurants, Shopping, Bars

Restaurants, Shopping, Cultural Events
restaurants, shopping, going out
restaurants, shopping, the gym, bars, class trips etc.
Restaurants, Starbucks, and when my parents are staying at a hotel there
Restaurants, Stores, Groceries
Restaurants, the Wadsworth
Restaurants.
restaurants/ shopping
restaurants/bars
resteraunts and bars
resteraunts, the bushnell, walking around
Restraunts
Restuarant, the Mall, Rite Aid, Art Supplies
resturants
School
Shooping, Dining
shopping
Shopping
Shopping (mall, target, wal-mart), Dinner, Bars
shopping at wal-mart or the mall
shopping for groceries and necessities and going out to eat
shopping, eating
shopping, errands
shopping, food
Shopping, Food
Shopping, Food, movies, etc.
Shopping, going out to dinner
shopping, movies
Shopping, movies
shopping, restaurants, movies
shopping...west hartford
Shopping/Meals
Shops, culture, music, food!
shows, occasionally bar
shuttle or car
Snacks
Sometimes i go to Westfarms, and thats about it.
Supermarket/getting bored
tanning, mall
taxi
The bank, the mall, museums, restaurants, etc.
The Bus/Train Station.
The city environment and the large variety of stores and other places that are all nearby.
the library, the museum, bushnell park, coffee shops, park st. resturants, etc.
The Mall
the mall, Walmart
The restaurants and STARBUCKS!!
The school.
The various restaurants and the other stores in Hartford.
Theater
To buy things that I might need like soap, etc.

Tobacco products mostly. Also, toiletries, laundry supplies, and snacks/drinks because these items are ridiculously overpriced on campus.

train station, shopping

Trinity

Trinity College

Usually a place to eat, not too many other reasons.

usually dining

Usually food, the bank, or needed to get a prescription filled.

Usually Wal-Mart or the bus station

wadsworth atheneum, exploring hartford in general

walgreen and bank of america

Walmart, Mall, Restaurants

West Hartford

Westfarms mall

Westfarms Mall

Westfarms Mall, Restaurants

whole foods

work

Work

work, restaurants, bars

In your opinion, what was the best SGA action in the past year?

Aletring cable television costs.
Bringing back the campus shuttle system
Cable
Cable issue
Campus Safety petition
Campus Shuttle Bus
campus shuttle, i dont know what else they have done
campus shuttles
Campus Shuttles
Can't recall
Can't remember.
Can't say, I'm a freshman
Creating a separate committee handling budget requests for parties and festivities
Disbanding TCAC they take up a lot of money and don't do much because no one really attends their events besides Spring Weekend and 80's
do not know
Don't recall any
dont know
dont know, i am a freshman although I did like that SGA members attended the Town Hall meeting on race
electing dan hoyle as class of 2009 president for the 4th yr
Expanding the library 24 hour zones. Campus Climate Committee
extended library hours, shuttles not sure what else has been done.
extending the 24 hr zone
First year student.
flying monkeys with lasers for all students. that would be awesome.
funding the equestrian team
Getting locks on the Jarvis bedroom doors.
getting zip cars
Getting ZipCars, disbanding TCAC was the WORST action in the past year
Girl talk was great in theory
GPS in shuttles. WONDERFUL
GPS on shuttles is a great idea (even though you can't get it working properly)
GPS on shuttles, though it does not always work
have no opinion
Hopefully it will be getting air conditioning in the gym
i'm a freshman
I'm a freshman so I don't know much, but the shuttles are great.
I've only been here 2 months, so I'm not sure
I am a freshman, so cannot compare this years actions to last years. However, thus far the SGA has done a great job representing student interests on campus/
I am a freshman.
I am not sure of any actions thus far.
I cannot answer this question, as I have no opinion.
I don't even know what the SGA does.
I don't even know what they've done
i don't know
I don't know
I don't know anything that they have done

