



Infrastructure issues plague Winthrop

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Throughout August and September, issues such as Wi-Fi connection problems in Phelps Hall and The Courtyard, the lack of hot water in Thomson, pipe leaks in The Courtyard and a power outage in the DiGiorgio Campus Center have disrupted students' lives.

Wi-Fi outages, despite reports originating mostly from Phelps and Courtyard residence halls, have been reported all over campus.

Assistant Vice President for Computing and Information Technology Patrice Bruneau said he is aware of the Wi-Fi issues, and despite securing funding to "completely refresh the Wi-Fi around campus," time is needed to implement these improvements.

"We haven't even placed the order yet," Bruneau said. "Somebody needs to come and survey for where we need to add the equipment."

"There is, like, a design phase where an engineer will decide how the wiring needs to go and all that and place

the order. Then the equipment has to be received, and we start.

"My guess, and this is just a guess, is that it's going to be late spring semester or early summer before we start redoing anything."

Students, however, are having issues now.

"[The Wi-Fi] never works. Both the ["winthropsecure"] and the ["winthrop-Guest"], and I never get a signal when I use my data," freshman philosophy and religion major Stormy Brown said. "I was making an appointment for Health Services, and I couldn't fill out the form I was supposed to because both the Wi-Fi and the signal were out."

Bruneau said the issue with on-campus Wi-Fi is not with bandwidth but with the hardware. The Wi-Fi on campus is able to handle 3,000 megabytes per second (MB/s), and according to a utilization report from Segra, Winthrop's internet provider, usage in September peaked on Sept. 8 at 2,953 MB/s, while other weeks



US and women's disc golf championship at Winthrop Lake

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saw peaks at 2,275 MB/s and 2,097 MB/s.

The areas with the biggest Wi-Fi issues, according to Bruneau, are Phelps Hall and The Courtyard, each with its own challenge.

Phelps Hall, which Bruneau identified as the area with the most complaints, needs a "full refresh" of its Wi-Fi infrastructure. Work was started over the summer; however, new access points have been on backorder due to the global chip shortage. While they wait, Bruneau said they pulled old access points from Wofford Hall and installed them around Phelps to help boost the signal.

Despite these efforts, students are still having issues in Phelps Hall.

It is possible,

Bruneau said, that they may be able to install the new access points over fall break if everything goes smoothly.

Courtyard is a different issue.

While the number of access points is adequate to cover the entire building, as each apartment has its own access point, battery backups keeping critical network equipment online through glitches and power outages are frequently drained.

Bruneau said they are currently in the process of replacing those drained batteries, which he hopes will solve the majority of issues.

Many of the Wi-Fi issues throughout campus were laid bare last year during the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in South Carolina. Students, such as Scout Lewis, a junior environmental studies major, said she had to go to the library to submit her work due to the Wi-Fi in her dorm, Phelps Hall, being so unreliable.

These issues were made worse by the IT department on campus missing a network engineer

from January 2020 to July 2021.

"The Wi-Fi, as a result, was kinda neglected. And I recognize that," Bruneau said. "But I had nobody to go fix the things. At one point, we even had to call in a third party ... but it's not the same thing as having somebody whose daily job is to manage and maintain the system."

Bruneau emphasized that the number one thing students can do to help fix the Wi-Fi is to be as specific as possible in complaints to the IT service desk. Including information like the room number, specific issue and exact time help the staff deal with smaller problems that may not be easy to spot in an overview.

Another issue that affected Winthrop residents, specifically those in Thomson Hall, was the lack of hot water.

The situation was caused by an "issue with a pump on the steam system in Thomson that heats the water," according to Associate Vice President for Facilities Management James Grigg. A temporary fix was

deployed until parts to fix the pump can arrive.

This was not the only water-related issue happening on campus. On Wednesday, Sept. 22, a plumbing leak in The Courtyard led to water coming into suites on the first and second floors. In a third-floor custodial closet, a section of metal pipe "was snapped off between the faucet and the riser pipe inside the wall," according to Grigg.

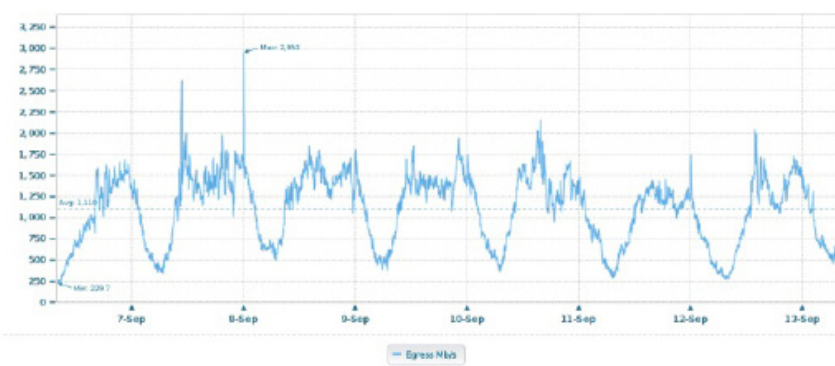
"Plumbers will go back and look at all the janitor closet sinks and start replacing the short stem of steel pipe in other faucets as a precaution," Grigg said.

A power outage in the DiGiorgio Campus Center on Friday, Sept. 10, happened due to a contractor employee accidentally inserting a piece of metal into electrical equipment in the Campus Center. This caused a temporary power outage, and if the employee was not wearing proper protective clothing, it could have also resulted in major injury.

ary and February," Jones said. Once these top candidates are decided, the hope of the PSAG is that students will have the opportunity to get to hear the candidates' presentations and give their input to the PSAG.

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Courtesy of Patrice Bruneau

Bandwidth data from the Sept. 13 utilization report by SEGRA, showing September's highest internet usage spike on Sept. 8.

September president search update

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In the month of September, the Presidential Search Advisory Group added the Myers McRae firm to the committee tasked with searching for Winthrop University's next president.

The PSAG also sent out a survey to all Winthrop students, as well

as hosted a virtual town hall on Zoom for students to voice their opinions on Sept. 23.

Myers McRae is what is known as an executive search and consulting firm.

"What the search firm will do is a check of the candidates, and some recruiting also,

because they have resources we do not have," said Presidential Search Advisory Group Co-chair Dr. Gloria Jones in the virtual town hall on Sept. 23.

The timeline of finding a presidential candidate is still up in the air, but with the addition of

the Myers McRae firm, the PSAG is hoping to narrow down the search to a few candidates by early next year.

"Their goal is to try and have candidates selected by the end of this calendar year, people whom they will try to bring in for interviews in Janu-

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Staff shortage on campus and Rock Hill

The national staff shortage is affecting Winthrop students

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Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been a continuous shortage of items and staff for various places in every community. Unfortunately, Winthrop Dining Services is experiencing the same staffing and item shortage.

At the beginning of the pandemic in March of 2020, thousands of people who worked in places like grocery stores were considered essential workers. However, because of panic and fear from the pandemic, many people left these positions and did not return.

