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## Phelps Hall sexual assault investigation still active and ongoing

Examine photos of the assailant and report any pertinent information to Yearta. [yeartac@winthrop.edu](mailto:yeartac@winthrop.edu) (803) 323 3499

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A Winthrop student was sexually assaulted in the morning hours of Nov. 16 in Phelps Hall and the investigation is still active and ongoing. The Johnsonian contacted Yearta on Monday, Nov. 29 to inquire about any updates on the case to which Yearta responded, "Currently the case has developed several leads and we are continuing to follow these leads down

in order to advance the investigation. However, there is no new information that I can share out publicly. I would, however, continue to urge all individuals to remain vigilant, report any suspicious activity, and remind residents not to let individuals into the residence halls." Yearta asked the Winthrop community for help in identifying the assailant in an email sent on Nov. 22. "The assault took

place on 11/16/2021 at approximately 10:00 hours. We do not believe the individual and her assailant knew each other. Through the investigation, we do not believe the suspect is affiliated with Winthrop University," Yearta wrote. "However, in order to continue the investigation and rule out all possibilities, we are asking you to review the below information and attached photos."



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Provided by WUPD

WUPD also informed that at the time of the incident, the suspect was wearing a dark blue or black baseball hat with a small white in color logo, a primarily light blue Carolina Panthers jacket or sweatshirt (the shoulder area being dark blue in color), dark-colored (possibly grey) pants and black athletics shoes with white bottom trim. Interim Director for Residence Life Howard Seidler hosted a Zoom meeting on Nov. 18, where Interim Dean of Students Anthony Davis, Assistant Director of Residence Life Julie Schrader, Title IX Coordinator and ADA Compliance Officer Kevin Sheppard, Yearta and other faculty mem-

bers were present. The meeting was only open to Phelps residents due to a said desire to create a safe space for Phelps residents to voice their concerns and ask questions. Information about the meeting for Phelps residents was provided by Managing Editor Chase Duncan who is a Phelps resident. According to Yearta, all current evidence suggests that the suspect is not affiliated with the university. Students were encouraged not to leave residence hall entryway doors open for people behind them, keep dormitory doors locked at all times and keep WUPD's number handy in case they witness any strange activity. At this time, the

investigation by WUPD is active and ongoing and the entire Winthrop community is being asked to examine these photos provided by WUPD and alert WUPD should one recognize the man in the picture or have any information regarding the assault. "The Winthrop University Police Department (WUPD) is requesting that you look through all of the attachments and closely examine them. If after looking at the attachments you believe you might know who the suspect is, please respond back to this email and advise me with a name and/or any other pertinent information," Yearta wrote in the email.



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## Passing of 2021 Distinguished Mass Communication alumnae

Kim Woods was the first female African American publisher in South Carolina Press Association history

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Winthrop alumna Kim Young Woods died on Saturday, only about a month after she spoke to students and faculty in the Department of Mass Communication for the department's 75th anniversary. Woods was named the 2021 Distinguished Alumnae of the Year by Winthrop's Department of Mass Communication and she was also honored by the South Carolina General Assembly for being the first female African American publisher in the South Carolina Press Association's nearly

170-year-old history.

According to the South Carolina Press Association, "Woods served on SCPA's Executive Committee as a weekly newspaper representative from 2003-2005, while working at the Yorkville Enquirer and The Clover Herald. She also served on [the] Executive Committee as a daily newspaper representative from 2009-2012 while working as VP of Advertising and Marketing at The Herald in Rock Hill."

When Woods spoke at Mass Comm Week in late October, she told stories about times

in her career when she was the target of both racism and sexism. She spoke of the blatant disrespect that was shown to her by colleagues and community members who believed she should not hold any prominence in the journalism industry due to her race and gender. In one particular instance, she was even threatened by the Ku Klux Klan. Woods held two degrees from Winthrop as well as another from Northwestern University. She leaves behind a husband and multiple other loved ones.

## Cultivate RH secures land deal walking distance from campus

Winthrop University adjunct professor co-founds nonprofit to help local entrepreneurs get off the ground

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Cultivate Rock Hill, a nonprofit organization which looks to provide a location and training to local entrepreneurs, signed a land deal with Freedom Temple Ministries and can now begin planning and building its restaurant and retail "incubator space." The site will be located on West White Street between Lee Street and Stuart Avenue. The organization was founded by Charlotte Brown, adjunct professor of management

and marketing and member of the Rock Hill Economic and Development Committee, and Brittany Kelly, owner of the Mercantile, to foster economic development in Rock Hill by offering an affordable location and training for local entrepreneurs to open unique businesses. According to its website, "Cultivate RH will offer a 2 year program called S.E.E.D. (Supporting Entrepreneurs + Economic Development). In this program, entrepreneurs will learn all the necessary skills to open a business.

Classes in financing, marketing, economics and networking will be offered as key to set them on the path for success." Kelly said the project is focused on diversity, with over 50% of the spaces leased out to people of color. "That's one of our biggest hurdles that we want to make sure that we can...



Courtesy of Brittany Kelly  
Cultivate Rock Hill's logo See [CULTIVATE](http://CULTIVATE) pg. 4





# New and improved Starbucks on campus

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Renovations for Starbucks at  
DiGiorgio's



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Starbucks employees train at the newly renovated and prepare to reopen to students on the second floor of the DiGiorgio Campus center.

Since the beginning of the fall semester, Winthrop's Starbucks has been serving students at a temporary kiosk on the ground floor of DiGiorgio Campus Center. While renovations were being conducted at its original location, Starbucks employees were working hard to satisfy customers. Now, Winthrop Dining announced Monday that Starbucks has reopened and with several new features.

Cristian Carrion, regional manager for Starbucks and Chick-fil-A, said that customers can look forward to having a full menu again.

"We will have a full menu because definitely at the kiosk, we were very limited to what we could do," Carrion said. "We're bringing back frappuccinos, and we're going to have a lot more

space for espresso machines. Instead of just having one person work on the espresso machine, we're going to have two separate people work on those."

New kinds of drinks can also be expected, along with new machines to benefit students' dining experience at Starbucks.

"Something new that's coming in is the nitro cold brew, which I know everyone's really excited about," Carrion said. "I finally got to try it out today, and it's really exciting and a different flavor from the regular cold brew."

Along with another espresso machine, there's a larger quantity of machines to make drinks and food faster.

"We've always only had one oven, and now we have two," Carrion said. "We can now cook sandwiches and pastries a lot faster instead

of waiting on one oven per customer."

Along with new equipment at Starbucks, students can expect new seating arrangements as well.

"There will be plenty of more space for the baristas," Carrion said. "We're going to have a lot more seating areas and tables for students to just hang out at." Helen Hoban, general manager of dining services at Winthrop, has guaranteed more choices for students to choose from at Starbucks.

"The renovation of Starbucks has upgraded the store to the new Starbucks standards, has made the design of the work area more efficient, and will allow us to offer new concepts including cold brew and Nitro," Hoban said. "There will be more machines and equipment to offer more choices."

These renovations have been a work in progress for quite some time now, resulting in the use of a temporary pop-up kiosk downstairs in the DiGiorgio Campus Center.

