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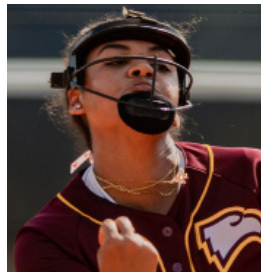
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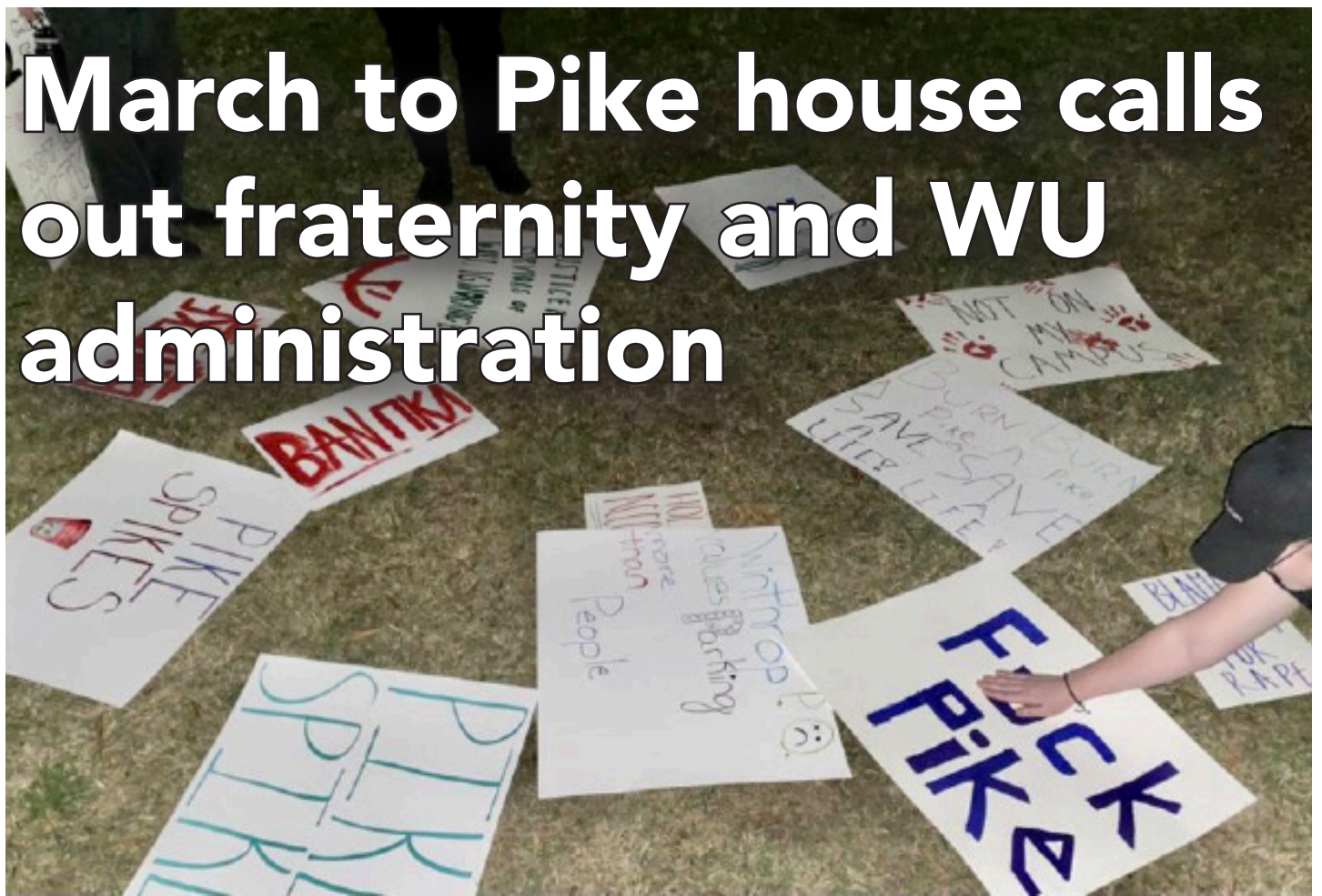
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After a recent string of sexual assault accusations towards Pi Kappa Alpha, Winthrop Students for Change and participants marched to the fraternity house to protest.

March to Pike house calls out fraternity and WU administration



Gabe Corbin/The Johnsonian

Protest posters used by WUSFC members and protesters laid out in front of Byrnes Auditorium where the march started

GABE CORBIN, Staff Writer & MARI PRESSLEY,

Fraternity Pi Kappa Alpha, more informally known as Pike, along with Winthrop University administration, were the targets of a protest that took place on Thursday night where protesters sought to address a number of sexual assaults in which Pike brothers were said to be the perpetrators. Talk of accessibility

issues experienced by differently-abled students was also had. The protest was initiated by Winthrop University Students for Change and took place at 9 p.m. Protestors were asked to wear black in order to "take back the night," according to WUS-FC member Ami Hughey.

At the start of the protest, in the organization's list of demands, WUS-FC called out WU officials such as Interim Dean of Students Anthony Davis, Assistant Dean of Students Miranda Knight and Vice President and Chief of Staff Kimberly Faust for an alleged mishandling of sexual assault cases in-

volving Pike. "I personally felt and feel now that the issues being protested over, mainly the topic of silencing survivors and the lack of accessibility at Winthrop, have been forced to be quiet," said student protester Dwayne Kirkland. "I felt that the protest was successful in making [sexual assault and

lack of accessibility] so loud that they couldn't be ignored, put off, or swept under the rug." At around 9:30 p.m., protesters marched from Byrnes Auditorium to the Pike house which was roughly five minutes away. Participants chanting "Winthrop employs abusers," "Winthrop sides with rapists" and

"Winthrop blames the victims" could be heard as the crowd marched down Alumni Drive. The protesters arrived at the Pike house and continued to chant in front of the house. Officers from the Rock Hill Police Department and from campus police were present about see PIKE pg. 2

Indigenous Peoples' Day at Louise Pettus



Emma Crouch/The Johnsonian

The Louise Pettus Archives and Special Collections is located at 700 Cherry Rd. Rock Hill, SC 29730.

An opinion piece on how Indigenous Peoples' Day, also still referred to by some at Columbus Day, was honored at Winthrop University's Louise Pettus Archives and Special Collections.

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Lacrosse gears up for a new season



Marley Bassett/The Johnsonian

Junior Savannah Patton practices for the upcoming season.

After finishing last season with seven wins and eight losses, the team is looking to come back better than ever.

MARLEY BASSETT, Staff Writer

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Club profile: Winthrop College Republicans

Currently, Winthrop University has a college Republicans club as well as a college Democrats club. Last year, the university was without a college Republicans club.

