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Winthrop men's soccer wins home quarterfinal

Eagles defeat Blue Hose, will head to Buies Creek for semifinal

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The Winthrop men's soccer team earned a 3-0 victory over Presbyterian College on Sunday night in the quarterfinal round of the Big South Tournament, marking the team's first postseason win since 2015.

"I'm at a little bit of a loss of words because it's been a hard season," said head coach Daniel Ridenhour.

"Really happy for the guys. They deserved it [and] played excellent," Ridenhour said. "I thought tonight we were as good as we could be — probably unlucky not to score a couple more."

Winthrop put eight shots on goal compared to Presbyterian's four and outshot the Blue Hose 17 to six. The Eagles also attempted eight corner kicks while

Presbyterian only attempted one.

"Credit to their goalkeeper," Ridenhour said. "He made four or five outstanding saves tonight."

Winthrop's Sam Jones recorded four saves of his own on the outing, posting his third shutout of the season. Jones praised his teammates for their ability to communicate well on defense.

"Whenever you've got a good defensive relationship between a goalkeeper and a back three [or] back five, you can rely on them, you can communicate with them," he said. "We're at the point now where I can say something you might not understand, but they'll understand it."

"That chemistry is just crucial for teams that can go far in the playoffs, and I know that this team — with this defensive relationship, with defense,

midfield and attack — will go very far."

Offensively, two of Winthrop's goals were scored by freshmen, and all three goals were assisted on by freshmen.

One of Winthrop's goal scorers was Brigham Larsen, who recorded a league-leading 11th goal of the season Sunday night. On Monday, Larsen was named Big South Freshman of the Year.

Along with Larsen, Winthrop's William Cardona and Ethan Stevenson were voted onto the conference's All-Freshman team. (Cardona recorded an assist during Sunday's win while Stevenson recorded a goal and an assist.)

Larsen finished second in voting for the Offensive Player of the Year award, still earning him a spot on the First-Team All-Conference list. Winthrop

junior Sean Green (who's in his first year with the Eagles after transferring in from Missouri State) was named to the Second-Team All-Conference list.

Winthrop's Cardona also earned an appearance on the Honorable Mention All-Conference list, while junior Ben Goodman was named to the All-Academic Team and was voted Scholar-Athlete of the Year by the league's sports information directors.

"There's a lot of new guys on this team that have done fantastic, and we've got a couple seniors that have stepped up into a leadership role and done well," said Ridenhour, who received one first-place vote for Coach of the Year but finished second in points behind Campbell head coach Dustin Fonder.

"This year has been really, really tough on him (Ridenhour)," Jones said. "He's had to coach practically by himself. He's done a lot of work for us, [and] we're really grateful for him."

"I know it means a lot to him — for him to break his own personal records — and I know he's setting goals to not stop here, just to keep going. We love him. He's done a great job. He's sacrificed a lot for us, and we could not be more proud and more thankful for him."

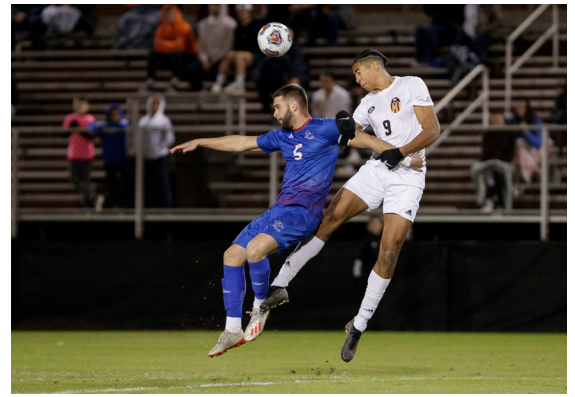
Ridenhour led Winthrop to a 4-4 record in conference play this season (with those four losses all coming by just one goal apiece) after going 0-7-1 against Big South opponents last season. The Eagles were also picked to finish ninth (out of nine teams) in the Big South preseason

poll.

"I was excited that our guys were able to kind of use that as motivation," Ridenhour said. "I'm not going to lie, it's taped up all over the locker room. They look at it every day, and they know ninth wasn't where they should've been."

With Sunday's win, the Eagles are set to face top-seeded Campbell University on Wednesday in Buies Creek. If they win, they would advance to the Big South Championship game.

"It's crazy, man," Jones said. "I've been here for three years, and we've never been in this position before, so we're just working hard to keep pushing boundaries and keep going further, trying to replicate some of the success we've had back in 2012 and those great times."



Photos courtesy of Winthrop Athletic Communications

Upper left photo: Eagles congratulating one another; Upper middle photo: Junior Sean Green weaves between two members of the Presbyterian squad; Upper right photo: Freshman of the Year Brigham Larsen jumps higher than his opponent to head the ball; Lower left photo: Winthrop's Taeyoon Oh fights to get to the ball first as he slides to the ground; Lower middle photo: Freshman Ethan Stevenson outrunning Blue Hose player; Bottom right photo: Freshman William Cardona with the ball



Trustees move to make WU laptop campus, adjust tuition on Fine Arts MA

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An overview of key topics of Winthrop's most recent board meeting

The Board of Trustees met publicly to discuss becoming a laptop campus, adjustments to MA in fine arts program tuition, enrollment deposit, and associated fees, and a motion to approve capital projects that have been funded by state appropriations on Thursday, Oct. 28 at 1 p.m.

At the start of the meeting, the Board of Trustees Chair, Glenn McCall, introduced WU Students For Change member Milo Wolverton to speak in favor of Title IX and bring up concerns about the new Title IX and ADA Compliance Officer position.

"I'm here to talk about Title IX because someone needs to stand up here and tell you that this board's inaction has made all of you complicit with rape culture," Wolverton said. "Sexual predators still work for this school.

"The deans who retraumatize students are still investigating Title IX cases when we were promised that [they were] removed. The old Title IX coordina-

tor violated multiple timeline laws as she has essentially been promoted to the new coordinator's boss.