"Renovations were actually supposed to start at the beginning of summer, but due to certain things, they really started working on renovations in mid-July," Carrion said. "There's been a lot of shipping issues lately with materials. That's why renovations have been pushed back until now." ABA Hutchison, marketing specialist for Winthrop Dining Services, knows that there have been questions regarding the expenses of the renovations and how that affects students. "One thing I'll say is that I know that there were questions because we had announced the renovations on so-

cial media," Hutchison said. "I know some students were wondering if the new renovation budgets came from students' tuition. And no, I can say that none of the renovation budget came from students' tuition." Hutchison also noted that the inconvenience of moving the Starbucks was not solely a Winthrop University decision. The staff is aware of how the inconvenience has affected students.

"Everyone on campus has been very patient as we navigated through the use of a kiosk as opposed to a full store," Hoban said. "It has been a challenge as the kiosk is a much smaller footprint and did not allow for many of the Starbucks signature beverages, which required blenders and such. "The staff is very excited to be working in a new

environment and can't wait to show everyone the new options. I think students, faculty and staff will be enthusiastic about the new venue." Starbucks officially reopened on Nov. 15, returning with some exciting specials.

"I know that students have been peeking through and looking at the Christmas decorations," Hutchison said. "So we will be open in time for students to enjoy the Christmas specials at Starbucks. "We will actually be having a grand reopening, where we plan on having golden tickets, where students can get a free grande or a specialty cup. Just be on the lookout, we want to make this fun for students."



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# How supply chain issues will affect the holiday season

Global supply chain issues may cause trouble for both the dinner table and under the tree

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Consumers may notice a lack of some holiday items due to issues with the global supply chain

Supply chain issues exacerbated by COVID-19 may affect the holiday season. From the food on the table at holiday dinners to the hottest tech and toys of the season, global supply chain issues may make it more difficult than usual to find these hot ticket items this season.

Issues with the supply chain have been prevalent over the past year, as a result of COVID-19 causing the global supply chain to take a pause.

As a result of this, the supply chain is now experiencing an overload causing ports to be clogged up for weeks.

Despite many countries' production beginning to return to normal,

COVID-19 is still a threat to some.

"We still have the issue of COVID popping up in countries and potentially shutting down factories," said Simone Peinkofer, assistant professor of supply chain management at Michigan State University.

Unfortunately, this issue is not limited to international goods but can be seen in American goods as well.

The price for turkey and other produce usually eaten during the holiday season showed a fairly significant price increase.

The lack of truck drivers is also causing an issue since there is not anyone to pick up and deliver the goods once the ships make

it into the ports and actually become able to unload.

Many economists are encouraging consumers to shop locally if possible to help ease the demand for these goods.

Similar to last year, tech goods are going to be among the hardest to find with items, such as the Nintendo Switch and PlayStation 5 both, facing stock issues, as well as other devices like laptops, phones and TVs due to the lack of computer chips.

Despite these issues though, many major retailers believe that they are ready for the holiday season and the shopping that comes with it.

Most products that usually sell

out will just more than likely sell out at faster rates than years prior.

Many retailers are encouraging consumers to shop as early as possible for their holiday needs, whether it's foods, tech or toys, to ensure they are able to find what they need and that it is available before the holidays are here.

Retailers are also encouraging buying in-store or with store pick-up programs in order to make sure consumers' orders get to them on time. Some Winthrop students have creative ways of ensuring they can get their holiday gifts in time.

"I am going to be mostly getting my gifts from antique

stores and thrifting," said Haley Beu, a sophomore English education major.

"I like the uniqueness of gifts from those types of stores, and a lot of the time when buying gifts, it's more like I see something and think of someone."

Others are taking a more hands-on approach to gift-giving,

"I am going to be mostly making gifts this year for my friends and family," said Giselle Mesa, a sophomore psychology major. "I have really been into crocheting lately, and a lot of my friends have really been liking what I have been making."

### Police Blotter

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On Nov. 12, the Reporting Officer (R/O) was conducting patrol on Winthrop Ebenezer Avenue when he observed the subject vehicle traveling in the wrong direction on Winthrop Memorial Circle. While speaking with the subject, the R/O detected a very strong odor of marijuana emanating from the vehicle. The subject presented the R/O with his driver's license and proof of insurance, and the R/O returned to his patrol vehicle. At this time, the R/O requested an additional unit to assist with a probable cause search of the vehicle.

The R/O spoke with the subject and asked if he and Subject #2 had been smoking marijuana that night. The subjects replied that they had been, and when asked if they had any in the vehicle, pulled a large CVS pill bottle containing 13.1 grams of marijuana from the center console. The R/O then asked the subjects to step out of the vehicle and conducted a search of both of them.

The R/O asked if the subjects possessed any weapons or additional drugs, to which Subject #1 replied that he had a firearm in the center console and several more grams of marijuana located in his backpack.

The R/O then ordered the subjects to sit on the curb under the supervision of the assisting officer and conducted a probable cause search of the vehicle. During this search, the R/O was able to locate the firearm, a Springfield Armory XD handgun. The serial number of the firearm was run through NCIC and was shown to have no record. The R/O then searched the aforementioned backpack and located a plastic bag containing 8.1 grams of marijuana, as well as an additional digital scale.

The firearm was secured, the marijuana was placed into an evidence bag, and the subjects were allowed then to return to the vehicle. The assisting RHPD unit then cleared the scene.

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# This week in American Politics

A summary of what's happened recently in United States politics

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Vice President Kamala Harris became the first woman to temporarily hold presidential powers on Nov. 19. This move came about after President Joe Biden transferred his powers while he was under anesthesia for a routine colonoscopy. Biden had a colonoscopy as part of his routine yearly physical.

Biden sent a letter to both House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate President Pro Tempore Patrick Leahy, notifying them of his intention to transfer powers to the vice president. This notification is required under Section 3 of the 25th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

The letter read: "Today I will undergo a routine medical procedure requiring sedation. In view of present circumstances, I have determined to transfer temporarily the powers and duties of the office of President of the United States to the Vice President during the brief period of the procedure and recovery." Biden also sent a letter to Pelosi and Leahy when he resumed his powers.

It is customary for presidents to transfer power to their vice presidents while under anesthesia. Former President George W. Bush transferred power several times to then Vice President Dick Cheney while undergoing his routine colonoscopies.

Also on Nov. 19, the US House of Representatives passed the \$2.2 trillion Build Back Better bill. The bill includes most of Biden's social agenda and includes things such as universal pre-k for three and four year olds, four weeks of paid parental leave, larger measures to combat climate change, expanded healthcare measures and lower

Kevin McCarthy. McCarthy spoke for eight hours and 32 minutes to attempt to delay the bill's passage. He broke the previous record held by Nancy Pelosi by a time of 32 minutes. McCarthy spoke on a variety of topics including Ronald Reagan's missile defense initiative, Elon Musk and a painting of George Washington crossing the Delaware River.

the House to award Rittenhouse a Congressional Gold Medal.

Rittenhouse also met with President Donald Trump at Mar-A-Lago in Florida this past week. The case attracted much attention from the public due to the fact that it was publicly broadcast and the judge presiding over the case exhibited what many are calling questionable court behaviors.