During the pan-

demie, items such as soap, Clorox, bleach, toilet paper, and face masks have been in high demand. Unfortunately, due to many manufacturers being closed because of the increasing coronavirus cases, establishments were unable to get the materials to sell to their customers.

It is hard to drive down a busy road without seeing various “we’re hiring” signs on the windows of stores and fast-food restaurants.

Now that we are a year and six months into the pandemic, there are still shortages of both items and staff all over the country.

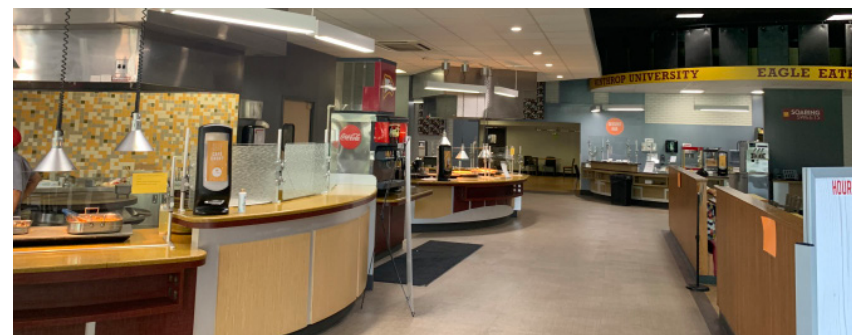
“The shortage

affects me in the sense that I do DoorDash, and I am unable to get food to the customer in enough time, and sometimes the wait time is longer,” said Matthew Ervin, junior social work major.

Students are seeing the effects of staffing shortage in their dining options here on campus and at establishments around campus.

Cooper Guest, a junior business management major said, “Maybe the businesses around campus could try to work with Winthrop to hire some students.”

The general manager at all Winthrop Dining locations, Helen Hoban, ex-



Eagle Eatery located in Thomson

plained that much of the shortages on campus are also a result of the pandemic.

“Many people are afraid to work any positions that are directly customer-facing,” Hoban said. “We have had several employees resign after school started as they had personal health concerns.”

Although the staff and item shortage has been frustrating for both staff and students on campus, there are now more opportunities for students to work on campus.

“We have student employees and openings in Markley’s, Eagle Eatery, Chick-fil-A, Starbucks,

and Einstein’s Brothers Bagels,” Hoban said. “We try to work around student schedules understanding that first and foremost students are here for their education.”

“We are very fortunate to have some excellent students on our crews.”

Winthrop Dining Services is doing the best they can with the items and circumstances they are given and working to make sure their students are fed and happy.

“We understand the frustrations, and I assure you that all of us wish we ha[d] more employees, as many of our staff are doing 2-3 jobs and working a considerable

amount of overtime,” Hoban said.

“I would like to thank the students and the entire Winthrop community for their patience as we work through national shortages of labor and of products such as paper and plastic cups, and Pepsi outages,” Hoban said, “I often wish I had a magic wand to solve these problems.”

York County Councilman William “Bump” Roddey runs for mayor

Part three of a series on Rock Hill mayoral candidates

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William “Bump” Roddey, current York County District 4 County Councilman and Winthrop University alumnus, is running to be Rock Hill’s mayor. In 2017, he lost the mayoral election to the current mayor and mayoral candidate John Gettys in a runoff election, despite winning more votes in the general election.

To Roddey, the most important issues impact-

ing Rock Hill are government debt, increased cost of living, the lack of affordable housing, low levels of governmental transparency, high crime rates and the lack of incentives to start small businesses.

He believes he is uniquely situated to address these issues as both a York County council member and a member of the working class.

“Our debt limits are what they are, our candidates are who they are, and I bring ten years of experience in the

government arena,” Roddey said. “So I’m no newcomer to this arena, and I won’t be in over my head. ... I think my views and goals line up more with everyday working citizens of Rock Hill than any candidate in this race.”

According to Roddey, Rock Hill is over \$450 million in debt, despite having a population of around 75,000 people. He says this is an “excessive” amount of debt, which he claims is “way out of control.”

“I bring a lot of fiscally responsible

policies, and I get that for being on the county council for ... 10 plus years, where we have structure when it comes to our spending,” Roddey said.

The cost of living in Rock Hill, according to Roddey, is high due in part to “outrageously high” utility bills.

“In just four years, our utility profits doubled from \$17 [million] to \$34 million on the backs of our taxpayers, who obviously are struggling due to our economic conditions and the pandemic.”

Also contributing to the high cost of living is the lack of affordable housing in Rock Hill. Roddey mirrors SC Housing’s assessment of the problem in the 2019 South Carolina Housing Needs Assessment, Volume 1: State Overview.

According to the report, the average wage in Rock Hill is \$7.23 less than the “housing wage,” which is the wage someone must make to “rent a two-bedroom apartment at HUD fair market rent without spending more than

30 percent of their income.”

“The city has to take initiative to aggressively seek some land ... and be able to offer that land to developers ... to build either single-family homes or apartments where they are bound ... to keep the home sale price within a certain range or the rental rates within a certain range,” Roddey said.

Another issue Roddey cites is the lack of transparency in the Rock Hill government. Information is withheld from the public, he

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“[The students] will have the opportunity, we hope, to hear the presentations of the individual candidates and offer your input after you have met each one,” Jones said.

Winthrop University students are excited about

the opportunity to weigh in their opinions of what the next president of the university should focus on, and a lot agree on wanting a president who engages more in the Winthrop community.

“In the next president, I’m looking for some-

one who is genuinely interested in student activities and who participates in events,” said Peyton Tolley, senior art education major.

“I felt like it was really important that we all spoke out on accessibility and Title IX as much as we did. It

seemed like they were at least a little bit aware of that. And so I just thought it was really important to double down on those efforts, like, we need to get those fixed right now, we are hiring another president, and we need to make sure he

knows that,” said Rayvn Speigner, freshman digital information design major.

What Winthrop students are looking for is a president who is not only personable and involved in student activities but is also willing to be someone

that fights for students.

“If they’re going to ask us for our input, they’re going to have to be ready for us to voice our concerns,” Speigner said.

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says, even in council meetings. As an example, he used the city's recent deal with the Carolina Panthers.

"Nobody knew what was going on with the Panthers' deal until the Panthers' deal was signed," Roddey said. "When residents discovered that the city of Rock Hill had given up 100% of its tax revenue for the Carolina Panthers to come here, that really didn't sit well with a lot of people."

High crime rates, as well as law enforcement accountability, are two in-

terconnected issues Roddey believes are important for the future of Rock Hill.

"Me, working alongside Chief Watts, we can address head-on our troubled spots, and I can speak to these troubled areas to raise the accountability on both sides of the law: the citizen's responsibility as well as the responsibility of our officers," Roddey said.

