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Welcome Week sign outside of Byrnes Auditorium.

Winthrop Welcome Week

An overview of the university's annual celebration of its new and returning students

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Halpin leaves Winthrop

Former athletic director accepts new job at Purdue

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After five years at the helm of Winthrop Athletics, former athletic director Dr. Ken Halpin has departed Rock Hill and will serve as deputy athletic director and chief operating officer at Purdue University.

The announcement came in July, and Halpin has since begun his job with the Boilermakers, which he described as an opportunity he "couldn't say no to."

"It was going to have to be something really special to leave Winthrop," Halpin said. "If you look at what was presented at Purdue, it is not just a national but an internationally recognizable and leading brand in higher [education]."

"The status of the institution was very significant, and then the opportunity to be a deputy AD at a Power 5 institution, and to come and to truly get an opportunity to lead at the highest level in a deputy AD role was very significant."

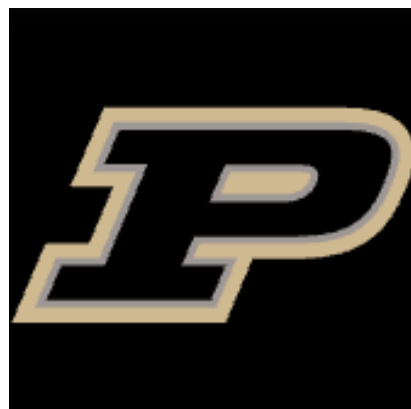
"And the opportunity to come and work under an athletics director (Mike Bobinski) who has successfully been an AD at almost literally every level... if you kind of couch all those three things together, it was really a spectacular new learning opportunity at a level that I think very few people get an opportunity to be a part of."

During his time at Winthrop, Halpin oversaw the hiring of many new head coaches, and he said that their success is one of the

things he is most proud of from his time in Rock Hill.

"We had new coaches in softball, lacrosse [and] volleyball, all who competed in a conference championship title opportunity within their first two years," Halpin said. "That was kind of a big part of it — maintaining and growing Winthrop's championship commitment and then with that, really establishing ourselves as leaders in a lot of key important areas including diversity and inclusion."

Halpin assured that this decision was a difficult one and that his choice to go to Purdue was in



Purdue University

no way based on a desire to leave Winthrop.

"We loved it there. We weren't running away from anything," Halpin said. "This was an opportunity that very few people in our industry get a chance at. If this opportunity became real, I was going to pursue it one hundred percent because of the opportunity, not because of anything that had to do with Rock Hill or Winthrop."

Halpin said that it is "the little

things" that he will miss the most about Winthrop and living in Rock Hill.

"It's meeting up with my friends and fellow community leaders at 7:30 a.m. at Knowledge Perk on a Tuesday to catch up and talk about all of the things that are coming to town and the different initiatives that people are pulling together... It's getting to see the kids that I got to help recruit to the Coliseum get a chance to get back and compete. It's the fans in the Coliseum losing their minds when the lights go out for the basketball intros. It's all of those things."

In conjunction with Halpin's departure, Hank Harrawood has been named interim athletic director. Harrawood previously served as Winthrop's deputy athletic director for intercollegiate activities.

"I learned a lot about patience from him (Halpin)," Harrawood said.



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Preparations for new president search begin

Presidential Search Advisory Group makes preparations to search for new president

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The Winthrop University Presidential Search Advisory Group has started gathering information to begin the search process for Winthrop's 12th president.

The Presidential Advisory Group helps guide the board of trustees in selecting the next president. While the vetting process and search has not yet started, the advisory group is gathering data to share with the board.

The advisory group is made up of 20 people, five of whom were automatic members. Those five members include the two co-chairs Dr. Gloria Jones (professor emeritus and Student Advocate) and Peter Moroni (Winthrop Foundation Board Chair), the Faculty Representative to the Board Dr. Jennifer Jordan, the Student Representative to the Board Erin Emiroglu (President of Council of Student Leaders) and the Staff Representative to the Board John Kroft.

The other 15 members have been split into five groups of three, consisting of faculty, staff, students, alums and the business community.

"The last time we met, everyone had a say, they had their time to speak. So the alumni were representing their interests and the community members were discussing their interest in being more connected to the university. ... I would say that the different groups are being represented very well by the search advisory group members," Kroft said.

Jones and Moroni's responsibilities have included gathering information from the five constituents. The three members representing the faculty will work to gather data from faculty about what they see as most important.

The advisory group will then use that data, collected from surveys and town hall meetings, to give members of those groups an opportunity to indicate what characteristics they believe are the most important for the president to have as well as the focus of the president.

Once the group is done gathering data, they will send it forward to the board of trustees who will interview candidates and make the final decision.

"Our group is to survey, have town hall meetings with the individual constituents, in other words, the people, the faculty, the staff, the students, the alums, and the community to see what characteristics and attributes we believe would be most important," Jones said.

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“We will share that information with the board of trustees and they will take that information and fold it into the list of characteristics or at least consider including it in the list of characteristics that they will finally post in the job application.”

“That has not occurred yet, because they’re gathering those data right now and working on those data.”

The first meeting for the Presidential Search Advisory Group was on Aug. 17. They have since started working on creating the job description and the campus community profile.

“Next month, they hope to have the vacancy notice made public and it’ll close on October 15. So in mid-to-late October, they should have some semi finalists, hopefully 10 of them in December, narrow it down to three finalists ... then in February, or March, they hope to have the new president

named,” Kroft said.

Jones said the advisory group is searching for a leader with “professional priorities” and “experience with students.”

Sophomore digital information design major Sydni Dingle thinks the next president should be student-oriented and be decisive.

“I think the qualities for our next president should be thoughtfulness and open-mindedness so they are able to make decisions based on what would benefit all students at Winthrop,” Dingle said. “They should value and listen to others’ opinions but still have the decisiveness and courage to make unpopular decisions when necessary.”

“I also believe that our next president should be innovative in order to face problems and come up with strategic solutions that will allow Winthrop to grow and be a leader among other universities across the nation.”



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Sign to the President’s house

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Let’s play Sudoku

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Safe zones to support LGBTQ

Diversity and Student Engagement Center implements Safe Zones for LGBTQ students on campus

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Faculty can now display a specific sticker in a visible spot to indicate a Safe Zone where students will not experience discrimination and can receive resources through a new program introduced in the spring of 2021 by the Diversity and Student Engagement Center.