"While we're at it, the new coordinator is coming from a school of multiple lawsuits for mishandling assault cases. The new position we were promised solely to Title IX is actually being split with the rule ADA compliance officer, doing a massive disservice to not only survivors but to students with disabilities as well."

He went on to convey his disappointment with the updated sexual misconduct policy and the fraternity Pi Kappa Alpha, which has been under scrutiny from students after resurfaced sexual assault allegations.

"The new sexual assault policies are blatantly homophobic, transphobic," Wolverton said. "The Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity covered up my wife's rape and never faced a single question for their actions, and your own board member, Robby Sisco, is proudly featured all

over their page.

"I genuinely want to know, do you really think that this is good enough? Do you really feel as if you've done your jobs?"

"You all should be ashamed of yourselves, and I want you to know that we hold each and every one of you responsible. Your silence is violence. Your inaction has enabled rape culture on our campus, and all the excuses in the world won't work on us anymore.

"Do more and do better or step down and get the hell out of the way for someone who actually will. We're done."

In McCall's immediate response to Wolverton's speech, he stated, "Thank you very much for your comments, and now we'll move on to our agenda. Well, before we get to that, we would like to welcome, he's not here officially yet, but our new Title IX coordinator, Kevin Sheppard.

... I'm so happy to have you, and your experience is impeccable — and we think that you'll do a great job here



Mari Pressley/The Johnsonian

Winthrop Board of Trustees members meet publicly at 1:00 pm on Friday October 29.

at Winthrop for us. Thank you for joining this great institution. We appreciate that."

McCall then moved on to propose for Winthrop to become a laptop campus.

"The resolution that we are requesting that administration be charged with developing a robust laptop program that includes adequate Wi-Fi, technological support while minimizing the financial impact of being in-person," McCall said.

After McCall asked the board if there was any discussion on the resolution, all board members voted on the motion to pass.

"Already we have instituted new practices in enrollment that we think will positively impact our application unit and consequent enrollment for this next year, fall 2022. ... The impact

of past budgeting practices can incur enrollment," McCall said.

McCall introduced Dr. Randy Imler on the committee of strategic planning.

"The committee considered a list of capital projects to be funded with \$7.5 million of capital funding, the resolution was considered proposed, motion was made, passed unanimously and made a resolution to accept that project list to the committee of finance," Imler said, noting that this was the first meeting of the committee under the new bylaws. "James also reviewed the status of the campus master plan.

"We also discussed forthcoming proposals for allocating \$9.2 million of state funding for repairs for maintenance and HERD funding for Wi-Fi improvements as Hynd mentioned in his

comments."

Representing the committee of finance, trustee Gary Williams announced, "We did also receive a report from our finance department that gave us some information on our year-end forecast update. I'm very pleased to report that as we continue to look at our forecasting methodologies that we're very happy. ... The forecasting model is working well, and we were very glad to get that information this morning."

After coming to a resolution on enrollment deposit and associated fees, the board moved forward to unanimously pass a proposal to make tuition \$699 per credit hour for the Master of Arts - Arts Administration online graduate program for the 2022-23 academic year.

Winthrop University announces infrastructure updates

Master plan set in place to update Winthrop campus

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The features of Winthrop University's campus are utilized by many students, faculty, staff and alumni each semester. However, due to the various infra-

structure issues occurring campus wide, Interim President George Hyde prioritized the Campus Master Plan.

Over the course of several months,

students, faculty and staff have been asked to fill out surveys on what they believe should be updated, where they see issues on campus and what they want Win-

throp to look like in the future.

According to James Grigg, the vice president of facilities, the total number of responses to the surveys was 1,185. Out of those responses, 37% were alumni, 35% were students and 26% were faculty and staff.

"I think the plan was well received. I had some comments that the attendees liked knowing what projects were ongoing and upcoming. I think most people understand

the challenges the campus has and appreciated seeing that there is a plan to start addressing them," Grigg said.

According to the Campus Master Plan Process, the Master Plan is set up in three phases. The first phase is to gather information by conducting tours, holding interviews and focus groups and creating a plan. The second phase includes scenario planning. The final phase is to draft a plan and to conduct final presentations.

In the Master Plan presentation held in September 2021, various infrastructure update plans were presented. A few update proposals include new IT servers and technology, chiller replacements and WiFi upgrades.

Students have a consensus complaint concerning the WiFi on campus. The majority of student's classwork is online and due to Covid, teachers are continuing to teach their classes via Zoom. Due to the

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Covid, teachers are continuing to teach their classes via Zoom. Due to the unreliable internet, students are constantly unable to turn in their work, being kicked out of Zoom calls and unable to connect to the internet in certain places on campus.

“The Wi-Fi should be fixed because it impairs our ability to do our best work in a timely manner,” said freshman business major Jade Scott. “When we registered for classes for early registration on Nov. 2, 2021, I heard so many stories of

people who did not get the classes they wanted because the Wi-Fi crashed.”

According to the Master Plan, the upcoming project to update the Wi-Fi will cost around \$2 million.

Current ongoing projects include replacing the roof of the Coliseum, wrapping up the Johnson Theater repairs, upgrading the Wi-Fi in Phelps and re-opening Starbucks in Digs in early November.

In the future, the university plans to replace the roofs of several buildings, including the West Center, Dacus Library and

Joynes Hall. Each roof replacement will cost between \$600,000 and \$1,400,000 depending on the building and the severity of the repairs needed.

“The most important aspect of the Master Plan is to provide a framework and recommendation to the future direction of the campus. Acknowledging what physical changes need to be made to improve the campus to support academic, recruiting-retention, residential halls, and campus appearance and function,” Grigg said.



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Winthrop students pace down scholars walk.

