



2020 crime and security report released

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Winthrop University released its annual crime and security report for the 2020 calendar year. This security report is mandated by law for any public or private higher education institution that receives federal funding.

Winthrop reported zero cases of murder or manslaughter. There were four cases of rape and sexual assault and one case of fondling, which also falls under the category of sexual assault. There were four cases of burglary and zero cases of arson or motor vehicle theft.

In terms of drug and alcohol offenses, there were 13 arrests and 43 referrals total. Last year, there were zero arrests or referrals for weapon-related offenses.

The report includes numbers of crimes that the federal government requires to be reported, including murder, rape and sexual assault, burglary and arson. It also includes drug, alcohol and weapon-related offenses.

The crimes detailed in the report have occurred either on campus, in residence halls, off campus on roads surrounding Winthrop's campus, such as Oakland Avenue and Cherry Road, or off-campus public property like fraternity and sorority houses and Winthrop Lake.

Assistant Chief of Police Charles

Yearta said the numbers in this year's report are "standard."

"[T]o be honest with you, from year to year, the numbers that I gave you, those are pretty much our standard. There's no significant increase," Yeararta said

Some of the numbers included in the federal report were not reported to police because survivors are not required to press charges.

"We want people to report those incidents even if the police aren't involved. And the reason for that is, is because it's up to the survivor at that point to say, 'Yes, I want the police involved' or no. But even if they don't want us to get involved or for us to investigate it and try to get them justice, we do want Winthrop to offer the services that are available to them," Yeararta said.

Services that Winthrop offers are, among others, counseling and health exams offered by both the Office of Victims Assistance and Health and Counseling Services.

Winthrop stu-

science major.

"I know that sexual assault is common, and that small amount of reports is questionable. It makes me wonder if that is the true amount of reports or if that's just what they are saying," said psychology major Hallee Berndt.

Students also felt that while Winthrop releasing the crime numbers to students and the public is a step in the right direction, more needs to be done.

"The only problem is that we don't know if it's the actual number. Winthrop has been rumored in the past to not take charges seriously, so who is to say they didn't disregard some. Although if students are too afraid to come out, these numbers would also be incorrect," Berndt said.

"The release of numbers should not even be a question; students should have access to those numbers and more as it affects their day-to-day life," said psychology major Catie Dixon.

Students also think more should be done to keep campus safer.



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"There should be more awareness events rather than just the videos we have

dents still feel that the numbers for some of these crimes are too high.

"Our numbers are very low which is a blessing, but our overarching goal should be to decrease the number even more," said Carrie Vaughn, freshman political

to watch. Counseling sessions are also booked until February, so I think having that security of having someone to talk to if you're afraid of going to the police would be a good place to start," Berndt said.



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Entrance to The Courtyard, a residence hall, at Winthrop Quality of Winthrop's residence halls in question

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This semester there have been multiple complaints from students about their dorm rooms and buildings, along with several major facility complications in the buildings.

At the beginning of the semester, students in The Courtyard experienced their air conditioning units not working. Some units became frozen because of the temperature being turned down too low.

These students were experiencing temperatures up to 85 degrees in their rooms. To get some relief from the heat, students were having to buy fans for their rooms and open their room windows with outside temperatures upwards of 80 degrees.

"Having the AC go out causes a lot of issues, and for me, it made sleeping hard. I prefer to sleep when it's cold, so when the AC was out, the room was hot, and I was losing the limited sleep that I already get," said freshman

Will Elliott.

As a result of the multiple AC units breaking in Courtyard, many students were given a portable window AC unit. Courtyard residents received an email on Sept. 29 from Courtyard Residential Learning Coordinator Amanda Marshall on behalf of Facilities Management to find out how many students have a portable AC unit.

In addition to the broken AC units in Courtyard, in the last two weeks, students on the second floor of Courtyard experienced flooding in their rooms from a broken water pipe in the ceiling.

According to Howard Seidler, the interim director of residence life, three suites in Courtyard were affected by the plumbing leak.

These individual students were forced to move the majority of their belongings out of their rooms. Some students were placed into other dorm buildings while the issue is being fixed.

It is not clear when these students will be able to move back into their Courtyard rooms. However,

the ceiling tiles outside the second-floor elevator have been taken down in order for maintenance to look at the pipes in the ceiling.

"Something that bothers me about Courtyard is that when things happen in the building, they don't tell us. When the pipes burst, and there was flooding, they never said a word to us about what happened. I would've liked to know what happened and if I should have been concerned about it," said Ella McKinney, senior English major and Courtyard resident.

Aside from the issues in Courtyard, Nick Rose, a freshman music technology major, expressed his concerns about living in Richardson.

"It is a pretty old building, so there's always going to be something wrong. My AC by the window does not work, and the carpet is dirty. I just feel like the whole building needs to be updated," Rose said.

The buildings have surely aged, with the oldest residence hall, Margaret Nance, being built in 1895.

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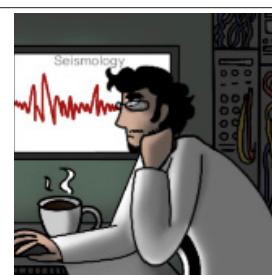
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The curious case of Osage orange



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The lumpy green fruits on Winthrop's campus have been identified

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Many Winthrop students have been mystified by the softball-sized green spheres littering the ground outside of Joynes Hall.

The Maclura pomifera tree, also known as the Osage orange, is native to the United States. It is often planted in rows along a boundary, creating a sort of fence with its dense trunk.

Maclura pomifera trees have a lifespan of over a century. Therefore, it can be inferred that

the pseudo-fence around Joynes Hall was planted during Winthrop's infancy. Pictures from the Louise Pettus Archives confirm this, as there are photos of Joynes and Maclura pomifera from the early 20th century.

Maclura pomifera trees historically were used by various indigenous American tribes to make wooden bows and clubs. Because of this, many botanists call Maclura pomifera "bowwood." This is also why a common name for this tree is "Osage orange" — the Osage tribe was one of the indigenous groups that primarily used this

wood.

Another historical use of this tree was by the Work Progress Administration (WPA) during the implementation of Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal. The WPA's goal was to use the roots of Maclura pomifera to prevent soil erosion. Thousands of these trees were planted in clusters around the United States during the 1930s and 1940s in order to stop habitable soil from eroding during precipitation.

The softball-sized orbs found under Osage orange trees are their fruits. Another common name for the Osage oranges is

"hedge apples" due to the nature of using these trees as hedgerows. The fruit itself can grow up to five inches in diameter and up to three pounds. Their misshapen appearance is caused by the fact that these are not singular fruits. Rather, each "fruit" is a cluster of hundreds of smaller fruits.