“I think it’s a great thing that Winthrop has implemented this program,” said Morgan Alexander, a former Winthrop student and current video coordinator for the Winthrop women’s basketball team. “It’s such a breath of fresh air to know that there are safe spaces at Winthrop for everyone that comes to the college.”

According to the Diversity and Student Engagement Center webpage, the program “is designed to increase understanding of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender issues and to provide identified safe zones for everyone,” and to “educate the Winthrop community on issues and concerns of the LGBTQIA+ community and their allies, while fostering a supportive and accepting academic and personal atmosphere for all students, faculty, and staff.”

These Safe Zones can be identified by a sticker that is

displayed on a faculty member’s desk, door or other location with which the faculty member is comfortable. The sticker says “Winthrop University Safe Zone” and is encircled with the corresponding colors of the LGBTQ community.

Faculty who are interested in being an ally and having this sticker to display are required to attend a formal orientation where they will learn how to address situations involving the LGBTQIA+ community, while also raising awareness of “the stages of identity development in the community and how that development impacts behavior,” according to the Safe Zones webpage.

Jo Koster, professor of English and an LGBTQ ally, has gone through the Safe Zones training twice since it was first implemented 10 years ago and is in the process of getting the new Safe Zones sticker.

“I’m a big supporter of the Safe Zones program and hope that we will see many, many of these stickers across campus as we return to our in-person community,” Koster said. “It’s important to me to be the most effective ally I can be, and I want students to know that [my office] is a safe space for them.”

Those who participate in the orientation are expected to “speak out against violence and harassment, respect all people, to listen, and to sup-

ply resources to students,” according to the Safe Zones webpage. Faculty should also be prepared for students to be less self-censored as they may feel more comfortable knowing they will not experience discrimination or judgment.

“I have a sticker on my door and love the movement,” Dr. Casey Cothran, chair of the English department, said.

Students and faculty can find information on the Safe Zones’ goals and purpose on the Diversity and Student Engagement Center’s webpage on Winthrop University’s website. Questions and concerns can be directed to Kinyata Adams Brown, the Assistant Dean of Diversity and Student Engagement, Inclusive Excellence, at safezones@winthrop.edu.

“I hope one day we won’t need programs like this,” Koster said. “Your generation is making a real difference in acceptance, and I hope it continues.”



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Police Blotter

A weekly round-up of crime on campus

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On July 25, the reporting officer (R/O) was conducting routine property checks when they noticed a suspicious vehicle that was improperly parked on the shoulder of Alumni Drive with no lights on. As the R/O approached the driver’s door, it was observed that Subject 1 was attempting to put his shorts on. Subject 2 was seen in the backseat of the vehicle. When asked what was going on, Subject 1 stated that they were “doing something stupid.” The R/O then noticed an open Corona beer bottle. When asked as to whether there was anything else in the vehicle, Subject 2 said there was not and consented to a search of the vehicle. When nothing else of note was found, the R/O issued Subject 1 with a citation for possession of beer/wine under 21 and a citation for Open Container of beer/wine in a vehicle.

On Aug. 2, the R/O responded to the Winthrop Coliseum at 1000 Eden Terrace in reference to a stolen golf cart. When the R/O arrived on the scene, he met with the victim from whom the golf cart had been stolen. The victim explained that the golf cart in question was at least 10 years old and did not have a battery, so it had been pushed up behind the generator on the north side of the Coliseum before summer break. The victim stated that he noticed the cart was no longer there that day when he entered the parking lot. The R/O took down the victim’s information to check behind facilities in order to make sure that the cart had not been scrapped for parts.

On Aug. 10, the R/O observed a gray Nissan driving 39 mph on Winthrop Alumni Drive, despite the speed limit on that road being 20 mph. The R/O conducted a traffic stop of the Nissan on Columbia Avenue and made contact with the driver, who had no Winthrop affiliation. The R/O received the driver’s information, and the driver stated that he did not have his driver’s license.



Thomson now Eagle Eatery

Thomson Cafeteria is having its name changed to the Eagle

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Thomson Cafeteria is one of the most popular spots on campus where college students can get food, hang out, or stop by to pick up a quick snack. However, beginning this semester the cafeteria will be known as the Eagle Eatery beginning this semester as part of updates coming from Winthrop Dining.

But, as more of the next generation enters the hallowed halls of Winthrop, the time has come for Thomson to change with the times.

Since its conception, the dining hall has worked to provide food for its starving college students. After long days of work and stress, most students are looking for a nice meal. Thomson Cafeteria has provided just that. With options like the continental breakfast, pizza and healthy dinners like special vegan casseroles, Thomson has fed students for generations. However, as we enter the 2021-2022 academic school year, the cafeteria has decided to make some modern changes.

After a vote conducted by

Winthrop’s Student Culinary Council, Thomson has decided to change for the incoming students.

“The word ‘dining hall’ and the word ‘cafeteria’ and names like that are kinds of a little bit more old school,” Winthrop Dining’s Marketing Specialist Aba Hutchison said. “The university as a whole was interested in having a name that was a little bit different, a little bit more modern, but still casual at the same time.”

For the last few months, Thomson Cafeteria has undergone many adjustments, including brand new posters and wallpapers to give it a nice modern feel while adjustments have been made to the menu as well.

What was previously named “The Global Kitchen” will be rebranded as “The Grill,” specializing in grilled foods like hamburgers and hot dogs. The salad bar will include more options this semester, and the Home-Style station will move to the back of the dining hall with the same homemade meals they are known for.

In addition, “Simple Servings” is now an allergy-free station, with allergens that contain peanuts or eggs being removed and handled safely to ensure that any trace of allergy-in-

ducing food will not touch the station.

Even though the name of the dining hall will be changing, it will remain a place for students to eat and enjoy each other’s company. Winthrop Dining has hope that the new additions and changes will excite the next generation.

“With new generations coming in, being more modern and moving away from this old dining hall aesthetic and moving towards the eatery...I feel like it’s about the new generation and that it’s more of an eatery than a dining hall,” Hutchison said.

The new additions to Thomson have some of the residents excited as well, especially for the aesthetic upgrade to the Eatery.