Police Blotter

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On Oct. 26, the R/O (Reporting Officer) was conducting standard patrol when the victim approached the R/O and requested to fill out a report on an unknown individual who had been following her for the past few days. At that time, the R/O received a statement from the victim that there was a man who had been harassing her on Park Avenue. The victim informed the R/O that the unknown individual had been catcalling her for the last five days and had even attempted to get the victim to come into his vehicle.

The R/O informed the victim of a new location at which to park her vehicle so she would not have to come in contact with the harasser, was provided a Victims Notification form and advised to contact WUPD if the unknown individual attempted to make contact with the victim any further.

On Oct. 27, the R/O met with a Winthrop affiliate at the Winthrop University Police Department in regards to damage that had been done to her vehicle. The victim informed the R/O that she had left campus to do some shopping at Walmart.

However, while at Walmart, she noticed that there were muddy handprints and a dent on the hood of her car. It is undetermined when the damage occurred, but the victim was previously parked in the parking spaces in front of Margaret Nance on Winthrop Alumni Drive. The R/O had the victim email him the pictures she had taken of the damage to her vehicle. The R/O also inspected the vehicle in the Winthrop Police employee parking lot, where he took close-up photos of the handprints. The case is still under investigation.

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Small Business Feature: Johnny Vaughan Poems

Get a personalized poem for that special person

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Johnny Vaughan, a human resources assistant at Winthrop University since 2017, is pursuing his own business in making customary poems for those who want to gift a poem for a special person in their life.

Vaughan’s passion for poetry originally stemmed from his love of rap music while he was attending Virginia Commonwealth University. Here, he found poetry classes that spiked his interest. “I got into poetry through my love of rap. I believe rap music is poetry,” Vaughan said. “Back when I was in college, I used to write rap music in my leisure time, so from there, I took a few classes in college. I took a Black Poetry class, and from reading poems through that class, it made me want to write my own poetry.”

After spending so much of his spare time writing poetry for himself, Vaughan realized he could turn his talent into a business investment.

“I like to write poetry, I do all the

time in my spare time, so I thought, ‘how could I make money off of this?’” Vaughan said. “So I tried to write a poem for one person a few years ago while I was in college, and I start

long time.” Vaughan has had many satisfied responses from the customers for whom he has written poems. One of his customers, a friend of Vaughan’s, William Pitchford,

said. “The process was simple. He asked for specific things, which he added into the poem to make it stand out to the reader. The poem was well-written.

business to others.” Vaughan has had some emotional reactions to the poems he has written for his customers. “This one lady bought six poems from me once,” Vaughan said. “She bought them for her girlfriends; she said all her friends really loved the poems.

“And this one guy gave a poem to a female friend of his, and he said that she cried when she received it. So I’ve gotten a lot of positive feedback from my poems so far.”

Vaughan advises potential customers that personal details about the person you are having the poem written for will go a long way.

“Something heartfelt, or a shared experience, will go a long way in the poem,” Vaughan said. “I like to incorporate personal details in the poems because it’ll make them more genuine.”

Vaughan’s poems are \$12 each. You can contact him via email at johnnymvaughan@gmail.com or visit his Etsy shop [jvaughanpoemsllc](https://www.etsy.com/shop/jvaughanpoemsllc).



Jada Strong/ The Johnsonian

Winthrop Human Resources Assistant and Poet, Johnny Vaughan.

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As everyday passes the desire in my heart grows stronger
A giant struggling in chains will be held captive no longer
I look into the face of difficulty with a heart that’s brave
I recognize the hustle and will never act as a slave
Challenges come and go like the people in your life
I stand strong and will never be a victim of strife
Nothing comes easy and the hustle is real
I hug the hustle and its heartbeat is what I feel
The hustle is my friend and it pumps blood through my veins
The hustle is my enemy and it aims to make me insane
I am a soldier that will win the war and passionately kiss my goals on the lips
I am an eternal lover that will fight the pain just to caress my goal on the hips
From sunrise to sunset I will forever breathe the hustle

- Johnny Vaughan

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ed to make money from that.

“I would write poems for my coworkers and my classmates who would then give them to somebody else. So I’ve been doing it on and off for a

was highly pleased with Vaughan’s work.

“He informed me of his poetry business, and he showed me some of his work. The poem was for an old friend,” Pitchford

We were both very pleased with the poem. The poem was about ‘a first meeting.’

“I would have another poem written by Mr. Vaughan in the future. I highly recommend his

Rock Hill Schools' COVID-19 restrictions weaken

Despite lift on statewide ban, Rock Hill Schools has no plan for mask mandate

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Rock Hill Schools' COVID-19 restrictions continue to weaken, with volunteers allowed back in schools, field trips no longer suspended and a less restrictive quarantine time in accordance with S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) guidelines.

Since Aug. 3, out of 16,272 in-person students in Rock Hill, 6,973 (42.85%) have been quarantined and 986 (6.06%) have tested positive for COVID-19, according to the Rock Hill Schools COVID-19 dashboard. New confirmed cases have been in decline in South Carolina since the peak in September, according to COVID-19 testing data from DHEC.

Rock Hill School Board Chairman Helena Miller said the school board had no idea what the numbers were going to look like this year because the virus can change quickly.

"When we ended last school year, I think we all had strong hopes that we were at the tail end of the virus. And that was not just our school district, it was everyone. I think in society, it was kind

of hoping that, and then delta hit. So, in terms of speculations as to what we thought, it's impossible to say," Miller said.

On Oct. 4, the Fourth U.S. Circuit

are again active, policies are still in place to limit them to the county, which Miller hopes will give flexibility to the programs that need it.

Quarantine pro-

cedures have also been loosened in accordance with DHEC guidelines.

At the start of the school year, a quarantine was a mandatory 14 days, up to 24 days for close household contact. The new policy requires a person to quarantine for five days after a close contact, then get tested. After two days, if the test is negative, the student can come back to school but is encouraged to wear a mask for the first week.

