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New Title IX Coordinator announced

Kevin Sheppard Sr. joins the Winthrop community as the next Title IX Coordinator and ADA Compliance officer

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Kevin Sheppard Sr. has been hired as the ADA Compliance officer as well as the Title IX Coordinator, a position previously held by Vice President and Chief of Staff, Kimberly Faust.

Faust's exit from this position was announced at the beginning of the

semester after student concerns that Faust's position as the Vice President was a conflict of interest with the position of Title IX Coordinator.

Sheppard is the Title IX investigator and lead trainer in the University of South Carolina's Office of Equal Opportunity Programs and has been

a Reverend at Mt. Zion Baptist Church since 2014.

Sheppard was chosen by a council made up of different Winthrop University leaders, including the Council of Student Leaders president.

The combining of the positions of Title IX Coordinator and ADA Compliance officer is a

new direction for the university.

"We actively listened to campus feedback and determined that a position solely dedicated to the very important areas of Title IX and ADA Compliance was critically important for Winthrop. Kevin will begin work on a number of commitments that we have

made institutionally to address Title IX concerns and the processes by which those concerns have been heard and vetted in the past," said Winthrop Interim President George Hynd.

One of Sheppard's first tasks will be to tackle Winthrop University's present problems regarding accessibility

and sexual assault. Sheppard will begin at the university on Nov. 1.

More on Sheppard to come.



Courtesy of Winthrop University
Sheppard

Kelley Kish named Interim Athletic Director



Kish

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Hynd says position will remain 'interim' until next president is named

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Funderburg

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Alyssa Edwards along with other queens came to Richardson Ballroom on Thursday, Oct. 21

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Alyssa Edwards at Drag WU

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Bugs, mold impact residence halls



Marshall Kuriakose/The Johnsonian

A group of students walking in front of the Lee Wicker residence hall.

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Bugs, mold impact residence halls

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The new Campus Master Plan has a lot of students wondering whether or not Winthrop's pre-existing residence halls will be included in the conversation.

With the recently announced Campus Master Plan, students are concerned money allocated to the plan will not be used to fix residence hall issues, such as black mold and roaches in student housing.

Sam Poland, a sophomore psychology major, said he has been dealing with multiple issues living in Lee Wicker, including humidity, mold and roaches.

"We have a serious humidity issue that destroyed my roommate's medicine. Maintenance tried to blame it on the open window, but...

[t]he humidity was an issue long before the window was opened," Poland said. "We were also told there's nothing that can be done until the heat gets turned on. We're still not sure what that has to do with the humidity."

He had to buy a new shower liner because his was infested with mold from the bathroom, but the issue has mostly been resolved.

"Maintenance came and mopped the ceiling, so that mold is mostly gone," said Poland.

Poland said even if he spoke up about

his roach problem, nothing would be done.

"We haven't asked about it because my friends have roaches in their room and they were told that the exterminator could spray a little extra when they came, but that was it," he said.

Junior and senior students have complained about the black mold in their residence halls since their freshman year here at Winthrop, some have even been experiencing deteriorating health because of it.

There has been little discussion on

the issue up until recently with the Garnet Table Talk on Oct. 20 presented by James Grigg, the associate vice president for facilities. During the talk, Grigg said facilities is working on getting board approval for a ventilation project in Lee Wicker.

Chloe Thomas, a freshman English major, said that she isn't really surprised by the lack of response.

"My roommate put in a work order for a broken power outlet on Aug. 18 and it still hasn't been fixed," said Thomas.

Alex Hindman, a junior graphic design major who also lives in Lee Wicker, believes residence life should be doing more to ensure the safety and cleanliness of the rooms before students move in by cleaning and checking the rooms properly before letting student's move in.

A student, who requested to stay anonymous due to the sensitivity of the subject, had to see a doctor due to residence hall conditions.

"I don't understand why they charge us so much money for us to

live here and then give us rooms full of black mold and are crawling with roaches and ladybugs," they said. "I even had to see a dermatologist because of how bad the black mold was affecting my skin and overall health."



Marshall Kuriakose/The Johnsonian

A group of students walking in front of the Lee Wicker residence hall.

Winthrop Homecoming 2021 to be held in-person

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Winthrop's 2021 homecoming events will be in person this year while covid-19 restrictions and guidelines are in place.

Winthrop homecoming and reunion will return in person this year during the week of Nov. 8-13. Students, alumni and friends are invited to attend the various events that will be held during the week.

"I love homecoming because it brings current students and alumni together as a community. It's a great time for students to network and be inspired by previous graduates," Jordan Terry, a first-year student in the master's in English program said.

As a result of Covid-19, the Alumni Association has made the decision to cancel the tailgate portion

of homecoming. due to the covid-19 guidelines they are continuing to encourage people to follow these precautions.

"Students will adhere to all current Covid-19 guidelines in place on campus to ensure safety for everyone" Lori Tuttle, the executive director of alumni relations and reunion giving here at Winthrop University said.

"While alumni are on campus, they will be required to wear a face covering when indoors on campus, regardless of vaccination status," Tuttle said.

While tailgating is cancelled, the Alumni Association

still wants alumni and students to enjoy the day and hopes they explore other options such as supporting local establishments or venues or gathering at their own homes.

"The historical number of attendees for tailgating over the past few years would present significant safety and social distancing challenges that the university cannot overcome in 2021," Tuttle said.

"Safety concerns during the current pandemic include: social distancing enforcement, mask-wearing enforcement, sanitation issues related to porta-johns and lack of available hand washing options,"



Courtesy of Winthrop Alumni Association

Tuttle said.

Despite the backlash on the decision to cancel the tailgate for the 2021 homecoming, the Alumni Association has received positive feedback from alumni who are planning to participate in the online events and come to Winthrop to watch the men's basketball game.

"I think that it's great that Winthrop still decided to have a homecoming this year! A lot of people look forward to it and I think it is smart to have virtual events so that people can still participate while being safe," senior conservation major Jesse Martin said.

Tuttle explained

that the Alumni Association has been hard at work to plan the various events for the several days of homecoming.

"The Office of Student Activities and DSU plan events for the students while the Alumni Association plans events for alumni," Tuttle said. "The Homecoming Steering Committee provides oversight to Homecoming and Reunion to ensure the week and weekend events are fun and safe for all to enjoy."

During homecoming week and reunion, students are invited to participate in the various events planned. A few events planned so

far include a Homecoming Kickoff Meal, Homecoming Pep Rally on the Campus Green and the Masked Singer performance in Tillman Auditorium. Details of these events can be found on the Winthrop webpage.