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College Republican affiliates from left to right: Dr. Clifton Harris, associate professor of Chemistry; Ishmael Lowery, Rock Hill mayoral candidate; Garrett Brooks, sophomore; Sean Dougherty, senior; Wes Thomas, sophomore.



Courtesy of Garrett Jackson see REPUBLICAN pg. 4

Nature vs. Nurture, Red Delta Exhibit



Emily Curry/The Johnsonian

The Red Delta exhibit explores the concept of toxic masculinity. The exhibit opened on Sept. 13.

"Deadfall." Pieces by Matthew Steele and Reuben Bloom in the Red Delta Exhibit

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There was a misprint in the Arts, Culture & Tech section of the Oct. 6 issue. It has been corrected in the online version, but not in the print version. Please visit mytjnow.com to read the corrected Oct. 6 AC&T section.



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halfway through the protest.

While tension was in the air, no one was injured and no arrests were made. Pike brothers were inside the house during the protest and no one emerged from the

house while protesters were present.

The Johnsonian reached out to Pi Kappa Alpha on Oct. 8 and they have yet to comment on the Oct. 7 protest.

“Here’s the truth:

No amount of proof is ever going to be good enough for Pike, so long as one of their own is being accused of rape or covering up rape,” said WUSFC organizer Milo Wolverton. “They don’t want proof.

[Pike] want[s] survivor[s] who speak out against them to shut up and go away so they can perpetuate rape culture on campus in peace.”

WUSFC has vocalized that they are not going to stop

protesting until change happens.

“We’re not going to stop until it is safe, or we’re going to make sure nobody comes here,” Grayce Kellam, WUSFC member, told FOX 46 Charlotte, who was also

covering the event at the start of the protest. “It’s as simple as that. We’re not going to be silenced anymore.”



Christian Smith/The Johnsonian

Upper left photo: WUSFC affiliate Ainsley McCarthy speaks of her tribulation as a differently-abled student on a campus with sparse accessibility; Upper right photo: Protesters gathered outside of the Pi Kappa Alpha house; Lower left photo: Protesters marching from the front of Byrnes Auditorium to the Pi Kappa Alpha house; Lower right photo: Rock Hill Police Department vehicles and Winthrop University Campus Police vehicles parked on the opposite side of the road from the Pi Kappa Alpha house.

Cultural event discusses porn, stigmas and sexual health

MARLEY BASSETT,
Staff Writer

STDs and STIs are heavily prevalent among college students and in the state of South Carolina. South Carolina ranks number four for cases of chlamydia and gonorrhea. There are also 19,000 cases of HIV and AIDS throughout the state.

“Porn: Exposed!” discussed several prevalent issues concerning porn and sex, including sexual wellness.

The event held last Friday at Dina’s Place considered problems in the porn industry, sexual violence, and the importance of destigmatizing these issues.

Sexual wellness was a major focus of the event.

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state of South Carolina. South Carolina ranks number four for cases of chlamydia and gonorrhea. There are also 19,000 cases of HIV and AIDS throughout the state.

There are many resources in the community to help with these issues. Aside from Health and Counseling Services, located on campus in the Crawford Building, there are several free clinics available in Rock Hill for rapid sexually

transmitted diseases and infections, as well as pregnancy testing.

“With any STD or STI, you can treat it, and the most important thing is to talk with your partner about what’s going on if it’s safe to do so and give them a heads up,” said Lee Bradford, an employee at Affinity Community Health in Rock Hill.

Quest Morris, organizer and moderator of the event, said it is important to remember that

“when it comes to STDs and STIs, they don’t make you a dirty or bad person. It is not a stigma and you should be open with it.”

The event also focused on problems in the porn industry, such as negative racial stereotypes and objectification of women among others.

The porn industry often perpetuates stereotypes such as African-American men being aggressive and Asian women being fem-

inine and small. It also ignores aspects of sexual health such as frequent testing for transmitted diseases.

The industry is also known to objectify women. Many plotlines in porn focus on the women in a submissive role who are forced to mold themselves to fit the image that the man wants to see them as.

During the presentation, research was presented that showed consump-

tion of porn and exposure to filmed sexual violence encourages sexist attitudes and makes people, as a whole, less empathetic for victims of sexual assault and rape.

Part of the presentation focused on resources at Winthrop that are available to victims of sexual and domestic violence. The Office of Victims Assistance offers health services and counseling. They can also provide students

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with support at court hearings and in their academics. Victims Assistance can also help students report an incident.

“Students have the power to report the incident without having to file a proper police report,” Victims Assistance Coordinator Itali Jackson said. “We just want students to have the resources that they need and to be able

to get help.”

Students can file a Title IX report with the student affairs office.

“If a student files a Title IX report, they can let the university know what happened,” said Miranda Knight, assistant dean of students.

“Maybe they just want resources. The student can then decide which route they want be it resources, police

report, or Title IX proceedings if the offender is another student at the university.”

Winthrop students agree that it is important to talk about prevalent sexual issues like the ones mentioned above to reduce the stigma around them.

“This is important because so many people come to college feeling inadequate with

their experiences and knowing that you are not wrong for what you have experienced is a big part of growing up,” said freshman English education major, Emmalynne Eshelman.

“Porn: Exposed!” aimed to break the stigma and be open about sex and the issues that come with it and highlight the resources students need without judgment.



Police Blotter

On Sept. 22, the R/O (Reporting Officer) was dispatched to the Winthrop University Police Department in reference to a walk-in subject who wanted to report defamation of character.

Once on scene, the R/O met with subject #2 who stated that he had been hearing a lot of rumors spreading around the campus that he was a “rapist” and a “sexual predator.”

Subject #2 stated that around April of last semester, subject #1 messaged subject #2 via Snapchat, requesting that he meet up with her in DiGiorgio Student Center because she was high and was feeling anxious. Once the two individuals met up, they hung out for approximately an hour before heading back to their dorms. subject #2 then began walking subject #1 to Phelps Hall, where she resided at the time. While walking, subject #1 told subject #2 that she was not actually ready to go back to her room and that she wanted to hang out more.

At that time, subject #1 suggested that they play truth or dare, to which subject #2 agreed. Subject #2 stated that after playing for a while, subject #1 dared him to touch her breast. Initially, he declined, but she persisted that he do it. Subject #2 then obliged for a brief moment before removing his hand. The two individuals continued to play the game for a while until subject #1 dared subject #2 to “do whatever you want to me. I know you have something in mind.” Subject #2 declined the dare. After playing truth or dare, the two individuals then walked back to Phelps Hall.

Subject #2 stated that on the next day, the two individuals were eating inside of Thomson Hall. At that time, subject #1 was again high. After eating, subject #1 wanted subject #2 to walk her back to her dorm room. Subject #2 agreed

but instead of going to the dorm, they continued to walk around campus.