Vaccinated students are "basically exempt from quarantine procedures," according to Miller. Children ages five to 11 are now able to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, according to an announcement made on Nov. 2 by CDC

director Rochelle Walensky. Katarina Moyon, director of the John C. West Forum on Politics and Policy, and the mother of a high school student, said she believes the schools should be doing more to protect the children.

"I think that The Rock Hill School District should require masks for all students to protect the health and safety of their students and their teachers and staff," she said. "I really don't understand why the K-12 schools don't do that. It's not just about health. It's also about respecting everyone else's health."

Despite her concerns, Miranda Knight, assistant dean of students, and mother of four, three of which are in the public school system, said she believes the schools did the best they could.

"I would not have been against them leaving the plexiglass and stuff in place for the kids," she said. "But otherwise, I think they've done — from my perspective, from a parent's perspective, and again, I do tend to wear rose colored glasses, so I try to keep it positive — I think they've done well."



Emma Crouch/The Johnsonian

Sullivan Middle School is one of the many schools impacted by the policy changes.

Court of Appeals upheld the temporary suspension of the South Carolina rule banning schools from creating mask mandates until a lawsuit about the mandates is resolved. Despite its new ability, Miller said the board has not voted on a mandate, and, as of Oct. 25, had no plan to.

"[T]here are no current plans to put it up for a vote, and, you know, that could change at any time. I will say that if you look at our current COVID dashboard numbers, we have been on a steady decline over the past six weeks or so. I think last week's numbers were nine positive students out of close to 17,000," Miller said.

While field trips

cedures have also been loosened in accordance with DHEC guidelines. At the start of the school year, a quarantine was a mandatory 14 days, up to 24 days for close household contact. The new policy requires a person to quarantine for five days after a close contact, then get tested. After two days, if the test is negative, the student can come back to school but is encouraged to wear a mask for the first week.

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This week in U.S. politics



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House Republicans pass \$1 trillion infrastructure bill

A weekly round up of American political news

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President Biden declared it "Infrastructure Week" after a milestone victory in the passing of his \$1 trillion infrastructure bill on Saturday. The House gave final approval of the bill Friday night that would be the largest investment into an infrastructure project by the government in over a decade. The infrastructure bill was originally introduced by the president as a \$3 trillion project that included an increase in the country's light rail system and projects to fight climate change, both of which have been cut out in order to get House Republicans on board with the bill.

The Justice Department is suing the state of Texas over a major voting law passed by Texas republicans, which is said to violate the Voting Rights Act by placing a limit over what assistance poll workers can provide to vot-

ers. The Justice Department says that the law is specifically targeting voters who do not speak English and voters with disabilities. The law also targets absentee ballots.

After Tuesday's election victories, the Republican Party is wondering whether former President Donald Trump should remain the face of the party. While many in the party still praise the former president, there are some who wonder whether his claims that the election was stolen have caused support for the party to decrease. The divide has been prevalent since the election, but increased after the riot on the Capitol on Jan. 6, with many saying that it is time to leave the 2020 election behind them and accept the results. This has caused a rift in the party between those who continue to say that the election was rigged, despite there being no evidence of the claim.

Labor shortage creates problems

Labor shortage creates several problems across the U.S.

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Across the country, labor shortages have become some of the most pressing issues, caused by increased unemployment due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Many minimum wage workers are quitting their jobs just as the demand for them increases.

Other factors behind the shortage include a growing number of aging or retiring workers, demand for better pay and working conditions, as well as newly implemented immigration limits.

The biggest sectors that have been impacted by the shortage include retail, food and beverage, trade and

education.

International supply chains are being disrupted due to both a lack of workers and limited raw materials.

Some Winthrop students believe that the pandemic has not helped this problem.

"We've already been landslided by COVID-19 and even though the effects of COVID have been stagnated by vaccinations across the country, we are already too far gone," junior theater major Jacob Dunham said.

Experts stress that while the pandemic exacerbated these problems and caused them to grow quicker, the roots of this issue lie with problems

that were already found pre-pandemic.

Part of what is driving the current labor shortage is that workers are striking for better conditions. In 2021 so far there have been over 178 strikes and protests for better pay and working conditions, including companies like Kellogg's, Spectrum and McDonald's.

Many job vacancies are minimum wage and have little or no benefits such as paid time off, paid family leave and insurance.

Some Winthrop students believe workers need better pay.

"Putting food on the table of a family of five should never

be about partisanship but for a brighter America," freshman political science student Carrie Vaughn said.

"Elevated quit rates suggest that companies may also have to raise pay to retain the staff they currently have given the high costs of worker turnover," the ING noted. Some major corporations such as Starbucks, Amazon and Costco have announced major wage increases in the hopes of attracting more workers.

Economists have noted large numbers of older workers are more inclined to take retirement rather than return to the office.

"The thought of



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Buisnesses around the country display help wanted signs due to the labor shortage.

returning to the office and the daily commute may seem unpalatable for many people," the ING said to CNBC. "With surging equity markets having boosted 401k pension plans, early retirement may seem a very attractive option."

If this problem of more middle-aged workers leaving persists, "labor market shortages could persist for a good deal longer than the Federal

Reserve expects, which will mean companies increasingly bidding up pay to attract staff," the ING said.

"This is going to lead to rises in wages. Those rises in wages are good for all, but they can be inflationary, and at the same time we could see less demand because as people get older, their consumption tends to go down," economist Alfred Marcus said to Marketplace.