A verdict was also reached in the past week in the trial of three men for the killing of Ahmaud Arbery. In Feb. 2020, Arbery was shot and killed by three men; Travis McMichael, Gregory McMichael and William Bryan. All three men were convicted on the charge of felony murder. These men could face life in prison.

"Today, the jury rendered its verdicts and the three defendants were found guilty of murdering Ahmaud Arbery," the statement said. "Still, we feel the weight of grief. Ahmaud Arbery should be alive, and nothing can take away the pain that his mother Wanda Cooper-Jones, his father Marcus Arbery, and the entire Arbery family and community feel today. I share in that pain," said Vice President Harris in a statement released to the press.

The defense team says it plans to appeal the guilty verdict that was handed down by the jury.



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prices for medicines such as insulin.

The bill was passed on party lines with 220 Democrats voting for it and all Republicans plus one Democrat, Jared Golden, voting against it. The bill has faced heavy Republican opposition over inflation and deficit concerns. The Congressional Budget Office released its assessment of the bill and it is projected to add 260 billion dollars to the deficit over 10 years according to its statement released to the press.

The bill's passage was also delayed by a marathon floor speech from Minority Leader

A verdict was reached in the Kyle Rittenhouse trial last week. Rittenhouse was found not guilty on all counts. He was being tried for the killing of two people last summer at a Black Lives Matter protest in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Rittenhouse has attracted praise from many Republican Congressional representatives. Representatives such as Matt Gaetz, Paul Gosar, Lauren Robert and Madison Cawthorn have all offered Kyle Rittenhouse an internship in their Congressional office. Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene has also introduced a bill in

Winthrop and is currently pursuing a doctorate in business administration at Northcentral University, said she went to Kelly with an idea for an entrepreneurship training program because she felt Winthrop's program wasn't doing enough.

"We have a culture of entrepreneurship in the city, but Winthrop's entrepreneurship program in my opinion needed some more work to it, like the entrepreneurship culture that's in the city and what exists at Winthrop don't match," Brown said.

Cultivate RH's original planning was delayed due to a previous land deal which fell through. At that location,

it planned to have 23 restaurants and retail locations in a shipping container development, which uses shipping containers instead of custom built structures to lower cost. At the new location, however, Cultivate RH's Facebook page said it will have three times the space and double the entrepreneurs as originally planned.

Brown hopes the organization will be able to partner with Winthrop to provide new opportunities to students, such as sponsoring a shipping container space for a student who wins an entrepreneurship contest.

"With entrepreneurship students, if you don't have the

funding, when you get finished, then you pretty much just have a business idea that's going nowhere, because funding is very hard to find. So if we're already on the front end, saying, if you win this competition, you can go into the space and grow your business there for two, three years," Brown said.

Kelly said she and Brown want this location to be more than just a place of business, but also a community center.

"Not only is it going to just be an incubator for entrepreneurship, it's also going to be a community hub. So we have a fitness center in there. We have an EA Games Center in there. We have a community

# ChristmasVille begins Dec. 2



Courtesy of ChristmasVille

Old Town Rock Hill during ChristmasVille in 2019

The Christmas festival will host around 100 events over a month and a half

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Rock Hill's 16th annual Christmas festival, ChristmasVille, will begin its main events on Dec. 2 with an opening ceremony at 6:30 p.m. at Fountain Park. While the main festival will only last four days, events started on Nov. 27 and will last through Jan. 17.

During ChristmasVille, Old Town is decorated to "come alive as a charming, picturesque holiday village and outdoor art festival," according to the website. The festival highlights the work of artist Vernon Grant, most famous for his creation of the Snap, Crackle and Pop characters for Kellogg's Rice Krispies.

ChristmasVille will host over 100 events, including Santa's workshop (where kids can work with Winthrop professors to make take-home crafts), a carnival with a Ferris wheel, carousel and other rides, food vendors, food trucks and an ice skating rink. All of the events, including their times and locations, are listed on the event's website at ChristmasVilleRockHill.com and in the ChristmasVille mobile app.

According to Martin Lane, executive director for the ChristmasVille board, college students are likely to enjoy the Carol Karaoke at Dust Off Brewing, the ChristmasChill Music Fest at the Gettys Art Center, and the Yoco Loco Brew Hop, a trolley that runs on a constant loop from Slow Play, Legal Remedy, Rock Hill Brewing and Dust Off Brewery.

A major push this year by the ChristmasVille board was to make as many events as possible free through the use of sponsors. According to the ChristmasVille Facebook page, all rides at the carnival will be free this year for the first time since the start of the festival.

"We're doing our best to try to make things free," Lane said. "We're trying our best to drive business into the shops and restaurants downtown but also make it as cheap and as easy for the community as possible."

The festival has over 70 sponsors, many of which are big names such as Piedmont Medical Center, Coca-Cola, Comporium and the Carolina Panthers.

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...figure out, because back when I was head on into the Black Lives Matter movement, I realized there were only two downtown businesses owned by Black people," Kelly said. "And it just, like, killed me. And we've just got to figure out: what is that? And I think, ultimately, it's the cost of rent."

Rent will be intentionally kept low: \$500 a month for retail, \$1,000 a month for restaurants. After the two year S.E.E.D. program, the organization will help renters get a more permanent location in Rock Hill.

Brown, who received her bachelor's and master's degrees from

garden," Kelly said. "And then we want to be able to feature local bands, local groups. I mean, we just want this whole hub and sense of community."

The new location is being leased from Freedom Temple Ministries, a local "aggregation of multicultural believers," which Kelly said will be more than just a landlord for the organization.

"They will be our landlord in this, but also a little bit more. They want to be a part of this. They want to sponsor some of our entrepreneurs," Kelly said. "But we'll treat it just like a regular landlord lessee agreement. However, we just are thankful that

they have a lot of the same visions, and they align with what we're trying to do, as well, in the community."

While they have to revisit the plans, and may have to change direction slightly due to the rising cost of shipping containers, get permits from the city and build the site, Kelly said she believes it will be built and ready by, at the latest, fall or winter 2022.



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Cultivate Rock Hill's logo

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## Alumni Spotlight: Johnny Deal

Johnny Deal, class of '84, discussed his time at Winthrop University

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Johnny Deal graduated from Winthrop University in 1984 and was active on campus as he was one of the photographers for the Tatler.

The Tatler was the Winthrop yearbook that was annually published each school year.

This publication captured students, campus life, and the classes that were taking place during that school year.

However, due to the advancement in online communication, the last publication of the Tatler was the 2001-2002 academic school year.

"Being a yearbook photographer got me 'behind the scenes' on many

occasions. I mainly took organization group pictures and candid shots around campus," Deal said.

Deal also said that during the periods of deadlines for the Tatler, he would be up so late working that he would see the arrival of the morning paper at his door.

Although he was involved with the Tatler, looking back, he wishes he had been involved in the pep band that played during basketball games. Even though he was a business administration major, he had experience playing the trumpet from his time in his high school band.

One of Deal's most memorable times as a student was when a group

of friends jumped into the fountain in front of Tillman.

"We didn't realize all of the employees in Tillman were watching us," Deal said. "As we headed back to the dorm, security stopped us, and we told them we had just got out of the pool. Security responded by saying, 'Not according to the folks in Tillman.'"