While the city has done a lot to incentivize large businesses moving into town, Roddey said the city has not done enough

to promote small business creation.

"One of the things I definitely have looked at and hammered was being able to offset some of the start-up fees that the city imposes," Roddey said. "Licencing fees, utility fees, deposits, all those fees that come to the city, that the city controls. We can look at those as ways to incentivize people to, or make it easier for them to, get into business."

Roddey was born and raised in Rock Hill, graduating from Northwest High School in 1992. After high



Courtesy of William "Bump" Roddey

school, he went to York Technical College for two years, obtaining an associate degree. He transferred to Winthrop to complete

his bachelor's degree in economics, where he graduated in 1996.



Police Blotter

A weekly round-up of crime on campus

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On Sept. 21, Officer Thomas and Sgt. Sullivan responded to a call at Richardson Hall in reference to an assault. Upon arriving at Richardson Hall, Thomas and Sullivan met with the front desk RA and asked her to escort them up to the room for a welfare check.

Upon arriving at the room, the officers listened outside the door because they could hear loud, undistinguishable speaking. Thomas and Sullivan then knocked on the door. The victim answered the door and appeared to be upset. The officers asked the victim if she was okay as they had received a report that she had been assaulted. The victim stated that she had gotten into an argument with her ex-boyfriend when he showed up unexpectedly at Richardson Hall looking for her. During the argument with her ex-boyfriend, the victim claimed that the suspect got into her face, and she pushed him away. The suspect then struck her on the right side of her face with a closed fist.

The officers observed no apparent injury to the victim, and she declined medical assistance. The suspect left the scene prior to the officers' arrival. The victim claimed that she had a witness to corroborate her story; however, the witness could not be located. When asked if the victim wanted to press charges, she stated, "not at this time." The victim was issued a Victim Notification form.

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Body of missing influencer found after disappearance receives national attention

Gabby Petito's body was found in Wyoming Sept. 19 after being missing for almost a month



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After almost a month-long disappearance, 22-year-old Gabrielle Petito's body was found in Grand Teton National Park on the evening of Sept. 19. Petito was traveling with her fiancé, Brian Laundrie, on a cross-country road trip at the time of her disappearance.

Laundrie is currently a "person of interest" in her disappearance after arriving back to his home in Florida on Sept. 1 in the couple's van without Petito. Petito was reported missing 10 days later by her family, after not being seen since a FaceTime call with her mother on Aug. 25.

Laundrie has been missing since Sept. 17 after telling his parents he was going for a hike in the Carlton Nature Reserve. His current whereabouts are unknown, but police are looking for him after a warrant for his arrest was issued for purchasing over

\$1,000 worth of goods fraudulently on a Capital One debit card following the death of Petito. It is still unknown at this time who the owner of this debit card was.

"While this warrant allows law enforcement to arrest Mr. Laundrie, the FBI and our partners across the country continue to investigate the facts and circumstances of Ms. Petito's homicide," said Special Agent Michael Schneider of the Denver FBI, in a press release on Sept. 23.

The North Port Police Department in Florida is searching the nature reserve Laundrie is believed to be hiding out in — according to North Port police spokesperson Josh Taylor, he is extremely familiar with the area and has the skills to survive out there for quite some time.

"Our goal is to locate him and bring him to North Port," Taylor said.

Police were called Aug. 12 after a domestic dispute between the couple

that ended with the couple spending the night in separate hotels. The police were called after a witness reported a man slapping a woman several times.

The body camera footage of the incident sparked controversy after the officers seemingly joked with Laundrie about him being "the victim" after he said she attacked him, while Petito was being questioned and crying, despite the 911 call claiming he was the one hitting her. The officers did not think the situation warranted criminal charges.

Petito was an aspiring influencer popular in the #VanLife community, where she was uploading Instagram posts and stories, including ones pertaining to the road trip under the hashtag, as well as a YouTube video of the trip in the days before her death.

The story of Petito's disappearance took social media by storm with tweets and TikToks about her going viral after she was

reported missing. Users across the platforms used Petito's social media presence to look for clues after gaining popularity in true crime communities.

While the popularity of her case led to several people coming forward with possible information about the case, it is also being criticized by many as "missing white woman syndrome," which is a phenomenon where stories involving young white women who go missing are more publicized and widely received, in comparison to stories in which non-white women have gone missing.

In this case, critics often compare Petito's story to those of the almost 700 Indigenous women who have gone missing in the area over the last decade who have received no media attention and barely any police coverage.

Several Winthrop University students echo this same criticism when it comes to the amount of media attention this case received compared to miss-

Courtesy of pixabay ing people of color's cases.

"This case is tragic, and I'm glad she got the amount of coverage that she did so that she could get justice, but I do wish that the several missing cases of Black women and children and Indigenous women and children got nearly as much coverage as she did. She definitely deserved it so that her case could be solved, but it's a little obvious as to why she got the insane amount of coverage that she did," said Mary Abrahamson, sophomore secondary English education major.

Whether it was Petito's whiteness, her online presence or the mishandling of this case that brought it such national popularity, most will agree that they are thankful they found out what happened to her and hope that, in the future, the media will include more on the people of color, especially women who have also gone missing in that area in their focus for missing people.

California recall election ends in victory

California governor election ends in victory for current Democratic governor

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Last week, California held a recall election for governor. The election ended in victory for the incumbent governor, Democrat Gavin Newsom.

A recall election can be called to oust an elected official before the term and is widely used across the United States. The California election was called for several reasons, mostly centering around Newsom's handling of the COVID-19 pandemic and issues surrounding it.

Newsom faced several challenges from a wide array of both Democrat and Republican candidates.

The clear front-runner was Larry Elder, a conservative radio host. Elder overcame a wide field of candidates that included reality show star Caitlyn Jenner and Youtuber Kevin Paffrath. Elder appealed to con-

servative-leaning voters by appearing on several right-wing-leaning radio stations and television shows.

Only two questions were asked on the ballot: the first was should the governor be recalled, and the second was if so, who should the governor be? If 50 percent of eligible voters say yes to the first question, then the candidate that has the most votes will become governor.

This rule has attracted much criticism because it means that a candidate can be elected with a small percentage of votes. The rule is currently under review at the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

The election has been very contentious with both sides attacking the other. Newsom attacked Elder over his statement saying that he would immediately rescind school mask mandates and vaccine requirements

for healthcare workers.

Elder accused Newsom of not keeping many Californians safe through his progressive policies. He also labeled Newsom's governing ability as "poor" and criticized him for his COVID-19 policies in schools.

"Schools where our kids were already behind a whole year, now they are behind another year, because Gavin Newsom ignored science and shut down schools," Elder said at a news conference earlier this month.

Ultimately, Newsom won this recall election, with around 62.2% of eligible voters wanting to keep him in office.

A last-minute campaign rally with Joe Biden is believed to have helped push Newsom to a win, with Biden calling Newsom's opponent Elder "the clone of Donald Trump." "Can you imagine



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him being governor of this state?" Biden said in reference to Elder. "You can't let that happen. There's too much at stake."