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In recent years, people have become more accustomed to streaming movies. Depicted is Manchester Cinemas in Rock Hill. Emma Crouch / The Johnsonian

York County events from Nov. 10 to Nov. 30

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

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Nov. 10
“Paint and Sip” — \$30 fee
7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. weekly on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays
Carolina Creative Expressions

“Live Music in the Taproom”
7 p.m. to 10 p.m. weekly on Wednesdays
Amor Artis Brewing

Nov. 11
“Veterans Day Ceremony”
10:30 a.m.
Veterans Park, Fort Mill

“DIY on Your Time”
12 p.m. to 6 p.m. weekly on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays
Nailed It DIY Studio

“Music Bingo”
7 p.m. weekly on Thursdays
Legal Remedy Brewing

Nov. 12
“South Carolina Christmas Show”
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Nov. 12 to Nov. 14
Yorkville Marketplace

“All Together Now” — \$10 fee
7:30 p.m.
Rock Hill Community Theatre

Nov. 13
“Shop Small Saturday”
All day
Downtown Rock Hill

“Veterans Day Parade & Ceremony”
10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
North Congress Street, York

Most Americans would prefer to stream new movie releases

Since the pandemic, the way movies have been released has changed by having movies go to streaming and theaters at the same time

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As a result of the pandemic, Hollywood had to take a different approach to how they released movies. Studios pushed back release dates multiple times, but with the pandemic’s projected end date getting further and further away and most theaters in the country being closed, many have turned to streaming services.

Many were happy with this change. According to a survey by CivicScience, 71% of adults would rather watch movies at home instead of going out.

Some are still worried about the possibility of catching COVID-19; 36% of adults surveyed

reported that they don’t feel comfortable returning to a theater this year. Others were not happy with the movie theater model in the first place and had issues with things like concession prices.

“I prefer streaming,” said Karvin Huynh, a sophomore digital information design major. “It’s just much more expensive to go to the movies.” Many studios have opted to release their films on streaming and in theaters simultaneously. Major releases such as “Godzilla vs. Kong,” “Dune,” “The Suicide Squad” and “Venom: Let There Be Carnage” opted to release this way.

However, this has led to some issues

among filmmakers and actors. “Dune” director Denis Villeneuve disagreed with the placement of the film on streaming.

“The way it happened, I’m still not happy,” Villeneuve said in an interview with Total Film. “Frankly, to watch ‘Dune’ on a television, the best way I can compare it is to drive a speedboat in your bathtub.

“For me, it’s ridiculous. It’s a movie that has been made as a tribute to the big-screen experience.”

It is clear that many disagree with Villeneuve, however, as the film has been viewed on HBO Max in over 1.9 million households since its release, showing that people don’t mind

missing out on the theater experience.

“Mr. Robot” creator Sam E-mail shared his disagreement with Villeneuve, tweeting, “LOVE Denis & think he’s one of the best directors out there, but disagree with here. Saw 2001 on VHS & it changed my life. Most ppl will not have the luxury to see films in theaters, esp the classics. Doesn’t mean u shouldn’t see them & it doesn’t mean they’re not as powerful.”

Despite “Dune” being on streaming, the film still made \$40.1 million in its opening weekend — enough for the studio to greenlight a sequel. And enough to be a bright spot for people hoping that the theaters

will go back to their old form to keep the theaters open for those who still enjoy it.

“I’d still rather go out to the movies,” said Devin Cherry, a junior mass communication major. “It’s nice to have it on streaming, but I like the movie theater experience.”

As we start to move from the pandemic and people feel more comfortable going to the movies, some are confident that profits will go back up. Big releases like “Spider-Man: No Way Home” and “The Batman” are expected to do huge numbers and will probably make many people remember what they loved about going to the movies.

Is it possible for every media property to be connected?

With hundreds of media properties out in the world, it may seem possible that they are all connected in one way or another in how they handle properties



GABE CORBIN, staff writer

One of the most prevailing things in the media world today is producing content that tells a story. It’s what makes companies like Hollywood so popular; through the power to tell a story that means something, they can create an infinite amount of content. However, in recent days, more of this content has decided to be connected somehow or another. So the question has to be asked: can it be possible for every media property to be linked?

First, you have to

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look at what exactly is a media property. According to LawInsider.com, media property means “motion pictures, television programs, internet programs and websites, other audiovisual works, and any other similar property embodying words, ideas, concepts, images or sound.” A media property can include things like Disney movies, DC’s epic heroes or any story told by a writer. They are all the property of a media company.

With the power of Hollywood, thousands of media properties have been created. However, in that creation, it started to create scenes and instances where sometimes, media properties can pop up in others.

For example, the movie “Frozen,” starring Kristen Bell and Idina Menzel, featured a cameo from characters Rapunzel and Eugene “Flynn Rider” Fitzherbert

of the “Tangled” movie. You’d probably blink and miss the cameo, but it happened.

This is a naturally occurring theme in Disney movies: specific characters or instances appear in the other’s works. However, this is Disney. They have the rights, or the copyright, to all the characters they own.

But in some rare cases, multiple media characters from different franchises can be in each other’s media properties. Sometimes, they can even have a prominent role.

One example of this is the game series “Super Smash Bros. Ultimate.” For the last twenty-plus years, the game has featured franchise media properties from all sorts of games, from “Mario” to “Pac-Man.” Just recently, they added Sora from “Kingdom Hearts” in a shocking reveal.

To let Sora play, series creator Masahiro Sakurai had

to make a deal with the Walt Disney corporation and allow them to use Sora’s copyright in the game. This is how they made deals for all of the guest characters; they had to form deals with the owner companies to allow them to use the rights to these characters. Sometimes, they would even have to pay a profit to the copyright holders just so they can use said character.

However, in the case of a media property, there is another factor you have to consider if multiple companies decide to cross over: sense. You cannot just throw properties together willy-nilly; there has to be some kind of logic.

For example, the movie “Wreck-It Ralph” features many different video game characters and companies like Sonic, Bowser, Ken Masters and M. Bison from “Street Fighter” and the Ghost Monsters

from the “Pac-Man” game series.

These cameos all could appear together in the same world because it would make sense for video game characters to appear in video game worlds. Disney did have to pay a fine to use all of the cameos the movie had, but it all did make some sense. These are video game characters, so they should appear in a video game world.