During this time, subject #1 suggested again, “you can do whatever to me.” Subject #2 stated that he declined and just didn’t want to do anything because she was engaged. At that time, subject #1 grabbed subject #2’s hand and placed it on her breast above her clothing. She also began to touch subject #2 inappropriately. Once subject #2 pulled away, subject #1 pulled away as well. Subject #2 stated that nothing else sexually transpired during that time.

After the two individuals returned to their separate rooms, subject #1 then requested nude photos from subject #2 via Snapchat. Subject #2 declined but she insisted that he send them. After rejecting subject #1’s request, subject #2 stopped communication with subject #1 completely because she was engaged to be married.

On Sept. 22, subject #2 advised that he had been constantly asked about him being a “rapist/sexual predator” from random people around the campus. Subject #2 admitted that he and subject #1 were touching each other but nothing else occurred beyond that point. Due to these accusations, subject #2 stated he has been feeling really upset and anxious. Subject #2 also stated that the rumors are being spread on social media.

Subject #2 advised that the two have not been in communication since last semester and that he does not understand why subject #1 would spread false accusations about him and he wants it to stop. After the interview, the R/O had subject #2 fill out a detailed statement form describing the events that occurred. The Subject also completed a Victim Notification form. The cause will remain active until further investigation.

Professor Tammy White, leading future leaders

Why Teaching Is Important to Professor White

JADA STRONG, Staff Writer

Tammy White is an assistant professor and the director of the master’s program in educational leadership. In her classroom, she prepares graduate students to become education leaders themselves.

White is in her third year of teaching at Winthrop. Before she worked at Winthrop she was a principal in Rock Hill, and now she teaches students how to become principals.

“I work with graduate students who are looking to get their certificate to get certified to basically become a middle school principal,” White said.

White officially began teaching here at Winthrop 5 years ago part-time, after she finished her Ph.D. at the University of South Carolina.

“I’m a former principal at the Rock Hill School district.” White said, “When I finished my Ph.D. in 2013 I was called by the director of the program at the time who asked me if I would consider teaching some adjunct classes on the side.”

White was a principal for 13 years before becoming a professor. Accepting the position at Winthrop was a no-brainer for her.

“My ultimate career goal was to be able to teach in higher education,” White said. “I always knew that I wanted to teach after I retired from the school district, and the opportunity presented itself sooner than I

expected, so when it came, I took it.”

Prior to being a principal, she began her career as a middle school math teacher.

“I love teaching,” White said. “I really enjoy teaching and when I was a principal, I love doing that. Engaging with students and the community, but at the same time I really missed teaching. So when I was working on my Ph.D. I realized that I really liked to get back to teaching one day. It’s my passion, so now teaching here, teaching teachers is just the ultimate dream of mine, they’re such passionate learners. They’re so caring and their potential career choice to teach means so much to them.”

White uses her own personal experience to guide her students the best way she can.

“I try to instill in them the understanding of their importance in the school and the community as education leaders,” White explained. “Being a principal is very much like being a pastor in a church, it’s a calling and a mission that people have to have. That willingness to take on a greater role and understanding that you’re going to have a significant impact on not only the children but the adults that come with them. It’s important for them to embrace the fact that they’re going to be a strong role model for the kids looking at them for leadership.”

Knowing the weight of what the job entails, White would like her students to understand the impact they will have as principals.

“They have to understand that power in their rule. It’s a big job and I think some people have the impression that it’s an easy job when the truth is it’s a 24/7 job,” White said. “When conflict ultimately arises and when they’re facing higher accountability, it’s my job to teach them not to have all the answers but know where to go back and get the answers.”

White wants her students to know that she’s always here for her students during school and after they graduate. She always wants to lend a helping hand.

“I think teachers and student leaders of all kinds need to know they have our support,” White said. “They need to know they can reach back to us at Winthrop if they ever need to.”

Recently White had her longtime friend and senator, Mike Fleming, visit Winthrop.

“Mike is a personal friend of mine. Other than being a senator he was also once a teacher himself. So, he’s someone I worked rather closely with through the recruitment of our students and the career planning of the students,” White explained. “I am currently teaching a graduate-level finance course, so when he’s available I like to have him



come in and present to the students about the educational budgeting process and how that works from his perspective as a senator. He’s a great presenter and he shows students how to make our representatives accountable and help them understand finances.”

For students who are considering a career path in teaching or a leadership position that involves working with students, White encourages students to soak up as much time as they can working with kids to determine if that’s the career path they want to take.

“For students that are considering this career field at an undergrad level, I encourage them to take any opportunity to engage with kids as often as possible,” White said. “Find out if that’s something you can see yourself doing for the next couple of decades, find out if that’s something you enjoy because a lot of people don’t actually like working with kids. But some do and want to be a significant influence in their lives. Take the time to do some intel to figure out if that’s what you want.

Teaching swimming lessons is actually how I found out that I not only loved teaching and working with kids but that I also had the talent for it. That I didn’t know I had until I engage in it.”

Club profile: Winthrop College Republicans

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The Winthrop College Republicans have recently resumed their organization after a year of the pandemic. The self-proclaimed “Best Party on Campus” seeks to give conservative students a place to voice their opinions and have a chance to be involved on campus in the community.

President of the Winthrop College Republicans and sophomore political science major Garret Jackson described the group as a space to create an environment for people who have like-minded ideas.

“[W]e also want to be able to provide a place for those who may not necessarily agree with us, but for them to have a chance to come and hear conservative principles and be a part of the events in which whatever way that they would like to be, even if they don’t agree with us,” Jackson said.

The group has been inactive for almost two years due to Covid-19 and many of its previous members graduating. After its resurrection, the club is now able to provide many students with an outlet and an opportunity to get involved.

“[I]t’s really gotten me to get connected with more people on campus [and] involved with different people and different teachers. And you know, just getting a different viewpoint and per-

spective on, I guess, being involved on a college campus,” Jackson said.

The organization plans to engage not only on campus but in the community as well. The organization is involved with the York County GOP.

“Our vice president [is] really [trying]...right now just trying to build relationships with those groups. You know, we can sort of partner together and do things together,” Jackson said.

With its planned projects consisting of hosting presidential candidates and assisting in local campaigns, the Winthrop College Republicans plan to participate in impactful events this year.

“[H]opefully once, you know, the midterm elections in 2020 start to, you know, really get into swing and we’ll be able to have some federal representatives that are running and hopefully get their input and have them on campus because I know that a lot of people probably would want to hear their viewpoint on things,” Jackson said. “But then we also want to be able to voice our thoughts and opinions on just things that happen on campus, things that happen locally, things that happen in our state and in the country, in general.”

The murder of Miya Marcano sparks fear to lives of women across the country



Courtesy to Orange County Sheriff’s Office

SAM HYATT,
Staff Writer

Trigger warning – this article will discuss violent actions that were committed against a college student.

Miya Marcano, a 19-year-old college student at Valencia College in Orlando, was reported missing on Sept. 24, 2021. After a short investigation, Marcano’s body was found in a wooded area near an apartment complex in Orlando, according to USA Today.