The men's basketball game against Mercer University will be held on November 13, 2021. Those attending are expected to follow all guidelines and rules while in the Coliseum.

Those who are planning to participate in this year's homecoming should continue to monitor Winthrop University's website for updated information.



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Meet Winthrop's Video Production Club

Video Production Club Spotlight

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After a year of doing virtual meetings due to the pandemic, Winthrop's Video Production Club is back to meeting in person at 101 Johnson Hall on Thursday mornings at 11 a.m..

Sophomore musical theater major Taylor Wade has been a member of the club since her freshman year. "Video Production Club mainly focuses on how films are made," Wade said. "We go into script-writing, editing, sound design and we make a short film every semester."

Every year, the club makes a short film that they post on their YouTube channel and sometimes the club will submit them to a film festival as well. This year's short film is "kind of paranormal," according to Wade. "It's about this kid who finds this textbook and the text-

book is possessed by like 23 ghosts. And the ghost needs to help the kid in order to help the ghost get out of the textbook."

Mass communication major Rayonna Freeman is very excited for their next short film. "So far the script has been finalized and written, and we'll begin shooting very soon and I can't wait," Freeman said.

Wade, secretary of the Video Production club has found her passion for writing after joining.

"I learned that I like writing, I originally joined this club to be acting in front of the camera, but I've also realized I enjoy creating stories as well," Wade said

Grey Kay, who is an individualized studies major, has created his own major to focus on film. He's also the treasurer of the club.

"I like the sense of community the VA club has created." Kay said, "It's just a group of people who really enjoy films and talking about them, and I think that's really cool the way it's brought people together."

Kay also intends to put his knowledge and passion for films into the career path he wants to take.

"Right now, I'm actually hired at a film studio in Charlotte, NC. I'm a camera man for them," Kay said. "So that's what I'd like to do."

For many of the club members this year, this is their first time meeting in person after having Zoom meetings due to covid restrictions last year.

"First starting out during covid all our meetings were over zoom and that was definitely a different experience," Kay said. "Making

a short film over Zoom was challenging, so meeting in person and getting to talk face-to-face all together has been great."

With almost 30 people contributing to their team, the club is not only able to utilize but also enhance the skill sets of its members. "The people in that club are what make the club," Freeman said. "Everyone is so passionate about film and enjoy [it] for different reasons."

For Wade and Kay, this is their first year assuming a leadership position as secretary and treasurer respectively.

"I didn't realize how much work goes into a leadership position, especially for the president," Wade said. "Now I can see how much a person in these positions take on."

Understanding the importance of each

of their positions, the members of Video Production Club take pride in the creation of their films while taking into consideration a story's interpretation.

"The editing can make the story do a complete 180, editing can make a story be interpreted in several different ways," Wade said.



Mari Pressley/The Johnsonian

Winthrop Video Production club members play a movie trivia Kahoot game at the end of their weekly meeting.

This week in American politics

A roundup of current events in American politics.

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With the state of American politics constantly changing, staying informed on the biggest political headlines will help many to form opinions and provide facts to support ever changing political opinions overtime.

The United States senate is currently at a 50-50 split with 50 Democrats and 50 Republicans. The tie-breaking vote will be cast by the Vice President of the United States who also serves as the President of the Senate.

This means that in order to pass any bills in the Senate, the Democrats need at least 10 Republicans to join them in voting for the bill because of the filibuster.

The filibuster is a rule in the Senate which states that there must be

60 votes to open debate on a bill and 60 votes to then pass the bill in question.

This rule was created to allow for more bipartisan bills to pass the Senate and to encourage senators to work together.

Since the Senate is split equally, neither side has the majority required to break a filibuster. This is currently creating a stalemate in the Senate where no major bills such as long-term debt ceiling measures and both infrastructure bills can pass.

This stalemate is creating tension on both sides of the aisle.

"I never thought that the progress we make in legislation was basically hold one hostage over the other," said Democratic senator Joe Manchin to NBC News

in reference to the Build Back Better infrastructure bill.

In terms of the debt ceiling bill, Mitch McConnell stated on the Senate floor that no Republican votes will be given for a long-term debt ceiling measure.

This leaves Democrats to attempt to pass a bill through budget reconciliation which is a maneuver in the Senate that allows for only 50 votes for a bill as long as it has to do with money or government funding.

The process of passing a bill through reconciliation is very tedious due to members of the Senate body having to vote on each individual measure in the bill. This allows opponents of the bill to delay passage by adding amendments and holding

extra votes.

Many Winthrop students believe that the lack of bipartisanship in Congress is hurting the country.

"Compromise is extremely lacking because neither party seems to want to be that party that has less of their ideas contributing to the issue," said Courtney Franklin, a senior psychology major.

Other students echoed Franklin's idea about the lack of bipartisanship within Congress.

"Americans aren't receiving anything right now because the parties are too busy arguing about what is right and wrong regarding bills," said freshman psychology major, Catie Dixon.

"The government made a daunting statement a couple of weeks ago saying that we are going to

run out of money by Oct. 18 because the Republicans are so hung up on not letting Biden pass his agenda," said Logan Szykowski, a freshman music education major.

A lack of bipartisanship and virtual stalemate in the Senate is also dividing the country more according to Winthrop students.

"I think the lack of bipartisanship is tearing the country up and only creates a bigger divide with the community and citizens. If Congress can do it well, why not the average citizen," Dixon said.

Politics are a complicated game of give and take that can be tough to keep track of. Staying informed can be one of the best ways to keep track of who's winning "the game" of Congressional politics.

Police Blotter

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On Oct. 7, Sgt. Gerald and the R/O (Reporting Officer) responded to Courtyard at Winthrop in reference to a victim, who wished to speak to an officer. The victim stated that she had parked her car around 3 p.m. on Oct 6. She said when she arrived at her vehicle on Oct. 7 at approximately 10 a.m., she started her vehicle and observed that her fuel tank was indicating low and she also observed gas on the ground under her car. The victim said that she had to have the vehicle towed to Firestone in Fort Mill for repairs. The victim was advised by Firestone that someone had punctured her fuel tank to siphon out fuel from her vehicle. The R/O did observe that there was fuel on the ground where the victim's car was parked. The vehicle is currently still at Firestone for repairs. The R/O completed and issued a Victims Notification Form to the Victim.