While they are not toxic, it is not recommended that humans consume the fruit of Maclura pomifera, as the sap can cause skin inflammation and gastric irritation. Wildlife does not consume Osage oranges until the seeds — the only truly edible part

of the fruit — are exposed.

While modern humans and animals alike do not consume Osage oranges, botanists and paleontologists have theorized that ancient megafauna regularly consumed these fruits. Migration patterns of these megafaunas, such as mastodons, indicate that they played a role in the dispersion of Maclura pomifera.

Osage oranges ripen during the late summer and early fall, making these a midterm landmark on Winthrop's campus. When the fruit is overripe, they fall onto the ground below the trees and

confound countless students.

Students have lovingly called Osage oranges "ground broccoli" due to their misshapen appearance. While they bear similarities to the tree-shaped vegetable, Osage oranges are not a member of the cabbage family, nor do they potentially lower the risk of cancer.

Maclura pomifera is a scientifically and historically complex tree, and Winthrop University is home to a cluster of Rock Hill's oldest.

Winthrop fares with COVID-19 for another semester

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Winthrop University students are starting another semester while following guidelines to slow the spread of Covid-19.

Before classes started this fall, Winthrop made the decision to require masks in campus buildings with an exception in dorm rooms in residence halls.

"I personally think that the masks are okay right now, but it is a little weird to see so many people without them while

outside, especially when they pass extremely close to you," said sophomore special education major Tara Ann Goodwin.

Many residence halls such as Courtyard and Lee Wickler have disposable masks available for students who have misplaced, lost or forgotten their masks.

"I often see a lot of people with their masks down, but I only believe that it is because there isn't always someone there to watch over them. I have seen RA's tell people to pull their masks up, so they

are doing all they can," said sophomore exercise science major Triston Morgan.

Although the vaccine has become widely available, students were not required to be vaccinated to come back to campus. However, vaccinated students were required to submit their vaccination card that displayed full vaccination while non-vaccinated students were required to submit a negative covid test.

In Winthrop's initiative to get more students vaccinated on campus, stu-

dents were able to attend the mobile clinics that traveled to the residence halls earlier this month. Additionally, DHEC has held vaccination events on campus that allow students to receive the vaccine of their choice for free.

"It is really cool to see how much the university is making it easy for students to get the vaccine and try to stop the spread of covid," said sophomore mass communication major Darren Frasier.

During the 2020-2021 school year, guests were not

permitted into residence halls. This semester, Residence Life has allowed students to have guests in their residence halls.

"I like the guest policy and I don't like the guest policy. I want to be able to have friends over but also that's allowing for the big possibility of covid numbers increasing" Goodwin said.

While it appears that Winthrop is making efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19, the University's protocols have not proven to be infallible.

"I think there's a lot of things that

Winthrop could do better" Goodwin said. "My suitemate was sent home for covid, and it took Winthrop three days to contact her to make sure she actually went home, and she still had issues with her attendance after she got back to campus."

Although Winthrop has room to improve in handling covid on campus, it is also the student's responsibility to keep campus safe and healthy through the COVID-19 guidelines in place.

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Construction in Old Town brings repairs, development

Projects like the Charlotte Avenue bridge repair bring construction but improvements to Rock Hill

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Construction dots Old Town with both repair and development projects. The majority of these projects are a part of the Knowledge Park action plan, which plans to “re-invent the original heart of Rock Hill,” according to its website.

The Charlotte Avenue bridge, one of the main ways in and out of Old Town, has been under construction since July 22 due to cracking in the bridge deck concrete. Project Management Team Supervisor Rob Ruth said the project is on schedule and may even finish earlier than its Oct. 20 projected end date.

“Right now, the project is about 75% complete, and they have finished replacing the deck’s surface. They are working on painting the metal on the bridge, and there will be some additional paving work that needs to occur,” Ruth said.

According to Ruth, bridge repairs such as these could be completed faster, but for this project,

they had to budget time to work with the Norfolk Southern railway the bridge crosses to ensure neither construction nor trains were affected.

“It is a challenge,” Ruth said. “They won’t let us work if there is a train under the bridge, and so you’ve got freight moving on those rails ... you’ll see a train on those tracks ... just about every day. And so when we did the work out, the contractor had to kind of factor that in.”

Other projects around town are tied to the Knowledge Park action plan, created by the Rock Hill Economic Development Corporation (RHEDC), which is a “walkable, multi-faceted district of Rock Hill that will build a modern economy, and reinvent the original heart of Rock Hill” and is not just a place, but “also a strategic plan that gives our community the opportunity to come together and make it their own,” according to its website.

David Lawrence, Knowledge Park development manager, said the plan was started in 2014 and now stretches out to over a square mile.

“Knowledge Park

is not just one site,” Lawrence said. “It’s at least a square mile, generally stretching from Winthrop’s Cherry Road side through what was all textile mills, which we are now redeveloping quite a bit, and over Dave Lyle [Boulevard] into the traditional downtown, where the buildings are and such and then sorta finishing in Fountain Park.”

Around 10 to 12 development projects are currently being worked on within Knowledge Park. And Lawrence expects that number to stay constant throughout the years as old projects are completed and new projects started. Among these projects are the University Center, the Exchange and the property that formerly housed the headquarters of the Rock Hill Herald.

Some projects, like the University Center, which is a 23-acre site near Winthrop that already includes the Rock Hill Sports and Event Center and The Nest, are ahead of schedule. University Center was projected to take around 10 years to complete, but according to Lawrence, may only take five or six.

The Exchange and old Herald prop-

erty projects show the main goal of the construction around Knowledge Park: take old, underutilized buildings in prime locations, and rebuild them to fit the current economic goals of the RHEDC.

The Exchange used to be an auto dealership that closed several years ago. While the county did use it for good, like assisting the homeless, the RHEDC believed it would be better served for development due to its prime location.

While the majority of the development will be retail, commercial and regular apartments, some of the apartments being developed in that area are required to be affordable housing if developers want certain incentives and assistance, according to Lawrence.

The Exchange is on schedule and projected to be open in 2022.

The former property of the Rock Hill Herald, a local newspaper, was sold to developers recently in order to utilize its prime location. White Point Partners, the company that bought the property, plans to start demolition soon. White Point

Partners is the company behind Optimist Hall, a popular location in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Lawrence said development on a similar scale will continue to take place in Knowledge Park for the foreseeable future, as they are currently only working on the “obvious” projects.

“So it’s obvious that an old car dealership that went vacant and sat there on a really prime corner [would be developed]. That’s low-hanging fruit. That needs to happen, and that will happen,” Lawrence said. “That’s kind of easy. I don’t want to say easy; that’s the wrong word. Somewhat easy project.”