So, referring back to the question of whether companies can connect media properties, the answer is a yes, but not without some kind of cost. Disney allows characters to cameo in each other’s movies for free or less of a profit. On the other hand, Nintendo probably had to pay hundreds of thousands or millions of dollars just to use characters like Sora or Joker. Everything has a cost to use, and that includes media properties.

Clubs to check out at Winthrop

Winthrop has many clubs and organizations that students can become members of

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Photo taken of the Winthrop Archery Club and its members during a meeting.

Winthrop University has much to offer in the social aspect of its college experience. Since the campus’s inception, there have been over 150 organizations for all things on campus. All registered organizations have something to offer to students, from video gaming to theatre workshops.

Students interested in supporting the campus and engaging with the Rock Hill community could check out the Civic Engagement & Volunteerism organization, civic engagement opportunities sponsored by the Office of Student Activities. The office’s Volunteer and Community Service program works with the community as volunteers that partner with Rock Hill to provide co-curricular service-learning opportunities for anyone. If a student is looking for volunteer opportunities for their degree, these opportunities are worth checking out.

If students are looking to find faith on campus, one organization they might want to check out is Ratio Christi at Winthrop. The organization’s goal is to explore religion and find historical, philosophical and scientific reasons for following Jesus Christ. Meetings are held twice a week, with main meetings on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in Owens G01 and “Theology Thurs-

days,” Thursdays at 11 a.m. in DIGS 221.

Those wanting to learn more about a popular sport should check out the Winthrop Fencing Club. The organization’s goal is to foster local interest in fencing and provide a location for students to learn and compete. Anyone interested in joining must sign up on IMLeagues and fill out the proper paperwork.

Then, they can check out the club meetings, which are currently from 7 to 9 p.m. on Mondays in West Center 206 and on Thursdays at West Center Court 4.

If students are interested in culture on campus, then they can check out the Culture Club organization. The Culture Club is a group that wants to expose Winthrop students to various cultures from all around the world.

They watch documentaries about children in Syria and even work with other clubs to put on events like the Latin Dance Night.

They want to provide a social network for students interested in different cultures and assist international students in adaptation to Winthrop. the Winthrop arts pages on Instagram, including @fineartswinthrop and @artswinthrop, and talk to some of the arts professors in Johnson Hall.

Rotten or fresh?

How much can audiences trust review sites?

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Marvel’s upcoming film “Eternals” was reviewed-bombed, creating doubt about the reliability of sites such as Rotten Tomatoes and IMDb.

While the movie industry has taken a hit from the pandemic, there was a time where dozens, if not hundreds, of movies were being released in a single year from various studios. It can be overwhelming to try and determine which movies are actually worth seeing in theaters. This is where sites such as Rotten Tomatoes and IMDb come in. On these sites, anyone can review a movie once it has been released. Sometimes, critics who have been invited to exclusive premieres can review a movie before its release.

While this can provide moviegoers with some idea of the quality of films, it does beg the question: just how reliable are these

sites?

Rotten Tomatoes has been called into question after the premiere of the latest Marvel movie, “Eternals.” This film features a cast of characters who are diverse in terms of race, gender, disabilities and sexual identity.

Many were shocked that after its red carpet premiere in mid-October, the score “Eternals” received from Rotten Tomatoes was an abysmal 53%. This score is the lowest rating a Marvel film has ever gotten, taking the title from “Thor: The Dark World,” which holds a 66% score on Rotten Tomatoes.

In addition, “Eternals” has a score of 6/10 on IMDb, where any IMDb user can leave a

review for a movie whether it’s been released or not. Can a movie really be judged so harshly before it’s even been released to the public?

One explanation for what may have happened is that “Eternals” was review bombed by those unwilling to accept a movie that features characters of colors as well as homosexual characters.

This theory gained support when Kumail Nanjiani, a Pakistani-American actor who portrays the character Kingo in the film, tweeted, “Looks like we’re upsetting the right people” in response to the negative reviews. The tweet has since been deleted.

A piece from Insider reveals that

on IMDb, “Eternals” was “review bombed because of the LGBTQ representation in the movie.”

Many of the negative reviews it received were from people uncomfortable with its openly gay family, LGBTQ representation which, according to Insider’s Kirsten Acuna, “is not shoe-horned in, like in previous MCU stories such as ‘Loki.’” The trailers for “Eternal” also reveal that the Eternals are incredibly powerful beings who have lived on Earth for millennia.

With its release to the general public on Nov. 5, time will tell just what kind of movie “Eternals” really is.

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Story: Friends

College life! You do _____(activity) and get to be free out all on your own. I have made many friends like _____(name) and _____(other name)! They are my besties! Sometimes we like to go to _____(place) to play _____(game)! It is a roller coaster with us, though. Sometimes we just lie down and listen to _____(music artist) so so so so much! We'll be going to their concert soon! There is sometimes some drama between us... I heard that one of my friends may like _____(Youtuber) and I think they are so not cool! Instead I tell them to watch _____(favorite Youtuber) so we can watch more of them together. My friends and I invest so many hours into watching _____(TV show) it is not even funny. Maybe we should try to _____(hobby) instead so that we have something productive to do while we hang out... I don't know! I love my friends! They are my BEST FRIENDS 4EVER !!!!

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Model A Brewing

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Alumni Spotlight: Antwon Harris

Former Winthrop basketball player reflects on college experience

SAM HYATT,
staff writer

With basketball season officially underway, we take a look at the college experience of one of Winthrop University's former men's basketball players.

Antwon Harris is an alumnus of Winthrop University and graduated in 2008 with a degree in sociology.

During Harris' time at Winthrop, he played on the men's basketball team. As a member of the team, he was able to play in multiple Big South Conference Championships.

In 2007, his team won a game in the first round of the NCAA National Tournament, defeating No. 6 seed Notre Dame by a score of 74-64. Additionally, the team

was able to play on national television multiple times.

"Men's basketball is a brotherhood in which the past players always reach back to the present players and coaches," Harris said.