On Oct. 11, the R/O met with the victim in reference to a larceny that occurred in Johnson Hall. The victim stated that between 9:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., while she was in dance class, \$271 was taken from her wallet, which was located in one of the cubbies in the hallway outside of the classroom.

The victim said she did not suspect any person in particular. She said she was the last person to leave the classroom and that the suspect may be a classmate or another student with classes in the building.

After gathering information, the R/O instructed the victim to complete both a Victim's Notification Form, and a Witness Statement. After this, the R/O once again spoke with the victim and advised her that WUPD would look into the case, but that finding the perpetrator was unlikely given the number of possible suspects.



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Shepard Fairey paints mural in old town, gets student help



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Abbey Kirkland/Charlotte Resident



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Abbey Kirkland/Charlotte Resident

Upper left photo: A portrait of a peace advocate, based on a photo by Jim Marhsall, comprises a large portion of the mural; Upper right photo: Fairey signing a baby's helmet; Bottom left photo: Fairey (center, back) in front of his collage in the upcoming Mercantile location, speaking to members of the Women's Art Initiative at the reception and art exhibit; Bottom middle photo: The mural on Oct. 16; Bottom right photo: The upcoming Mercantile location and mural site, hosting an art exhibit for Fairey until Oct. 31.

Fairey, a world renowned artist, has connection to Winthrop and local area

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Shepard Fairey, contemporary street artist best known for his Obama "Hope" poster and the OBEY GIANT art project, was in Rock Hill last week to install a mural. Fairey has multiple connections to the area, including his grandfather, Charles Shepard Davis, who served as Winthrop University's president from 1959 to 1973.

The mural, which is located on the future location of The Mercantile at the corner of East White Street and South Oakland Avenue, was installed with help from Winthrop students from Oct. 16 to Oct. 18. The mural is split into several sections, including a portrait taken by photographer Jim Marshall.

"Jim Marshall was documenting the peace movement from the beginning of the 1960s to the end of the Vietnam War, and in the original image, you can actually see like a handmade peace sign that she's cut out and has pinned to her jacket," Fairey said. "Her face was going to be too small in relation to the mural, so I just excluded that but included her looking in the same direction as the peace dove flying forward."

Other sections include specif-

ic imagery from Rock Hill's past, but morphed into what Fairey said he wants for the future of Rock Hill.

"I like the idea of looking at these elements from history and then saying, 'How do you push forward with it all?'" Fairey said. "So the train, I've got the Freedom Rides into the future, which is both an idea of looking back to the Freedom Riders and the history of civil rights, and then how civil rights is [an] ongoing battle for improvement, but you keep pushing into the future."

The cost of the mural was \$35,000, but was paid entirely by private money, meaning no tax dollars were put towards its funding. According to Britany Kelly, owner of the Mercantile, Catalysts Capital Partners paid about \$22,500, the Women's Art Initiative paid about \$7,500 and the Barre Mitchell Community Initiatives Fund, set up by the Rock Hill Economic Development Corporation, paid about \$5,000.

On Oct. 16, a reception and art exhibit took place at the future location of the Mercantile to welcome Fairey to the city, as well as to open the temporary art exhibit of Fairey's work in the space. The exhibit will run Oct. 17 to Oct. 31, Wednesday

to Sunday, 4 p.m. to 8 pm.

The event was attended by representatives from the sponsors of the mural, John Gettys, mayor of Rock Hill, many of the muralists who have done work in Rock Hill and many others from the area.

It took Fairey and his team only three days to fully install the mural. His speed can be attributed to his style, which is to design the mural beforehand, print it out on large sheets of paper, and cut away pieces to act as a stencil.

"[T]he main thing that it takes is just a lot of elbow grease. It's a lot of just blue collar hard work because we're using a one use giant stencil, basically, where the image has been printed out in grayscale on thin sheets of paper 36 inches wide by about four feet tall," Fairey said. "And then those are put up a few at a time, and we cut and then spray and then remove the negative space."

Fairey is a native of South Carolina and has more than one strong connection to Winthrop. In addition to his grandfather being president in the 60s and early 70s, many of Fairey's family and close friends, including his lead art assistant Nick Bowers, graduated from Winthrop. He even got a little bit

of a Winthrop education himself.

"Edmund Lewandowski, who was the head of the art department, great painter, precisionist painter, he used to give me some critiques on my portfolio back when I was in middle school and high school," said Fairey.

Winthrop students were able to help in the creation of the mural. Elizabeth Dulemba, associate professor of illustration, introduced several of her students, Adam Seats, Erin Springs-McCottry, James Poston and Griffin Douglas, to Fairey at the reception and art exhibit.

"While I'll take credit for introducing them all, it was Adam who stepped up and asked Shepard if he needed any help. To which Shepard immediately replied, 'Yes, show up at noon tomorrow!'" Dulemba said in an email. "I could have helped, but was content to watch my students experience this amazing opportunity."

Seats, a sophomore illustration major, said working with Fairey has opened his eyes to how easy it can be to talk to professional artists, even those who are well known.

"[T]here's some impression that anybody that has any kind of fame to them is just going to be like, 'No, please don't

speak to me' or 'I've heard this question a million times' or whatever, because you're not going to ask anything super unique," Seats said. "But yeah, he was just super nice, which was really refreshing . . . I think after that, it got me to speak a lot more to the other artists around."

Springs-McCottry, a junior illustration major, said the experience of working with Fairey has already opened doors for her.

"I had a lecture class today and our artist that came in was a muralist. So . . . immediately I was like, okay, I have to get in here somehow. Especially because I'm not exactly sure what I want to do," Springs-McCottry said. "I definitely, obviously want to do art, but like, murals are cool. Public art is really interesting. So I was like, I can get in here. So just by having a little bit of experience and being able to kind of name drop a little bit got me some sort of contact with her. So [I'm] looking forward to possibly working with her next year."

Kelly said her building was chosen because Fairey liked the size and shape of the wall, as well as the location. She said the mural will bring tourists, and with it, money, into town, something she has seen firsthand.

"[J]ust this past week we met people that drove from Dallas, from Chattanooga, Tennessee [and] from Asheville. We had a call yesterday from somebody in Florida that was going to drive up," she said. "You know, the last Shepard Fairey mural I saw was in Paris. So you know, it's just a humbling experience to have it here. And I think people will take advantage of making that great drive, and then the economic impact that's gonna have on us too is going to be awesome."