After the obvious projects get completed, Lawrence said that developers will start looking at locations less obvious. Some, he said, already have.

“We see the actual physical area growing,” he said. “So now it’s stuff like, we literally have conversations about sites and locations that nobody ever asked about before.”



Police Blotter

A weekly round-up of crime on campus

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On Sept. 23, the R/O (Reporting Officer) was dispatched to West Thomson in reference to an ex-boyfriend standing outside of the complainant’s room. Once on scene, the R/O was able to locate and make contact with the subject, who was standing in the hallway of West Thomson. The R/O noticed that the subject was very agitated and in distress.

The subject admitted that he had come looking for the victim in hopes that he could make things right between the two of them. The subject stated that they broke up, and since then, he has been trying to call, text and see the victim. During that time, the victim declined each form of communication, which then led to the subject showing up to her dorm. The subject admitted to parking off-campus and entered the building without anyone’s knowledge or approval.

Since the breakup, the subject has been on campus numerous times, attempting to locate the victim in various residence halls. The victim stated that she does not want to communicate with or see the subject anymore. After gathering information from the victim, the R/O escorted the subject to a patrol vehicle and placed him in the back of the patrol unit for safety and to prevent escape. During this time, the R/O advised the subject that he would be issued a Trespass Warning Notice with an effective start date of Sept. 23, 2021, through Sept. 23, 2022.

COVID-19 booster shots are here but they’re not for everyone

COVID-19 booster shots are only available for those 65 and older, or those with certain medical qualifications

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Those over 65 years of age, those with medical conditions, those in long-term care facilities and those who work in a high-risk setting are all now eligible for COVID-19 booster shots if they received their first two doses of the Pfizer vaccine.

The CDC recommends that qualifying individuals get the vaccine to prevent infection.

“Although COVID-19 vaccination for adults aged 65 years and older remains effective in preventing severe disease, recent data suggest vaccination

is less effective at preventing infection or milder illness with symptoms,” according to the CDC website.

For those who do not fall into the qualifications to get these boosters yet, there is still a possibility that there may be future eligibility for booster shots once more high-risk people are able to get vaccinated.

There are differing opinions among Winthrop University students on whether they believe those of all ages should have access to COVID-19 booster shots or if there should be another vaccine rollout. Though most students believe that, however it happens, there should be booster shots available for

college-aged students eventually.

“I think that I’m okay with it only being for them right now because I understand that they’re the ones who need it most. Like I get that we should all want them/get them eventually but right now I get that they’re being reserved for the people who need them,” said Emilee Kellett, senior theatre major.

A common worry from college-aged students is that they are being overlooked, especially since college campuses are known for spreading sickness around quickly. With the increase of variants, it’s natural that some students worry about the lack of booster shots for their age

group yet. Though most college students are understanding the focus for those more at risk when it comes to infection.

“I believe they have good intentions wanting to provide the 65 and up with the booster shot, I do believe that, but I feel like it should also be provided to the public and more age ranges, because safety shouldn’t have an age range, like the quote ‘I’d rather be safe than sorry,’” said Kyle Mayson, sophomore musical theatre major.

Mayson elaborated, pointing out how effective the original vaccine rollout was, allowing those on the front lines, such as teachers, to get vaccinated very early in the rollout.

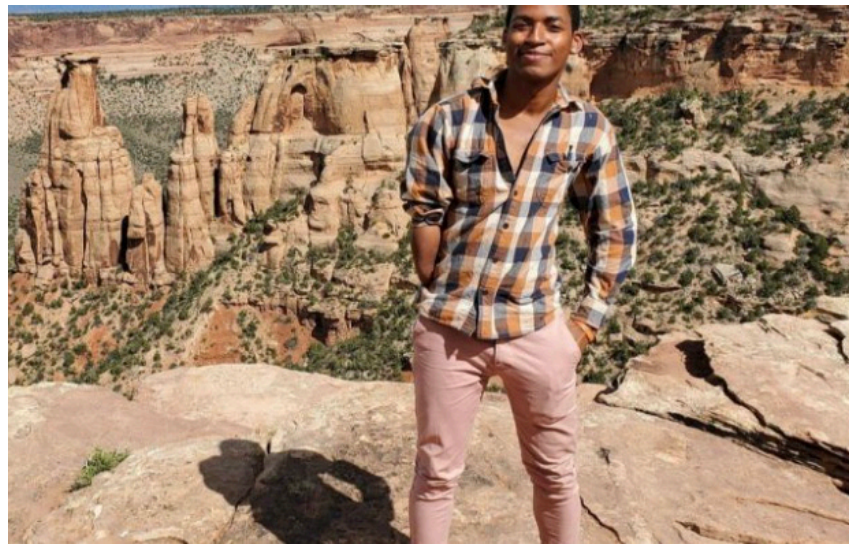
Public criticizes media for ignoring missing people of color

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In light of the Gabby Petito missing person case gaining national attention, people are criticizing the media's lack of coverage of missing people of color all over the nation.

In the area where Petito was found, there have been over 700 missing Indigenous individuals over the past decade reported missing. Only a few of the cases ever caught the eye of the media; those that did usually were overly graphic compared to those of white women.

The lack of coverage over the cases of people of color is frustrating to many, especially since their cases are



Courtesy of the family of Daniel Robinson

more likely to be mishandled by law enforcement than those of white missing people cases. Only 11% of white missing people stay missing longer than a month in Wyoming, according to the state's Missing and Murdered Indigenous Task Force.

In 2020 alone, there were 543,018 people reported missing, with nearly 40% of the group being made up of

people of color. These cases of missing people of color are normally just swept under the rug due to stereotypes about them being runaways or involved in some sort of dangerous activity.

"Automatically, law enforcement assumes that these children, they're runaways, these adults, that they are involved in some sort of criminal activity," said Derrica

Wilson, co-founder of the Black and Missing Foundation.

Wilson, a Spartanburg native, is currently working with the family of Daniel Robinson, who has been missing since June.

Robinson is a South Carolina native and geologist who was last seen in Buckeye, Arizona, while on his job site. The Buckeye Police Department has not gathered

any evidence in their investigation into Robinson's disappearance due to having their own theory about Robinson's disappearance. For this reason, his father currently has a petition on Change.org to make his case a criminal investigation.

Robinson's case is only one example of how law enforcement is more likely to mishandle a person of color's missing person case, due to the stereotypes law enforcement agencies have about missing people of color.

Some Winthrop University students are not surprised by the lack of media attention people of color receive when it comes to missing person cases.