A few other events that were memorable for Deal while he was a student at Winthrop were getting to see Doc Severinsen, Bob Hope and Jimmy Buffett.

A fun fact that Deal shared about being a student was getting to wear blue jeans.

"I never wore a pair of blue jeans until college. I was



always a khaki pants sort of guy while in high school," Deal said.

While at Winthrop as a business administration major, Deal was still unsure what he wanted to do upon graduation. However, through networking and the help of friends, he was able to land his first job at First Palmetto Bank.

"After graduation, I was a banker for 28 years," Deal said. "I retired from that and got my

realtor license and worked in marketing for our local hospital."

Now, Deal works on-air for the local radio station "KOOL 102.7 FM & Carolina Country Classics 98.7 FM" while also working for his church, Bethesda Presbyterian Church, where he works with live streaming, audio/visual and social media.

As an alumnus, Deal has served on the alumni board, along with serving

as the president of the alumni association. Additionally, he was on the board of visitors for a few years before it was dissolved.

"My advice for college students now would be to enjoy your time in college," Deal said. "While some times may be difficult and stressful, it is not as bad as the 'real world' and paying bills."

## Yuletide carols and tunes

A look at which artists are releasing Christmas albums this season

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Whether you are listening all year round or waiting until Dec. 1, Christmas music is one of the most iconic genres of American music. Songs such as "White Christmas" and "Here Comes Santa Claus" sung by The Rat Pack never fail to invoke nostalgic memories of childhood Christmases. And how to describe Mariah Carey's infamous "All I Want For Christmas Is You"?

But while Carey lucked out in inserting a modern song into traditional Christmas canon, most artists stick to covering the classics. Every year sees a few new albums from various singers and groups.

This year, artists like Kelly Clarkson

and Paul Kelly have released Christmas albums to ring in the holiday spirit.

One album of note is "HAPPINESS is...Christmas!", released by musical theatre legend Kristin Chenoweth. Chenoweth is most well-known for originating the role of Glinda in the Broadway musical "Wicked." "HAPPINESS is...Christmas!" is Chenoweth's second Christmas album, the first one released in 2008.

The album features familiar songs such as "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" as well as originals like the medley "Happiness (Is Christmas) / Christmas Time Is Here," a mashup of "Christmas Time Is Here" and "Happiness." The latter is the final number in "You're A Good



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Man, Charlie Brown," the 1999 Broadway play in which Chenoweth starred as Sally. Chenoweth released her album in October of this year, but this isn't the earliest Christmas album that has been released.

Kelly Clarkson released her album, "When Christmas Comes Around..." in October as well, but released the first single off the album, "Christmas Isn't Canceled (Just You)," in September. According to an article from USA Today, this song is very in line with the empowering songs such as "Since U Been Gone" that

made the American Idol-winner famous, saying, "an ex cannot ruin Christmas time, the New Year or anything else."

This album features original songs co-penned and sung with artists such as Chris Stapleton and Ariana Grande. According to USA Today, this is Clarkson's first Christmas album since "Wrapped in Red," which was released in 2013.

Australian singer Paul Kelly waited a little longer to release his Christmas album. His album, "Paul Kelly's Christmas Train," was released on Nov. 19 and, according

to NME, is actually his first Christmas album.

Along with traditional songs, Kelly's album includes "a Latin hymn, an Irish folk ballad, and a version of 'O Holy Night' titled 'Tapu te Pō' sung entirely in te reo Māori." Kelly's album also features singers such as Marlon Williams and Linda Bull.

"There is a double-edged sword to Christmas music because every year it is everywhere, pumped to you in supermarkets and malls," Kelly said in a statement about the album. "But on the other hand, there are so many

great Christmas songs and so much to explore."

While Christmas has evolved into a very different holiday from its religious origins, the spirit of Christmas remains the same: hope. And if there's anything this world needs after the last year and a half, it's hope. Christmas music is something that can bring us together, with songs that can be recognized across the world, forwarding that message of hope for a future that we can embrace together.

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## The issue with right-to-repair laws

Companies' unwillingness to give consumers the right to have their purchased products repaired leads to problems for consumers and the environment

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"Right-to-repair" deals with legislation that determines consumers' right to repair or modify products that they purchase. Many companies put systems in place to make it to where consumers cannot do these things by themselves, by restricting access to tools or putting barriers in the software of a device preventing users from going beyond a certain point.

Companies do this to drive up consumer costs and to make more profit. If a consumer cannot repair their own device, then they

will have to pay the company to do it or give more money to the company by just buying a new one.

This brings up problems, not just for consumers of these products but also for the environment. More products getting manufactured, and kept in circulation when they no longer work and cannot be repaired, creates an issue with electronic waste.

Some states have started to fight for consumers' right to repair in order to decrease this impact on the environment. Massachusetts put laws in place that require

automotive companies to make information available to car owners to help them be able to repair their vehicles. In 2018, many major automotive companies agreed to make this information available in all 50 states.

A company that many have had issues with in the past when it comes to the right to repair is Apple. For over a decade, it was very difficult for consumers to repair or upgrade their Apple computers and iPhones on their own. However, the company seems to be changing its mind on this issue.

Apple recently announced that it would start selling tools directly to consumers and offering repair guides, a move that is seen as a huge victory by right-to-repair activists.

"One of the most visible opponents to repair access is reversing course," said Nathan Proctor, a senior Right to Repair campaign director at Public Interest Research Groups (PIRG), in a statement. "Apple's move shows that what repair advocates have been asking for was always possible."

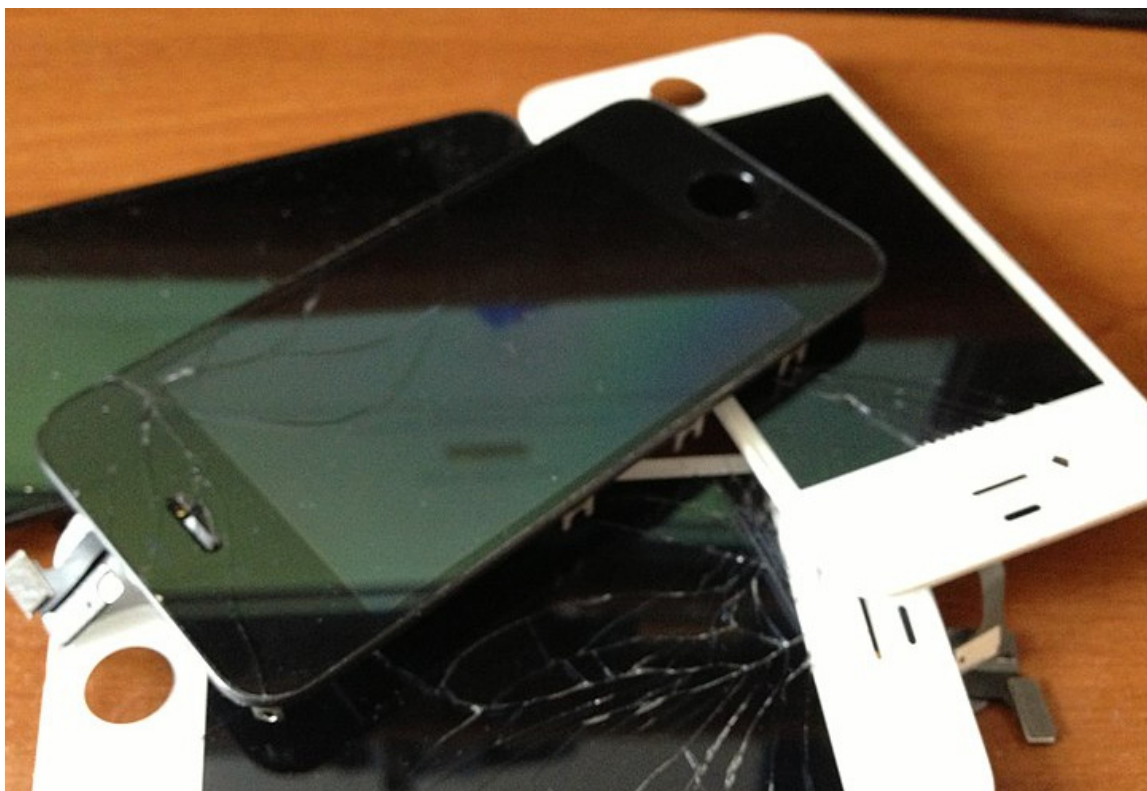
The company claims that it has made this decision