“I always thought that they could improve with the interior design and the food options that they provide for the students,” said Zharyn Butler, a business administration major and Thomson resident. “I’m looking forward to the new changes at the Winthrop Dining Hall. Hopefully, it will be better than the previous year.”

Students can look forward to these changes as they happen throughout the semester, and the official change for the Eagle Eatery will not happen for

Winthrop and Rock Hill Schools differ on COVID policy

Winthrop University and Rock Hill Schools take different approaches to student and faculty health



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Winthrop employees preparing masks and cleaning supplies in 2020.

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A mandate requiring all students, faculty and staff to wear masks while inside campus buildings was implemented by Winthrop University after the South Carolina Supreme Court ruled to uphold the University of South Carolina's mask mandate, but Rock Hill schools are not given the same ability, as a state law forbids schools from enacting mask mandates.

The 2021-2022 education budget included a proviso that went into effect on July 1, prohibiting school districts from requiring students or employees to wear a face mask.

Chairman of the Rock Hill School Board Helena Miller said that even without the ability to mandate masks, the school board is doing what they can to protect students and faculty. Efforts include special rules against mask bullying, paid time off for employees to get vaccinated and contact tracing.

"When it comes to the Rock Hill school district, we have followed the mandates and the laws as have been provided to us throughout this health crisis, and we will continue to do so," Miller said. "That said, we are obviously recommending and encouraging our staff, students, and visitors to wear masks."

Winthrop University Interim President George W. Hynd broke the news of a mask mandate to students via email on Aug. 18.

Hynd said he is "very sympathetic to the public schools' political dilemma they find themselves in" and that it was "very difficult" for him to understand why mask mandates would be outlawed.

"The impact of that decision affects us because we have many faculty and staff that have school-age children," Hynd said. "So, one of the outcomes of not having adequate health care precautions, like requiring students to wear masks, is that our faculty and staff may have to ... take care of their children if they are exposed to the COVID virus and have to stay home for 10 to 15 days. So that decision impacts us as well."

Winthrop University is also requiring returning students to

provide a negative COVID-19 test, proof of COVID-19 vaccination completion or a physician's note stating the student had COVID-19 within the past 90 days. However, Rock Hill schools are also unable to implement this policy for multiple reasons.

"It's very different [from Winthrop] because ... the eligibility for vaccinations is different when you are talking about public school," Miller said. "The emergency authorization [of the vaccine] is only for 12 years and up, and that effectively shuts out more than half of our student population. There are a lot of restrictions as far as what we can require."

With the appearance of the delta variant increasing the risk of outbreaks, and cases up to levels equivalent to January, school leaders are considering their available options to use during an outbreak among students. Miller said she and the board will consider each school and each class separately.

"In the past year, we very much looked at it from an individual classroom or an individual school level first," Miller said. "Just because you have an increased number in one classroom doesn't necessarily mean that is the case all over the district."

"It's a question of analyzing everything every single day, and at the end of the day making sure ... that our kids are safe and that our teachers are safe."

To keep up with possible outbreaks on campus, Winthrop has a COVID Response Team, that monitors data related to the coronavirus on campus and work to prevent outbreaks.

Unvaccinated students who have come in contact with an infected individual are required to quarantine, while vaccinated students are not. Students can also submit their symptoms through the online Patient Portal, prompting a COVID-19 test, allowing the Response Team to track infections.

Vaccinations are recommended by both Winthrop and Rock Hill Schools for those eligible. Three vaccine clinics are being offered on campus this semester on Aug. 27, Sept. 16 and a final date which has not been set.

UN's IPCC report warns of irreversible damages to climate

Scientists warn of negative consequences to climate if world does not act fast on environmental policy issues

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The United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, established to collect data and assess climate change, released a report warning of the permanent damage being done to the environment.

The report holds humans accountable for causing global temperatures to rise by around 1.1 degrees Celsius since the industrial revolution, mostly due to the burning of fossil fuels.

One of the biggest issues however, is the prediction that the global temperature will likely rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius in the next twenty years. The effects of these temperatures increasing are already being seen globally.

"Climate change is accelerating faster than previous predictions, due in part to what are called tipping points. One of them is defrosting the arctic regions which reveals more rock and absorbs more heat. Greenland's glaciers in particular are melting at the rate of trillions of gallons per year.

"Second is that we are seeing major climate events now that will cost billions and kill many, such as fires in California and in Southern Europe. Parts of Siberia are even on fire now," said Dr. Chris Van Aller, professor emeritus of political science.

These climate events are not only affecting the areas they are taking place in though. For example, the melting of the glaciers is leading to a rise in sea level, something that will eventually affect the entire planet, especially if temperatures rise beyond the 1.5 degree Celsius mark.

"At this point, scientists are certain we will see a rise in temperature of at least two degrees Celsius no matter what we do. The damage is already done. The effort is to keep it at two degrees and stabilize there as the new normal. Continuing business as usual will push us way past two degrees. Some of the issues that the general population doesn't consider is exactly how much infrastructure we have at sea level that will begin to be flooded too frequently to maintain," said Dr. Scott Werts, a geology professor.

If maintaining infrastructure at sea level becomes impossible to do, then a potential next step

will be an expensive relocation, which will probably be paid for mostly by taxpayers, Werts said.

"We have a lot of infrastructure at sea level. Naval bases, roadways, power plants, communication and energy lines, all of which are partially or totally funded by taxes. Can you imagine the cost of relocating an entire naval base? In addition, our space centers are near sea level too. I can't even wrap my head around how much it would cost to relocate that," Werts said.

Despite the urgency of these issues and their costs, climate change is still one of the most fought about issues between the nation's political parties. While there is no guarantee the U.S. government, or the governments of the world, are going to

pass effective environmental policy, there are still actions everyday people can take to help.

"I would say the biggest thing that people can do is use what

you are talented in to make a difference. If you are an extrovert and don't mind striking up conversations, there are organizations that have tabling events to try and change people's habits, get information to policymakers, and strike up some sort of action... If you are an educator, it is easy to weave these kinds of issues into the curriculum... If these attitudes are applied to all industries, we can actually make a huge dent," Werts said.

Some Winthrop students say that more pressure should be put on politicians and large corporations to do their part in the fight against climate change.

