### **HEADLINES**

- Talking more than ever with students. I'll do this by creating a **community engagement team** in the paper that will organise events and make it **easier than ever to get involved.**
- Taking our **sports coverage** up another notch and bringing our **society coverage** to the same level.
- Ensuring we continue to improve our service to students by holding the College accountable and running regular, collegewide surveys on important student issues.
- Making The University Times' **funding** an **absolute priority.**

#### IN OTHER NEWS

- Running writing competitions for secondary-school students.
- Adding a "Contribute" button to the paper's website, providing an additiona source of funding.
- Creating in-depth **audioreads** of some of the paper's best feature articles.
- Maintaining The University Times' focus on equality and diversity at all levels.

TO GET OUT AND

VOTE!

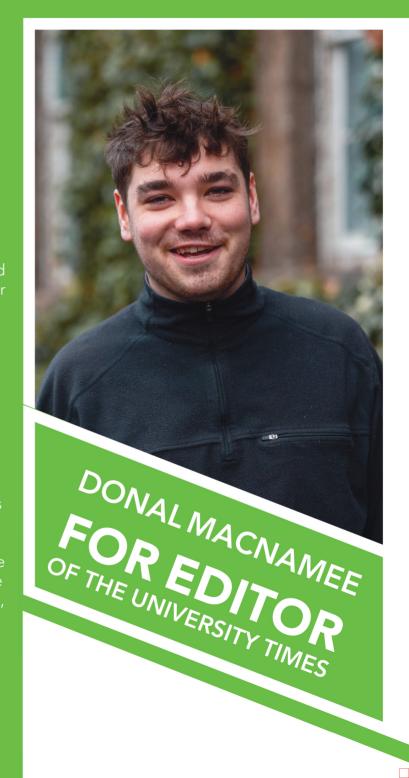


# **HELLO!**

I'm Donal MacNamee, a final-year English and History student from Limerick and the current Deputy Editor of The University Times. Having served the paper as a Senior Staff Writer, Sports Editor and now Deputy, I've led coverage on stories as diverse – and important – as Trinity's acquisition of the Iveagh sports grounds and the havoc caused by the implementation of the Christmas exams. I write for The University Times because I believe it plays a vital role in challenging those in positions of authority and ensuring that students have a voice. With your support, I'd love to take the helm and push this newspaper on to the next level.

# WHY DOES THE UNIVERSITY TIMES MATTER?

For me, it boils down to two simple points: we're a paper of record and we're a service to students. In an era of fake news and clickbait, real journalism – detailed sourcing, meticulous investigation, a constant emphasis on breaking important stories – is undeniably more important than it ever has been. At The University Times, we always try to match these standards. Our aim is to make sure that all the important decisions in Trinity are made public, so that students are not left in the dark about the issues that directly impact their lives. We serve the greater community with every story we publish, from exposing College wrongdoing or student exploitation to giving dedicated students the coverage that their work deserves.



# **MY STORIES**

- "Trinity's Tactics Impair Future of 90-Year-Old Club"
- "Women's Sports Clubs Shortchanged in Funding Decisions"
- "The Trinity Students No Longer Running Away from Mental Health"
- "New Academic Year Structure Causes 'Massive Stress' for Students"

#### **EXPERIENCE**

- •Deputy Editor (2018-19)
- •Member of the Editorial Board (2018-19)
- •Acting Assistant Editor (2018)
- •Sports Editor (2017-18)
- •Co-Host of Big Tackle, a weekly programme on Trinity FM (2016-19)



# **SPELLING IT OUT!**

# 1. Opening the Conversation

The University Times already plays a vital role in Trinity's community, but I want us to play an even bigger part in the College's social scene. If elected I will create a Community Engagement team as part of a broader managerial structure I'd like to introduce. The Community Engagement Editor will organise events throughout the year.

This Engagement team will also be responsible for organising a monthly public meeting run by myself and the paper's section editors. This will allow us to explain what we've been up to and why, as well as giving students the chance to offer feedback and suggestions.

#### 2. Upping our Sports Coverage

The University Times' coverage of Trinity's sports scene is unparalleled among college media. As a former Sports Editor, I have an intricate understanding of Trinity's sporting scene. I plan to install league tables, squad lists, and lists of fixtures and results on the paper's website.

# 3. Society Life

Trinity's societies, like its sports clubs, play a huge role in the College experiences of thousands of students. There's no reason why students involved in societies shouldn't receive exactly the same level of coverage as those involved in sport. This is something I'll be looking to address by significantly stepping up the scope and ambition of our society coverage.

### 4. Surveying the College

The University Times is uniquely placed to explore and investigate the things that matter to you. If elected I want to run College-wide surveys on issues like the accommodation crisis and the ongoing impact of the Trinity Education Project.

## 5. Making College Accountable

The University Times Editor exists – like the rest of the positions in the students' union – to serve the interests of students. For me, this involves working ceaselessly to ensure that the major decisions that College makes every day, with direct consequences for students, do not go unchallenged. My mission if I'm elected Editor is clear: make sure the College is made accountable to students.

#### 6. Funding

Nobody at The University Times is under any illusions about the importance of safeguarding our financial future. I am going to make securing funding for the paper an absolute priority. An internal working group in the paper is considering many options for ensuring the continued effectiveness of the paper's finances, and I'll be working hard with them to implement strategies that will improve our financial situation.

# **DON'T BE SHY, GET IN TOUCH!**

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