Newsom had a wide enough lead that most news outlets called the race for him within an hour of the polls closing.

Carrie Vaughn, a freshman political science major at Winthrop, said, "I think that this sets a major precedent of minority dominating majority versus compromise

and cooperation. The fact that this recall even occurred shows that bipartisanship is very low right now, and for this to be happening in California (a strong Democrat state) is very scary."

Newsom's win gives the Democrats momentum heading into the 2022 mid-term election with the goal of keeping their majority in both houses of Congress. It also shows the power of the major Democrat campaign strategy of evoking Donald

Trump and encouraging voters to vote against Trump-esque candidates and policies.

This latest recall election leaves the question best said by Vaughn, "If people were allowed to demand a recall election because they have so much distrust and dissatisfaction in their governor, what does that say about the basis of our government?"

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Review of Met Gala

2021 outfits

Celebrities wore extravagant outfits at this year's Met Gala event

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Celebrities in extravagant and expensive outfits flood social media websites every year. The pictures of the celebrities at the Met Gala in costumes ranging from beautiful and intricate to complicated and weird flood social media websites and are always turned into a meme.

The hosts of this year's event were Naomi Osaka, Amanda Gorman, Billie Eilish and Timothée Chalamet.

This year's Met Gala, held on Sept. 13 at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, was much smaller and intimate in comparison to years prior. Due to COVID-19 and social distancing, there were fewer participants in person at the event.

Although the event was much smaller than usual, there were big statements made with the outfits that were worn and the messages various celebrities publicized.

According to Vogue magazine, those attending had to show proof of vaccination and were required to wear masks inside unless they were eating or drinking. However, some viewers were not overjoyed about the lack of masks on the red carpet.

"I am surprised that none of them masked up since we are in a pandemic," said Jordan Snipes, a junior political science and psychology major.

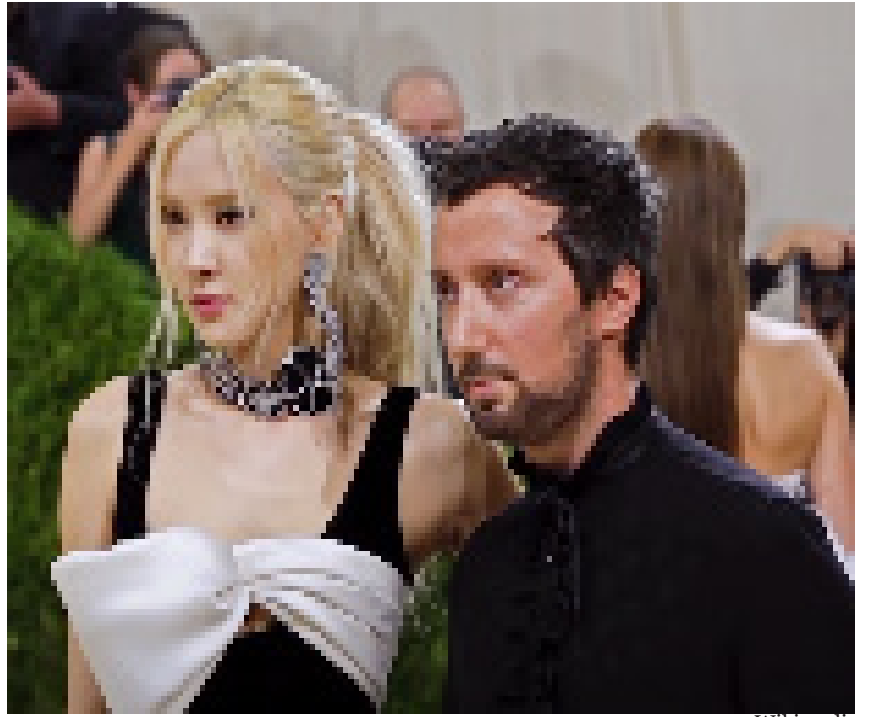
The theme of the Met Gala was "In America: A Lexicon of Fashion." It was a tribute to American fashion, history and independence.

Alongside independence is freedom of speech, and Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez used this freedom at the event. Ocasio-Cortez wore a white dress with the words "tax the rich" in bright red fabric on the back of her dress.

Since Ocasio-Cortez's appearance at the Met Gala making this profound and controversial statement, there has been debate on whether this was the place for her to make this statement or if she should have waited for a different opportunity.

"I was not impressed by the political stance that some were trying to make," Snipes said.

In opposition, Jayda Scheper, a sophomore psychology major, said she liked that the representative seized the opportunity to make a



Rosé and her director, Anthony Vaccarello

statement. "I liked the fact that AOC placed a political statement on her dress. It is freedom of speech, so I think she should have that platform to freely express," Scheper said.

Ocasio-Cortez's dress was not the only outfit that caught people's attention this year. Olympic gold medalist Simone Biles made her appearance wearing a white and black gown that, according to Vogue magazine, weighed 88 pounds.

Chloe Pearson, a senior education-studies major,

compared the outfits from the night to the garish costumes worn by Effie Trinket and the citizens of the fictional upper class described in Suzanne Collins' "The Hunger Games."

"I must say this year's Met Gala outfits made it seem like we were in 'The Hunger Games' with the Met Gala being The Capitol because of ridiculous and horrendous outfits," Pearson said. "The designers were really thinking outside of the box this year."

At this year's Met Gala, history was made as Black-

pink's member Rosé was the first K-pop star to attend the event. At the event, Rosé was seen alongside her director Anthony Vaccarello, wearing a black dress that was accented with a white piece of fabric crossing the top.

Each year it is exciting to anticipate which celebrities will be attending the event and getting to see both what and who they are wearing. As time goes on, hopefully, next year's event will be closer to normal allowing more people to attend.

China to ban LGBTQ content in their country

Because of a wave of "effeminate" content, the Chinese government has taken steps to ban any LGBTQ content in their borders

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China has had a series of new legislatures and content that has transformed it into one of the largest anti-LGBTQ countries in the world. Recently, however, the Chinese government has taken steps to ensure the erasure of this content because they believe it has the "wrong set of values."

For the last seven years, since the General Secretary of the Chinese Communist Party Xi Jinping took power, the Chinese government has attempted to control the culture and the entertainment industry. This includes massive

restrictions on LGBTQ culture, including the chance to live publically as a queer person.

In the last few weeks, China has started to put in new regulations that will severely restrict LGBTQ beliefs. China has announced new regulations which will restrict LGBTQ culture.

In a report by PC Gamer, China has slowed its approval process for new online games so that they can "reduce gaming addiction." They were actually also limiting games with the "wrong set of values," which includes gay love.

"The authorities ordered the enterprises and plat-

forms to tighten examination of the contents of their games," a follow-up report from the State Council of the



People's Republic of China stated. "Obscene and violent content and those breeding unhealthy

tendencies, such as money-worship and effeminacy, should be removed."