Sophomore musical theatre major Paul Smith said that he believes there should be more policies encouraging sustainable energy practices put in place and that education on the issue is crucial.

"I believe that the government needs to enact more policies in favor of renewable energy, organic and sustainable farming, and incentives for people who have a smaller carbon footprint. We definitely need a stronger education when it comes to climate change and we need to punish big companies who are negligent of their massive amounts of pollution," Smith said.

While the planet sustains irreversible damage, there is still time to prevent the planet from getting to the two degree Celsius mark.



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As another summer fades into the rearview mirror, Winthrop University aims to begin the fall semester on a high note. As in years past, the university is beginning this fall semester with a week full of exciting events, planned by the DiGiorgio Student Union, running from Aug. 21 to Aug. 29.

The team behind this year's Welcome Week aimed to "engage Winthrop students with a variety of entertaining and interactive events as they begin the academic year," Director of Campus Programming Angelo Geter said.

While this is something DSU hopes to accomplish every year, Geter said, "it is especially important this year because last year we weren't able to have Welcome Week in the traditional sense. Therefore, we are determined more than ever to start the school year off with a bang."

Ironically, while Geter hopes to begin with a bang, the first event in the Welcome Week lineup is the "Headphone Disco" on Aug. 21 at 8 p.m. on Campus Green.

This event, a staple of the Welcome Week festivities, allows students to enjoy the music of two dueling DJs by way of wireless headphones. This set-

up creates a completely silent party, allowing those attending to have fun to their hearts' content without disturbing the rest of campus with loud music.

The next night, students can return to Campus Green at 9 p.m. for the first event incorporating this year's Welcome Week theme, Heroics, with "Heroics 101: Laser Tag." Students can come out and compete against their friends in exhilarating battles.

Following convocation, Aug. 23 will host another return to Campus Green at 3:30 p.m. for "Once An Eagle Always An Eagle." According to the DSU events website, this event will have "treats, giveaways, novelties and an awesome Bungee Trampoline to help you fly like a superhero."

For fans of comedy routines, DSU has got you covered as well. Tuesday, Aug. 24 will see New York-based comedian Matteo Lane stopping by Tillman Auditorium at 8 p.m. for a night full of laughs. This event will also count as a cultural event.

"Heroics 101: Agility Course" will offer students the chance to show off their superhero skills back on Campus Green on Aug. 25 at 6 p.m. This ninja-style obstacle course will be set up to allow students coura-

geous enough an opportunity to test their speed, agility and strength.

The next night at 8 p.m., students can return to Tillman Auditorium for a live performance by Winthrop alum and current contestant on "America's Got Talent," singer/songwriter Ray Singleton. Singleton will be joined by a live band to fill the auditorium with music and attendees with amazement.

Welcome Week will close out with a showing of James Gunn's "The Suicide Squad" on Aug. 28 and a cultural event entitled "Drums of Polynesia" on Aug. 29.

According to the DSU page on winthrop.edu, the latter will showcase "the traditional Polynesian culture through dance, acrobatics, fire eating, polynesian dress, music and MORE!" Both events will take place at 8 p.m. on their respective days at the Amphitheater.

While all of these events are fun and exciting, some students will likely still be concerned about the looming global pandemic. "We are abiding by the University's COVID event guidelines and protocols," Geter said. "That includes requiring attendees to wear masks, social distancing, sanitizing supplies/

equipment and asking students to be aware and safe.

"These are the same protocols we abided by last academic year as well, so we are familiar with cultivating an environment that is fun but also safe."

Each Welcome Week event will cost students \$5 and the general public \$7, with the Welcome Week movie being \$3. Alternatively, for those interested in multiple of the events above, students can purchase a Welcome Week pass for \$10 while non-students pay \$20.

Students can also buy the All Access Pass for \$20 and receive admission to all DSU events for the year, in addition to those held during Welcome Week.

Tickets and passes can be purchased online at DSU's section of the Winthrop University Marketplace Mall website. These future events, according to Geter, include "bubble soccer, an event featuring food from other cultures, our annual Drag WU drag show, petting zoo, movie events and much more."

"We have a lot of big and exciting things lined up this year," Geter said. "We'd love to see students come out."



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Winthrop fine arts returns to life

The future of visual and performing arts at Winthrop

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With Winthrop University's plethora of fine arts programs, it should come as no surprise that the music and visual arts departments hold events throughout the year to showcase student talent.

These events, from art exhibitions to concerts, also hold educational value for students pursuing other interests. The fine arts departments are returning in full force, after a year engulfed by COVID-19, to enrich the lives of locals.

The Department of Visual Arts will be hosting eight exhibitions in the galleries around Winthrop.

Director of Winthrop Univer-

sity Galleries, Karen Howard, said that her hope for the exhibitions is that "students from all across campus can engage in viewing creativity and how it influences our culture and our lives."

As all of the exhibitions will be free of charge, all Winthrop students can take advantage.

Howard said that one of the reasons the exhibitions are so important to her is because "part of the experience that an artistic or creative person goes through in their life includes wanting people to view their work and make an impact. We need to have the opportunity to train them in how to do that."

Chair of the Department of Music, Elisa Koehler, is also hopeful that music will once again fill the air at Winthrop.

Because COVID-19 is particularly contagious in musical settings by nature of singing or playing a wind instrument, many of the music department's events had to forego live audiences since the start of the pandemic.

"I want students to know that we miss them coming to see us," Koehler said. "Music is direct communication and musicians do not like to perform without an audience. The audience is our receptor for our work. We want to play for you." The music department will welcome live audiences at 50% capacity as long as circumstances allow. One event in the near future, according to Koehler, will be the concert during Family Weekend where the bands and choirs will play

in the amphitheater.

The delta variant of COVID-19 is a threat.

"Everyone has become very adept at changing directions when we need to or making other accommodations if we need to," Howard said.

There are manufacturers making special masks for singing and playing wind instruments, according to Koehler. This will help musical performers to continue doing what they love if another outbreak occurs.

"I think that's the great thing about being in a liberal arts institution. Students from all across campus can engage in viewing creativity and how it influences our culture and our lives," Howard said.