One of Harris' favorite memories is being featured in the March Madness 2008 edition of the Sports Illustrated magazine and having his photo cover an entire page.

While Harris was a student-athlete at Winthrop, the men's basketball team lost one of its own, DeAndre Adams, in a car accident in May 2006.

"His death rocked the university and city of Rock Hill," Harris said. "He has a mural in the Winthrop Coliseum on the concourse.

"His death taught me a lesson which

was to live life to the fullest and to enjoy the moment."

From the passing of Adams, Winthrop fans began the tradition of holding up their hand when a player steps up to the free-throw line to mirror the stance Adams would take each time before attempting a free throw. He would hold the ball up before taking the shot, and now fans still hold their hand up in remembrance of him and the impact he made on the team.

As a player on the basketball team, Harris was not involved in any other organizations or clubs.

However, he explained that if he could do it all again, he would have gone to more events when im-



Photo courtesy of Antwon Harris

Harris was inducted into the National Junior College Athletic Association Hall of Fame in February 2020

portant people were on campus. He also wishes he would have met people outside of the "sports bubble."

During Harris' time on campus, former President Barack Obama came to campus while he was then still an Illinois state senator. Additional-

ly, during a theatre Maymester course, Daphne Maxwell Reid, Aunt Viv from "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air," and Lee Thompson Young from "The Famous Jett Jackson" visited the class for a couple of days.

As an alumnus, Harris has continued to stay involved with the basketball program.

"I still have a relationship with former and current Eagle Club members," Harris said.

In March of 2021, the Winthrop men's basketball team earned its spot in the NCAA National Tournament again, and Harris took over the Big South Conference Instagram page. By taking over the social media page, Harris had the opportunity to follow Winthrop in the "COVID-19 bubble" in Indianapolis.

Now, Harris is the CEO and founder

of the "Antwon Harris Group." In this position, he is a consultant and motivational coach, speaker, podcast host and author.

As for advice for current and future students, Harris said that students should always show gratitude and do things that will make their future selves happy.

Another piece of advice from Harris for Winthrop students is to begin building meaningful relationships, try to understand the perspective of others that are different from you, and invest in yourself.

This weekend while cheering on the men's basketball team at the Homecoming game against Mercer University, take a moment to remember the players who have helped shape the program into what it is today.



Photo courtesy of Antwon Harris

Harris helped Winthrop earn its first-ever win in the NCAA Tournament, beating Notre Dame in the round of 64 in 2007.

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COMING SOON:

More from Winthrop's 3-0 quarterfinal victory over Presbyterian in men's soccer



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Freshman of the Year Brigham Larsen jumps higher than his opponent to head the ball.



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Winthrop's Taeyoon Oh fights to get to the ball first as he slides to the ground.



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Junior Sean Green weaves between two members of the Presbyterian squad.



Eagle of the Week: Karli Shepherd

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Freshman outside hitter Karli Shepherd has been dominating the Winthrop volleyball court since the start of the fall semester.

At the Eagles' most recent match on Saturday, Nov. 6 at Presbyterian, Shepherd hit a collegiate high of 15 kills, earning her a current total of 169 kills for the semester.

On Nov. 1, Shepherd was named Big South Freshman of the Week for the second time this season. Believing that being a team player is the most important quality an athlete can have, Shepherd accredits much of her recognition to her teammates.

"I was extremely thankful when I was named Big South Freshman of the Week," Shepherd said. "Not only was I thankful for the award, but I was thankful for my teammates who make these awards possible. Everything I accomplish is also a reflection of my teammates and their hard work."

"People's energy feeds off one another, whether it is



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Karli Shepherd (No. 8) serves the ball during a match against South Carolina on Sept. 16.

good or bad energy; this is why it is extremely important to think about the team first. Our team motto is 'we over me,' and we try our best to implement it in all forms of our game," she said.

Like many athletes, Shepherd's volleyball days began when she was a toddler simply playing with her siblings.

"I started playing volleyball in the backyard with my sisters at the age of three. Once I turned six, I started playing in volleyball camps. In total, I have been playing in the gym for about 12 years," Shepherd said.

Although her older sisters sparked

the interest in volleyball, nobody inspires Shepherd like her father, who was "considered a legend" in their small Ohio town.

"I aspired to be just like him when I grew up. I would walk through the high school hallways and pass his pictures from winning multiple state titles; I dreamed of being this successful," Shepherd said. "I truly do not think I would be the player I am without him. I look up to his accomplishments and his character," she said.

"My dad gives the best advice when I need it the most. He always texts me before each game and tells me to give

100% effort, and he will always be proud of me. I will forever be thankful for my dad and all that he has done for me."

Shepherd also dabbled in soccer, basketball and softball over the years, but volleyball became her true passion.

"I decided to come to Winthrop for volleyball, the art program, and the location. I fell in love with the location of Winthrop because I used to live in Fort Mill. I wanted to be a part of a successful volleyball program, so I knew Winthrop would be a great fit," Shepherd said.

Since life as a collegiate athlete can

be quite challenging, especially for first-year students, Shepherd has been working diligently to remain organized by creating different lists and schedules to self-monitor her daily tasks. At the start of the fall 2021 semester, Shepherd made two main goals to work on through her first collegiate season.

"I wanted to improve my confidence on the court and to work hard in whatever role I have on the team. Whether my role was cheering on the sidelines or starting as an outside hitter, I wanted to fulfill my role to the best of my abilities," Shepherd said.

"I do not think

I will ever be able to say 'yes, I completed my second goal' because I am constantly working my hardest to get better and improve in all aspects of my role," she said.

Currently 15-9, the Eagles only have two games left before the Big South Tournament. The final matches of the season will consist of a home game on Nov. 10 against Gardner-Webb, followed by an away game at Radford on Nov. 12.

"I am very grateful for this season so far," Shepherd said. "We have an extremely talented team, and I'm excited to see what we accomplish at the end of the season."