Investigators say the student was last seen walking into her apartment complex on the night of Sept. 24. That same night, a maintenance worker for the building, Armando Caballero, used the master key to enter her apartment.

A resident in Marcano’s building spoke to investigators explaining that Caballero had made numerous advances toward Marcano, which she turned down.

Weeks before the break-in and murder, Marcano agreed to go on a date with Caballe-

ro. When Marcano decided to reschedule, Callabero threw a black weight through her apartment’s window.

According to USA Today, investigators announced that Caballero committed suicide.

Marcano’s family is hoping to set up a foundation in her honor that will advocate for change in the hiring process for employees that have access to master key fobs.

Each time a story is announced that a woman has been assaulted or killed by a man, women across the country begin sharing ways to protect themselves with their friends and across social media.

“This should not be happening to women just because she turned down advances from a guy she was not interested in,” freshman English major Briceidy Tinoco said.

“One way women can protect themselves is by telling family and friends if they are experiencing a recurring

problem,” Tinoco said.

This situation has caused more panic since the perpetrator was someone who worked in the building and could access every room in the building. Women are now questioning how they might protect themselves in similar situations.

“Students who have experienced trauma due to sexual assault, domestic and dating violence, stalking and victims of crimes or discrimination based on bias should seek support through our office to understand their rights and options and to access other resources such as counseling. Students do not have to report to Law Enforcement or file a formal complaint to the University to receive our services,” said Itali Jackson, the Office of Victim Assistance coordinator at Winthrop University.

“The problem is the sexism rooted in our society, so I think it would be hard to tell wom-

en how to protect themselves when their society is not willing to protect them,” freshman English major Gwen Pregnall said. “I think even if a woman does everything that our society considers ‘right’ in this situation, it will not fix the problem.”

Pregnall believes nothing will actually change unless society stops letting sexism influence the way it feels about protecting women.

“In the end, attacks like this will keep happening unless we take real action on breaking down sexism and its supporters,” Pregnall said.

Those on Winthrop’s campus who are experiencing forms of stalking and harassment and feel like they may be in danger are encouraged to contact campus police. In addition, students are encouraged to contact the Office of Victim Assistance if they have experienced a traumatic event.

Congress raises debt ceiling after US money shortage scare

What running out of money would look like for the U.S.



Courtesy to Pixabay

SAM HYATT,
Staff Writer

United States government was scheduled to run out of money on Oct. 17.

Congress has decided to raise the debt ceiling by \$480 billion after announcing that the government was expected to run out of money by Oct. 18.

According to The New York Times, both Democrat and Republican parties were able to come to a consensus to allow for a temporary debt ceiling increase. This will allow Congress to have more time to deliberate on what the next step should be.

On campus, some students don’t believe it is possible.

“I’d like to think that the government running out of money is not even a possibility,” sophomore business administration major Arman Alavi said.

The lack of background on what this means for Americans can be unnerving because citizens

want to believe that their government has enough money to provide for its people.

“The government running out of money has never happened before and it would be unprecedented, as it would also signal that the United States is no longer a trustworthy and dependable borrower since there is a chance that creditors to the United States will not be paid back,” Assistant Professor of Economics Dr. Tarabar Danko said.

The debt limit is set by Congressional law. Congress had to decide whether to increase the national debt ceiling or to try and borrow more money from foreign creditors. Right now, the United States’ national debt is about \$28.4

trillion.

“Congress has imposed an artificial ceiling on the amount of debt the United States can take on,” Assistant Professor of Economics Dr. Nicholas Moellman said. “In part, this is an attempt to curtail spending. However, it’s important to note that the limit is artificial and there is no external force disallowing Congress from borrowing more money.”

Had Congress not agreed to raise the debt limit for the government, the government would not have been able to pay its bills. This would lead to workers’ pay being halted, along with a pause in essential services.

“If the debt limit is not increased, that means Congress literally does not have dollars to spend on many

things that we value,” Moellman said. “A number of things we do not even realize rely on federal funding will not be possible.”

As a result of citizens possibly not being paid for their work, as well as services such as the U.S. Postal Service being paused, citizens focused on how this could have potentially impacted their individual lives directly.

“If this happened it would damage the United States economic standing in the world and make it much harder for the federal government to borrow funds in the future,” Tarabar said. “In turn making it even more difficult for the government to provide for the public goods and services for people across the United States.”



“Deadfall”, pieces by Matthew Steele and Reuben Bloom in the Red Delta Ex-

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Nature vs. nurture

The Red Delta exhibit explores the concept of toxic masculinity

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Toxic masculinity has long plagued society. Both men and women suffer from harmful ideals such as “men don’t cry” or “boys will be boys.” In their collaborative exhibit Red Delta, Reuben Bloom and Matthew Steele explore what masculinity means to them.

“We set out to take a look at what was wrong with men, thinking a lot about loneliness and isolation and violence and self-harm and where that’s coming from, and ask some questions about what it means to be a man and what are some

of those outdated ideas of what a man is,” Bloom said.

The Red Delta exhibit opened on Sept. 13, but it was several years in the making.

“We had initially planned for this to happen last fall, so we’d been planning it for a year at that point, but because of COVID, we had to cancel the shows,” said Karen Howard, the director of Winthrop Galleries.

Bloom is a graduate of the Winthrop class of 2011, and this exhibit was his first return to his alma mater.

“It’s weird to be back; it feels like completing a

circle,” Bloom said. “It’s an honor to be back here where things started for me.”

One of the inspirations of this exhibit was the deaths of both Bloom and Steele’s fathers.

“Part of this is trying to piece together some outdated or misconstrued ideas about masculinity and male identity, and a lot of that is wrapped out in our dads’ passing,” Bloom said.

“We’ve been through a lot of the same things, so we had a lot to talk about,” Bloom said of his collaboration with Steele. “Matt has been a really great partner in this because I don’t feel like I had all of these answers myself. I feel like we had to hit the ball back and forth to push the show forward.”

Howard said she has greatly enjoyed working with both artists.

“They’re both

extremely talented men, extremely talented artists,” she said.

“It’s been wonderful to have an alum come back and show their creativity now that they’ve been out of school for a while,” Howard said about Bloom.

The Red Delta exhibit features many different types of media. The “Deadfall” pieces feature various tools wrapped in thermal blankets. “Trapdoor” is a thought-provoking photograph.

“I felt that the use of multimedia and different materials used throughout was really interesting,” said Skyler Allen, an art education major.

All of the pieces, according to the gallery sign, are “Relics of a bygone masculine ideal that have been detached from their mechanical functions or war, survival and subjugation.”

With more and more violence in the world, there has never been a better time to discuss toxic masculinity.

“There’s a really pressing issue right now, you can see the unbalanced masculinity in the world, where there’s a lot of aggression, there’s a lot of frustration, and when you’re in that state, I think you’re more easily manipulated by the forces around you,” Bloom said.