In addition to the mural outside her store, Fairey gifted Kelly a collage on an inner wall of her new building, where his exhibit is currently taking place.

"That was a nice surprise that Shepard gave to me," Kelly said. "Trust me, if and when we ever leave that building, I'll be cutting that wall out."

Fairey's mural joins several others in the RHEDC Mural Mile, which "is an initiative that engages the Rock Hill community and local artists in the design and installation of 8-10 murals on various buildings throughout Rock Hill's downtown and textile corridor within a one-mile radius," according to the Only In Old Town website.

Alumni Spotlight: Morgan Page

A class of 2017 alumna explains the details of her time as a student at Winthrop

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As a student at Winthrop, Page spent a great amount of time at either the Coliseum watching the basketball team or the baseball field cheering on the Winthrop baseball team.

“Some of my most favorite memories come from spending my free time at Winthrop basketball and baseball games,” Page said. “Winthrop basketball brought me some of my closest friends.”

During this period of cheering on the Winthrop athletes, Page won the title of Big South Fan of the Year in 2016.

“I believe I was the first Winthrop student to do so and got interviewed by a reporter who later on became one of my best friends,” Page said. “I had the time of my life cheering on the Eagles even traveling to High Point and Buies Creek to watch them play.”

Aside from cheering on the Winthrop eagle athletes,

Page was involved in BCM (Baptist Campus Ministry) and played intramural flag football with a group of women who called themselves the Hurricanes during her freshman and sophomore year. During this time, the team won the championship game both years.

“During my junior year of college, I was inducted into the Kappa Delta Pi honor society,” Page said. “It was an honors society specifically for education majors. It was an honor as an education major.”

Although Page was involved in BCM, Intramural sports, and the honors society, she stated that she wishes she has been more involved in more clubs and organizations while at Winthrop.

“I tried to not take on too much because my education came first, but sometimes I do wish I had put myself out there more and really ex-

plored restaurants and places in Rock Hill and Charlotte more,” Page said.

While Page was working on her degree, she said that the two most impactful professors were Dr. Pickett and Dr. Barger.

“Both of these ladies are excellent college professors and extremely knowledgeable in their field,” Page said. “These two ladies were my personal favorite because I felt like they invested so much time in us as education majors, and I felt supported and knew I was learning from the very best.”

After graduating in 2017, Page began teaching in August 2018. Since then, she has taught in both South Carolina and Georgia. Page currently teaches second grade in Hephzibah, Georgia. Before teaching second grade, she previously taught prekindergarten and kindergarten.

“Thankfully, I spent the year



Page poses with Winthrop's mascots at 2016 homecoming basketball game

after college living with my parents, which allowed me to adjust to the real world. However, I got engaged six months after graduation and was also going through my first year of teaching all while living long distance from my fiancé,” Page said. “Needless to say, it was a whole new level of stress in becoming ‘an

adult.” Page’s advice for those students who are close to graduating is to “prepare yourself because adulthood comes quick after you graduate. Have a plan once college is finished and know what will come next.”

For those who are just starting college, Page advises “to find your

people. Studying hard for your degree is important but finding those life-long friends you will remember for years to come is key as well.”

When speaking on overall experiences at Winthrop, Page said, “Enjoy every bit of it!”

More spooky traditions from around the world

From feasting with ghosts in China to spraying water on trick-or-treaters, there’s plenty of spooky to go around



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Sights like this can be seen at China’s Festival of the Hungry Ghosts

Abby Kihano/Pexels

First on the list is the Halloween Parade in Tokyo, Japan. According to Contiki.com, every year on Oct. 27, the Kawasaki Halloween Parade floods the streets with people donning outrageous costumes ranging from zombie queens to creepy teddy bears in celebration of the spooky season.

For those who are interested in ghosts, try feasting with them in China on Teng Chieh, also known as the Feast of the Hungry Ghosts. This tradition takes place on the 15th night of the 7th Chinese calendar month and involves lighting bonfires and lanterns as well as giving food offerings to guide dead relatives who are returning to our world for this special night.

This celebration is important as it connects people to their ancestors and gives them a chance to repay them for the guidance and protection they have provided to their family.

Continuing on with the theme of ghosts, in Cambodia, people celebrate both the dead and the elderly on the Buddhist holiday Pchum Ben. This event entails people sharing delicious treats like sweet, sticky rice on banana leaves, as well as visiting temples to offer up fresh flowers to pay respects to their dead ancestors and honor those who are still alive.

Now travelling from Asia to Africa, there’s a rich history of spooky celebrations from the northern area

closest to the Middle East all the way down to the tip of the continent.

To start with, the Egungun festival in Nigeria is something quite spectacular. According to Face2FaceAfrica.com, this festival is celebrated by the Yoruba people from mid-autumn to April before the annual rain comes.

This is a special time for people to remember key individuals who have passed away that year and that they are not forgotten by the living. Egungun is a Yoruba word that refers to the masqueraders who take over the streets and dance to the tune of skilled drummers. Masqueraders are people that are believed to be chosen by the gods and are given special powers to

communicate with the dead and please the ancestors, and for this festival they are dressed in elaborate and colorful outfits and masks while dancing to honor the dead. They, along with the parade, are led by the Chief Priest who invokes the spirits during this celebration.

Going a little further west, the Junkanoo festival in Ghana is something to look forward to for the spookiness, despite its cultural roots being far from the Halloween that most people know. Beginning in 1709, the festival was held in honour of John Kenu, who was known to Germans and Dutch as John Cani and to the British as John Conny, for defeating the Dutch who took control over

the Ahanta land and sold them to slavery. The masqueraders are there to make people laugh with their hideous masks, which are made to resemble the white people who mocked them for so long.

Down in Madagascar, the Fama-dihana festival, also known as the Turning of Bones festival, is an intriguing celebration of death that only happens once every seven years. It involves dancing with the dead, along with many rituals that are performed by the heads of families to honor loved ones who have died. Along with these festivities, the families are expected to open up burial grounds and crypts and change the wraps their deceased relatives

are in to keep them clean and to connect with the dead.

Moving down close to the South pole, Australia has its fair share of Halloween-specific traditions that might be interesting to partake in. For example, taping an orange balloon to your mailbox means that your house is trick-or-treat friendly. Or if one really despises Halloween, people will spray children with water spray bottles who dare come knock on their door. In Sydney, there is an infamous old woman who not only kept the spray bottle by the front door, she also had a backup bucket of water to throw at children who did not listen to her when she told them to go away.