Effeminacy is a term that describes

the manifestation of men or boys having "feminine qualities that are untypical of a man."

China has taken lots of steps to restrict this content, and it does not stop at games. They are also attempting to ban any and all state-media that is described as having "sissy males" and "vulgar Internet celebrities" from TV and are now trying to focus on promoting "revolutionary culture," which reflects the morality and values of China's Communist Party.

Even though China has taken steps to decriminalize homosexual beliefs in the late 1990s, there is still a major discrimination problem in employment, health care and other areas because of the backlash that the LGBTQ community

receives. There have been discrimination court cases against the Chinese government, but their law does not protect people based on sexual identity because it can be seen as a "mental disorder or a confusion of sexual desires," according to most of their textbooks.

China has already made steps to limit gaming content online and banned any performer who "violates public order." Programs about those lifestyles are also banned, as well as any content featuring people who are gay, lesbian or trans.

This issue has been happening for a long time, with other parts of the same country holding protests for "equal love" and allowing people to fly rainbow-colored flags.

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The life of child actors

Actors talk about their unfortunate time as child actors

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Several celebrities have spoken out about their harsh experiences when they were in the acting industry as children.

Many of these stories, from celebrities such as Jennette McCurdy, Miley Cyrus, and Jake Lloyd, follow the same narrative. These actors were exploited and abused during their childhood on the sets of their television shows or movies.

Daniel Gordon, a professor and chair of theatre and dance at Winthrop, said it is important for there to be boundaries when working with child actors.

“We all understand the importance of having limits imposed at a young age, and when a child wields too much power, in any profession, it can be damaging,” Gordon said.

In a podcast interview on Insider with Joshua Fields Millburn and Ryan Nicodemus,

McCurdy said that during her time playing the character Sam on the Nickelodeon show “iCarly,” she “was deeply unhappy.” Because of this unhappiness, she has decided to step away from acting.

In the same interview, McCurdy explained that she was pushed into the acting field at the age of six years old by her mother because they were in a tight financial situation.

“I feel so unfulfilled by the roles that I played, and I didn’t like the projects that I was a part of,” McCurdy said.

Sandra Neels, an associate professor of dance at Winthrop, said, “Many professionals have come from poverty, and I think that the less a person has, the more creative they are and are more motivated to do well.”

Much like McCurdy, Miley Cyrus has spoken out about her experience with being in

the industry for most of her life. In an interview with Kevin Hart, she discussed the issues she had separating her identity between herself and Hannah Montana.

She explained that because she was also Miley on the show Hannah Montana, she was never really given the opportunity to just be herself. Once she separated herself from Disney, she was able to begin making decisions on her appearance and her style of songs.

Where many people saw her music video of “Wrecking Ball” as her breaking down, it was really the point where she was able to break out of a toxic environment and begin building her new image.

These narratives from celebrities are not just a recent trend in the media. Stories from celebrities go back years. Jake Lloyd, the child who played the young



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Anakin Skywalker in the 1999 film “Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace,” spoke out about his experience after the release of the film.

According to Daily Mail, Lloyd explained that kids at his school would make fun of his performance in the movie and would make lightsaber noises towards him. Now, Lloyd has still not escaped the bullying from peers.

Now that many of these child actors

are speaking out on their mental health problems and talking about how unhappy they were during their time, it shows the damage that stress can cause to the development of a child.

“I think there needs to be more laws or policies in place to protect children in the industry because it’s a harsh environment, and children don’t get a say,” said Kelli McAlhany, sophomore mass communication major.

The few stories that have been in the news are most likely not the only ones that will be told in the years to come. As more actors come forward, hopefully, the industry will begin to work towards a more positive environment for their child actors.

Recap of the 2021 Emmys

Highlights of television’s biggest night

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Staff Writer

Held in-person again for the first time in two years, the Emmys came back with a bang. Television’s biggest night was full of wins — some shocking and some expected.

“The Crown” and “Ted Lasso” were the two biggest winners of the night. “Ted Lasso” had the most nominations with 13, out of which they won four. “The Crown” won the most awards, winning seven out of their 11 nominations.

Netflix finally took the Emmys throne after years of being a strong competitor. The streaming giant won a total of 44 awards, including outstanding limited series for

“The Queen’s Gambit” and best drama series with “The Crown.” Netflix also won for outstanding directing for a drama series and outstanding writing for a drama series.

Apple TV+ got its first big exposure with “Ted Lasso.” The show swept the comedy section of the awards, winning outstanding comedy series, outstanding lead actor for Jason Sudeikis, outstanding supporting actor for Brett Goldstein and outstanding supporting actress for Hannah Waddingham.

Biology major Edward Carter said this was the best moment for him because “Ted Lasso is my feel-good show

and it brings me so much joy when I feel down.”

“The Crown” continued its winning streak at the Emmys and dominated the drama show section. It won for outstanding drama series, outstanding lead actress for Olivia Colman, outstanding lead actor for Josh O’Connor, outstanding supporting actor for Tobias Menzies and outstanding supporting actress for Gillian Anderson, as well as awards for outstanding directing and writing.

This was social work major Catherine Kinder’s favorite moment because “this is one of my favorite shows, and it’s so nice to see them win.”

The limited series awards were more divided with “The Queen’s Gambit” winning outstanding limited series and “Mare of Easttown” winning outstanding lead actress for Kate Winslet, outstanding supporting actor for Evan Peters and outstanding supporting actress for Julianne Nicholson.

Debbie Allen won the Governors Award for her contributions to television directing and acting as well as dance. This was dance education major Gracie King’s favorite moment because “Debbie Allen is an incredible woman and has paved the way for so many young

women.”

The recorded show of “Hamilton” won outstanding variety special, beating strong contenders such as Bo Burnham’s comedy special “Inside” and the “Friends” reunion.

Michaela Coel, a writer for “I May Destroy You,” won for outstanding writing for a limited series or movie. In her speech, she dedicated her award to all survivors of sexual assault, which is part of the premise of the show.

RuPaul’s “Drag Race” won for outstanding competition program this year. This win marks the most Emmy awards ever won by a person of

color. AP Images

The Emmys drew criticism this year because, despite half of the nominees being people of color, all of the acting nominee winners were white. While the Creative Arts Emmys, held a week prior, honored several people of color, criticism was made because hardly any people of color were honored on the prime-time television awards.

Awards season has ended for this year but is set to come back in full swing with the Grammys in January 2022, the Golden Globes in February and the Oscars in March.



Woolly mammoths coming soon, scientists say

Scientists are creating embryos to carry woolly mammoth DNA

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The woolly mammoth, a giant animal that went extinct thousands of years ago, could be making a comeback as scientists at Colossal Biosciences are working to bring the species back.

We have been able to learn about these creatures through cave drawings and by finding and studying well-preserved bodies. In 2012, a body of an infant woolly mammoth was found and was studied in Hong Kong.