I don't know what they've done
I don't know, I'm a freshman
i don't know; i'm a freshman
I dont know a single thing sga has done in the past year
I honestly have not followed the SGA due to a lack of interest. I don't ever hear about it from others which usually means it isn't doing anything important.
i know they've done stuff, but i honestly have no idea what
i like nathan i think he is a good guy but he is the only one i know on sga and i havent really paid attention to anything that has been going on this year, if anything
I really don't know what they've done
I wasn't here last year so I have nothing to compare it to
im a freshman
improvement in shuttle service
Improving (and bringing back) the drunk bus.
Increase in 24 hour zones in the library.
Increasing the 24hr zones
Introducing ZIpcars
keep cable tv provided
n/a
N/A
N/A
NA
NA
NA
new shuttle system
no clue...
no idea
no idea
no idea
No Idea
no opinion
not sure
not sure they were all good
nothing
Nothing at all.
Nothing comes to mind
Nothing really.
Probably creating the new TCAC
Replacing the TCAC
Responding promptly to a complaint I had about it operation
shuttle
shuttle GPS
shuttle service
shuttle service
shuttle, re-newing the cable, the byob bottles
Sponsoring all the events on campus
Still waiting on them to fulfill the quasi-promise of subsidizing Cinestudio tickets
Suggesting a shuttle to the airport!!!!
T-SOAR
T-SOAR
T-SOAR

t-soar rally

The campus safety overhaul.

The campus shuttle.

the drunk bus

the expanded 24hr zone

the improvement of campus safety, but more could be done

The Rally

The shuttle bus

The shuttle system.

The student organized response to the racist message on TrinTalk was quick and decisive

The T-Soar rally email

the talk about the racism on campus-i think that was SGA

The zip cars

There are many, I guess: pushing campus safety to revamp its operations

This is my first year

thursday/friday shuttles downtown

Was not enrolled last year

Wasn't here last year.

What action?

What did they do again?

zip cars

Zip Cars

Zip cars.

zipcar

zipcar

Zipcars

Zipcars

GENERAL COMMENTS

~Make 21 section during Spring Weekend right up against the stage again

By personal access code I assume you mean simply putting in your code instead of swiping your card and putting in your code.

Chartwells gets away with serving low quality, low variety foods because every dining area on campus is owned by them. Not only do they get away with bad service, they also get away with worsening service. There's less variety (it's hamburgers, pasta bar and omelet bar every day and no more chicken wings) than before. Now people can't take chicken, the staple food of all athletes, from the stir fry bar. Now you can't turn up the stir fry power above half of what it can do. Chartwells food has been bad since Mather's reconstruction and their service has gotten worse and I have no doubt the trend will continue.

During the week campus safety should answer requests for rides across campus. Having the shuttle run a route where there is no one waiting is a waste, and those who need rides are not able to get them because it takes too long, and the driver doesn't know where there are students waiting. Especially when it's cold outside, the dispatcher should be telling the drivers where to go because it's difficult to wait outside for a bus that you are not sure is going to come. During the weekends, fri-sat, more students are sporadically out and about campus and there is a higher demand for rides. The big buses running the route work better in this case.

For my answers about the food service, I would like to stress that a big problem with Mather is wild fluctuation in quality. Some nights it rocks, and some nights there is nothing and the broccoli appears to be rotting.

I have an issue with cable. Comcast's service is horrible.

I live in an off-campus apartment, so some of these questions no longer apply to me, but I can respond based on my previous experience in dorms.

I live off campus and do not have access to many of these things. I do not have a meal plan, because they do not cater to my dietary needs (vegan) even though the tour guides consistently lie about this to prospective students. Trinity promotes an unhealthy and disruptive style of living. ALL Chartwell's food that is at all 'healthy' is disgustingly overpriced....the amount of money that they steal from students every day is despicable. I appreciate the new options, but they are only available to rich Trinity students that can afford to spend 9 dollars for crap that is unseasoned, and undercooked.

Improved reliability of internet needed on North Side of campus because it doesn't work sometimes.

Just to be clear

Just to touch again on the internet, it is really awful. The download speed is decent, but uploads are ungodly slow. The ""Guest"" wireless network is poorly configured as it frequently drops signal refusing access to some of Trinity's servers, though the same servers are accessible from an outside internet connection. "

Make the shuttle run longer - anyone going to Psi U, AD, The Hall or out in general usually goes out past 3 am and if the shuttle only runs until 3 am, then a lot of these people have to walk home anyway, which defeats the purpose of the shuttle.

Open Ferris longer on Saturdays, Definitely keep cable and implement personal access code for Ferris.

Pricing at the cave is absurd, it costs \$4-\$5 for a tiny container of candy, trail mix etc that should really cost at most \$2, also the price of water is ridiculous. I'm glad we are trying to get rid of water bottles, but they are necessary and we shouldn't have to pay \$2 for water.

SGA oversteps, especially in the case of disbanding TCAC. They don't fully represent the student body and most of its members are spread too thin and do too many activities to do a good job.