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Bezos goes to space

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Bezos' trip to space seen as foreshadowing of space tourism

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The summer months of 2021 contained several unimaginable events. One of the most recent events that grabbed the world's attention was the announcement of Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos' trip to space.

On July 20, Bezos, his brother Mark Bezos, an 18-year-old student and aviation trailblazer Wally Funk boarded an aircraft and were flown to the edge of space, where they got to experience weightlessness before heading back down to Earth.

"I don't care too much about Jeff Bezos, so when I saw he was going to space, I thought it was a joke," said Jesse Martin, a senior conservation biology major.

Being he is the wealthiest man in the world, it is expected that Bezos would spend his money on things that may seem irrational and unnecessary to the average person. But many were still shocked to learn that the four-minute trip would cost around \$5.5 billion.

For the average individual, it can be hard to visualize a billion dollars. Furthermore, it can be difficult to understand how someone could spend such a substantial amount of money on a short trip to space that offers no reward besides recognition and publicity.

"The money could have been spent in a more productive way that would have bettered the status of the world in some impactful way," said Jade Scott, a freshman business administration major.

In light of Bezos' recent actions, many are debating whether the money should have been given to charities or education rather than being spent on a random space trip.

"I think him spending that much money is stupid because he could have given that money to his workers or helped other people who need and don't have money," Martin said.

Bezos' trip to space brought to light the possibility of other wealthy people visiting space and paying to have the same experience as Bezos. Could space

become a tourist attraction for those who have the resources and money to visit?

"While Jeff Bezos going to space is not directly impactful to my life in any way, I can understand why he went. Traveling to space, whether we want to agree or not, is a curiosity on everyone's bucket list," Scott said.

Although it can be imagined that space tourism would be extremely expensive, it would be interesting to see how many people would consider saving up their money to embark on this once-in-a-lifetime journey.

Now that Bezos seems to have broken the glass ceiling of commercial space travel and shown that the average person could feasibly go sightseeing in space, many may begin to consider taking part in this extravagant experience.

One day, but perhaps not in our lifetime, people may begin saving their money to take a short trip to space in place of a trip to Disneyland.

Bitcoin struggles over the summer

Bitcoin has a rough summer due to Tesla no longer using it and China cracking down

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Throughout the last couple of months, Bitcoin has faced obstacles that have made it seem like the currency may not have a bright future. At one point, it seemed like bitcoin might be what we are all using as primary currency years from now.

However, a few key moments over the summer have made it seem like that might be possible for other forms of cryptocurrency, but not for Bitcoin.

On May 12, Elon Musk announced that Tesla would no longer be supporting vehicle purchases using Bitcoin.

Musk, one of the biggest billionaire supporters of Bitcoin in the past, said on Twitter, "Tesla has suspended vehicle purchases using Bitcoin. We are concerned about rapidly increasing use of fossil fuels for Bitcoin mining and transactions, especially coal, which has the worst emissions of any fuel."

Tesla's past support of Bitcoin led in part to its price skyrocketing, but following this announcement, the price dropped 5% in just a couple of minutes.

Musk still sees a future for cryptocurrency but will not support the use of Bitcoin until its impacts on the environment are lessened.

In the same tweet, Musk said, "Cryptocurrency is a good idea on many levels and we believe it has a promising future, but this cannot come at great cost to the environment."

"Tesla will not be selling any Bitcoin and we intend to use it for transactions as soon as mining transitions to more sustainable energy. We are also looking at other cryptocurrencies that use <1% of Bitcoin's energy/transaction."

Over the summer, China, too, began to crack down on Bitcoin.

The Chinese government has toyed with the idea of banning Bitcoin for a while now but has instead opted for periodic crack-downs rather than a full-on ban.

This most recent crackdown has included banning financial institutions and payment companies from providing crypto-related services, mass arrests of people suspected of using cryptocurrencies in nefarious ways, and shutting down Beijing Qudao Cultural Development Co Ltd, a company that "was suspected of providing software services for virtual currency transactions," according to a statement released by China's central bank.

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Canon comic characters coming out

In the recent pages of Batman, Tim Drake was revealed as a member of the LGBTQ community

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DC Comics revealed that one of its most iconic superheroes, Tim Drake, commonly known as Robin, is an LGBTQ character. Drake, a bisexual, is one of many characters who have been recently revealed as a member of the LGBTQ community.

Recently, DC Comics published an anthological series that stars multiple Gotham City heroes in personalized tales, with characters like Batwoman, the Outsiders and Oracle receiving their own jaunt into the spotlight. The most recent issue on Aug. 10 featured a story starring former Robin and Young Justice member Drake.

In the story, Drake finds himself wrapped up in an adventure with an old friend named Bernard Dowd as Drake works to save him from the mysterious Cult of Dionysus. As Drake

works to protect Dowd, he also grapples with who he is away from the Bat-mask.

As he saves Dowd, Drake self-analyzes. In the process, his inner monologue reveals that he is starting to develop feelings for Bernard. As the issue ends, Drake and Dowd agree to go on a date, leaving their relationship to be explored in a future issue of Urban Legends.

The reveal of Drake as bisexual is a significant turning point in the young hero's life, and he is not the only one to have such a revelation. In the pages of both Marvel and DC, more characters grapple with their sexualities.

Marvel's Viv Vision, the daughter of the synthezoid Avenger himself, revealed that she is queer when she develops emotions for her teammate, Riri Williams.

After a long history of relationships with famous X-Women like Polaris and Kitty Pryde, Iceman reveals his homosexuality while in fear of prosecution for being

both a mutant and gay.

Famous anti-heroes like DC's Harley Quinn and eco-terrorist Poison Ivy have revealed that they are in love and they begin a relationship on the hit HBO Max show "Harley Quinn."

Some fans appreciate the increase in representation while other fans see Marvel and DC character alterations as an attempt to increase profits. Additionally, Marvel and DC are accused of not dedicating enough time to developing characters and storylines.

"Batman: Urban Legends" issues #1 through #6 is out now, with issues #4 through #6 featuring Drake's coming-out story, created by Meghan Fitzmartin and Belén Ortega. "Marvel Voices: Pride" one-shot for the Marvel fans and the "DC Pride" special for DC fans are sources where fans can read more about LGBTQ characters.