Winthrop Athletics attendance policy

Winthrop Athletics releases new COVID-19 attendance policy ahead of homecoming



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Fans must wear masks and are encouraged to social distance while inside Winthrop Coliseum.

SAM HYATT,
staff writer

In anticipation of Winthrop students, fans, and athletes gathering for basketball games at Winthrop Coliseum, the Winthrop athletic department

released an updated COVID-19 policy.

The 2021-2022 Winthrop Athletic Attendance Policies state that the Winthrop athletic department has been "working closely with the university, Big South

Conference, and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control to provide a safe environment for all competitions this season".

Those planning to attend the homecoming game

against Mercer University and future home games this season can expect things to be a little different from the usual large crowds, tailgating with old friends, and standing uncomfortably close while cheering

on the Winthrop Eagles.

This year, due to the current COVID-19 environment, attendees will be required to wear a mask while they are in the coliseum, and Winthrop Athletics encour-

ages spectators to practice social distancing.

Unlike games in the past, fans will not be allowed near or on the court before, during, or after the games.

Although mask wearing will be required while in the building, fans will be allowed to remove their masks when they are eating or drinking. After this, fans should put their masks back on.

Winthrop Athletics' full COVID-19 policy can be found online at winthropeagles.com. Click on the "Fan Central" tab, then under the header "Gameday," select the link titled "COVID Attendance Policies."

Fake News and Inconvenient Truth

A right-leaning guest column looking into the truth behind media's "fake news" and how it can change public perception

WES THOMAS, Vice President of Winthrop University's Collegiate Republicans

Since 2016, and with the hearings of Facebook's "whistleblower," there's been much talk of "fake news," with calls from the political left to suppress such false/misleading information.

Why only the left? The simple answer is because of confirmation bias. "Fake news" becomes anything that they disagree with, and this becomes more obvious the more one examines it critically. Firstly, many claim that "fake news" decided the 2016 election, but there is no evidence for this.

For one, they are speaking primarily of inflammatory Russian ads on Facebook, ads which targeted both the left and right parties. There is no objective measure to determine how many people these ads reached,

and even less to determine how many people were influenced. More so, these ads targeted people on both sides; right-leaning accounts were more likely to see right-leaning ads and vice versa. The number of voters that switched from one side to the other is likely slim, according to Tony Romm, a congressional economic policy reporter at The Washington Post.

This is not to say moves to contain or expel foreign influence in elections is wrong - it isn't - but the diagnosis most certainly does not match the proposed cure.

The true agenda becomes clear when one asks these policy-makers in the government and in social media companies what constitutes "fake news." When asked to list sites that promulgate fake news,

each and every site listed is right-leaning. Alexandre Bovet and Hernán A. Maske, two statistical researchers, admit that their control against "fake news" is "center and left-leaning outlets." By their own admission, they cannot differentiate between "right-leaning" and "false" nor "left-leaning" and "true."

For instance, the site perhaps most maligned for its "misinformation" is the Daily Wire, the largest openly conservative online news outlet. This misalignment is especially noticeable on Facebook, but the claim is entirely unevicenced. In July of 2021, National Public Radio conducted its own review, and found no false stories or misinformative articles. NPR then claimed that, "if you strip enough context away, any piece

of truth can become a piece of misinformation."

All sites — left and right — will inevitably fall into "misinformation" at some point when their own biases interfere. This is as true at CNN as the Daily Wire. And yet, when the New York Post posts a well-cited story with FBI verification, it "lacks sources" and leads to the whole site's suspension. However, when The Atlantic posts a story with nothing but anonymous and unverified sources, but is critical of Trump, it is seen as news. This is evidenced in The New York Post's editorial regarding Hunter Biden's selling information, as well as The Atlantic writer Jeffrey Goldberg's articles and the public opinion surrounding each. This is not merely a question of whether fake news is prom-

inent, or what political aisle it comes from, but of trust.

Supporters of "fake news suppression" must realize that they are granting the power to suppress information, true and false. The systems of Facebook, Twitter and other biased sources are utter black boxes. If they suppress a story before it can be shared, the general public will not know. This is not a hypothetical, it has already occurred. In 2020, Los Angeles Times reporter Erin Logan found that Facebook and Twitter actively suppressed right-leaning accounts and outlets.

Do you truly want CNN, MSNBC, Facebook, and Twitter to have a monopoly on information? This control of information is not limited solely to social media, left-leaning reporter Taylor Hatmaker

found.

The Biden administration, even before his election, was pressuring social media outlets to suppress unfriendly news and continue to campaign throughout the government. In abstract, social media suppression is frightening, in context, it's Orwellian.

What is the significant difference between government suppression of information, and information suppression on behalf of the government?

The US has laws against libel; if a news outlet knowingly lies, they can be sued. The reason for the current discussion is that the political left cannot prove that the so-called "misinformation" is false at all, and so must construct arbitrary standards to suppress inconvenient truths.



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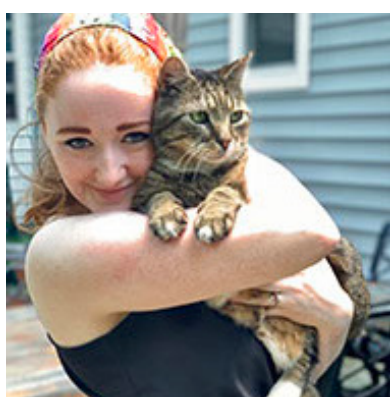
Story: Roommates

Me and my roommate _____ (name) are besties for the resties! They are like my _____ (noun) to my _____ (noun)! I love them so much! Although, there are sometimes where things don't go as planned. Sometimes it takes them ages to _____ (chore) because they've been scrolling through videos all day. I mean who even watches _____ (Youtuber)! They have no sense in taste. Plus they leave the room looking like a _____ (noun). Maybe one day we can be best friends again. Right now, they are _____ (adjective)

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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.



Autumn Hawkins Opinion Editor

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.



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