"I think that it's very typical due to our society. The

POC in this country almost never gets as much attention by the media until it's too late. White women have always had a place in society where they are seen as a damsel in distress, whereas everyone else is left to fend for themselves," said Ari'Elle Scott, senior political science major.

The statistic for media coverage of missing Black women and other women of color compared to those of white women is unsettling, to say the least, Scott said.

"If you go and look at the unsolved missing Black women in this country, it is astronomical. But no one is talking about that. I just don't think it's surprising, but it definitely is sad," Scott said.

Murdaugh's mysterious murders

The murders of the Murdaugh family shook the nation, continues to do so as the investigation ramps up

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The well-known Murdaugh family came into the national spotlight this year after their name became tied to multiple deaths.

The Murdaugh family has been synonymous with court cases and legal happenings for over a century in South Carolina. Their dynasty of attorneys began in the 1920s with then-patriarch Randolph Murdaugh. Since then, the legacy of legality has been kept by Murdaugh sons; this dynasty has recently ended with Alex Murdaugh after his family came into the public eye.

On June 7, Murdaugh called emergency services after finding his wife and younger son unresponsive on the ground outside their home in Colleton County. According to a transcript of the 911 call, Murdaugh simply described the crime scene as "bad."

Maggie and Paul Murdaugh — 52 and 22, respectively — were pronounced dead at the scene. The Colleton Coun-

ty sheriff's office has since officially determined that both Murdaughs died of multiple gunshot wounds.

The surviving Murdaugh son, Buster, was not reported to be at the scene during the death of his mother and brother. Neither the Murdaugh family nor Colleton County law enforcement has released an official statement regarding his whereabouts that night.

As law enforcement continued to investigate the double homicide, other deaths in the area caught their attention. The common factor with each death: the Murdaugh family. Over the span of the last six years, multiple local deaths have mysteriously been connected to at least one member of the Murdaugh family.

In February 2018, Gloria Satterfield, the Murdaugh's housekeeper of over twenty years, fell on the Murdaugh's property. Soon after her accident, Satterfield was pronounced deceased. While this was seen as a natural death at the time, Satterfield's family has called for the

investigation to be reopened in light of the Murdaugh double homicide.

Exactly a year later, in 2019, Paul Murdaugh and a number of his friends took the Murdaugh family boat out for a ride. Just after midnight on Feb. 24, Murdaugh's boat collided with a bridge near Parris Island. Mallory Beach, 19, fell into the water during the crash and was presumed missing. Nearly a week later, law enforcement officers pulled her corpse from the water.

This was also ruled an accidental death, while Paul Murdaugh was arrested for operating a boat under the influence. He pleaded innocent to this charge and was awaiting trial when he was shot alongside his mother. Murdaugh's uncles hypothesized that the death of Mallory Beach may have had a hand in his own death. According to the brothers of Alex Murdaugh, their family had been receiving threats since Beach's body had been discovered.

Another local death has been reevaluated since the Murdaugh

name came into the national view. In the summer of 2015, the body of 19-year-old Stephen Smith was found on the side of the road less than ten miles from the Murdaugh residence.

While Smith's death was pronounced as a potential hit-and-run, his mother has since reopened the investigation alongside the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division. Smith's mother, Sandy Smith, was startled to remember that her son and the surviving Murdaugh son had been classmates in high school. Law enforcement officers have said that evidence gathered while investigating the Murdaugh murders prompted re-examining Smith's death.

Sandy Smith told CNN in June that she did not believe her son's death was the result of an accident but that the investigation had not been thorough enough.

"Stephen's always been put on the back burner. It's like nobody was looking for answers," Smith said.

With the Murdaugh family's deaths being ac-

tively investigated, local and national theories have begun to spread. Examining the aforementioned deaths in comparison to the Murdaughs being targeted leads to more questions than it does answers.

As of Sept. 4, another twist has revealed itself in this investigation. Alex Murdaugh called emergency services on Sept. 4 to report an injury. According to Murdaugh, he had been shot in the head while changing his car's tire. He reported that he did not know who the shooter was.

A week later, Murdaugh admitted that he had hired the shooter so that Buster Murdaugh could claim a multi-million life insurance policy. An accomplice was needed, as the Murdaugh family insurance had a suicide exclusion — the policy would have been voided if Murdaugh's death had been ruled as a suicide.

Murdaugh's attorney, Richard Harpootlian, is quoted as saying that this plot was "an attempt on Murdaugh's part to do something to

protect his child."

The shooter, Curtis Edward Smith, was arrested for assisting suicide, assault and presenting a firearm. It is unclear whether or not he is related to Stephen Smith. Alex Murdaugh was arrested shortly after his confession. He was charged with insurance fraud, conspiracy to commit insurance fraud and filing a false police report. He was released on bond after his hearing, and his license to practice law has been suspended.

Since his release, Murdaugh has been in rehab for an opioid addiction, according to Harpootlian. His release date is unknown at this time.

October calendar of arts, culture, & tech events

The following calendar runs from Oct. 6 to Nov. 2 to reflect the Johnsonian's publishing schedule.

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"ENIGMA"
Ongoing until Oct. 25 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Lewandowski Student Gallery
An exhibition featuring abstract artwork created by the department of fine arts first-year students in a two-dimensional course.

"AntiBodies"
Ongoing until Dec. 10 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Elizabeth Dunlap Patrick Gallery
A virtual reality art exhibition created by Sabine Gruffat that explores body dysmorphia.

"Red Delta"
Ongoing until Dec. 10 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Rutledge Gallery
A collaborative exhibition by Reuben Bloom and Matthew Steele that explores the male identity.

"Faith Fair"
Oct. 6 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Scholars Walk
Campus ministries will come together to help students find the ministry that best suits them.

"WUG Talk: Reuben Bloom '11 and Matthew Steele"
Oct. 6 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. - Rutledge 119
The artists behind Red Delta host an artist talk to discuss their exhibition.

"Poetry Reading with Susan Ludwigson and Mary E. Martin"
Oct. 7 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. - Rutledge Gallery
Both poets will read pieces from their recently published books.

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Photo Courtesy to Joey Jennings

Joey Jennings posing for graduation pictures at Winthrop.

Winthrop alumni spotlight: Joey Jennings

Joey Jennings, class of 2019, shares details of his undergraduate experience, along with what he is doing post-graduation.

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Joey Jennings graduated from Winthrop in the fall of 2019 with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology. During his time at Winthrop, Jennings was an active student on campus. He was a pole vaulter for Winthrop Track, where he is a record holder. Additionally, he was a leader in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) and a FYE peer mentor.