“Dysmorphia applies to everyone,” Howard said. “I think it’s really an opportune time to talk about the ideas of masculinity, what it means to be and to have masculinity.”

The Red Delta exhibit will be open until Dec. 10. Admission is free. Many of the pieces are also available for sale, which can be found in the gallery.

Spookiest traditions across the world

There are many interesting festivities for October in North America, South America and Europe

MARSHALL KURIAKOSE, STAFF WRITER

With Halloween coming up, people often think of October as a time for trick-or-treating or throwing spooky parties. However, there are many ways people across North America, South America and Europe celebrate the spookiest

month.

In Salem, Massachusetts, people have silent suppers between Oct. 27 to Nov. 1. They usually sit in a circle with candlelight and, at the end of the meal, diners would burn notes to their deceased loved ones in the candle flames. From the moment partici-

pants step into the room, no one says a word.

On Halloween, the Bran Castle, aka Dracula’s castle, in Romania, is opened up for an epic party of local horror movies, wine and dancing on the grounds until 4 a.m.

Barmbrack is a long-living tradition in Ireland where

a loaf of bread decides believers’ fates. The bread is baked with sultanas and raisins, with a pea, a matchstick, a piece of cloth, a thimble and a ring being the most common symbolic items to get added into the loaf. It is believed that whichever slice they

pick can bring them

wealth, love or a lifetime of loneliness.

If someone wants to spice up the trick-or-tricking, they might, at their own risk, want to check out New England and Detroit on Oct. 30 for Mischief Night.

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York County events from Oct. 13 to Oct. 31

Check out what Rock Hill and the surrounding area has to offer for the rest of the month

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More information for all the events listed here can be found at VisitYorkCounty.com/Events.

Daily Ongoing

“Fort Mill Scarecrow Crawl” *until Oct. 30* - Throughout Downtown Fort Mill

Oct. 15

“Brush Calligraphy Workshop” - 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - Gallery 120 at Clover Community Center

“Lord of Light” Dinner Theatre - 6 p.m. - NarroWay Productions

“Nightmare on Dam Road” Haunted House - 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. - Mr. Putty’s Fun Park

“SCarowinds” Haunted House and Amusement Park - 7 p.m. to midnight - Carowinds

Oct. 16

“Dog Gone Good Time Festival” - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Walter Elisha Park

“Black’s Peaches Fall Festival” - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Black’s Peaches

“Lord of Light” Dinner Theatre - 11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. - NarroWay Productions

“Rock Hill Oktoberfest Celebration” - 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. - Fountain Park

“Nightmare on Dam Road” Haunted House - 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. - Mr. Putty’s Fun Park

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Oct. 19
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Oct. 22
"Lord of Light" Dinner Theatre - 6 p.m. - NarroWay Productions
"Nightmare on Dam Road" Haunted House - 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. - Mr. Putty's Fun Park
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Oct. 23
"Black's Peaches Fall Festival" - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Black's Peaches
"Lord of Light" Dinner Theatre - 11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. - NarroWay Productions
"Make a Fall Mug" - 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. - Olives Mud Puddle
"Nightmare on Dam Road" Haunted House - 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. - Mr. Putty's Fun Park
"SCarowinds" Haunted House and Amusement Park - 7 p.m. to midnight - Carowinds
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Oct. 24
"Black's Peaches Fall Festival" - 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. - Black's Peaches
"SCarowinds" Haunted House and Amusement Park - 7 p.m. to midnight - Carowinds
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Oct. 26
"Learn Digital Painting and Color Workshop" - 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. - York County Library



Photo Courtesy of Kristin Knowles

Knowles smiles with her sister and nephew at the Winthrop graduation.

Winthrop alumni spotlight: Kristin Knowles

Kristin Knowles, a graduate of 2001 and 2002, shares her

memories from when she was a student at Winthrop University

SAM HYATT, STAFF WRITER

As an undergraduate student at Winthrop, Knowles was a business administration major with an emphasis in accounting. After graduating with her bachelor's degree in 2001, she moved on to obtain her MBA with an emphasis on accounting in December 2002.

"I look back on my college and graduate school years at Winthrop with much fondness," said Kristin Knowles.

During her time at Winthrop, she was involved in several clubs and organizations, including Alpha Omega and RUF.

"I even wrote a weekly column for The Johnsonian one year," Knowles said.

Looking back on her time as a student at Winthrop, Knowles remembers how different

the presence of technology was compared to now.

"Computers were becoming more and more in use and Microsoft was becoming a leading business software of choice," she said. "Also, not many people had a cell phone that they always had on them. I only had a phone in my car for emergencies."

One memory that Knowles shared concerns waking up to a huge snowstorm on campus.

"My roommate and I were asleep when the phone rang — yes, a landline. My roommate picked up the phone and then opened the window shade screaming in delight that it had snowed. And it had snowed a lot," Knowles said.

One of Knowles' favorite times of the year at Winthrop

was the annual Christmas tree lighting.

"It was always on the last day of fall semester classes right before study day," Knowles said. "There would be luminaries set up all over campus, and then after the tree was lit, there would be a Christmas program in Byrnes Auditorium where groups in the community and at Winthrop were invited to perform."

During her time on campus, Knowles said she wishes she had made time to go on one of the ghost tours in Tillman. Additionally, she wishes she could have taken a photography course, but it seemed that she could never make it fit in her schedule.

A piece of advice that Knowles gives current and future

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The tricks can range from simple fun to illegal activity, and the repercussions from Mischief Night have caused some areas to have volunteer patrols to counteract the chaos.

In Guatemala, the people of Sumpango and Santiago Sacatepéquez gather outside on Nov. 1 to partake in a 3,000-year-old tradition of flying colorful kites in cemeteries to communicate with their ancestors. The view is supposedly breathtaking to wit-

ness in person.

In the United States, individuals on a simple walk should be careful because they might encounter some zombies passing by. Zombie walks began as a fun activity in the U.S., but now it's organized across the globe as a form of hunger marches to raise awareness for world hunger.

In next week's issue, The Johnsonian will discuss spooky traditions from Asia, Africa and Australia, so stay tuned for more interesting cultural information.

encourage and seek to practice," she said.

As an alumna, Knowles has not been back on campus much, but on one visit with her family, she was excited to see the West Center.

"When I was a student, we had Peabody. But the floors creaked in places, and we all knew there were plans for a new gym, but construction started after I finished school. I was impressed with the West Center when I saw it."

"Enjoy your time at Winthrop. You are experiencing a privilege to obtain additional education that is not so easy for others to obtain in our country and around the world. Looking back, I think of how young I was and how I thought I knew so much about the world. Now I've had just over 20 years of life since finishing my undergraduate degree, and it blows my mind how much I did not know back then," Knowles said.

What is 'Squid Game?'