New Fantastic Beasts movie under fire

Potential boycotts may doom the new “Fantastic Beasts” movie before it’s released

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After nearly three years of waiting, the title of the next installment of the “Fantastic Beasts” franchise has finally been revealed. The Fantastic Beasts Twitter account announced on Sept. 22 that the name of the film would be “Fantastic Beasts: The Secrets of Dumbledore.” However, with the reemergence of this saga comes the reemergence of the accompanying controversy. A multitude of reasons as to why viewers should boycott this movie are being debated, and some fans even question whether or not the franchise should continue.

One of the contributing factors is the ratings of the previous movies. The first in the saga, “Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them,” was a refreshing visit back to the world of magic.

When it was released in 2016, it had been five years since the release of the final Harry Potter installment, “The Deathly Hallows: Part 2.” Fans enjoyed the movie that explored more of the magical world and the creatures that lived within, and the film received a rating of 74% on the review website Rotten Tomatoes.

In stark contrast

was its sequel, “Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald.” This movie had a far more complex, even confusing, plot. Critics found the movie so bad that it earned only a 36% rating on Rotten Tomatoes. If the franchise was struggling so much, can viewers trust that this third movie will be any different than the last?

The other factor that “Fantastic Beasts: The Secrets of Dumbledore” has going against it is that its creator, J.K. Rowling, who authored the Harry Potter series and has written the screenplays for the movies of the Fan-

tastic Beasts franchise, found herself under serious fire during the summer of 2020.

On June 6, 2020, Rowling tweeted, “People who menstruate.’ I’m sure there used to be a word for those people. Someone help me out. Wumben? Wimpud? Woomud?”

The implications of this tweet have caused many to brand Rowling as transphobic. However, fans found Rowling problematic long before this tweet. In the Harry Potter series, she portrayed a race of creatures, house-elves, as overall happy with their enslavement.

The few characters of color she included often were reduced to racist stereotypes, such as Cho Chang, an Asian student placed in the “smart” house, Ravenclaw.

A third, and probably the most controversial, aspect of this franchise is its involvement with Johnny Depp. In the first two movies, Depp portrayed the antagonist, Grindelwald. However, Depp’s reputation was greatly tarnished by his divorce from his ex-wife Amber Heard.

According to a story from the Guardian, after losing a libel case over claims from Heard, Depp

left the franchise “after being asked to resign by Warner Bros.” However, Heard has not been asked to leave her role in the Aquaman franchise, produced by the same studio, a contrast with which many followers of Depp have taken issue.

Only time will tell whether loyalty to the Wizarding World of Harry Potter will triumph over controversy. “Fantastic Beasts: The Secrets of Dumbledore” will premiere on April 15, 2022.



Factory releasing CO2 into the atmosphere

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Will carbon removal plants make a difference?

Carbon removal plants are being built to eliminate CO2 from the air

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Frequently we are being updated and reminded of the climate crisis that the Earth is experiencing, and it often feels as if there is no action being taken in order to fix this problem. However, carbon removal plants are being built in order to eliminate the carbon dioxide from the Earth’s atmosphere.

In Iceland, the world’s first and largest climate-positive direct air capture and storage plant called “Orca” was launched by Climeworks in early September and has begun to filter out the carbon dioxide from the air that the fans are capturing.

According to Business Insider, the fans will suck in air and begin separating the carbon dioxide by mixing the carbon dioxide with water. The water then is sent into a tube underground where the carbon will then cool and solidify.

Even though these carbon removal plants are removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, which is necessary to slow down the increasing temperature of the planet, this Orca fa-

cility alone does not eliminate enough of the global emissions being released into the air.

“In my opinion, I believe carbon capture technology like Orca is a great idea. I am glad and excited to see a big and functional plant that can convert a greenhouse gas like carbon dioxide into a usable form,” said Dr. Kunsiri Grubbs, an associate professor of biology at Winthrop University.

Carbon dioxide naturally exists in the atmosphere, but more and more carbon emissions are being released into the atmosphere due to the thousands of factories across the globe and the lack of regulations.

“If we do not remove politics from environmental concerns, nothing is going to progress or get better because environmental care should not be political,” said Stephanie Martin, a current master’s student and former biology major.

According to NASA’s Global Climate Change website, carbon dioxide remains in the Earth’s atmosphere from anywhere between 300 to 1,000 years. As a result of the

carbon not being broken down, it is causing the Earth to contain heat that it is receiving from the sun. This heat is then causing the ice caps to melt, which then leads to more issues.

Carbon dioxide entering the air causes a domino effect across the world, and humans will be experiencing the consequences of emitting a great amount of carbon dioxide.

“I definitely think that the atmosphere can benefit from the plants that use efficient sources of energy to reduce carbon emissions,” said biology major Makayla Greene. “However it strongly depends on the influence and the willingness of human beings to participate in these unique but effective ways.”

NASA climate scientist Peter Kalmus did the math on the potential effects of the Orca facility.

“If it works, in one year it will capture three seconds worth of humanity’s CO2 emissions, he wrote on Twitter.

Although three seconds is not much carbon dioxide, it is still something that is eliminating the carbon dioxide that

is affecting the climate of the Earth. If more of these plants are built, companies begin putting restrictions on factories releasing emissions, and humans begin to make conscious decisions of how they are releasing carbon dioxide, then, maybe, we can begin to slow the increase of CO2 in the atmosphere.

“I hope to see more plants like this in the future,” Grubbs said. “As for now, while we are waiting for better technology at cheaper prices, we can help remove carbon dioxide from the air by the use of the natural process for removing the carbon, which is photosynthesis.

“We can grow more plants or keep a couple of house plants such as pothos, aloe vera, spider plants and many more. They are beautiful, easy to take care of, absorb harmful substances and break down some pollutants inside our homes.”

Facebook insider says company amplifies fake news

The social media megalith may go by new, rebranded name soon

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Former Facebook data scientist Frances Haugen revealed insider information surrounding the social network’s disregard for harmful effects on children and amplification of misinformation in efforts to increase profits.

“Haugen told Congress that Facebook consistently chose to maximize its growth rather than implement safeguards on its platforms, just as it hid from the public and government officials internal research that illuminated the harms of Facebook products,” according to NPR.com.

Haugen is one of many former Facebook employees to raise concerns about the company. In the 2020 Netflix documentary, “The Social Dilemma,” concerns about social media were brought to the attention of mainstream audiences.