"FCA was a place where all felt included no matter where you came from," Jennings said. "Also being a peer mentor was a valuable experience as I was able to grow connections with both faculty and students."

Jennings explained how he believes it's important for students to be active in organizations, clubs, and to interact with the Winthrop faculty

"I say to be as active as you can while maintaining

mental health. Winthrop has so much to offer. Try to reach out to faculty, join organizations and build community," he said.

When thinking back to his college experience, Jennings explained that there were a few memories that



Photo Courtesy to Joey Jennings

Jennings pole vaulting at a track meet at Liberty University

stood out to him, two of them being the event The Extra Mile and the Winthrop homecoming tailgate.

"Both of these events helped me gain a sense of pride for my university," he said.

In addition to these two events being memorable, Jennings shared

that "the experience of being on campus was fun in itself.

"I am a social person, so being able to walk down Scholars and befriend a variety of people was fun for me. Outside forming these bonds, the more memorable moments for me

were those where a big number of students would gather on Campus Green for an event like the FYE events."

As Jennings explained how he enjoyed being on campus and being involved in the multiple clubs and organizations, he explains one regret he has is moving off-campus during his last year at Winthrop.

"Looking back, I wish I was more involved with campus life despite being off-campus," Jennings said.

Jennings is currently enrolled at the University of Maryland where he is pursuing a Ph.D. in Sociology.

He explained that in the sociology program he is enrolled in, he is able to obtain his master's degree because much of the coursework overlaps. As a result of

the program being set up in this way, Jennings was able to obtain his master's degree in May 2021.

Jennings additionally received an NSF fellowship to fund graduate school. He thanks the guidance of his advisors and the

ONCA department at Winthrop.

"The advice I would give students is to work with these faculty and organizations. They are there for you to succeed, so use them. Don't let those people and resources go to waste," Jennings said.

Upon completing the Ph.D. program,

Jennings is still contemplating what career path he wants to take.

"Initially, I was all for going into academia. However, I am currently considering all opportunities," Jennings said. "Academia is a great opportunity for me to reinvest in the youth, but I do not love all of the restrictions. When thinking of my research and what I do, I could see myself in some nonprofit sector or working directly with the community."

Overall, it is exciting to know that one of Winthrop's former eagles is able to use the experiences and knowledge from their time at Winthrop in their life post-undergrad.

"My college experience is something I'll cherish forever. I gained lifelong friends, knowledge and real-world experience. I am forever thankful to Winthrop for these gifts," Jennings said.



Photo Courtesy to Joey Jennings

Jennings at the African American History Museum in Washington DC.



Photo Courtesy to Joey Jennings

Jennings presented the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award by former Winthrop President Dan Mahoney

The world's most magical celebration

Walt Disney World celebrates its fiftieth anniversary on Oct. 1

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“May Walt Disney World bring joy and inspiration and new knowledge to all who come to this happy place.”

Fifty years ago, Walt Disney World opened its gates to the public, and it was dedicated with these words not by Walt Disney himself, but by his brother, Roy Disney. Although “The Florida Project,” as it was nicknamed in its infancy, was Walt’s beloved brainchild, he didn’t live long enough to see it open.

But nearly sixty years after his death, not only is Walt Disney World still kicking, it is celebrating fifty years of making dreams come true. The “World’s Most Magical Celebration” began on October 1, and will last eighteen months. From new

attractions and entertainment to food and merchandising, Walt Disney World is pulling out all the stops for its biggest birthday yet.

The celebration began on the evening of Sept. 30, with a rededication of the park and the debut of the Magic Kingdom’s new nighttime spectacular, “Enchantment,” all live-streamed on YouTube for any fan to view.

Rededicating the park were CEO Bob Chapek and former CEO and current Executive Chairman Bob Iger. “One thing will forever remain the same, and that is the sheer joy and sense of wonder the people feel when they come here. That is what makes this place truly special,” Iger said during the livestream.

The theme of this celebration is “Earidescence,” a clever play on the word iridescence. Mickey Mouse and his friends have received new cos-

tumes in shimmering shades of blue and gold. The icons of the four parks will come alive with lights in the evening, and in Magic Kingdom, Cinderella Castle itself received a remodel to reflect this theme.

Another way Walt Disney World is celebrating is by celebrating its own home, Orlando, Florida. On Good Morning America, Chapek announced the Disney’s intent to donate 3 million dollars to the community. “We just thought that a really nice way to commemorate the fiftieth would be to recognize people who are doing things, particularly for families and for kids in the local community,” Chapek said.

What the Disney Company has made very clear throughout its various promotions for this celebration is how essential their Cast Members are. Videos have been posted on the Dis-

ney Parks YouTube channel showing off new cast member uniforms and celebrating the stories of various employees, including some who have worked at Walt Disney World since its opening in 1971.

“The secret is our cast. Our cast are the element that make those magical memories last a lifetime,” Chapek said on Good Morning America.

The first day of celebrations wrapped up with a television event, “The Most Magical Story on Earth: 50 Years of Walt Disney World” on ABC, hosted by Whoopi Goldberg and featuring performances by Christina Aguilera and Halle Bailey, along with many other celebrity appearances.



Emily Curry/The Johnsonian

Cinderella Castle at Magic Kingdom decorated for Walt Disney World’s 50th Anniversary

Disney sued for Marvel patents

Marvel Entertainment plans to sue the heirs of Steve Ditko, Stan Lee and other famous creators to protect the right to fan-favorite heroes

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Marvel Comics is known for creating some of the most iconic heroes, including Iron Man, Spider-Man and Black Widow, drawn by famous artists Stan Lee, Steve Ditko and Larry Lieber. However, according to a report by reuters.com, Marvel is planning to sue the heirs of these creators, stating

that “artists cannot terminate its copyright interests in characters they co-created.”

Marvel Comics has been going strong for the last 70 years and has maintained its success through famous characters like Doctor Strange, Spider-Man and Thor. These characters were created by people who have worked at Marvel in the past, including icons like Stan Lee and Steve Ditko and famous artists like Larry Lieber, Don

Heck and Don Rico. These works made Marvel what Marvel is. However, in the last few weeks, the heirs of the famous artists have filed numerous lawsuits against Marvel to terminate the copyrights for the characters mentioned and other icons like Iron Man, Ant-Man, Captain Marvel, Falcon and Blade.

The heirs of Ditko, Lee and the other famous artists sent multiple termination notices to try

and reclaim part of the rights to several characters. According to a report by reuters.com, the artists “co-created the characters in question between the 1950s and 1970s” and the creations were made when they were working on a “for-hire basis.” Marvel plans to sue the artists’ heirs back because the writers and artists worked for Marvel, so they technically own the rights to the characters.