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These measures led to the price of Bitcoin plummeting yet again, and now half the world's Bitcoin miners have gone dark. The Chinese government has shown concerns about the volatility of Bitcoin in the past, saying that they are trying to guard against financial risks and have also brought up the environmental issue.

Other concerns that the Chinese government might have are that Bitcoin transactions are difficult to trace, and cryptocurrencies make it possible to get around China's capital controls and easily convert yuan into other currencies.

The price of Bitcoin has started to increase again as the summer winds down. But given that one Bitcoin currently costs around \$50,000, as of Aug. 22, and most either know little about mining or lack the capability to mine, it seems unlikely that Bitcoin will catch on with the

majority of the population. While Bitcoin has had a decline, Dogecoin has risen in popularity. With its cheap cost and companies beginning to use it for transactions, it seems like Dogecoin will soon take the spot as the top cryptocurrency.

While Musk's enthusiasm with Bitcoin dropped, he shifted his support to Dogecoin, constantly bringing up the price by tweeting about it and announcing that SpaceX, Musk's other company, used the cryptocurrency to pay for a lunar satellite launch.

So while Musk was vague in his tweet about which cryptocurrencies he planned on using in the future, it looks like he has made his choice. And with other billionaires such as Mark Cuban also supporting Dogecoin, the cryptocurrency landscape seems to be headed in a new direction.



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ScarJo vs. Disney

After the smash-hit success of "Black Widow," actress Scarlett Johansson reveals that she will sue Disney for potential contract infringement

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Marvel's "Black Widow" was a surprising success to many Marvel fans, despite the uneasiness many still feel about gathering in public places such as movie theaters.

However, tensions between Scarlett Johansson and Disney are developing into a significant court battle between the famous Avengers actress and one of the most influential companies in the movie business.

Over the summer, Marvel finally released Johansson's swan song in the eponymously titled film, "Black Widow."

Along with stars like David Harbour, Rachel Weisz and Florence Pugh, the movie details Natasha's history with her adoptive family and the broken relationships she left behind as she comes into conflict with the Red Room and the mysterious Taskmaster.

The movie became a smash hit, with fans loving the performances of Johansson and Pugh and the dynamic that they bring to their characters. However, in the aftermath of the success of "Black

Widow," Johansson has decided to sue the company that played a significant part in her career.

According to the "Hollywood Reporter," Johansson has decided to sue Disney over a breach of contract in how they released "Black Widow."

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, movie tycoons like the Disney company and their competitors in Warner Bros. and Dreamworks have had to find a new way to release their movies before the hype for them eventually fades away. Warner Bros. has decided to do same-day releases on their streaming services like HBO Max for free. Dreamworks is doing paid releases on other services like the recently introduced Peacock for all NBC customers.

Disney has decided to do something along those lines and did a same-day release for "Black Widow" in both theaters and on Disney+ as part of their Premier Access line of movies.

In other words, if you wanted to watch movies like "Mulan" or "Raya and the Last Dragon," you could purchase them under the Disney+ Premier Access line for \$29.99. A Premier Access pur-

chase makes the viewer the owner of a copy of the movie and able to access the film anytime until the movie is released to the public a few months later.

In the eyes of Johansson, however, this move was a breach of her "Black Widow" contract.

Johansson and her lawyers claim that, due to the pandemic, the movie's opening weekend numbers were much lower than typical Marvel box office openings and that Disney's use of the Disney+ Premier Access line further played a significant role in the low box office earnings.

Because of COVID-19 and the delta variant, movie companies have continued to release new movies on these streaming services while ensuring that the stars of their films were compensated for their roles. However, according to Johansson and her lawyers, Disney did not attempt to make sure that Johansson was paid and had a fair deal.

Disney has fired back at Johansson's claims, stating that they have no merit and hold "callous disregard for the horrific and prolonged global effects of the

COVID-19 pandemic," according to Variety. They even have gone so far as to "weaponize" Johansson's success, using her acting and business skills as if they were ashamed of her performance as Natasha, and are currently also planning legal action.

Johansson's recent move to sue the company that significantly impacted her career has inspired other actors to do the same.

Emma Stone, who earlier this year starred as Cruella de Vil in Disney's "Cruella," is planning to move forward with legal action over the release of her recent blockbuster. Another actor, Gerard Butler from "Olympus Has Fallen," is also planning to sue Millenium for the money he should be compensated for his role in the 2013 blockbuster.

With Disney and Johansson planning to head towards legal action and the conflict inspiring fellow actors to sue other media companies over contract disputes, can this wrong be reconciled? Or is this the beginning of a new wave of legal action that will animate Hollywood?

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Chandler Vaudrin plays in NBA Summer League

Former Winthrop basketball player gets chance with Cleveland Cavaliers

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The 2021 Big South Player of the Year got his first professional opportunity earlier this month, playing for the Cleveland Cavaliers' NBA Summer League team.

After a nearly perfect season at Winthrop came to an end against Villanova in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, Chandler Vaudrin announced that he was declaring for the NBA Draft.

In the months leading up to the draft, Vaudrin trained and received invites to work out for different teams. According to a source close to the situation, Vaudrin worked out for eight teams: the Boston Celtics, Memphis Grizzlies, Charlotte Hornets, Brooklyn Nets, Detroit Pistons, Philadelphia 76ers, Oklahoma City Thunder and Cleveland Cavaliers.

Despite the fact that those teams have expressed interest in Vaudrin, he owned 14 of the draft's 30 second-round picks, Vaudrin did not hear his name called on draft night. However, within hours of the draft's conclusion, Vaudrin reached an agreement with an NBA team.

An Ohio-native, Vaudrin inked a deal with the team he grew up cheering for — the Cleveland Cavaliers. The contract was an Exhibit 10

contract, which is essentially a one-year minimum deal that could be converted into a larger contract and includes potential bonuses according to the 2017 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the NBA and its Player's Association.

As a member of the Cavs, Vaudrin made his NBA Summer League debut on Aug. 8 against the Houston Rockets. In 12 minutes of playing time, Vaudrin recorded one assist, one steal, three rebounds (one offensive, two defensive), and one point after going one-for-two at the free-throw line. His +6 plus/minus rating (used to represent how well a team played while a player was on the court) was the highest plus/minus rating out of all the Cavs' players.