According to The Guardian, scientists are working to “recreate mammoths and return them to the wild.” Funding for this project is being provided by Colossal, a bioscience and genetics company founded by Ben Lamm and George Church.

The process to begin creating these “new” mammoths is broken down into four steps.

According to The Guardian, scientists will first get genomes that will be taken from frozen woolly mammoths and will be tested to make sure they have a specific mammoth gene.

Secondly, skin cells will be taken from Asian elephants and will be edited to carry the mammoth genes that were previously found.

The next step involves scientists creating an egg with stem cells. The nucleus will then be replaced with the nucleus that was from the skin cell containing the mammoth DNA.

The last step will require scientists to stimulate the egg and then have it be carried to term by either growing it in an artificial womb or by being placed in a surrogate elephant.

Many people were asking, “why?” Brendon Lloyd, a

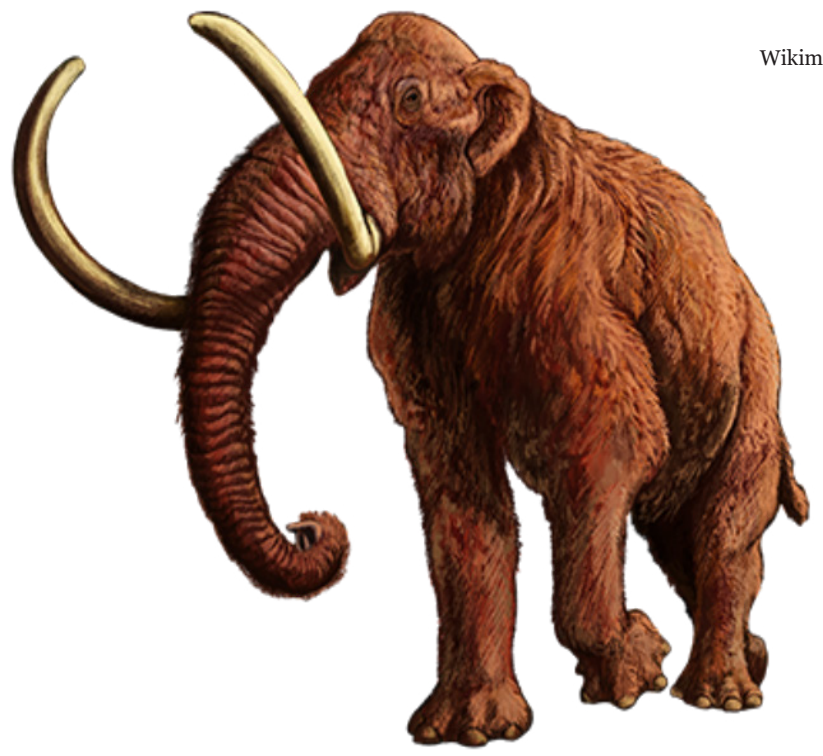
junior computer science major, said he was curious about the scientists’ motivation for bringing mammoths back.

“I want to know why scientists are so interested in this project. If the experiments are successful, then that would push genetic engineering by leaps and bounds,” Lloyd said.

According to The Guardian, scientists believe that creating mammoth-elephant hybrids will help conserve Asian elephants. They also believe that the introduction of these hybrids will help address the degradation of the arctic tundra due to climate change.

Jeremiah Boyd, a junior math major, is skeptical.

“I think that resurrecting mammoths is a slippery slope because of the potential to cause harm to the current ecosystems,” Boyd



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said.

While some are interested and excited to hear more news about the possibility of there being a mammoth-elephant hybrid, some people, like sophomore chemistry major Morgan Hunter, believe that this work is a waste of time and that scientists should be working on other subjects.

“They should be focusing on situa-

tions that are currently affecting the livelihoods of people in this world, such as global warming, infectious diseases, and other concerns where their solutions can help,” Hunter said.

Since the \$15 million budget has recently been cleared, scientists will soon begin their research and attempts on creating these mammoth-elephant

hybrids. Their hope is to have embryos and calves walking the earth in the next six years.

Scientists say that it will take these hybrids 22 months to gestate and then 30 years to grow to full maturity. If this experiment is successful, then scientists believe that these animals will begin to have a positive effect on the climate crisis.

Sony’s PlayStation Showcase 2021

PlayStation’s Annual Showcase happened earlier this month, and the fan-favorite company has announced a slew of brand new games for players to enjoy.

Gabe Corbin
Staff Writer

Sony and PlayStation announced a slew of brand new games and content on Sept. 9, ready for players to enjoy in 2022 and 2023. Sony and PlayStation will prepare these new titles for the newer consoles, such as the popular PlayStation 5, the PlayStation 4 and PlayStation 4 Pro. From sequels to spinoff games, here’s what Sony announced:

Marvel’s hit video game “Spider-Man” and “Spider-Man: Miles Morales” is getting an all-new sequel in 2023 titled “Spider-Man 2.” The game will star Yuri Lowenthal and Nadji Jeter as Peter and Miles, respectively. Tony Todd from “Candyman” will join them as Venom.

Peter and Miles will have their-

hands full as they take on both the symbiotic Venom and the dangerous Kraven the Hunter, who comes to New York to battle the Spider-Men.

Fresh off the epic success of the Spider-Man games, Insomniac Games announced a brand new video game starring the infamous X-Man Wolverine. Although there is no official release date yet, fans can expect more details to be announced in the coming year.

Sony Interactive Entertainment and Lucasfilm Games revealed they are going to remake the infamous RPG “Star Wars: Knights of the Old Republic.” The original game came out in 2003 and featured

Anakin Skywalker and Obi-Wan Kenobi in the heart of the Clone Wars. Fans were eager to see the game get a remake for the PS5, and Lucasfilm Games will release more information later this year and next.

In 2018, Sony developed the next chapter of the “God of War” saga starring Kratos and his adoptive son Atreus as they explored the Norse wilderness. After a mysterious teaser back in 2020, Sony announced a brand new “God of War” game subtitled “Ragnarök.”

The game sees Atreus and Kratos survive Fimbulwinter and the upcoming Ragnarök. The two will have to face their former ally Freya and the God of Thunder, Thor, as they seek answers about the

upcoming end of the world from the formerly deceased Norse God of War Týr and more about Atreus’s past as Loki. “God of War: Ragnarök” will be released in 2022.

Gearbox Software announced a brand new game called “Tiny Tina’s Wonderlands,” releasing on March 25, 2022. Players will be able to create their character as they explore a fantastical wonderland filled with whimsical creatures, wondrous sights and awesome weapons as they go on quests to find a way to beat the tyrannical Dragon Lord in this “Borderlands” spin-off.

“Grand Theft Auto V” and “Grand Theft Auto Online” will be expanded and enhanced since its release in 2013 and will now be

featured on PS5.