Under the Copyright Act of 1976, after 35 years, an artist can terminate a copyright assignment by giving at least two years in advance. Since the notices were filed now in 2021, this could mean that Marvel might lose their iconic characters sometime in 2023. The court will begin proceedings over the next few months, with Marvel’s attorney Dan Petrocelli of O’Melveny and Myers working to ensure

the characters stay for Marvel.

In a statement to the press, Petrocelli said that “these termination notices are invalid and have no legal effect because Marvel owns these characters.”

The artists’ heirs’ various termination notices would impact Marvel’s right to use these characters, story elements and anything associated with these characters as soon as the copyright termination goes into effect in 2023.



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How will Cowboy Bebop compare with other live-action adaptations?

Cowboy Bebop will be joining the constantly expanding adaptation selection on Netflix

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A live-action adaptation of the hit anime series “Cowboy Bebop” will premiere on Netflix on Nov. 19. The series stars John Cho, Mustafa Shakir, Daniella Pineda, Elena Satine and Alex Hassell. It will join the expanding adaptation selection on the streaming service.

“Cowboy Bebop” is an anime franchise that deals with a rag-tag group of bounty hunters exploring the cosmos as they take down targets on their starship Bebop. The series primarily focuses on two characters, Spike (Cho) and

Vicious (Hassell), as they constantly clash over the object of their affections, Julia (Satine). Spike and his friends Jet Black (Shakir) and Faye Valentine (Pineda) deal with various missions and the mysterious Syndicate in between clashes.

“Cowboy Bebop” started as a manga in 1998 and ended in April of 2000. The successful manga has had various spinoffs in video games, a film in 2003, an anime released in Japan and dubbed for English audiences and now the live-action adaptation. It joins the already expanding lineup of adaptations on Netflix.

Netflix announced Bebop’s release late

last August, with comments that the show will expand the anime’s canon while remaining unique.

Fans have taken to Twitter and voiced their concerns about the project, specifically with problems that the studio will not stick to the source material that defined a generation of anime fans.

While some fans are hopeful that the adaptation does well, others have many concerns about the cast itself and the thematic feel of the show. However, there have been some positive responses to the recent release of the show’s intro during the TUDM event.



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“Cowboy Bebop” cosplayers from an Anime Expo in 2011.

Cont. [Calendar](#) from pg. 5
 “Porn: Exposed!”
 Oct. 7 from 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. - *Dina’s Place*
 A live panel discussion of spreading awareness of proper sexual health and topics related to the adult entertainment industry.

“The Importance of Social Connections for Older Transgender Persons: Engaging with a Vulnerable Population”
 Oct. 14 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. - *Virtual Event*
 This event will explore the importance of “created family” for older transgender people.

“Winthrop 2021 Ghost Tours”
 Running Oct. 22 through Oct. 23 from 7 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. - *Tillman Lobby*
 Small groups will be given student-led tours around the supposedly haunted Tillman Hall.

“DSU presents: Halloween Extravaganza”
 Oct. 29 from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. - *Richardson Ballroom*
 This event will include a variety of activities to celebrate Halloween.

“Art Education Exhibition”
 Running Nov. 2 until Nov. 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. - *Lewandowski Student Gallery*
 Art education students display artworks created by K-12 students from their internships in this exhibition.



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Amazon drivers face new issues

Amazon drivers struggle with A.I. cameras while the company tries to lobby the U.S. government to legalize marijuana

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Amazon has implemented the use of A.I.-powered cameras to keep track of drivers and to make sure they are driving safely, but employees say they are getting penalized for things like using side mirrors and getting cut off.

“It’s upsetting, when I didn’t do anything,” a Los Angeles delivery driver told Motherboard. “Every time I need to make a right-hand turn, it inevitably happens. A car cuts me off to move into my lane, and the camera, in

this really dystopian dark, robotic voice, shouts at me.”

The cameras, made by Netradyne, are intended to pick up on possible unsafe driving events and report them to Amazon. Workers are penalized for unsafe driving by losing points on their performance scores which makes it harder for them to get bonuses, extra pay or prizes.

Some drivers have started covering up their van’s cameras with stickers to avoid getting unnecessary infractions for things like adjusting the radio or drinking water, even when at a red light, Motherboard reports.

“If we brought up problems with the cameras, manag-

ers would brush it under the table, they’re only worried about getting the packages out,” a Kentucky delivery driver told Motherboard. “So we cover them up. They don’t tell us to, but it’s kind of like ‘don’t ask, don’t tell.’”

The company says that since installing the cameras in more than half of its US fleet, they have seen accidents decrease by 48%, stop sign and signal violations decrease by 77%, following distance decrease by 50%, driving without a seatbelt decrease by 60% and distracted driving decrease by 75%.

“One of the safety improvements we’ve made this year is rolling out

industry-leading telematics and camera-based safety technology across our delivery fleet,” Amazon said in a statement to Insider. “This technology provides drivers real-time alerts to help them stay safe when they are on the road.”

Systems like this have led to Amazon receiving a reputation as a difficult place to work.

“I mean you see all the memes of Jeff Bezos sitting at the top while all of his workers slave away. Obviously, that’s a little exaggerated, but they could definitely be treated better,” said sophomore music education major, Bradley Wilson.

This reputation also comes from the

fact that Amazon warehouses tend to have a high employee turnover rate. To combat this, Amazon is lobbying for the U.S. government to legalize marijuana.

The company ended pre-employment drug testing earlier this year and has announced its support of the Marijuana Opportunity Reinvestment and Expungement Act of 2021 and the Cannabis Administration and Opportunity Act.

Both bills aim to remove cannabis from the federal list of “Schedule 1” drugs and bring national legalization.

“We’ve found that eliminating pre-employment testing for cannabis allows us to expand

our applicant pool,” Amazon Senior VP of Human Resources Beth Galetti said in an article published on Aboutamazon.com on Sept. 21.

Many are optimistic that this will lead to the federal legalization of marijuana, but some are skeptical that the company will have that much of an impact.

Winthrop Adjunct Faculty in Political Science John Holder said, “I’m not sure that any single business entity, even one as big as Amazon, would have that much influence on federal policy on an issue that isn’t directly related to the economy.”

Men's soccer earns first win at home



Marley Bassett/The Johnsonian

Winthrop and Mercer battle for control of the ball.

Winthrop defeats Mercer 3-1

MARLEY BASSETT, STAFF WRITER

The Winthrop men's soccer team soared to victory last Tuesday at Eagle Field, beating Mercer University with a final score of 3-1.

This game marks the first one Winthrop has won at home for the 2021 soccer season.