Three nights later, Vaudrin took the court again for the Cavs, though he didn't enter the game until the third quarter. Receiving just eight minutes of playing time, Vaudrin still made the most of his opportunity, recording two points, two assists, three rebounds and one block.

Vaudrin's lone basket of the night came when he rebounded the ball on defense and dribbled from coast to coast, spinning in the lane for a beautiful finish at the rim.

In his third game, Vaudrin earned his first start as a pro. The former Eagle played 11 minutes and recorded two points, three assists and three



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rebounds before injuring his leg late in the first half. Early reports indicated the injury was serious and could be knee-related, and Vaudrin did not appear in either of the Cavs' final two Summer League games.

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Volleyball ready to return

All-Conference honoree Morgan Bossler and team start season on Friday

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After finishing 9-7 in the Big South for the unusual 2020-2021 school year, the Winthrop volleyball team is "hoping for a 'regular' season this fall."

"This past spring season was by far the most challenging, physically and emotionally, of the past twenty years. We crave a sense of normalcy and routine," said head coach Chuck Rey.

Entering his fourth year with the Eagles' volleyball team, Rey has been diligently working all summer preparing his team for the upcoming fall season.

"We had a junior graduate early, and thus we worked hard to fill her spot. On June 15, that is the day the NCAA allows us to speak with the sophomore class, and we were constantly on the phone day and night," Rey said.

"On June 1, the NCAA resumed in-person recruiting, the first time we were allowed to recruit in-person in over a year. The coaching staff traveled extensively throughout the summer to recruit."

Aside from working with Winthrop, Rey and his team coached high school camps across the south more this summer than ever before to supplement their operations budget for the fall season.

"One coaching mantra is: 'Bad

teams, no one leads. Average teams are coach-led. But elite teams are student-athlete led.' We are fortunate to have an incredible group of women leaders that continue to drive themselves to be great," Rey said.

On Aug. 17, students, alumni and other supporters entered the Winthrop Coliseum to cheer on the Eagles volleyball team hosting the preseason Garnet & Gold Scrimmage.

"Sports are not just an opportunity for athletes to compete, but an opportunity for people to enjoy a common bond and pride of their university and community," Rey said.

"We are fortunate to have such amazing support throughout the years from the students and faculty at Winthrop University and so many in the Rock Hill community."

Despite the summer revolving around volleyball, Rey was still able to spend quality time with his wife and children.

"Fortunately, we live in the beautiful state of South Carolina that has the beach and mountains. My family did tag along on a few recruiting trips so we could get a few days at the beach and mountains together," Rey said.

Fifth-year student Morgan Bossler also enjoyed getting away from campus during the summer to visit her close family and friends. On Aug. 2, Bossler earned Big South Volleyball Preseason All-Confer-

ence Team honors for the second time in her career.

"It's always nice to be recognized for my efforts on the volleyball court," Bossler said.

"I'm super grateful to the NCAA for allowing us to have an extra year of eligibility after last season, and I'm grateful to Winthrop and my coaches for allowing me to stay for my extra year and have the chance to compete for another conference championship."

Bossler also earned First-Team All-Conference and All-Academic Team honors at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 volleyball season.

Additionally, teammate Nikkia Benitez was named Honorable Mention All-Conference, while Brookelynn Thomas and Olivia Blacketter represented Winthrop on the All-Freshman Team.

The Fall 2021 season will open on Aug. 27 at the two-day Georgia Tournament, where the Eagles will compete against Pepperdine, Georgia and Morehead State. The Big South Preseason Poll has placed Winthrop in third, but not for the first time.

"Ironically or coincidentally, this is the same preseason poll placing we received in 2019, the year we won the Big South Championship. We hope history repeats itself," Rey said.

"The team is excited for the challenge at the Georgia Tournament," Rey said. "It will be a physical weekend that will test us, but considering our team thrives on

tests (for the 3rd year in a row, the team earned the AVCA All-Academic Team Award with a 3.53 GPA), we are ready for this test."

The Eagles welcomed six new athletes to the team for the 2021 season: freshmen Jenna Calloway, Megan Thoroman, Karli Shepherd, Rylie McMahan, Isabella Murray and junior transfer Alayna Jansky.

"I think we're prepared," Bossler said. "We've been back in Rock Hill training for over a month now and have been working really hard during that time to keep getting better and keep building our relationships with each other."

"We have a super tough preseason this year, and I think we've all kept that in the back of our minds as we've been preparing for [the] season."

Non-conference play will last approximately a month until the Eagles open the Big South at Gardner-Webb on Sept. 24. The Eagles' first home game will be the following day against Radford.

The Eagles' main goal for the upcoming season is to once again be conference champions, earning them a spot in the NCAA Tournament.

"We all have high expectations for this season, and sometimes that can make us tense, but if we can continue to be confident in ourselves and lean on each other in the tough moments, then I think we're going to do something really special this season," Bossler

Eagle of the Week: Izzy Giarrizzi

After a summer filled with hiking, friends, Netflix and a vacation in Destin, Florida, sophomore Izzy Giarrizzi is ready to return to the soccer fields.

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As the new starting goalkeeper for the Winthrop women's soccer team, Giarrizzi has an important position to fill, with teammates Ashlynn Harris and Cammie Kaminski having graduated in the spring of 2021.

"To be the Eagles' only returning goalkeeper, it is a great responsibility to fill, and I am looking forward to being able to take over that role," Giarrizzi said.

Competing in two games during the 2020 season, Giarrizzi earned three saves on her record, two of which were gained during her first collegiate game against Longwood on March 28.

Giarrizzi's hometown of Tega Cay is where she has been playing soccer "ever since [she] could walk and be able to join a team."

Before coming to Winthrop,

the active athlete lettered on the varsity girl's basketball team for all four years at Fort Mill High School while also lettering three years on the high school's soccer team.

"I think the most important quality an athlete should have is work ethic. You can be a great player naturally, but it won't matter at the higher levels of the game if you don't have the grit and work ethic to make yourself and your team get better together," Giarrizzi said.

After the cancellation of the fall season, the Eagles participated in a short 2020 spring season, finishing 2-6-1 overall.

"The team I am most looking forward to playing is Gardner-Webb University because last year it was a very close and exciting match, so I hope this year it will be the same," Giarrizzi said, referencing



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Giarrizzi

the nail-biting game in which the Eagles and the Runnin' Bulldogs tied 0-0 after double overtime on March 21.