“We’ve created a world in which online connection has become primary, especially for younger generations,” said computer scientist Jaron Lanier in the documentary. “And yet, in that world, any time two people connect, the only way it’s financed is through a sneaky third person who’s paying to manipulate those two people.”

“So, we’ve created an entire global generation of people who were raised within a context where the very meaning of communication, the very meaning of culture, is manipulation.”

As the company faces allegations, The Verge reported the company plans to rebrand with changes to their name while focusing on expanding beyond social media.



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Drag WU: Alyssa Edwards and her killer queens



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Upper left photo: Alyssa Edwards walking with a student who came in drag; Upper right photo: Don Javi serenading the audience in Spanish; Photo under Javi: Kristi Darling landing the splits during her first performance; Second row, first photo: Erica Chanel taking off her wig during her second performance; Photo under Darling: Alyssa Edwards leading the queens in a final number; Photo under Chanel: Vegas Van Dank giving us a spooky performance; Bottom left: Don Javi; Bottom right: Ariana Venti collecting her tips while performing

Kelley Kish named Interim Athletic Director

Hynd says position will remain 'interim' until next president is named

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Winthrop University announced Kelley Kish will serve as Interim Athletic Director following the resignation of Hank Harrawood, who had been the interim since August.

Kish was hired in February 2020 as Winthrop's associate athletic director for business and finance after having served as director of athletics for over two years at Lake Erie College.

"Kelley has a wealth of collegiate administrative experience and has received praise in her time here for handling our internal operations, diversity efforts and our pandemic response, as well as being responsive to student-athlete concerns during trying times," interim university president George Hynd said in a statement released on Oct. 15.

Hynd told The Johnsonian that Kish said she would be willing to be the interim for a year or a year and a half — "whatever that period of time is" — but that she did not see it as a career move.

"She took the position with the attitude of helping out Winthrop," Hynd said. "I found that to be a very attractive attribute to her becoming the athletic director because I think she really has Winthrop and the best interest of Winthrop in her heart."

Kish is just the second woman ever to lead Winthrop's athletic department, following in the footsteps of Winthrop's first athletic director Mary Roland Griffin, who was appointed in 1970 and helped oversee the integration of men's sports teams

at Winthrop.

"We believe everybody — regardless of race, gender orientation, gender, ethnic background — should all have an opportunity to move into leadership positions, so I was delighted that we were able to put Kelley in that position," Hynd said.

Kish takes the reins from Hank Harrawood, who resigned in early October after only having served as interim athletic director for roughly two months. According to Hynd, Harrawood had expressed an interest in being the full-time athletic director prior to his resignation.

"There were some conversations that never came to fruition. The original intent was for this to be an interim position for like I say, a year, 18 months or so.

"There was an opportunity to consider appointing him as the AD, but in conversations with the Board of Trustees, and certainly it was my decision, we decided to stick with the original gameplan, which was to keep this as an interim position for a period of time."

Hynd said Harrawood had already been offered a position in the private sector, so he ultimately made the decision to accept a new opportunity rather than continue to serve as interim. Hynd said that money was not a factor in the two sides failing to reach a long-term deal.

"There were no disagreements over possible salary or anything like that," Hynd said. "The question really was whether or not to appoint him as the athletic director without going through a search.

"I think Hank is a

wonderful guy, extremely well qualified, but in the final analysis, I really wanted to keep the position as interim until the new president gets here."

Hynd said a new university president should be in place by July 1, 2022.

Hynd also said Kish was not the first person he reached out to about potentially taking over as interim once he knew Harrawood was strongly considering moving on from Winthrop.

"I had already contacted some other people to see if they might be willing to step in as interim because I knew that Hank was likely going to take this other position," Hynd said. "They both had mentioned Kelley Kish — they knew Kelley Kish — and they said 'ya know, you really should be talking to Kelley.'"

"Kelley was on my call list, so after talking to those other individuals, I called up Kelley and had a conversation with her."

After a handful of departures from Winthrop Athletics over the last six months or so, Kish said her experience makes her the right person for the job right now.

"When I went to Lake Erie College where I was the AD, there were a lot of things that I kind of had to shore up and put into place, so there's a lot of experience that I have on setting the direction and the goals and the vision of a department and also getting it all done structurally behind the scenes," Kish said.

"That's really what we need to rely on right now, is that ability that I bring to the table to partner with everyone in our department and across

campus to really set the infrastructure that we need to be successful and to align with the university mission."

As associate athletic director, Kish also held the designation of Senior Woman Administrator (SWA). She said while some women who are athletic directors also choose to represent their departments as the SWA, she plans to take the alternative option and designate someone else in the department for the role.

Kish said since assuming her new position as interim AD, she has given the most thought to the department's staffing model, which currently has numerous vacancies. She said she hopes to announce some staffing models as soon as Nov. 1.

"There's a lot of layers to it because I want to set the future permanent AD up for success," Kish said. "You have to think about 'what does that look like,' as well as have an opportunity that I have a place to land whenever the decision is made by the new president on the permanent AD."

Kish said it is way too early to know whether she'll be interested in becoming the permanent athletic director once the job is listed. She said it will really depend on the presidential hire.

"As a good leader of this department and as a great member of the institutional and Eagle family, you need to know [the thoughts of] your ultimate boss and the leader of the institution — how do they view athletics and that role?"

Eagle of the Week: Sarah Funderburg

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Taking her first steps onto the course at just five years old, Sarah Funderburg is now a skillful senior on the Winthrop women's golf team.

"Although my parents aren't golfers, they took my brother and I to the golf course when we were young, and we have played ever since. My brother has definitely kept me interested in golf throughout the years," Funderburg said.

Aside from her brother maintaining her fascination with golf, Funderburg also looks to her favorite athlete, American professional golfer Jordan Spieth, for motivation.

"The consistency of his game is something I and the Winthrop women's golf team should strive for," Funderburg said.

During the 2020-2021 season (Funderburg's junior year), she was named the Big South Conference Golfer of the Week on Feb. 18, as well as a Women's Golf Coaches Association All-American Scholar.

According to the WGCA website, this recognition acknowledges "the outstanding academic and athletic achievements in women's college golf." Athletes selected must have a 3.50 GPA or higher for their entire collegiate career, as well as other notable qualities.

Last week the Eagles traveled to Kiawah Island during Winthrop's fall break to compete in the 2021 Buccaneer Classic on Oct. 18 and 19.