to help consumers, but many believe that it is truly because of government pressure to start giving customers the right to repair.

"Creating greater access to Apple genuine parts gives our customers even more choice if a repair is needed," said Jeff Williams, Apple's chief operating officer, in the Nov. 17 announcement of the company's new self-service repair program launching in early 2022. "In the past three years, Apple has nearly doubled the number of service locations with access to Apple genuine parts, tools,

and training, and now we're providing an option for those who wish to complete their own repairs."

On July 9, President Joe Biden signed an executive order that asked the FTC to crack down on "unfair anticompetitive restrictions on third-party repair or self-repair of items, such as the restrictions imposed by powerful manufacturers that prevent farmers from repairing their own equipment." An order from which companies like Apple and many other tech companies will likely continue to feel pressure.



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## Christmas movies to watch over winter break

Students give their suggestions of the best holiday movies

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As winter break is approaching quickly, many students are thinking ahead about the Christmas movies they will be watching with their time off.

Fortunately, there seems to be an endless amount of Christmas movies to pick from when it comes to thinking about what to watch.

"My favorite movie is 'The Year Without a Santa Claus' because it reminds me of Christmas when I was a little girl," said Jordan Terry, a graduate student in the MA in English program. "Plus, it arguably has the

best soundtrack of all Christmas movies, other than 'Rudolph' of course."

"The Year Without a Santa Claus" is a movie from 1974 that depicts the story of Santa Claus deciding not to do his annual rounds. As a result, the characters move quickly around the world to find people who believe in Santa Claus so that there will be Christmas.

Apart from the well-known cartoon Christmas movies, there are Hallmark movies. These movies usually tell a story of a romantic relationship that is met with an obstacle that, in the end, is overcome. Although the storyline

is similar in each of the movies, there are life lessons concerning family, friends, and thankfulness woven into the plot.

"My favorite Christmas movie is 'Last Holiday' because it's a wholesome romantic comedy that teaches you the life lesson of spending every day like it's your last and getting out of your comfort zone," said Morgan Hunter, a sophomore chemistry major.

In addition to holiday romance movies, the "The Santa Clause" movie series starring Tim Allen is a popular pick when looking for a Christmas comedy. In the

three-part series, Allen presumes the role of Santa Claus and thus creates his life in the North Pole among the elves and reindeer.

"My favorite Christmas movie is 'Elf,'" said Jesse Martin, a senior conservation biology major. "It is a movie that feels like Christmas to me."

The movie 'Elf' starring Will Ferrell is a Christmas comedy that feels like a classic for young adults. In the film, Ferrell's character Buddy the Elf leaves the North Pole to find his biological father in New York. From there, the two opposites work together in figuring out how to be a family.

There are some favorite holiday movies that have a twist.

"My favorite Christmas movie is 'The Nightmare Before Christmas' because it does not overplay the typical Christmas songs, and it involves spookiness, and I love that," said Stephanie Martin, a graduate student in the MA in English program.

"The Nightmare Before Christmas" tells the story of Jack Skellington

discovering Christmas Town after becoming tired of Halloween Town's annual event of scaring the world.

Of course, the Christmas movies mentioned are not the only ones available to watch. As the holiday approaches, streaming services such as Netflix and Hulu will begin advertising their original holiday films, along with offering many of the previously mentioned movies.



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# Cool technology to buy as gifts for Christmas

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As the holiday season approaches, it can be stressful trying to find the best gifts for your friends and family or, sometimes, even finding a gift for yourself. Thankfully, similar to other holiday seasons, there are numerous tech items to pick from to gift others.

Virtual reality systems are becoming more and more popular, especially with the introduction and advancement of the Oculus Quest 2 Virtual, an all-in-one virtual reality headset. According to Oc-

ulus, the player's movements are translated into VR and allow the player to explore the game without the use of external sensors.

"The new Oculus VR goggles seem really cool and are taking gaming to a whole new level," said Brad Tinsley, a senior business administration major.

Another tech item that people, especially gamers, are excited about is the Xbox Series X that was released on Nov. 10, 2020. Although it has been available now for over a year, gamers are excited to buy the console and experience the

4K resolution and reduced load times.

"I definitely want the Xbox Series X. For the first time in a long time, I'm excited about graphical fidelity and better framerate on an Xbox machine," said Rayvn Speigner, a freshman music technology major.

Additionally, the PlayStation 5 is a gaming system that is being talked about in the gaming community because of the 4K performance and the extremely fast load times. The console allows gamers to play PS4 games and are experience these games with

fast load times compared to before.

Aside from gaming consoles, Apple products such as AirPods, iPhones, and the new AirTag make great gifts. However, they are expected to be on backorder due to the lack of products. Those who want to gift Apple products this holiday are advised to buy the items early, according to the New York Post.

The AirTag is a new Apple product that helps the owner keep track of the item to which the AirTag is attached. By looking at the Find My app,

the owner can see where the item is.

The product is a great gift for those who frequently lose their keys, wallets, or handbags.

One tech product line that is perhaps not getting the attention it should is the Click & Grow Smart Gardens. These products self-water the seeds and plants they contain on their own so that the owner does not have to take the time to tend to the plant. The product advertises that there is "no green thumb needed" from the owner. Another tech item

that is not popular but can be handy and a great gift is the Wyze Plug. The plug goes into the wall and can be controlled from anywhere with the Wyze app, available for iPhone and Android.

In addition to these various tech gifts, there are numerous other fun tech items that would make great gifts for family and friends this season, such as alarm clocks, portable speakers, Tile Pro, the Amazon Echo Dot, and the Amazon Fire TV Stick with Alexa Voice Remote.



Emma Crouch/ The Johnsonian

# Who will be the new Bond?

Daniel Craig has left his infamous role of James Bond after the recent blockbuster "No Time to Die," so fans are wondering: who will be Bond?