This season, Giarrizzi is hoping for multiple shutout games. But the exercise science major also has goals for off the field.

"What I am most looking forward to this school year is being able to have more in-person classes and a somewhat more normal school environment than last year. An academic goal I have for this semester is to pass all of my classes with A's or B's," Giarrizzi said.

When looking for inspiration, Giarrizzi often reflects on a quote from Timothy D. Brady: "Hustle until you no longer have to introduce yourself."

"I like this quote a lot because it gives you the inspiration to work as hard as you can until

you can be so great at what you are doing to the point where everyone will know who you are," Giarrizzi said.

Last Friday, Giarrizzi recorded four saves and allowed just two goals in Winthrop's 3-2 win against Alabama State to start the regular season.

Fans are welcome to support Giarrizzi and the Eagles as they take on Appalachian State at home on Wednesday at 7 p.m. After a few weeks of non-conference matches, the Big South Conference games will begin on Sept. 18 with a home game against Longwood.

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"I've tended in my past professionally to be an info gatherer and a decision-maker. He really taught me a lot about taking another day or two — when patience can be a great thing."

Harrawood said he already has a vast knowledge of Winthrop's athletic department, for which he credits Halpin allowing him to have his hand on so much as the deputy AD.

"Ken let me do a lot, and

I was lucky in that regard," Harrawood said. "He let me take control of a lot of areas of our athletics department. He let me really kind of have my hands on and get my arms around what the day-to-day in the athletic department looks like: what's required, managing people, managing our building. He let me do a lot of that, which I was really thankful for."

As fall sports take off, Harrawood is focused on providing an excellent student-athlete experience by making sure students know who and where their resources are. One other priority for Harrawood is stabilizing the department's budget and staff.

"We're not in bad situations with either of those things; we just need to stabilize for future planning and future growth,"

Harrawood said.

Winthrop Athletics is coming off a fiscal year that saw limited ticket sales and revenue due to COVID-19, and the department has staff vacancies to fill, including the assistant athletic director for the compliance position that was previously held by Valerie Kerr.

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Back to school: What The Johnsonian staff is looking forward to

A look into what The Johnsonian staff is excited for during the school year

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With the start of the new school year, one must reflect on this past semester.

In 2020, Rock Hill went into quarantine to protect its citizens from COVID-19. Winthrop's cultural and sports events were postponed or outright canceled in order to reduce the amount of travel to and from Rock Hill. As vaccinations continue to take place across the country, Rock Hill is finally reintegrating into society.

Winthrop has released its calendar of events, and The Johnsonian staff has compiled a list of our favorite events; many of us are excited for the slate of social opportunities.

Some staff members are most looking forward to the upcoming season of sporting events and are pumped that athletes are getting their chance to shine on the field again this fall after last fall's lack of sporting events due to COVID-19.

Staff members are also counting down the days until Winthrop's Johnson Theatre opens its stage curtains.

While visual and performing arts continued to screen virtually throughout the last academic school year, the 2021-2022 academic year yields new opportunities for community members to see Winthrop-borne performances and displays live again.

Johnson Theatre opens its doors to the public on Sept. 30.

While Winthrop has student works on display in Lewandowski Student Gallery throughout the year, the master's program is currently exhibiting a series of pieces narrating the artists' childhoods.

The Johnsonian has recently resumed in-person staff meetings after a year of virtual meetings through Zoom and staff members are enjoying the camaraderie.

Various staff writers are anticipating being able to experience new restaurants and stores that opened during the height of COVID-19.

Old Town Kitchen & Cocktails has recently completely opened on Technology Way. This has created more jobs for the Rock Hill community and gives Winthrop students a fresh alternative to on-campus dining.

With Winthrop's return to the traditional classroom, the university's administration encourages students to remain cautious of potential exposure to COVID-19. Shelia Burkhalter will send out

more information regarding student health and safety as the school year begins. It is strongly advised that the same caution be applied to classrooms as social events.

The 2020-2021 school year brought countless twists and turns as the United States tried to adjust to "the new normal." However, this upcoming term is full of long-overdue social gatherings.

After Winthrop became used to social distancing protocols, this year's slate of events has been altered to maintain adherence to COVID-19 guidelines. While vaccines are available to the general public and are strongly encouraged, social distancing measures, too, are advised, and wearing a mask is mandatory in buildings on Winthrop's campus.

MEET THE STAFF

Get to know the editors who are leading the staff in bringing you the best in news, arts and sports.



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Hey! My name is Bryn (she/her) and I am an English major and also the Editor-in-Chief of The Johnsonian. I am a senior at Winthrop and a fun fact about me is that after my journalism career, I hope to own a cottage in Maine with a heated barn outback where I can house and rehabilitate dogs and cats.



Chase Duncan Managing Editor

Hey, y'all! My name is Chase (he/him/his) and I am a senior mass comm major. I like reading, writing and Star Trek. I am an avid learner and am open to trying new things whether it be food, hobbies or areas of study. You can often catch me cuddling with puppies and kitties with a book in hand.



Mari Pressley News Editor

My name is Mari Pressley and I am the News Editor! I am a second year mass communication student with a minor in film and content production. A fun fact about me is that when I was a kid, I wanted to grow up to be a fashion designer. My pronouns are she/her/hers.



Autumn Hawkins Opinion Editor

I am a senior middle level education major! My concentrations are English and social studies. This semester, I am interning at York Middle School in 7th grade history. My pronouns are they/them/theirs. This is my second year at The Johnsonian, but my first year as an editor. A fun fact about me is that I am working towards being bilingual, as I have been studying Spanish for six years.



David Botzer AC&T Editor

Hi, my name is David Botzer and I am the Arts, Culture and Tech editor for The Johnsonian. I go by he/him/his pronouns. I am a senior English major pursuing a Master of Arts in Teaching and I like to title myself as an aspiring author who does a little too much aspiring and not enough authoring.



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My name is Matthew Shealy (he/him) and I am the sports editor for The Johnsonian. I am a senior majoring in mass communication with a minor in coaching. I'm also a member of the Screamin' Eagles Pep Band, which allows me to play my alto saxophone and cheer for Winthrop's basketball teams at every home game.

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