"Competing during Winthrop's fall break was difficult because most of my friends were able to go home or have downtime. Although I missed

the break, Kiawah Island is beautiful, and I did not have to make up any work from my classes," Funderburg said.

Funderburg led her team in Par 4 scoring both days of the competition, ending with a second-place finish among the Eagles with a three-round score of 229. Overall the Eagles finished in 11th place out of 13 teams.

"Overall, my performance could have been much better; I struggled mentally with confidence throughout the tournament," Funderburg said. "I become very nervous during events. I want to represent Winthrop well, so I feel that much is on the line."

"I am not afraid to admit that I hit poor shots quite often. I find that what makes my game stand out is that I never give up when things aren't looking great. I always try to keep my head up and shoulders back, ready to make a great recovery," Funderburg said.

More than simply improving her golf talents during her time at Winthrop, Funderburg has developed skills as a collegiate athlete that will be useful beyond college.

"I feel that being a collegiate athlete teaches one to manage stress and find out what his or her true priorities are," Funderburg said.

Originally from Wilmington, North Carolina, Funderburg plans to attend PA (physician assistant) school in one of the Carolinas after graduation.

"Although I enjoy playing golf, I am looking forward to taking some time off," Funderburg said. "I feel that I need to take a bit of time to focus on my career and continue with golf once things have settled."

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Winthrop women's soccer loses last home game

Eagles finish eighth in conference standings, will miss conference tournament

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The Winthrop women's soccer team lost its last home game of the regular season on

Wednesday, Oct. 20. The Eagles fell to the UNC Asheville Bulldogs, and the final score was 4-1.

"The score was a reflection of op-

portunities," said Winthrop associate head coach Johnathan Brabson. "I felt we had as many opportunities as UNC Asheville, but the difference was

they made plays when needed on both sides of the ball."

The Big South Conference is only accepting six teams for this year's

tournament. With 13 total conference points on the season (four wins worth three points each and one tie worth one point), Winthrop finishes

eighth in the conference and will not play in the postseason. UNC Asheville scored within the first 15 minutes...

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Winthrop picked to finish on top in men's basketball conference preseason poll

Redshirt junior D.J. Burns Jr. chosen as Preseason Player of the Year

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The Winthrop men's basketball team received 16 of 26 votes from the Big South Preseason Poll's voting panel, projecting the Eagles to win the conference for a third-straight season.

"When you come to things like this, there's a good chance that we'll be picked somewhere near the top, and we understand the pressure that comes with that, and we welcome it," said Winthrop head coach Mark Prosser.

Winthrop's D.J. Burns Jr., a redshirt junior and native of Rock Hill, was named Big South Preseason Player of the Year. Prosser praised Burns for being a great teammate.

"He wants to make the right play more than making 'the' play. I think that he genuinely celebrates the success of his teammates as much as his own," Prosser said. "Just a good player that we're fortunate to have in our program."

Last season, Burns started 24 of Winthrop's 25 games, shooting 58.2% from the field while averaging 10.1 points and 3.4 rebounds in just 15.7 minutes per game.

Burns made the Big South's "honor-

able mention" team at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 season after being a first-team selection in the preseason, in large part due to the success of his teammate Chandler Vaudrin (who has since left Winthrop and gone on to play in the NBA Summer League).

"I think it'd be hard to say it's up to one person to fill that role," Prosser said. "He (Vaudrin) impacted the game so much, whether it was scoring himself, creating for others with assists, and with his size, he was able to rebound at a high level."

Along with Vaudrin, Winthrop loses Kyle Zunic (playing professionally in the Perth Wildcats organization), Charles Falden (transfer to James Madison University) and Adonis Arms (transfer to Texas Tech University).

"We lose over half our scoring, we lose over half of our rebounding, we lose about three-quarters of our assists per game, and so I think it's going to take a group of us to make sure that we're picking up that slack," Prosser said.

"I think there's a number of guys who have sort of been waiting in our program for that role to sort of be theirs to go grasp, and I look forward

to seeing how they rise to the challenge when that opportunity presents itself. And it will."

Entering his first season as the Eagles' head coach, Prosser is no stranger to Winthrop. He was hired as an assistant at Winthrop in 2012 and served as associate head coach from 2013-2018.

"You work for some place for six years, you go away for three — it's different than [if] you work some place for a year and you were gone for ten," Prosser said. "There's a lot of continuity with terminology and things like that that we got from coach Kelsey, so that adjustment hasn't been [huge] compared to going in entirely brand new."

When he was hired in April, Prosser brought his entire staff from Western Carolina with him. Winthrop has since scored two transfers from Prosser's former school in Cory Hightower and Sin'Cere McMahan, leaving transfers Patrick Good, Drew Buggs and Cameron Whiteside as the only players on the roster with no prior experience to the terminology Prosser's staff uses.

"You find yourself — and through no fault of anybody — as we implement

things, as we give set calls, as we give calls for different things that happen throughout the course of the game, I'm like, 'Alright, make sure Cameron, make sure Drew and make sure Pat you guys are paying attention,' because they're the three guys that either hadn't been with us previously or hadn't been here previously," Prosser said.

"They're very savvy college basketball players already, so it's not brand new, it's just maybe talked about or taught in a different way, so that challenge and that understanding maybe is a little bit more of a short-term thing than it may be with a freshman."

With the addition of North Carolina A&T this season, the Big South Conference is now a 12-team league and will operate under a two-division format. Winthrop received 23 of 26 first-place votes in the South Division, with UNC Asheville receiving the remaining three votes.

In the Big South's North Division, Campbell University was picked to finish on top, receiving 20 of 26 first-place votes. Campbell also had two players receive preseason honors — Cedric Henderson Jr. (first-team) and Jordan Whitfield



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D.J. Burns Jr. blocks a shot during Winthrop's 2019-2020 Championship win over Hampton University

(second-team).

"They're just both really dedicated to being good at basketball and pouring into Campbell Basketball," said Campbell head coach Kevin McGeehan.

"I'm really happy for them," McGeehan said. "[But] the awards that really matter are the ones at the end of the season, and that only happens — we talk about it all the time — that only happens if you do well. If you win."

Last season, Campbell shattered expectations, making it all the way to the Big South Championship game before losing to Winthrop. McGeehan acknowledged that last season's Winthrop team was special.

"Winthrop could have competed in our league last year with their second group. That's how talented they were top to bottom. One through whatever number it is that they played — 100 it felt like," he said. While McGeehan

said it remains to be seen what Winthrop will bring to the table this season, there's one person he knows Campbell will need to defend against better.