Winthrop played as a very cohesive team during the first 40-minute period, managing to keep Mercer from scoring the entire period with a save by goalkeeper Sam Jones.

In the first 10 minutes of the game, Winthrop midfielder Bryant Jimenez-Pearce scored a penalty kick on Mercer's goalie, Trevor McMullen. This penalty kick came after mid-

fielder Suhong Jung was fouled inside the defensive box.

Twenty-five minutes in, Winthrop forward Ethan Stevenson scored a goal with an assist from fellow forward Brigham Larsen.

The only mishap for Winthrop came when defender Bryan Marshall received a yellow card six minutes into the first period of the game. Mercer's Kevin Kim also received a yellow card 34 min-

utes into the game.

"The second half of the game was maybe a little bit, not as tight as we want it to be," head coach Daniel Ridenhour said.

Mercer was able to score a goal 75 minutes into the game, with Kim scoring and receiving an assist from Baba Agbaje. However, Winthrop goalkeeper Jones did make two more saves during the second half.

Winthrop's Larsen managed to score a third goal for Win-

throp at the 72-minute mark with an assist from Stevenson.

By the end of the game, Winthrop had three saves compared to Mercer's two. The Eagles also amassed 16 fouls throughout the game, while Mercer received 13 total fouls.

Winthrop attempted to score 11 total times while Mercer tried to score 13 total times. Two of those shots for Winthrop were offsides, while none of Mercer's shots were called offsides.

The players were very pleased with the results of the game.

"It's really great to come out here and get a win with the boys. We've been working really hard this season and now we go to play a conference game next. So, we're going after it," said freshman midfielder William Cardona.

Fellow teammate sophomore midfielder Jimenez-Pearce concurred.

"It was an incredible night. This match, everyone was so focused on the game and just kept going," he said.

Ridenhour echoed those sentiments.

"I thought the performance was great. Everyone stepped up. I'm happy for this group of young men. They've worked really hard and are a great group," Ridenhour said.

The men's soccer team's next game is Wednesday against Longwood University in Farmville, Virginia. The next home game will be Saturday at 5 p.m. when the team will take on fellow conference member Presbyterian College.

Winthrop is now 4-3 overall and 1-0 in conference play since defeating UNC Asheville 4-0 this past Saturday.

The new Big Stuff

Winthrop's vacant mascot position has been filled

SAM HYATT, STAFF WRITER

The search for the new Big Stuff has ended as the athletic department has found someone to fill the mascot position.

The mascot "Big Stuff" is a major figure for the Winthrop and Rock Hill community. The former Big Stuff, who served as the mascot for the last several years, graduated and departed from Winthrop in May. This led many people to ask the question, "who will be the next Big Stuff?"

"Big Stuff is a big part of the athletics department and means a great deal to Winthrop fans," said Shea Maple, the assistant athletic director for external affairs. "Finding the next great Big Stuff was important to many of our staff members in the department, and it was a collective effort."

Although fans

love seeing Big Stuff at events and around campus, most are not aware of the process of finding the new Big Stuff or the duties of that participant.

"In the past, auditions have been held to find the next Big Stuff whenever a previous mascot departs and soars out into the working world," Maple said.

"This time around, Athletics put the [word] out in a few places, leaning on some campus friends to seek out those who may be interested. During the freshman orientation resource fair, we met several incoming Winthrop students who had an interest, and things have taken off from there."

Aside from attending athletic events on Winthrop's campus, Big Stuff also has the responsibility of attending community events and is sometimes asked to attend events

such as church events and birthday parties.

So far this semester, the new Big Stuff has had the opportunity to attend the grand opening of Miracle Park in Rock Hill. At this event, Big Stuff was able to meet Sir Purr, the mascot for the Carolina Panthers.

"The primary duty of Big Stuff is to entertain and put a smile on the faces of Eagle fans near and far. It's critical that the person in the suit understands the impact he or she can have on our fans," Maple said.

Due to Big Stuff's numerous duties, Maple said that if other students are interested in the position, the athletic department would love to have other people on call in case there is a scheduling conflict with the main Big Stuff.

"It feels bitter-sweet to know someone else will be performing as



Big Stuff poses with Winthrop athletes at grand opening of Miracle Park.

Photo courtesy of Winthrop Athletic Communications

Big Stuff. I can only hope the next person is as passionate about the program as I was," said former Big Stuff, Grant Nicholson.

"My advice to the next person is to learn as much as possible about being a mascot and running a mascot program," Nicholson said. "What I love about running a mascot program is that it really involves a lot of different interesting jobs."

Additionally, Nicholson adds that he hopes whoever is in the mascot suit this year will reach out to him and other past performers in order to make sure the character

of Big Stuff does not change too much.

"Performers should be consistent for good character building and crowd involvement," Nicholson said. "It maintains the integrity of the magic in marketing the university and its athletic programs."

As basketball season approaches and as Winthrop competes in other athletic events, the Winthrop community is excited to see the new Big Stuff in action and get to know this character.

"Big Stuff is a rock star here at Winthrop and should embody the spirit of the entire university," Maple said.

"The new Big Stuff has big shoes to fill — literally — and follows a great tradition of successful mascot entertainers here at Winthrop."

Winthrop Scoreboard

Women's Soccer
Winthrop **2**
High Point **3**

Winthrop **4**
Presbyterian **1**

Men's Soccer
Winthrop **4**
UNC Asheville **0**

Volleyball
Winthrop **3**
Presbyterian **2**

Winthrop **3**
Charleston So. **0**



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Photo courtesy of Winthrop Athletics

Highsmith has scored four goals as a freshman on the Winthrop women's soccer team.

Winthrop Volleyball starts 4-0 in conference play

Eagles beat Presbyterian and Charleston Southern to extend winning streak

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The Winthrop volleyball team earned two more wins over the weekend, maintaining a perfect record against Big South Conference opponents so far this season.

The Eagles faced Presbyterian College on Friday in a match that would end up going the full five sets.

While Winthrop obtained an early lead in the first set, Presbyterian clawed back. Winthrop's Lily Leistiko re-tied the set at 18-18, but Presbyterian responded with a 3-point run and proceeded to win the set 25-21.

The Eagles appeared to be more in control in set two. With Winthrop leading 10-6, freshman Karli Shepherd (who was recently named a Big South freshman of the week) sparked a 7-0 run with a kill.

This was one of four kills Shepherd recorded in the second set, which Winthrop went on to win in dominant fashion, 25-12.

Presbyterian answered with a dominant stretch of its own, opening the third set on an 8-0 run. Despite the early hole Winthrop found itself in, the team fought back all the way to tie the

game at 23-23 after a 6-0 run in favor of the Eagles.