The game was originally supposed to be released in November, but it will now be released in March 2022. Los Santos will be improved and changed as the classic makes its way onto the PS5 in just a few months. “Grand Theft Auto Online” will also be released for the PS5 and will be free for all players.

“Gran Turismo Sport” will launch in March 2022 as well. The game will feature a large world to explore, races to take part in and a wide range of cars that can be customized and unlocked. “Project Eve” will be released sometime in the next two years as well, with players controlling

the mysterious Eve. She must combat the alien NA:tives to win back the Earth with the help of new comrades.

“Uncharted 4: A Thief’s End” and “Uncharted: The Lost Legacy” will be collected and remastered in early 2022. Fans of both of these games will now have access to them on the PS5 console and the PC.

Overall, the next set of games from Sony look to be some of the most intriguing ones yet. More details will be announced later this year and the next, as fans get ready to see some more of their favorite characters and new heroes come to



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Esports excels at HUE Invitational

Winthrop earns top-5 finishes in League of Legends and Overwatch

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The Winthrop Esports program traveled to Harrisburg, PA to compete in “the biggest tournament in collegiate esports,” the HUE (Harrisburg University Esports) Invitational, on Sept. 18-19.

“It serves as a sort of kick-off for the new school year. Only the top teams in the country are invited, so it gives a great first look into how the best of the best match up with one another,” head esports coach Josh Sides said.

Open to teams from Canada, Mexico and the United States, 31 other teams met alongside the Eagles to participate in the League of Legends and Overwatch competitions.

The invitational had a prize pool of \$20,000, split between both games and then by ranking, with first place earning \$5,000,

second place earn-

ing \$2,500, and third and fourth place each taking home \$1,250.

Winthrop’s League of Legends team finished in third place, while the Overwatch team finished in fifth place.

“This was around general expectations for us coming into the tournament with our teams having a lot of new faces this semester,” Sides said. “For the League of Legends team, it really felt like we could have won the whole thing. Extremely close games in the semifinals.”

At the end of the 2021 spring semester, the Eagles won both the Collegiate Esports National Championship at Northwood University and the League of Legends College Championship at Maryville University. These successes finalized their season ranking with

13 wins and only a singular loss.

With the fall season now underway, the Eagles have a jam-packed schedule but will not be traveling for any further matches. This past weekend, the team competed virtually for a \$10,000 prize in the Collegiate Showcase Series Invitational.

The Eagles were successful competing against Columbia College, but a loss in the second round sent the University of St. Thomas and Maryville University to the grand finals.

Fans are welcome to watch Winthrop’s Rocket League team in action in a few weeks at the EsportsCircus event on Oct. 16-17 at the Rock Hill Sports and Events Center.

The team has also been working hard to present a “new and improved team stream” for fans to watch their competitions, but until then, viewers

should continue to check the @WinthropEsports Twitter account for updates.

“[I’m] feeling

great about the players we have in here, such a great group of guys and girls,” Sides said.

“I think we have

a lot to live up to from the results of last season, but I’m excited to see what this bunch can do.”



Courtesy of @WinthropEsports on Twitter

“Madub,” a member of Winthrop’s League of Legends team, reclines in his chair during a match at the 2021 HUE Invitational.



Courtesy of @WinthropEsports on Twitter

Winthrop made the quarterfinals in Overwatch and the semifinals in League of Legends at the 2021 HUE Invitational.

Eagle of the Week: Austin Spencer

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Earlier this month, at the 2021 Winthrop Adidas Invitational, Austin Spencer recorded the fastest time for Winthrop in the men’s 8-kilometer race, earning a 19th-place finish.

“I think I definitely need to be a little bit further up in the pack,” Spencer said. “I should’ve done better than I did.”

His critical assessment of his performance shows how high of a standard to which he holds himself.

Spencer was born in Indiana and spent the first 10 years of his life there before he and his family moved to Anderson, SC. He attended T.L. Hanna High School, where he experienced success as both a runner and tennis player.

“I did cross country in the fall and then track and tennis in the spring. So I was doing two sports in the same season throughout

high school. I’m

pretty proud of

that,” Spencer said.

He wasn’t just a casual participant in these sports either. Spencer earned All-Region honors in 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 for cross country, as well as for tennis in 2017.

In cross country, Spencer served as a team captain in 2018 and 2019 and earned the title of Region 1 5A State Champion both of those years.

Spencer also received the 2019-2020 T.L. Hanna Male Athlete Award. His list of athletic honors goes on and on.

Spencer said his interest in cross country began when he was in the second or third grade.

“I was doing the Purdue Area Track Club, which was coached by the high school coach. He was just trying to get young kids into it really early so that he could build his high school

team really well, but he was a very good coach,” Spencer said.

“I was good at it. Everybody just gravitates towards

what they’re good at, so I just stuck with it because I was good, and I kept improving over time.”

Spencer said he



Courtesy of Winthrop Athletics

Austin Spencer is a sophomore on Winthrop’s cross country and track and field teams



Courtesy of Spencer

Spencer (far right) leads the Winthrop field at the Big South Championship last March.

pretty much knew that he would run collegiately by his sophomore year of high school. By his junior year, he was running faster times and contacting college coaches.

“I was recruited by about five or six other schools that I was interested in,” he said.

Spencer said he chose Winthrop because it didn’t feel too big or small, and he loved the course Winthrop had for training. He also liked how “into the sport” head coach Ben Paxton was.

Now a sophomore at Winthrop, Spencer said he still appreciates Paxton’s seriousness and how involved he is with cross country.

“He kind of reminds me of my dad in the fact that both my dad and Coach Paxton, they seem to know almost everything about the sport that they’re coaching, and they’re also just so motivated about getting the team better,” Spencer said.

In terms of getting the team better, Spencer said Winthrop’s team goal this year is to place third in the conference.

“That’s going to be really tough, but I think that is probably my main goal for this season,” he said.

On an individual level, Spencer said he’s focusing on placement more than time this season and hopes to earn All-Conference honors.

“That was my goal last year, and I fell short of it,” he said. “I’m pretty confident that I can get it this year.”

If there’s any indication that Spencer will be an All-Conference selection, it’s the fact that he’s not satisfied with a top-20 finish in his first race of the season. Winthrop will compete in the Coastal Carolina Invitational on Friday, and Spencer is certain that he will show improvement.

“I’m going to be doing better this weekend, for sure,” he said.



Winthrop Scoreboard

Women's Soccer

Winthrop 2-1 Gardner-Webb
Winthrop 2-0 USC Upstate

Volleyball

Winthrop 3-0 Gardner-Webb
Winthrop 3-0 Radford

Men's basketball reveals new black jerseys for 2021-22 season



Courtesy of @winthrop_mbb on Instagram

Russell Jones Jr. (a junior on the Winthrop men's basketball team) poses in the new black jersey.



Courtesy of @patioogood on Instagram

Winthrop graduate transfer Patrick Good shows off the back of the new black jersey, which reads "ROCKTHEHILL" on the back of the shorts leg.