Since I live far away from home and there is no direct bus that goes to the bus station in Hartford, I think that it would be very useful if the bus that drove there for those who need it be on a more regular basis.

The campus police officers (not the shuttles) need to be more willing to provide rides to students.

The concrete jungle needs to be UPGRADED BIG TIME!!!!!!!!!!!!

The handling of the Trintalk posting was atrocious. The fact that anyone could write something so inflammatory and irresponsible and not be punished severely is baffling. Especially in light of the recent racist incident where the global e-mail had a qualifier on it that said something to the effect of ""this did not appear to have the intent of igniting discussion..."" So pretty much, I can be as racist and irresponsible as I want as long as it is with the purpose of galvanizing conversation? Good to know."

There is no common social space open 24-hours on campus.

There is nothing on campus that particularly sticks out to me as great or amazing. However, I can't think of anything that really sticks out as bad or terrible. I do think that wireless networks for every dorm would be very helpful if that is at all possible, I know it is being partially implemented now in Jarvis. I also think that for Jarvis, everything looks great, the new mattresses are much more comfortable and quiet than the one I sleep on in Smith. My only problem with Jarvis is the ridiculous shower shape. I have showered in one and I am a pretty big guy. There is absolutely no space. It could be improved by having solid sides with a latching door (blurred glass like many stand up showers) instead of the curtains which invade the showering space and stick to your body.

Wireless campus!

Wireless doesn't always come in.

wireless internet access in the library is shoddy at best--i often need to carry my ethernet cord with me to get service.

~Bar on campus!"

1=worst

10=best"

A shuttle to area bars would also eliminate drunk driving and help students to support local businesses. "

Al-Jazeera channel in ENGLISH not arabic. It makes no sense to have it in arabic since almost noone can understand it on campus! "

Also, I live in Jones and the common room TV is terrible. There are no longer any buttons and it is very hard to change channels. I believe for this reason that the common room is not used as much. "

Also, the drivers should be paying attention to students on the sidewalk who look like they are waiting for a ride. Many buses have flown past me without stopping because I havent reached the ""bus stop"" yet. ECSPECIALLY if the student looks like they are flagging down the car, they are not just waving for fun...

Also, variety of food doesn't mean more exotic and experimentation with food, it just means more ""regular"" food. Students aren't looking for gourmet foods with spices and sauces - they just want their vegetables steamed and meat that hasn't been covered in sauces, etc. Coyote Jack's in the Cave should also have chicken tenders and mozzarella sticks like it did freshman year."

as a senior i have lived in several dormitories and am familiar with the laundry services they offer. I have been constantly surprised, however, that the larger dorms often have smaller laundry rooms than lower-capacity buildings. For example, Hansen has one laundry room with three working washing machines and two working dryers (one has been broken all year, no signs of repair yet...) while North has two laundry rooms each with several washer/dryers. What gives?"

Being able to go into Mather any time during operational hours (aka as much as you want) would be very nice. The University of Rhode Island currently has this procedure in place.

Bring the campus to the 21st century and make it wireless.

Chartwells is WAY overpriced, although the staff is very friendly and helpful.

Consistency in warm bath water in Concrete Jungle, ESPECIALLY in Jackson 3rd floor.

ESPN is imporant because I need it to watch monday night football. Also I wanted to say something about the bar. It's a bad idea. I'm a trinity student who parties a lot and I find that I do this because from the second I got here many of my professors did not fully trust the students in their classes. This campus isn't intellectual. This doesn't stem from the frats, but from a general sense of apathy. if anything frats give people something not to be apathetic about. Before I came here I read the newspaper everyday, I really cared about what I was learning, and I was excited to go to college because I felt that I would finally get to learn things on a deeper level. When professors assume that half the student body does coke it makes me feel like I'm not being trusted before this person even knows me. Not all professors do this, but if Trinity had more faith in its students and offered more interesting academic opportunities this school would be an amazing place. I want to be involved on campus, but i don't even know where to begin. Yes I do outside activities, but every now and then I think about it and I remember I am in college to before

anything else get an education. That money for the bar should be spent on making this campus a more intellectual place. Even just putting the New York Times in more places around campus would make a difference.

first year student and i really like what i have witnessed so far

get more washers and dryers

Get rid of common hour. It forces students and faculty to start their days much earlier than they should for an arbitrary time block.