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For the last 15 years, Daniel Craig has been an iconic actor. He's worked on one of cinema's most iconic action characters: James Bond. He has played the role since 2006, working with some of Hollywood's biggest names like Mads Mikkelsen, Rami Malek, Dave Bautista, and Naomie Harris. But now, as 2021 comes to a close, Craig is stepping away from the superspy.

On Sept. 30, Craig starred in "No Time to Die" — the last Bond film for the 53-year-old English actor. The film featured a retired Bond returning to spy action to find a kidnapped scientist, leading him to a mysterious villain with dangerous technology. The movie was a commercial and critical

success, grossing over 735.6 million dollars worldwide and with Rotten Tomatoes giving it an 84% rating.

After "No Time to Die," Craig said goodbye to Bond and focused on other films. Craig talked about his experiences on set and how they shaped his career as he steps away in a recent documentary about the spy called "Being James Bond."

"A lot of people here worked on five pictures with me, and I know there's a lot of things said about what I think of these films," Craig said in the documentary. "But I've loved every single second of these movies, and especially this one, because I've gotten up every morning, and I've had the chance to work with you guys. And that has been one of the greatest honors of

my life."

After Craig's departure, fans started to theorize who would be the next Bond. Many different actors were cast by fans, like Dev Patel ("The Green Knight") and Regé-Jean Page ("Bridgerton"). In addition, some fans think that Lashana Lynch, who starred with Bond in the recent film, could also take over the role of 007 and not Bond.

Lynch starred as Nomi, a Black Ops spy in the recent blockbuster that would eventually take over the "007" designation. Her portrayal could propel Lynch to her film, mainly because there has never been a "007"-film starring a Black female 007.

Another option that fans discussed is Marvel-known actor Idris Elba, who is known for action roles like in



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"Thor," "The Suicide Squad," and "Fast & Furious Presents: Hobbs & Shaw." However, Elba has stated that he is not "keen" on playing Bond because people would react to him being the first Black James Bond.

"I just don't want to be the Black James Bond," Elba said in a 2011 interview with NPR. "Sean Connery wasn't the Scottish James Bond, and Daniel Craig wasn't the blue-eyed James Bond, so if I played him, I don't want to be called the Black James Bond."

Both Tom Holland and Dwayne Johnson have expressed interest

in playing Bond. Jacob Batalon, who will star with Holland and Emmy-award-winning actress Zendaya, says that Holland has talked about being Bond a lot while on the set of "Spider-Man: No Way Home."

Fans have also debated Henry Cavill as the next Bond. After starring in "Man of Steel," Cavill went on to play superspy roles in films like "The Man From U.N.C.L.E." His recent spy role was in "Mission Impossible - Fallout," where he played CIA-operative August Walker. His experience and rising stardom could lead Cavill to be the next Bond. Cavill

has also stated that he is interested in the role and that nothing is "off the table."

One of the other significant contenders is Tom Hardy, who played Venom in the two fan-favorite films, and Luke Evans. Both actors are the "major contenders," as fans debated who would be Bond. Syfy reported that Hardy is their current lead, especially with rumors that he is the fan-favorite lead by London-based gambling company William Hill. Like "Nine Perfect Strangers" have topped streaming charts.



### Eagle of the Week: Brigham Larsen

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Freshman forward Brigham Larsen finished off the men's soccer fall 2021 season with a league-high 11 goals and one assist, the most goals in a season by a Winthrop freshman since Daniel Revivo scored 10 in 2005.

On Nov. 8, Larsen was honored in a variety of categories, being recognized as Big South Freshman of the Year, as well as being selected to the Big South All-Conference First-Team and Big South All-Freshman Team.

"It felt really cool receiving an award for putting in hard work over a long period of time, but I also think of it as a team award. I wouldn't have gotten it without our team chemistry. They give me

so much faith and trust playing my first year here," Larsen said.

Larsen is the first Eagle to be voted Freshman of the Year since Max Hasenstab in 2013, and he also earned Attacking Player of the Week honors three times during this season. Larsen's accomplishments helped Winthrop's program earn the most awards in a single season since 2008.

Traveling overseas for college, Larsen is originally from Oslo, Norway, which is where his parents and 17-year-old brother still reside.

"I have a lot of friends in Norway who are older than me who told me how their college experience was for them, so I contacted the college agency to try finding the best college for me combining being an

athlete and going to school," Larsen said.

With some family members in other parts of the United States, Larsen had never visited South Carolina before agreeing to attend Winthrop. Although the area is "much different" than he is used to, Larsen said his first semester in Rock Hill has been good.

"I feel like it took a long time to adjust to life here. I miss my family a lot. I called my mom every day just saying I miss her a lot," Larsen said.

"It got a lot better when I met all the boys on the team and we started preseason. It [also] helped a lot that we have a lot of internationals here that helped me adjust. They talked about how they adjusted as well, so it gave me a feel of how I can do the same thing as them," Larsen said.

Luckily, Larsen will have the chance to visit his family for the first time in months during the December winter break.

At the age of five, Larsen's soccer career began around the school yard.

"I played every position, so I learned different skills and how to understand the game from different aspects. [School] wanted me to play soccer my first

two years, and my dad was the most encouraging when it came to trying out all kinds of sports," Larsen said.

Throughout his youth Larsen dabbled in tennis, swimming, wrestling, and track. It was not until the age of twelve that he dedicated his sports life strictly to soccer.

"[My parents] only watch my stats because when we play games it's only 2 a.m. in Norway. It's a little inconvenient for them," Larsen said.

Nevertheless, Larsen is always sure to keep thoughts of his family close to his heart before he runs out on the field.

"My mom sent me a text once before my first game, just giving me a motivational speech basically, and I copied it into my notes. Right before we warm up I always read that note and try to think of how I can make my mom proud. Her words are very inspiring to me," Larsen said.

In addition to his mom's inspirational words, Larsen enjoys listening to R&B music before each game to calm any nerves.

"I had some nerve problems before where I couldn't calm my mind down, so I try to listen to some good music. I don't really have nerves at the



Photo courtesy of Winthrop Athletic Communications  
Larsen (in white) attempts to head the ball by jumping higher than an opponent from Presbyternian College.

moment, but we'll see if playing in front of a big crowd could be a different scenario," Larsen said.

Hopefully the dream of playing in front of a large crowd comes true, as Larsen's main goal is to play professionally after college.

"I don't know where, but right now I'm just focusing on doing the short-term stuff, like getting a good season under my belt and trying to increase that opportunity for a professional deal," Larsen said.

Larsen is currently majoring in business with a concentration in finance, and is considering the idea of taking up an internship in the United States. "It depends if I am ready to stay or to

see my family on a consistent basis," Larsen said.

Playing soccer for almost 15 years now, Larsen believes being an athlete has definitely helped him mature into the person he is today.

"Playing sports is always a psychological battle, so you're going to have to deal with a lot of emotions at one time. I kind of feel like I got control of my emotions a lot quicker than people who don't play sports.

"I probably also believe in a team effort more than I would have if I didn't play sports. I am always around my teammates, we always look out for each other," Larsen said. "There's no I in team...unless you play an individual sport."



Photo courtesy of Winthrop Athletics Communications  
At 6-foot-3, Larsen was one of Winthrop's tallest players this fall.