A brand new Korean drama released on Netflix in the middle of September, became a global phenomenon in three short weeks

GABE CORBIN, STAFF WRITER

Since its inception, Netflix has made a name for itself with the inclusion of foreign dramas that have brought an international culture



"Squid Game" is the #1 Watched TV Show in over 90 countries on

Gabe Corbin / The Johnsonian

to viewers worldwide. From shows like "Kingdom" to "Lupin," Netflix has released a wide variety of cultural hits.

However, in the

last few weeks, a brand new Korean drama called "Squid Game" has taken the streaming service by storm. But what is this new addition to the

Netflix catalog? And why has it become so popular in such a short time?

"Squid Game" stars Lee Jung-jae, Park Hae-soo, Jung Ho-yeon, Oh Ye-

ng-su, Heo Sung-tae, Anupam Tripathi, Kim Joo-ryoung and Wi Ha-Joon. The show details Seong Gi-hun,

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played by Lee Jung-jae, who struggles with a gambling addiction while struggling to support his daughter. He and 455 other players with a similar debt agree to play a series of children's games — all with a fatal twist.

The show was released on Sept. 17, and in just a few weeks, it has already made a commercial and critical mark on the streaming world. Multiple reviewer sites have cited the story's intense tone and drama while commenting that the original idea makes it intense and worthy of praise.

"STREAM IT," said Joe Keller

of Decider in his review of the show. "'Squid Game' takes a fresh idea and spins it into a thrilling drama; we hope it continues to build the tension we saw in the last 20 minutes [of the first episode] throughout the season."

The worthy praise of the show made it a smashing success. In just a few short weeks, it topped Netflix's top 10 weekly most-watched TV show charts in over 90 countries. Even though Netflix did not invest heavily into the show, it became a smash hit because it became a viral sensation. Multiple users across Snapchat, Twitter and Instagram have commented on watching the show.

"Just putting it out into the universe that I am free this weekend and the next weekend, and so on, to be slapped by any of these actors," said one Twitter user @Isha_Bassi, the text of the tweet accompanied by images of several of the "Squid Game" characters.

Fans have praised the actors of the show, especially the roles of Seong Gi-hun, Cho Sang-woo, and Kang Sae-byeok, played by Lee, Park and Jung, respectively. It has become a smash hit on Netflix, and the life-like action of the drama and horrifying story sequences have made it an iconic new series for viewers.

"I just finished watching 'Squid

Game,' and this image sums up what I feel about everything," said Twitter user @floatyghast, the tweet accompanied by an image of the show's character Oh Il-nam in a fetal position while looking on in horror.

Another thing that made the show an intense success was the shock factor in each episode. The reactions felt raw, and the challenges excited viewers from all walks of life. The games in the show are kids' games and were turned fatal for the challenges in the series' canon.

One example is the popular kids game "Red Light, Green Light." The show uses a creepy animatronic doll to call out the titular

game phrase, and if someone moves when she says "Red Light," they are shot on sight by automatic guns.

These shock factors made it a viral meme sensation across the platform TikTok, with viewers making memes and reaction videos that feature the content of the game.

The show has become a major success story on the hit streaming platform, as it continues to dominate streaming charts. "Squid Game" has started to pave its way towards becoming one of Netflix's greatest hits, and it will continue to do so as more and more people are drawn into the shocking new K-drama.

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Oct. 28

"SCarowinds" Haunted House and Amusement Park - 7 p.m. to midnight - Carowinds
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Oct. 29

"Brush Calligraphy Workshop" - 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - Gallery 120 at Clover Community Center

"Lord of Light" Dinner Theatre - 6 p.m. - NarroWay Productions

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Oct. 30

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"Boo-HAHA" - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Fountain Park

"Lord of Light" Dinner Theatre - 11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. - NarroWay Productions

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Amazon Astro is being advertised as a "household robot for home monitoring"

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Amazon releases Astro, the home robot

Amazon released a home robot named Astro, intended to make life easier for families

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Amazon introduced its new "household robot" Astro to the public on Sept. 28. It has left some people excited for the future of this new category of robotics, some frightened by the continued outreach that corporations are making into consumers' homes and some scratching their heads, wondering why anyone would buy the robot at all.

The robot, currently priced at \$999, is essentially a screen on two wheels. It can do things like help a person monitor their home while they are away and follow them around the house as a hands-free screen, along with doing anything an Alexa can do.

"In a world where faceless discs have dutifully sucked up carpet detritus for years, Astro is a

category-defining robot that seeks to introduce us to a future of robots that extend well beyond the STEM-focused educational toys that dominate the fledgling category today," said Ross Rubin, contributing writer for ZDNet, in a review of the robot.

Amazon is hoping that consumers will find a certain charm in Astro that they might not find in an Alexa, and they think that families who buy Astro will come to think of it as part of the family, as a sort of "robotpet."

"In testing, we've been humbled by the number of people who said Astro's personality made it feel like a part of their family, and that they would miss the device in their home after it was gone," said Charlie Tritschler, Vice President of Products at Am-

azon, in the company's blog post introducing Astro.

The robot has come under some controversy, however, because of flaws in its design.

Sources who worked on the

project told Vice that the versions of the robot that they worked on did not work well.

"Astro is terrible and will almost certainly throw itself down a flight of stairs if present-

ed the opportunity. The person detection is unreliable at best, making the in-home security proposition laughable," a source who worked on the project told Vice.

"They're also pushing it as an accessibility device but with the masts breaking and the possibility that at any given moment it'll commit suicide on a flight of stairs, it's, at best, absurdist nonsense and marketing and, at worst, potentially dangerous for anyone who'd actually rely on it for accessibility purposes," the source said.

These issues, along with some feeling the device does not really offer much in the way of innovation beyond Alexa, have led to many being critical of the high price point on Amazon's Astro.

"It being mobile shouldn't make the price go up that much," said Jomar Lewis, senior biology major at Winthrop. "If it did more, then maybe you could justify that."



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Astro includes a periscope camera, providing owners with greater surveillance



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Women's soccer exceeding expectations

Olivia Esselman/The Johnsonian

Sophomore goalkeeper Izzy Giarrizzi has received multiple nominations for Big South Defensive Player of the Week this season.

Winthrop women's soccer sits third in conference standings

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With just three games remaining, the Winthrop women's soccer team boasts a 4-2-1 record against Big South opponents, placing Winthrop in the thick of a tight race for the conference playoffs.

Possessing 13 points (three points for wins, one point for ties), Winthrop sits in third place just ahead of High Point (12 points) but behind Campbell (15 points) and Longwood (17 points) in the conference standings.

"We just try to get better each game," said head coach Spencer Smith. "We really focus on our next opponent and ourselves in terms of getting better."

"At the end of the day, whatever the standings turn out

to be, they turn out to be. Our focus [and] mindset right now is just trying to improve from game to game."