"We've gotta figure that out," McGeehan said, pointing to a picture of D.J. Burns Jr.

As for what Winthrop fans can expect from Winthrop's deep roster this season, Prosser said things will look a little different than in recent years.

"I think we'll be as deep as they allow us to be," Prosser said. "Will we have the substitution patterns that they had in the last year or two? No, I'm not nearly smart enough to know all of the who's in the game and who's not, and a lot of people smarter than me were able to do that."

Winthrop begins its season at home on Nov. 9 against Division III opponent Mary Baldwin.

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keeper Courtney O'Malley. Winthrop senior Alexandra Perez attempted to score at the 25-minute mark but was once again blocked.

UNC Asheville scored again at 35 minutes into the game. The goal was scored by Madison Carter.

Winthrop attempted to score twice more during the last five minutes of the first period, but one shot was out right, and the other was saved, yet again, by the UNC Asheville goalie.

"I think we played really strong together but never really were able to finish any of our chances," said

Winthrop freshman Abbie McCrea.

Fifty-three minutes into the game, Asheville attempted to score, but goalie Izzy Giarrizzi saved it. Asheville tried again and scored their third goal of the night. The goal was scored by Ava Nkadi with an assist from Madison Carter.

At the 80th minute, Winthrop managed to score their first goal of the game. The goal was scored by Angelica Castro, with an assist by Katy Feskorn and Anna Kate Highsmith.

Eighty-two minutes in, Winthrop player Katy Feskorn attempted to score,

but her top shot was blocked by goalie Courtney O'Malley.

UNC Asheville scored its fourth goal with less than five minutes left. Kaiya Boyd made the goal with an assist from Grace Sloan.

"It wasn't the result that we wanted, but I am extremely proud of our team



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Valentina Mosquera tries to get past the UNC Asheville defense

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of the game, with Taylor Gardner scoring the goal. Previously, Winthrop goalkeeper Izzy Giarrizzi had blocked a shot

taken by Asheville's Lindie Clark.

Winthrop senior Bella Hovis attempted to score at the 23-minute mark but was blocked by UNC Asheville goal-

Winthrop's Top Ten Spookiest Buildings

An opinion piece on which buildings at Winthrop are fitting for “spooky season”

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In light of Halloween quickly approaching, it seemed fitting that the Johnsonian covers what places around Winthrop's campus are spooky enough to give guests a thrill while there. But beware — some places have otherworldly occupants that might come out to greet their visitors!

The Little Chapel next to Campus Green is one of Winthrop's most iconic structures. It was the original building for Winthrop University in Columbia and was moved brick by brick to the Rock Hill campus under founder David Bancroft Johnson's orders. Since their deaths, Johnson and his wife have been buried under the floor of the Little Chapel. While the chapel is normally locked, students have reported that they can hear conversations and movement coming from the empty chapel.

Tillman Hall is perhaps one of the most unsettling buildings on Win-

throp's campus. From its creaking floors to the prisoner stocks in the basement, Tillman has a reputation for giving students chills. The oppressive silence one experiences when entering the building does not help matters; quiet weighs on Tillman's visitors like a blanket as if something (or someone) is discouraging interruption.

Richardson Hall is one of Winthrop's most well-known residential buildings. The only co-ed residence hall for lowerclassmen, Richardson has welcomed countless students into the folds of Winthrop society. Generations of students have done their laundry in its basement, where locked doors hide secrets students can only guess at. Many students have reported that they experience the feeling of being watched while in Richardson's basement — some going as far as to say that shadowy figures stalk the laundry room. Whether or not this is the case, there is a sneaking

feeling of not being alone after stepping off the elevator.

Bancroft is the university's original student housing and is used for classrooms currently. While the building has been modernized, one can still see the skeletal remains of the dormitories. Classrooms are split in half by beams laid in the floor and walls - the evidence of it once being two bedrooms. Sitting alone in a classroom for long feels as though one is trespassing, as though the ghost of one of Winthrop's early students is upset with having an unannounced guest in her bedroom.

The Rutledge Building was Winthrop's original library (called the Carnegie Library until 1969). Today, it houses the campus's fine arts department, classrooms, as well as student galleries. Students in the past have commented on how they never feel quite alone when working late at night in the studios. It feels as though there is a spectral spectator just out of

sight.

The Withers Building - formerly known as the Winthrop Training School - has been the home of Winthrop's education training since the building was purchased in 1910. It has housed Winthrop's laboratory schools since then (first a school encompassing all ages before transitioning to the modern McFeat Kindergarten), providing future educators the opportunity to interact with students before graduating. Before Winthrop purchased the building, it was a boys' high school and military training academy. Today, students can hear murmurs and the sound of hard shoes on the main staircase even after class times have ended for the day. Perhaps modern students are hearing a century's worth of young adults coming and going from their own ghostly classroom.

While not necessarily haunting in nature, there is something unnerving about the

university's energy plant. The Central Energy Plant was constructed in 1964 in order to bring steam power to the campus, leading to grates billowing smoke on winter mornings. Hearing the hiss of the broilers and seeing steam rise from the ground beside the amphitheater is enough to raise the hairs on the backs of students' necks.

Similar to the Central Energy Plant, McBryde Hall does not necessarily unnerve students with ghostly activity. However, the medieval-inspired architecture and dramatically vaulted ceiling create a sense of gothic horror. One can almost visualize Mary Shelley using this building as inspiration for her writing, or directors of silent films using it as a backdrop for the dramatic climax.

The President's House has served as living quarters to each of Winthrop's presidents since the university's inception. The dark brick facade has lent the home an air of drama, especially as the sun

sets. However, the President's House holds a sinister secret - people have died inside. David Bancroft Johnson - Winthrop's founder and first president - died in the home in 1928. While only the former presidents can say if this has created a creepy atmosphere, it still is chilling to consider.

While it is technically part of two buildings, the annex is considerably more frightening than the buildings it connects. Built to connect Bancroft and Owens, the annex has the makings of every classic horror movie - creaking floors, dimly lit hallways, and a sense of foreboding. One can almost imagine a villain lurking in the shadows, waiting for an unsuspecting student to let their guard down. The creaking of the floors only amplifies the sound of footsteps, which begs the question: who exactly do those footsteps belong to?

Somewhere in Antarctica *Part Three*



MEET THE STAFF

Get to know some of the staff that creates the magic behind *THE JOHNSONIAN*!



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