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## Summary information

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**Repository:** Trinity University Special Collections and Archives

**Title:** The Trinitonian

**ID:** UA08.001

**Date:** 1875-Ongoing (date of creation)

**Physical description:** 30 linear feet

**Dates of creation,  
revision and deletion:**

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

The Trinitonian (1900-present) is the weekly student-run newspaper of Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas. First published under the name Trinity Exponent (1888-1900), the periodical traces its history to 1888, when a number of campus literary societies banded together to launch a monthly magazine exhibiting student creative work in fiction, non-fiction, and poetry. At that time, such literary societies (and their related publications) afforded students a rare opportunity to express ideas and opinions outside of the classroom. In 1900 the Trinity Exponent was renamed the Trinitonian, and by 1915 it had evolved into a weekly newspaper that covered campus news and calendar information, as well as some local and world events. Currently, contributions to the Trinitonian are open to the university community, but staff is comprised primarily of Trinity students. The publication features campus news, political opinions, literary works and criticisms, and advertisements. Issues from 1891 through April 2018 have been digitized.

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## Scope and content

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This collection holds original issues of the Trinitonian from its first appearance as a monthly campus magazine in December 1900, through its present day circulation as the student-run newspaper of Trinity University. Five issues from 1888-1890 of its predecessor publication, the Trinity Exponent, are part of the collection, as are a small number of other early university periodicals. These titles include the Trinity University Advocate, Trinity Collegian, Trinity Herald, and Trinity Daily Optimist, and span the years of 1875-1915.

## Notes

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### Title notes

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### Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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## Access points

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- Newspapers (documentary form)
- Journalism (subject)
- College student newspapers and periodicals (subject)