The 6-0 run began with a kill by red-shirt junior Colleen Siebold, who entered the game for the first time off of the bench early in the third set. Siebold recorded four kills during the third set.

Winthrop held on, tying the game again at 24-24 and 25-25. The Eagles took a 26-25 lead, lost the lead, then regained possession of the lead with a kill by fifth-year player Nikkia Benitez.

After losing the lead to Presbyterian again, Benitez earned another kill to tie the game at 28-28. However, Presbyterian won the next two points to take the third set, 30-28.

Winthrop's blockers and hitters made light work of Presbyterian in the fourth set, recording 16 kills while pushing the Eagles to a 25-16 set victory and forcing a fifth set.

Of the 16 fourth-set kills, five went to sophomore Olivia Blacketter (who subbed in late in the third set), four went to fifth-year player Morgan Bossler, two went to senior Jana Owens, two went to Siebold, two went to Shepherd and one went to Benitez.

Winthrop left no

Eagle of the Week: Anna Kate Highsmith

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Winthrop freshman Anna Kate Highsmith was named Big South Conference Freshman of the Week on Monday, Sept. 27, marking her first collegiate recognition for soccer.

"It was super nice. The games before, I was getting so discouraged, but the past three games, I've just been in the right spot at the right time, and our team has been working really well together, so it's been really nice and exciting," Highsmith said.

Through 10 games, Highsmith has already scored four goals this season. In a victory over Gardner-Webb, Highsmith scored the game-winning goal with a minute and 47 seconds left to play. Three days later, Highsmith scored two goals within minutes of each other late in the game against USC Upstate, leading to a 2-0 win for the Eagles.

"I am a superstitious person. I wear the same color pre-wrap in my hair; it's either light blue or dark gray, every single game, that's just something ran-

dom I have always done," Highsmith said. Most recently, Highsmith scored the opening goal against High Point on Wednesday, Sept. 29, but the tough battle ended in favor of High Point with a final score of 3-2.

Originally from Greenville, SC, Highsmith began playing soccer at just three years old and has stuck with it ever since. She first discovered Winthrop while attending soccer camps as an incoming high schooler.

"I just went to a couple of their soccer camps, and I just really enjoyed the school. Then I came to tour the school, and I got to meet some of the players, so everything with the campus and the team was awesome," Highsmith said.

Highsmith said she was able to enjoy a somewhat normal senior year before graduating and moving to Rock Hill.

"We had a couple games and practices get canceled, of course, but for the most part, it was pretty normal, and we got a full season in," Highsmith said.

For inspiration in some of the more challenging times,

Highsmith looks up to Alex Morgan from the United States women's national soccer team. "She's definitely my favorite of the US women's team. She's a forward; she's a strong player and a leader for the team. She's one of their main goal scorers, too," Highsmith said.

An exercise science major, Highsmith is working diligently her first semester at Winthrop to balance her time on the field and assignments in the classroom.

"[It's] been crazy having to go from practice straight to class, so that's been a big adjustment. A lot of learning time management, but for the most part, it's been pretty smooth," Highsmith said.

Although she only recently started her collegiate career, Highsmith is already thinking about her career path after her time at Winthrop.

"I actually want to do physical therapy and go to PT school. I think [working with] adults, either physical therapy or occupational therapy, like helping people grab things with their hands or walk, I think that would be really

cool," Highsmith said.

Even though spare time can be limited as a student-athlete, Highsmith and her teammates are often checking places off a hypothetical Rock Hill bucket list.

"Me and my friends love finding new restaurants around here because none of us are from this area — all the freshmen aren't — so usually we'll just look for a new restaurant or new area to explore, and it's really fun. We loved the Roasting Company; it was really good," Highsmith said.

The Eagles are currently 5-3-2 this season with five regular-season games left. Next up is a home game against Presbyterian on Wednesday, Oct. 6, at 3 p.m.

"We play Campbell our senior night, and that's going to be a really tough game for us. Especially because of senior night, there are going to be tons of fans out there," Highsmith said.

"I've always gotten butterflies in my stomach before each game, but every game, we just seem to get better as a team. Coming into this season, we were considered the underdog, so I think we have shocked a lot of teams."

recently lost both matches to the Buccaneers last season.

With Charleston Southern leading 3-2 in the first set, Bossler recorded a kill to trigger a 7-1 run for the Eagles. Winthrop held the lead and finished off the first set with a kill by Blacketter, winning 25-21.

Several errors by the Eagles gave Charleston Southern a 6-2 lead to start the second set. Down 12-8, Winthrop took the lead with a 5-0 run that

was capped off by two kills by Shepherd.

The Eagles held on to the lead and won the second set 25-21, carrying momentum into the third set.

Up 9-8, Winthrop won 14 of the next 17 points to boast a 23-11 advantage. Winning the set 25-16, the Eagles completed the sweep and extended their win streak to five games.

Coming off a three-game home-stand, Winthrop

will travel for its next three matches. Chuck Rey's squad will play at USC Upstate (2-2) on Friday, at UNC Asheville (1-3) on Saturday and at Campbell (4-0) on Tuesday before returning home to host Hampton on Oct. 16.

Winthrop currently sits atop the Big South standings along with Campbell and High Point as the only teams with a 4-0 record in conference play.

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Winthrop freshman Karli Shepherd serves the ball.



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Word Search

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Riddle Corner:

Riddle:
 David's father has three sons:
 Snap, Crackle, and _____?
 Answer:
 David.

Riddle:
 I can be given, I can be tak-
 en, but I can't be moved. What
 am I?
 Answer:
 A bath.

Riddle:
 Why are 1990 dollar bills
 worth more than 1989 dollar
 bills?
 Answer:
 The same reason seven dol-
 lars is more than six. Because
 there is one more.

Riddle:
 What two consecutive letters
 of the alphabet are also a
 common text abbreviation?
 Answer:
 JK.

Somewhere in Antarctica *Part One*



Mariana Beltran/The Johnsonian

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Story: Missing Assignments

I have something to do today. I am not sure what it is? Does it have something to do with _____(noun)? I wish I had a pencil that could _____(verb)! It would make life so much easier. Today, Professor _____(name) told me that their first impression was that I was _____(adjective). I wonder why he would think that. Maybe that is because I have a _____(noun). Or maybe that I never turn in assignments on time... Who knows!? Ugh! I hate _____(subject) class! It is totally _____(adjective) and _____(other adjective).

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

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Christian Smith
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
Assistant Sports Editor

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



Emily Curry
Assistant Arts Editor

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



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.






Taylor Sallenger
Assistant News Editor & Social Media/Web Editor

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



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