Winthrop has played one more game than some teams (including Campbell) and two more games than High Point, meaning the Eagles have fewer chances left to earn points and protect their placement in the standings.

The Eagles were picked to finish seventh in the Big South Conference preseason poll, receiving six fewer votes than Presbyterian College (voted sixth). Last Wednesday, Winthrop defeated the Blue Hose 2-1, scoring the game-winning goal within the last 10 seconds of the match.

"We'll take them any way we can get

them," Smith said. "PC played a great game there — very, very good club and well-coached. We were just able to somehow come out with a win."

The game-winning goal was scored by freshman Anna Kate Highsmith, who has scored five goals this season (all of which have come in the team's last six games).

"I did not expect it to go in honestly," Highsmith said. "The two other chances we had that we just didn't finish on, I was getting so discouraged, but we finished and then won the game."

Highsmith said she is eager to see how the team performs down the final stretch of the season.

"It's crazy how fast this season goes. We've just

been getting better each game, and so I'm excited for the next couple games," she said. "We have some tough competition."

Winthrop's other goal in the victory over Presbyterian was scored by another freshman, Valentina Mosquera.

"We really needed that because we were down 1-0, and scoring that goal I think got everyone into the game more," Mosquera said.

Smith described Mosquera as a very skillful, creative player.

"That first goal she scored, she just wanted to score a goal. You could just see it in her eyes. She was determined to get a goal," Smith said. "That really, I think, made the difference in the match because if we

go [into] halftime down one, it's difficult for us to come back against PC, so that was a huge play."

Mosquera came close to scoring once or twice more as the game came down to the wire before assisting on Highsmith's game-winner. Mosquera was a nominee for Big South Freshman of the Week on Monday, though she was not selected for the honor.

Highsmith received the Freshman of the Week recognition on Sept. 27 after scoring three goals in the Eagles' previous two games. She is one of three freshmen to receive the honor for Winthrop this season, along with Emma Smith and Abbie McCrea.

Winthrop lost 2-0 against Radford

Winthrop Scoreboard

Women's Soccer
Winthrop 2
Presbyterian 1

Winthrop 0
Radford 2

Men's Soccer
Winthrop 2
Longwood 3

Winthrop 4
Presbyterian 0

Volleyball
Winthrop 1
USC Upstate 3

Winthrop 3
UNC Asheville 1

Big South men's soccer Freshman of the Week:
Brigham Larsen, for scoring a goal in both of Winthrop's matches last week.

on Saturday but will look to bounce back Wednesday on the road against a Charleston Southern team that is 3-3 in conference play.

The Eagles will then return home for a high-stakes match against Campbell on Saturday before hosting UNC Asheville on Oct. 20.

The top six teams in the conference at the end of the regular season will play in the postseason. Winthrop would host a quarterfinal match if the team finishes with the third or fourth-best record in conference play.

The Big South quarterfinals will take place from Oct. 29-31 (Friday through Sunday), with the semifinals on Thursday, Nov. 4 and the Championship on Sunday, Nov. 7.

McBeth, Gannon win disc golf championships at Winthrop

Winthrop's course receives criticism as interest in disc golf grows

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The United States Disc Golf Championship concluded Saturday as Paul McBeth earned a victory at the Major on Winthrop's course for the third time in his career.

McBeth and fellow competitor Kyle Klein remained tied at 26-under par after four rounds, forcing a playoff. On the first playoff hole, McBeth teed off with a beautiful throw that set him up 27-feet from the basket.

While Klein earned a par, McBeth made his birdie putt to win the title.

In the Throw Pink Women's Disc Golf Championship, Missy Gannon emerged victorious with a score of 2-under par, which was two strokes ahead of second-place finisher Kona Star Panis.

McBeth previously won the U.S. Disc Golf Championship in 2015 and 2018. Last year, his 24-under par performance was good

enough to earn him a fifth-place finish alongside Klein, who also finished at 24-under par in 2020.

The USDGC has been played on the Winthrop course since the tournament's inception in 1999. According to the U.S. Disc

Golf Championship website, the course allows for creativity in shot-making.

"Although the course has seen minor changes each year, it always presents a combination of narrow fairways, lots of out-of-bounds area, elevated baskets, and

plenty of water," the website reads.

This year, one change included the addition of five poles rising up from the ground in front of the tee pad on the ninth hole, which pro Brodie Smith referred to as "mozzarella sticks" on a video he posted to Twitter during the Monday practice round.

Smith birdied the ninth hole in three of the four rounds but finished the tournament in a four-way tie for 71st place with a score of

nine-over par.

After seeing the new obstacle on the ninth hole, some fans on Twitter suggested it is time for the U.S. Disc Golf Championship to be played somewhere other than Winthrop.

"What a joke. Can't stand gimmick stuff in disc golf, if you want to make it harder either reconstruct the tee pad or basket and/or make a new hole completely," one fan (@PmonkeyYO) tweeted.

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Matthew Shealy/The Johnsonian

Hole 14 required competitors to tee off next to Winthrop Coliseum.



Lacrosse gears up for new season

Winthrop's lacrosse team gets ready for upcoming season in the spring

MARLEY BASSETT,
staff writer

Winthrop's lacrosse team is getting ready for its upcoming spring season. After finishing last season with seven wins and eight losses, the team is looking to come back better than ever.

"We're all pretty excited about the upcoming season. It's been a long fall, but so far, we're looking good," said Kelsey Johnson, senior business major.

Johnson plays midfield and is looking forward to having only her second full regular season collegiately since both the 2020 and 2021 seasons were shortened due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We didn't have a real fall last year,"

said head coach Julika Blankenship. "We weren't allowed to practice for 20 hours.

"And I do believe that practice does, in fact, make progress and perfection, so the freshmen and sophomores haven't had a real fall yet. So they're kind of feeling out the fall for the first time, so that's been fun."

Losing most of their starting lineup at the end of last season has not slowed down the team at all.

"We've graduated some players that have had a lot of tenure, so it's been really fun to watch the freshmen and sophomores fill those roles," Blankenship said.

Some of the players are excited about this development as well.

"I'm just looking forward to the new attack coming in. We've lost all of our starting attackers, so I'm excited to see some underclassmen step up and fill that role," said Megan Dee, senior business administration major.

"I'm really excited to get to play with the freshmen. I also haven't had a real season yet so I'm very excited," said Kimora Bailey, junior business administration major. Blankenship noted that the team still has time to adjust to so many new players.

"Fall is an exciting time and it's a time where we get to work out a lot of our kinks," Blankenship said.

The team has done very well in their scrimmages and recently played



Marley Bassett/The Johnsonian

Savannah Paton smiles as she practices for her upcoming season.

their first game with full regulations in place at Catawba High School.

"We've had some very promising things these past two scrimmages, and so hopefully, we will continue to have promising things in our next few games," Blankenship said.