### Winthrop fans showed up for Homecoming... but it isn't enough

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The crowd roared Saturday as Patrick Good nailed a three to tie the game and take Mercer to overtime.

I was in the pep band, and I'll be honest: the "Defense!" cheers and "Let's go Eagles!" chants from the student section near the end of the game (and especially during that final 51 seconds of regulation) were actually overpowering the pep band's cheers.

This is my third year helping lead

cheers from the band (would be fourth if not for a global pandemic), and Saturday was the first time I've experienced this problem. It's a problem I would welcome again.

While it did feel like a large crowd, Saturday's official attendance record tells a slightly different story. The headcount came out to 1,778, meaning less than a third of the seats in Winthrop Coliseum were filled.

Sure, it's a big arena to fill, and it's only been done on special occasions — but we didn't even reach a third of the capacity, on Homecoming, for a team that has won back-to-back league championships and is projected to finish on top of the Big South once again

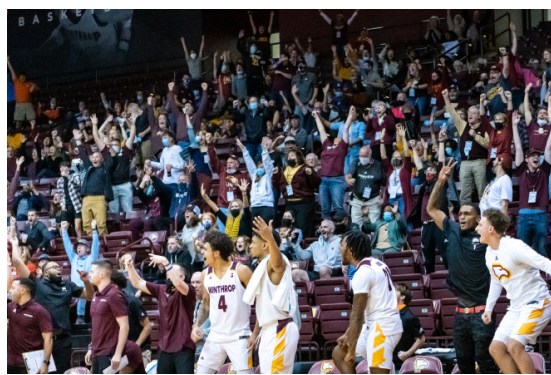


Photo courtesy of Winthrop Athletic Communications  
Fans cheered as Winthrop fought back to force overtime.

this season.

Last Tuesday's season-opener shows an even more eye-opening statistic. Just 921 fans were in attendance to greet the Eagles for the first time since they represented us on the big stage at the NCAA Tournament in March.

As Winthrop legend Chris Gaynor messaged me on social media, when he played at Winthrop, one of the major contributors to the team's success was the crowd.

Gaynor said that

during his freshman year, there weren't a lot of people at the games, so coach Gregg Marshall told the community they were earning a D-minus for their (lack of) support. Soon, more fans started attending games.

Well, midterms have passed, and I promise we don't have an 'A' in Coach Prosser's class. I'd argue we don't even deserve a 'C' right now.

Students, professors, Rock Hillians: I'll see you at the Coliseum.

### Preview: No Room For Racism Classic

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The inaugural No Room for Racism Classic is almost here. The event, which is set to take place at the Rock Hill Sports and Event Center and span from Dec. 10-12, will feature eight different schools in four intriguing matchups.

The first game is Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. between the High Point University Panthers and the South Carolina State University Bulldogs.

The Panthers are off to a 3-3 start with wins against Shenandoah, Howard and Chowan, and losses to Northwestern, Notre Dame and Georgia State. Their loss to Notre Dame on the road was by just nine points (70-61).

High Point is averaging 76 points per game, led by Big South Conference first-teamer John-Michael Wright, who is averaging nearly 20 points per game this season.

The Bulldogs have a worse record to start the season, with just one win (67-53) against St. Andrews University through their first eight games. The team from Orangeburg, SC only lost by four points to Big South member USC Upstate (82-78), but the Bulldogs' worst loss so far this season came against former Winthrop coach Pat Kelsey and his new College of Charleston squad by a score of 106-74.

SC State's Cameron...

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## Paxton announces Winthrop Track and Field schedule



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Winthrop will host an outdoor track and field meet March 24-26.

### Eagles set to compete on Friday and Saturday

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The Winthrop men's and women's track and field teams will begin their seasons this Friday and Saturday as the Eagles compete in the Appalachian State Invitational.

Head coach Ben Paxton said it is normal for Winthrop to open its season with one indoor event in December right before final exams to reward the sprinters, throwers and jumpers who have been conditioning and training all fall without any competition.

"Typically we don't take any distance runners, or maybe just a handful, because they just finished up cross country

obviously, and we have a meet for sprinters, throwers and jumpers to go to and keep them excited about going into the winter, doing their winter training, and then coming back and starting the full indoor season as well," Paxton said.

The meet at App State will be the only competition for the Eagles before winter break. In the spring semester, Winthrop will continue its indoor season with back-to-back weekends in Columbia at the Carolina Challenge (Jan. 21-22) and the South Carolina Invitational (Jan. 28-29), before heading to West Virginia for the Marshall Invitational (Feb. 11-12), followed by the Virginia Tech Chal-

lenge (Feb. 18-19) in Virginia.

Winthrop's five indoor events, plus the conference championships, are exciting for the team after not getting an indoor season in 2020.

"We didn't do indoor last year," Paxton said. "We opted out of it.

"That's going to be a lot better for the student-athletes — to travel, to get excited about doing things. It's going to look much more like 2019 than 2020."

Along with having indoor competitions again, Paxton said the outdoor season will involve more travel than last season, which saw the Eagles host five events at home due to COVID-19 budget cuts and travel restrictions.

The Eagles will begin their outdoor season by traveling to Charlotte for the 49er Classic (March 18-19), then returning home for the Winthrop/Adidas Invitational (March 24-26).

Winthrop will then have four events in the month of April, including the Bill Carson Invitational (April 1-2) hosted by East Carolina, the Phoenix Invitational (April 16) hosted by Elon, the UVA Challenge (April 22-23) hosted by Virginia, and the Charlotte Invitational (April 29-30) which the Eagles will return to Charlotte for.

The Big South Outdoor Championships will take place May 11-13 in Greensboro, NC.

One athlete Paxton will be coaching



## STUDENT MEDIA POLL

### Week 3

Matthew's votes

1. Duke
2. Purdue
3. Gonzaga
4. Baylor
5. Kentucky
6. Kansas
7. UCLA
8. Villanova
9. Texas
10. BYU
11. Houston
12. Arkansas
13. Alabama
14. Florida
15. Seton Hall
16. Arizona
17. Connecticut
18. Texas Tech
19. Indiana
20. Tennessee
21. Auburn
22. Iowa
23. Iowa State
24. St. Bonaventure
25. Wisconsin

again this season is his daughter, Olivia Paxton.

Olivia Paxton was a stand-out freshman at Winthrop in 2016-2017, but transferred to William & Mary and began competing there in 2018-2019. After two years at William & Mary, she came back to Winthrop and has been granted a sixth year of eligibility for this season, partially because of COVID-19 and in part because of an achilles injury that required surgery.

"She's definitely looking forward to getting back and

trying to qualify for the NCAAs," Ben Paxton said.

Along with his daughter, Paxton said he expects big seasons from Libby Roush (who he said was not far from qualifying for the NCAAs in discus last season) and Ambar Nunez-Gomez (who placed third as a freshman in the indoor weight throw in 2019).

On the men's side, Paxton said the team is young, but he expects freshmen Ian Greshman (hurdles) and Jaden Mathieu (high jump) to make "an immediate impact."