Grilled cheese in the cave. They have the cheese, they have the bread. Please add it to the menu.

how about getting an email from the post office when we receive a package??

I am in a fraternity, so I haven't eaten in Mather or the Cave in two + years.

I am not a fan of the 3 meals a day restriction."

I believe the food and gym have the most to be improved upon. If you are going to put money into anything, put it into food variety and the gym.

I believe the gym should be open till late, much late...As in instead of closing at 9:45PM, the gym should stay open till 11:30 as it is in many other schools.

I couldn't answer most of these questions since I live off campus and am off the meal plan....

I do however appreciate being able to use my code to get into my own dormitory. The card readers do not always work effectively and it is aggravating to have to walk to another entrance because one of the card readers isn't working. For dorms, it may be beneficial to have the codes of the residences of that building entered. But, in no situation should everyone's code work for a building due to the ease of randomly guessing one of those codes."

I do not live on campus so my answers should not really be taken into account for those questions...

I do not live on campus, therefore, this survey does not apply to me

I don't have a common room in my dorm and this would be a great addition to dorm life

I don't live on campus so some of these questions were irrelevant for me

I don't think students should have to pay for printing. I know it's a small expense, but something like printing one sheet of paper should not have to cost you.

I feel this is not a good plan at all. There are 2000+ students on this campus with 2000+ codes. With over 2000 codes and only 5 buttons, it would not be very hard for someone to guess one of those 2000 codes for the Athletic center.

I find it very annoying that places like Peter B's and the Underground close at 12. The same goes for Mather. Most of the student body is up past that point, and sometimes we need to get food or other things from Mather. If later hours for Mather are not reasonable, please at least allow card

access to the bank of america cash machine. It is very frustrating attempting to order pizza and finding one doesn't have enough money at 2 in the morning. I also feel that too much emphasis is placed on driving from place to place. In order to have a greener campus, bike rentals would be nice, but rather useless in the winter. The subsidized taxi voucher idea mentioned above is a brilliant one. I use hartford public transportation, and find it most unreliable. The buses only come once a half hour to an hour, the schedules are incorrect, and most of the buses simply don't run past 10 at night. This is dangerous if one is out past ten, and has no money for a cab. our parents are not here in case of an emergency, so i feel the college should provide some sort of backup plan for those of us who are not blessed with a car. Also, when a commute that is 5 minutes by car becomes over an hour by bus, it keeps many, many students from leaving campus.

I just think that Mather Hall generally needs much more variety of food. I would also like to see more events happen on campus because I am tired of people having fun simply by getting drunk on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. There needs to be more to do on those nights.

i live off campus and had to purchase my own internet...i am right across the street and don't feel as though i should have to pay for wireless that could be accessed if trinity had a stronger signal and a password available.

i think news channels should be provided for students...though this can not be attached to the tuition bill...what about students that live off campus?

I think that the food on campus needs serious work. I think that if we are FORCED to pay for a meal plan, we should atleast recieve higher quality food. While there seems to be enough options, considering the small campus, all of the food is low quality, over processed and cheap (and almost always overly doused in Pam). Why are there no nutrition labels on anything? I feel sick after I eat pretty much anything that has been cooked by chartwells, and all the other options (pre packaged food) are WAY overpriced. As a vegetarian, I do feel that there are enough options, and really appreciate the inclusion of the Amy's frozen food in the cave (again, overpriced), but there could be more options. Specifically, I think they should put the salad bar back in the cave. What most of my complaints with Chartwells comes down to, however, is the quality. I would not mind paying the prices we do if we were atleast given fresh, healthy options (I know organic is pushing it, but it would still be nice). The number of times I have bought rotten milk from the cave is disgraceful. I should not have to constantly be checking the sell by dates on the food I am purchasing, and I certainly should not be limited to the subpar salad bars for every meal because it's the only thing I can find where I actually know the ingredients.

I think that there should be a shuttle service to Sidewalk Bar on Tuesday nights from 10pm-1am. Hundreds of students go there every week and many are tempted to drive under the influence. Drink driving is a serious issue and it could be prevented through a shuttle service. The shuttle would definitely be used by a vast number of people and it would be worth the college's while to invest in a measure that could prevent a serious accident, especially now since there is not a bar near campus. I think a shuttle like this is a necessity because cabs are few and far to come by, and frankly the majority of people dislike waiting for them because they rarely show up on time.