"The players right now that are on the field are young in their experience. It

takes a lot of time to get acclimated in that and getting acclimated with the other players in your offensive set," Blankenship said. "But it has been neat to watch the younger players get more minutes on the field."

Overall, the team is just excited to be back to playing and experiencing a regular season of the sport that they

love.

"I'm just hyped to be a senior. It's my last ride so I'm a little nervous and anxious, but overall I'm just excited to play," said Lauren Asher, senior exercise science major.

The Winthrop lacrosse schedule will be posted as soon as it has been approved by the athletic department.

Eagle of the Week: Sydney Boulware



Courtesy of Sydney Boulware

Boulware pitched a no-hitter against Cleveland Community College on Oct. 2.

SAM HYATT,
Staff Writer

Sydney Boulware, a freshman pitcher for the Winthrop softball team, pitched a no-hitter during her first college scrimmage against Cleveland Community College.

"To pitch my first college game ever as a no-hitter left me feeling very proud of myself for doing what is expected of me. My goal for the game was to strike out as many people as I could, and that's what I did," Boulware said.

"I was so excited because it was my first college game, and I could not wait to show what I could do," she said.

Boulware shared that she felt good after winning the game and was

proud of herself. Upon reflection of the game, Boulware expressed that she still has some things to critique in order to become a better pitcher.

"My teammates thought I did a really good job since I pitched a no-hitter. They all complimented me, and my coach was happy with my success. My family was also happy that I did what they already knew I could do."

Boulware began playing softball when she was a little girl and started out in a T-ball league. She said she was not influenced at a young age to want to play at a higher level. However, as she kept playing as she got older, she realized the many opportunities to play

softball at a college level.

Boulware has high expectations for herself.

"The expectations I have for myself [are] to give it my all every time and show the team the type of player they accepted onto the team," Boulware said.

Boulware said that the goal she has this season as a pitcher is to just do her best each day and help the team go as far as possible with her skills. Additionally, she plans to improve on her hitting.

"I plan to grow stronger as a person while in the athletic program here at Winthrop and to learn to work out better," Boulware said.

Before each game, Boulware prepares

by eating a meal and then getting treatment completed by the athletic trainer. After that, she begins warm-up exercises with her team.

"I do pray before a game, and that's a tradition for me as it brings me and the team good luck. The team prays as a whole before the games begin as well," Boulware said.

"Our team routine before a game to get the team hyped up is by doing team bonding activities at the field beforehand and listening to music," she said.

"The team environment is very family-like where everyone treats everyone like a sister and is there for each other. The team is all about positive vibes and no negativity towards anyone. They have been welcoming so far," Boulware said.

As the team's spring season approaches, Boulware said she will be preparing by practicing spinning the ball as fast as she can and learning to relax in order to improve her hitting.

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"Make this the final year at Winthrop please," tweeted another fan (@stetler_chris).

While some fans may be displeased with the Winthrop course, plenty of others turned out for the tournament, which was evident as McBeth's tournament-winning putt drew a large uproar from the crowd.

According to UDisc.com, interest and participation in disc golf have been on the rise since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Once research showed that outdoor activities were generally safe during the pandemic, participation in disc golf rebounded – and skyrocketed,"

the website reads.

In January, UDisc's round count was up 250% compared to statistics from January 2020.

Although Winthrop's course may appear "gimmicky" to some, one thing it does offer is an incredible amount of space for spectators to watch the tournament as they please. If interest in disc golf continues to rise, Winthrop should have no trouble accommodating more fans at the U.S. Disc Golf Championship in the future.

By winning this year's tournament, McBeth pocketed a \$20,000 prize, while Gannon took home a \$6,000 prize for winning the women's championship.



Courtesy of Jordan Castro via Twitter @jordan_castro15

Hole 9's new "mozzarella sticks."

Winthrop's approach to Indigenous Peoples' Day at Louise Pettus

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An opinion piece on how Indigenous Peoples' Day, also still referred to by some as Columbus Day, was honored at Winthrop University's Louise Pettus Archives and Special Collections

Recently, the Louise Pettus Archives and Special Collections hosted an exhibit of pre-Columbian Mesoamerican artifacts. Meant to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, this exhibit featured artifacts from every major Mesoamerican civilization.

While this celebrates the pre-colonial culture of modern-day Latinx nations, it creates a question regarding other Indigenous cultures drastically changed by European influence.

Oct. 11 is Indige-

nous Peoples' Day, which was historically called Columbus Day. As of 1992, the Indigenous American community has pushed to have Indigenous Peoples' recognized as a national holiday instead of Columbus Day.

Looking at the list of Winthrop's events for the rest of the semester, one can see that diversity and overcoming biases are emphasized. Multiple racial groups, gender identities and socioeconomic statuses are repre-

sented within both in-house events and cultural events.

This could be seen as problematic, especially as Winthrop's campus is so close to the Catawba reservation. With no mention or celebration of Indigenous Peoples' Day, is Winthrop putting in the effort to honor their Indigenous students?

Many North American Indigenous artifacts were destroyed during the process of assimilating Indigenous Americans into Western

culture, and what artifacts survived are housed in historical societies or museums.

Still, it would be beneficial to all students if Winthrop hosted an event that highlights the communities that were brutalized during America's colonization. Having an event where students could learn about the cultures and histories of Indigenous American communities could show today's students that history books are often misin-

formed and biased.

Erica Meece, a senior theatre design and tech major, believes that Winthrop needs to be doing more to celebrate the history and diversity of people of color — especially Indigenous Americans.

"I would love to see and engage in any of these events when they go on," Meece said. "The fact that I never heard anything about the archival exhibit really saddens me because I would've loved to have seen them and

learned more about those cultures through them."

While Winthrop emphasizes the importance of celebrating diversity and what it means to be multicultural, Indigenous history/experiences are largely missing from the university's narrative. It is past time for students to become exposed to this part of the history of the Americas.

Somewhere in Antarctica *Part Two*



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Story: Choosing a Major

Alright! My advisor _____ (name) has told me that I need to focus on a major this year. Perhaps I could be a _____ (occupation)! Or I could get better at _____ (subject) and become a _____ (other occupation)! Now how can that become a major? Maybe with my _____ (skill) skills, I can major in _____ (major). No, no... that's silly. I really want to major in _____ (other major). That's it! I feel like I can do that! I feel confident that I can _____ (verb) all the way to my new career! maybe

Story: Fall Break Plans

WOOHOO! Fall break is coming up. I wonder what I am going to do!? Maybe I could go to _____ (place) or I could play some _____ (game). I get to have a break from _____ (class)! No homework! Except I'll have to study because Mr. _____ (name) decided to have a test right when we came back! I can't wait to have so much fun with my friends this week! We could go see a movie like _____ (movie) or _____ (other movie). I sure do hope that it doesn't fly by.

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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!



Lily Fremd
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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!



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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.



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.



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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.






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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!



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