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...Jones, a redshirt sophomore, leads the team in scoring at 12.9 points per game, though four other players average at least eight points per game for the Bulldogs. The Bulldogs average 70.8 points per game as a team, while their opponents are averaging 80.8 points per game.

The second game will take place on Saturday, Dec. 11 at 4 p.m. between the Clinton College Golden Bears and the Edward Waters University Tigers.

Clinton, which competes in the USCAA's Eastern Metro Athletic Conference, has started its season 6-1. The team's lone non-exhibition loss came by a score of 106-

105 against Paine College on Oct. 27.

The Golden Bears are averaging 100.1 points per game, though that number is inflated due to Clinton's 152-82 victory over South Carolina Faith A&M. Clinton's leading scorers are senior Devin Campbell (21.6 ppg) and junior Tyler Bourne (19.2 ppg). Clinton's roster also features 3 Rock Hill natives (JC McCorn, Jermirian Davis and Andarius Boulware) and Cameron Shannon from York.

Edward Waters, who joined the NCAA's DII ranks this summer after previously competing in the NAIA, currently sits at 4-4 on the season. Unlike Clinton, the Tigers defeated Paine College (84-77).

The Tigers are av-

eraging 73.8 points per game and their leading scorer is 6-foot-6 senior Elias Harden, who is averaging 19 points per game.

The Winthrop University Eagles face Carver College on Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. in the third game of the event.

Winthrop is 3-3 coming off a tough four-game road stretch. The Eagles dropped three-straight games to Middle Tennessee, Vanderbilt and Washington State before capping off their trip out west with an 82-74 win over the Washington University Huskies.

Winthrop's scoring leaders are Big South Preseason Player of the Year DJ Burns, Jr. and graduate transfer Patrick Good.

Burns, a 6-foot-9 redshirt junior, is averaging 17.3 points per game, which is slightly higher than Good, who is averaging 16 points per game.

The Eagles are averaging 11.3 three-pointers per game, shooting 42.77% from behind the arc as a team (a percentage that ranks top-10 in Division I).

Carver College, a member of the National Christian College Athletic Association, is 0-10 so far this season, having played nine games against NCAA Division I opponents. Carver's least-embarrassing result thus far is an 87-57 loss against NAIA opponent William Carey University.

Carver's best performance against

its many Division I opponents was a 44-point loss to McNeese State. Gardner-Webb (in the Big South) beat Carver 100-38.

Finally, the heavy-weight match of the event takes place on Sunday, Dec. 12 at 12 p.m., featuring the Florida State Seminoles and the South Carolina Gamecocks.

The Seminoles were voted 20th in the preseason AP Poll (and in the preseason Student Media Poll), but fell to the Florida Gators in their second game of the season. They recently beat Boston University by just one point, 81-80.

Florida State is averaging 75.7 points per game and holding its opponents to a respectable 63 points

per game. The Seminoles have three players averaging double-digit scoring in Malik Osborne (12.5 ppg), Matthew Cleveland (10.8) and Caleb Mills (10.5).

South Carolina also lost its second game of the season — a four-point loss to Princeton. The Gamecocks more recently escaped UAB by the skin of their teeth with a 66-63 victory.

Frank Martin's squad is averaging 71.8 points per game and allowing 64.2 points per game. The Gamecocks have four players averaging double figures with Keyshawn Bryant (17 ppg), Jermaine Cousnard (13.5 ppg), Erik Stevenson (13.3 ppg) and Wildens Leveque (10.3).



## All I Want for Christmas



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## WINTHROP MADLIBS!

Story: Final Exams

It's official...finals season has started! I had to get up at \_\_\_\_\_(number) o'clock this morning so that I could take my first final of the semester. Why did they schedule it so early? I wish it wasn't in \_\_\_\_\_(building); that's on the other side of campus. And of course, there's a huge line at the coffee shop. Now I'm going to be half asleep while I take this exam. Professor \_\_\_\_\_(name) should give me extra credit for walking this far! I made it in time! I sit down in the \_\_\_\_\_(adjective) desk and get ready for the exam....only to realize I don't have a pencil! \_\_\_\_\_(exclamation)!

Story: Winter Break

Alright! After exams are over, it's time to celebrate! This year, I'm going to \_\_\_\_\_(place) for winter break; it's going to be \_\_\_\_\_(adjective)! While I'm there, I am going to \_\_\_\_\_(verb) all day. Of course, my BFF \_\_\_\_\_(name) is coming too! And on Christmas Day, we will \_\_\_\_\_(verb) to celebrate. I hope they get me a present this year! Last year, they gave me a totally \_\_\_\_\_(adjective) gift...even though I gave them a much \_\_\_\_\_(adjective) one. I shouldn't complain, it ended up becoming a \_\_\_\_\_(adjective) inside joke with us!

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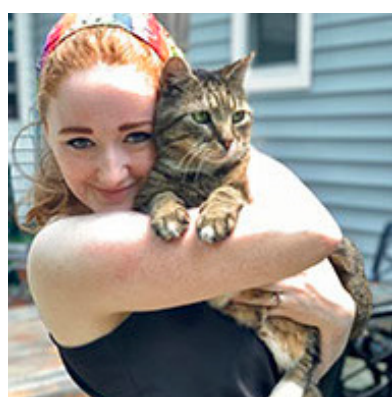
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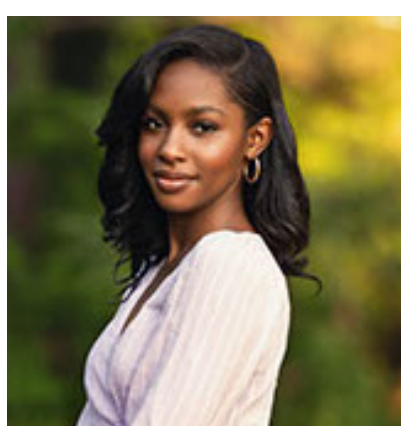
## Bryn Eddy

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



## Chase Duncan

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



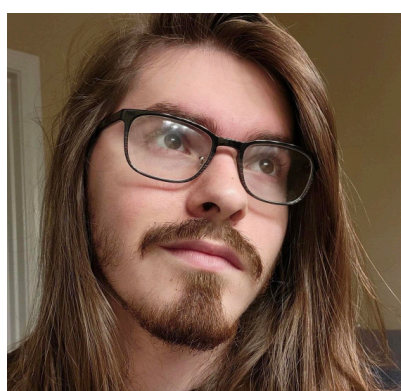
## Mari Pressley

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



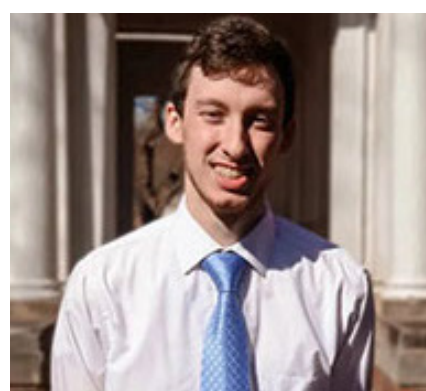
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I am a senior middle level education major! My concentrations are English and social studies. This semester, I am interning at York Middle School in 7th grade history. My pronouns are they/them/theirs. This is my second year at The Johnsonian, but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



## David Botzer

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






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