I think the common hour is a waste of time. The bathroom on my floor has three toilets two of which are constantly breaking. The laundry rooms are terrible. The machines never fully dry clothing and are too small. Also three machines (one of which is broken) for well over 150 students is absurd. I have not yet had a positive experience doing laundry this year.

I think the pub project should continue- many students would use it and it would be a great and safe alternative. "

I think there should be a shuttle for kids who have internships because taxi's are \$10 and parking is \$8.

I think there should be wireless internet in the dorms

I tried to subscribe to an additional sports package. Comcast technicians came twice and both times they couldn't fix anything and said that the ""cables are too old"". This excuse is a load of crap because I know for a fact that some of my friends who live in Summit did actually get access to these additional channels. I contacted the director of student activities who in turn contacted the Trinity representative for Comcast. This guy called me once and promised that the problem will be fixed but to this date nothing has been done. Nobody seems to know why some dorms get these channels and some don't."

I wish there was better transportation to and from the airport during the holidays that ran more frequently on the days leading up to the holiday, not just on the last day of school.

I would like to emphasize the idea that we should be able to access public buildings with our personal access codes.

i would like to see a shuttle into west hartford every so often to restaurants and shops etc.

If there's anything SGA does that I'd remember and appreciate on a day to day, actually, 3 hour to 3 hour basis, it's improving foodservice on campus. That something as fundamental as food quality hasn't been addressed while other issues like ""should cable be provided"" are given attention baffles me. "

I'm a freshman so I can't really comment on the Spring Weekend questions. Please keep cable free. Elton Hall doesn't even have a tv, and the one in Jones doesn't work well at all. Thanks for making surveys in the first place to hear what we have to say.

I'm sorry I was not able to respond to more of these items.

I'm vegetarian, which affects my opinion about the Chartwells variety.

Improvements in the wireless internet would be nice. As would opening the Bistro before 6 on sundays.

In regard to items presented in this survey, I find the food services to be grossly inadequate for the college. The shuttle system this year has been great. I would also support the bike-sharing system.

In terms of food, Mather is great, but could use a little more variety for breakfast... its a personal request but Id like to see bacon served every morning. The Bistro is great. The Cave is good but the majority of the food is served old. The hamburgers are disgusting after having been stored for hours in the bin, and pizzas are grose when they have been sitting out for hours. The bathrooms and laundry room are well maintained, but two of the showers dont work on my floor. The campus shuttle is excellent in theory but is hardly punctual. The average wait for the shuttle is about half an hour and usually involves calling back when the shuttle doesnt show up the first

time... or two. However, these are the only things I can see that need to be fixed. Everything else runs very smoothly.

In terms of the SGA, I think they make a good effort, but students on this campus are generally too apathetic about engaging in their school community, so there is only so much the SGA can do - and even if they do something noteworthy, hardly anybody is aware of the issue or the process behind it"

Include HBO in package! Also have the shuttle run during the day especially in the winter months. T

It would be nice if the cave and bistro were open until 1:00 or at least 12:30. The food at Mather is pretty gross and gets extremely repetitive. There is also a complete lack of variety with vegetables. Other than the salad bar, all there is is steamed broccoli that is either not completely cooked or finished.

Make internet access a lot better. It can replace cable tv completely.

Make trinity even greener!! more recycling and cleantech!!!!

Mather food is okay, however, it sucks when you can predict what is going to be served. The stations seem to be REALLY repetitive and they lack variety.

mather needs some serious renovations with their food quality and number of meals able to be used daily. i think that codes should be able to be used to get into ferris, but dorms make me nervous because there are so many codes out there that a non-trinity student might be able to guess a code and gain entrance.

no recycling, no betta

More interation between social classes

more variety of food please! im getting sick of sandwiches and wraps everyday

NEED A SHUTTLE TO BARS THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY!!!!

no thanks

Often have to wait 20mins for shuttle to come"

REPLACE THE TRIPOD. IT IS TERRIBLE

safety = big issue

Some of the questions I did not answer because I have not partaken in these events.

Something really need to be done on food in Mather````

Spring Weekend is gross because there are just drunk people everywhere!

spring weekend: it appalls me how much money is spent on this weekend....seriously, it is absurd...and for what? for students to get wasted...listen to awful music, and to unknowingly

promote a social scenario where violence and sexual assault are just necessary evils of fraternity life. i suppose that is another issue...but maybe you should include this on the next poll....fraternities are one of many problems and they need to be eradicated regardless of how many stupid, conservative alumni donate on their behalf. i refuse to participate in a culture that supports (actively or passively) rape and misogyny.

stop ripping students off with meals, let us use our codes on dorms, make this campus totally wireless and FAST, make spring weekend good, tripod needs alot of work

Students have enough personal costs, cable tv should not be one of them. Trinity should continue to provide cable tv to its students. There should also be more recycling bins around campus.

test

that's all for now! i'm sure most of the student body does not share these views...but maybe they would if the options were there....