Courtesy of Winthrop Athletics

Winthrop women's basketball went 6-18 overall during the 2020-21 season.

Winthrop women's basketball schedule announced

Randall Lay excited for team to face tough competition

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The Winthrop women's basketball schedule is out for the 2021-22 season, featuring daunting road games at Duke, Kentucky and Alabama.

"Everyone puts their shorts on just like everyone else," said head coach Semeka Randall Lay. "The thing we have to go in with is a mindset of probably having some small-time goals to try to achieve in those games."

The Eagles will start the season on a four-game road stretch, opening against Duke at Cameron Indoor Stadium on Nov. 9.

"It's a tough game. At this level, you have to play those types of games to keep the lights on, so to speak," Randall Lay said.

"But [it will] provide a great opportunity for our athletes to kind of see where we're at — almost mimic some of our non-conference games to help us get ready for our conference."

Randall Lay (who played collegiately at the University of Tennessee and was a member of the 1997-98 team that finished 39-0) never played in Cameron Indoor, but

she said she visited when her former coaches Joanne P. McCallie and Al Brown coached at Duke.

"Just walking in there and just watching games on TV and thinking about the experience of how the crowd is amazing and how they're jumping, especially for the men's games... I think it's going to be really cool for our athletes to get that experience."

Winthrop's last non-conference game will be against Alabama on Dec. 20, a team that was beaten by Big South member Hampton in 2019, which Randall Lay was quick to point out.

"Sometimes those teams take you lightly, and then they don't go in there and do what they were 'supposed to do,'" Randall Lay said.

Last season, Winthrop only competed in three non-conference games before getting into conference play due to COVID-19 scheduling limitations. Randall Lay said having more non-conference games this year (11) will be good for the team.

"We're gonna

learn a lot about ourselves," Randall Lay said. "It's a process."

"Some days it's gonna feel good, and some days it might not, but I think it just gives us more opportunities to teach our group and for our athletes to kind of see themselves as they're competing against somebody outside themselves."

Winthrop finished with a 5-15 record against Big South Conference opponents last season while Randall Lay was the interim head coach. The team only had six returning players from the previous year's squad.

In April, Randall Lay was given the full-time head coaching position. This season she has seven returning players, one graduate transfer and six freshmen.

"I imagine we probably won't be picked high just because of the turnover within our team, so every game to me is going to be like a championship game — a game that we can figure out how we can get better as a unit," Randall Lay said.

Randall Lay noted that Big South newcomer North Carolina A&T will

pose a new challenge for Winthrop with how athletic its roster is.

"[Their] coach has done a really good job of relying on transfers," Randall Lay said. "They've been able to get transfers from those Power 5s or those high major programs. It's going to definitely make all of us step our game up in the conference."

Randall Lay also said she expects NC A&T to "full-court press like crazy," which will test how well Winthrop can value and take care of the basketball.

Since very few people were allowed to attend games last season, Randall Lay said she is excited to host fans in Winthrop Coliseum again, and she hopes the community will come to show support for the team.

"I played at Tennessee. We had 24,000 people in my era, and the energy it brought to me — I believe it could be the same here in our environment."

Winthrop's first home game will be on Nov. 24 when the Eagles host Coker University.

Winthrop to host 2021 US Disc Golf Championship

Chase Duncan

Winthrop University will host the 23rd annual United States Disc Golf Championship as well as the first installment of the all-female Throw Pink Women's Disc Golf Championship in early October, bringing together some of the country's finest disc golf athletes.

Both tournaments

are set to take place Oct. 6-9 on the Winthrop University Arena Course located on the Winthrop Coliseum grounds, which has been dubbed the "Gold Course" by many players.

Profits from the TPWDGC tournament will be donated to Throw Pink, a 501c3 organization that supports wom-

en's health initiatives.

Winthrop students and faculty members who can present a university ID will be permitted free entry into the tournament, and single day passes can be purchased for \$20.

The event will host players such as #1 ranked player in the world Paul Mc-

Beth, James Conrad, Paige Pierce and more.

"We are excited to welcome spectators back to one of disc golf's most beloved events, the United States Disc Golf Championship," USDGC Tournament Director Jonathan Poole said.

"This year, Championship Week will also include the

inaugural Throw Pink Women's Disc Golf Championship, an event that will showcase 40 of the world's top female disc golfers on the legendary Winthrop Arena Course. Disc golf is exploding in popularity and all eyes will be on Winthrop this October."

Throw Pink founder Sara Nicholson said, "We're

doing big and important things. We're raising money to support women's health, supporting our game's top female athletes, and growing future participation all at once. It's an amazing feeling. Sports have a huge impact on women's health, both physically and mentally."

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Assistant News Editor
Hey! My name is Christian (he/him), and I will be one of the assistant news editors this year. I am a senior pursuing a mass communication major with a journalism interest and a political science minor. In addition to journalistic writing, I also enjoy writing fiction and playing tabletop roleplaying games, like Dungeons and Dragons!



Taylor Sallenger
Assistant News Editor

Hello! I'm Taylor, and I use she/her pronouns. I am also a senior political science major, as well as one of the assistant news editors this year. A fun fact about me is that my favorite thing to do is read, and I usually get through 4-6 books a week if I have time!



Emily Curry
Assistant Arts Editor

Emily Curry (she/her) is currently in her second year at Winthrop University. She intends to major in mass communication with an interest in journalism and minor in legal studies. This year, she is excited to be working with *The Johnsonian* as an assistant editor in the Arts, Culture & Tech section. She enjoys writing stories, both original and fan fictions, and adores anything Disney.



Lily Fremd
Assistant Sports Editor

Hello! My name is Lily Fremd, and I am a junior early childhood education major working as the assistant sports editor for *The Johnsonian*. Aside from writing for the newspaper, I work in the on-campus preschool class at Macfeat Laboratory School, give campus tours as an Ambassador and am a member of Alpha Delta Pi. I am also a major Disney fan, and I have visited Disneyland more times than I can count!



Spencer Horton
Assistant Tech Editor

Hi! My name is Spencer Horton, my pronouns are he/him, and I'm a senior mass communication major who will be the assistant tech editor for *The Johnsonian* this year. I've always enjoyed writing of any kind, whether it be creative or journalistic, and a fun fact about myself is that I play bass in a rock band.



Jessica Shealy
Executive Copy Editor




My name is Jessica Shealy (she/they), and I am a senior double majoring in English and political science. I am the executive copy editor for *The Johnsonian* this year. My interest in copy editing sparked the day I started noticing spelling errors in my copies of the *Harry Potter* books.



Anna Sharpe
Copy Editor

My name is Anna Sharpe (she/her). I'm a senior MCOM & Spanish major and will be on staff at *The Johnsonian* as a copy editor this year. A fun fact about me is that in 2019 I was the youngest person to serve as Editor-in-Chief for *The Johnsonian*.

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