The bathrooms are gross and you have to walk TOO far just to do laundry!

the bathrooms in dorms like little and frobb are disgusting and are in desperate need of renovation... i avoided showering because they are so foul.

the change in tues-thurs class times has given lazy students an excuse to show up late...

The common room in my dormroom has cable, but I live in a quad and only one of the individual bedrooms has cable. It would be nice to have cable in our individual rooms.

The gym is getting packed.

The health center should be open on sundays.

The implementation of an airport shuttle would be EXTREMELY beneficial for students who travel by airplane to get home for breaks. Although most of the students at Trinity live within 2 hours of the school, the fact that students who do not have to spend 50 dollars each way to get to the airport on top of paying for the airplane is extremely inconvenient. Many small schools have airport shuttle services--PLEASE IMPLEMENT!

The internet access sucks, this school lied we do not have wireless. It is ridiculous that I have to get wireless from the person who lives next door to me because Trinity does not have wireless in my dorm or at all really. TrinAIr is a piece of crap. It worked better when I lived at CCI then it does here and we rarely had internet access there. They need to create wireless internet access.

The internet reception in the Library seems to never work on my MacBook.

The Jarvis dormitories need a lot of changes. It is not fair to give students students a huge carpeted suite and expect them to provide their own cleaning supplies. I understand not wanting to let cleaning staff into the private rooms, but cleaning supplies should absolutely be provided. The students pay for room and board for a reason. I think that at least each section (A, B, C, ...) should have at least one vacuum available them.

The laundry room in Hanson is horrible. There has been a broken machine since the beginning of the year and nothing has been done about it, even after the RA talked to buildings and grounds.

The laundry rooms are always awful here and the machines are always broken. I hate having to spend money on things that don't work properly. I also think that the food on this campus, although it has improved, can barely be called edible.

The library exit gate should have a release button so the front desk workers can only let visitors in who have proper identification and signed in. It is not a student entrance."

the library wireless sucks

the sga is a problem in and of itself...it's a way for students to feel like they can not be involved in their school... because they don't want to put a suit and tie on and make obnoxious speeches that i can hear from uppity politicians on cnn. they divide the campus into leaders and followers...this is a problem.

the shuttle also is very inconsistent and i find myself giving up after 20 mins and walking when it is not safe for me to do so."

The shuttle is getting better, however I always see it sitting on Vernon street, with no driver. usually both of the shuttles are there. I find it difficult to use it especially between 1030-1130pm, I find they aren't ever really running and that is a key time to be traveling around campus.

The shuttle needs to be more frequent, especially later at night between the North side of campus and the library."

the tripod is a joke..especially the interviews with jimmy...maybe someone should ask him some real questions. if i need to get pissed off about something...i read the tripod.

The wireless internet in the library needs serious improvement. In this day and age it is absurd that I have to bring my own ethernet cord to the library of all places to ensure that I have reliable internet access.

There is no place to use the meal plan before 7:30AM and after midnight."

There needs to be weekend shuttles that can take you off campus to Walmart, Stop and Shop, or Westfarms Mall on a regular basis. It sucks to wait in the cold for 45mins while watching a campus safety vehicle drive by you! "

There should be a place to use a computer to print in Mather.

Those are the personal comments that stick out to me immediately."

We need better food and COUNTRY MUSIC FOR SPRING WEEKEND!!!!!!...Mather needs to do something about all the lines!!!! Dorms could use a touch up to be more presentable for recruits and visitors...they look like kind of a mess

we need WIRELESS INTERNET ACCESS.

what happened to the new washer and dryers we were promised at the beginning of the semester?

while i understand that SGA is an organization and the members of it are proud. I am offended that SGA money went into the purchase of hoodies for all of the members. I would appreciate the money i pay to not go towards the purchase of your apparel, but rather towards making trinity a better college. SGA members should be selfless enough as to either pay for their own hoodies, or to resist paying for their's with SGA money.

you have a typo in the cable providing question

you should have coin-operated laundry machines again....sometimes quarters are easier.