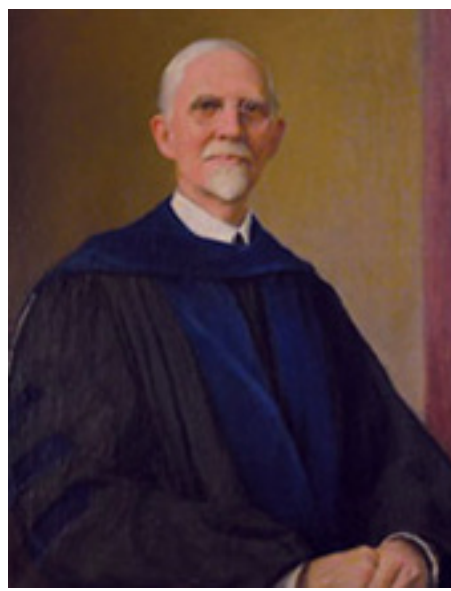


Winthrop's presidential history



David Bancroft Johnson
1886 - 1928
Founded Winthrop



James P. Kinard
1928 - 1934
Guided Winthrop through Great Depression



Shelton J. Phelps
1934 - 1943
President during Eleanor Roosevelt's visit in 1940



Henry R. Sims
1944 - 1959
Increased school's budget ten-fold



Charles S. Davis
1959 - 1973
President during acceptance of Winthrop's first Black student



Charles B. Vail
1973 - 1982
President during Winthrop becoming coeducational



Philip Lader
1983 - 1985
Accomplished record enrollment



Martha Kime Piper
1986 - 1988
Winthrop's first woman president



Anthony J. DiGiorgio
1989 - 2013
Led the college's conversion to Winthrop University



Jayne Marie "Jamie" Comstock Williamson
2013 - 2014
Encouraged staff input



Daniel F. Mahony
2015 - 2020
Created the Winthrop Plan



George W. Hynd
2020 - Present
Interim president

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WU Presidential Search, what we know so far

The Presidential Search Committee should begin off-campus interviews 'tentatively in early February'

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The Winthrop Presidential Search Committee has begun selecting potential presidential candidates from a pool of over 150 applications to interview over Zoom during the last week of January, according to an email addressed to students by Presidential Search Committee Chair Julie Fowler.

The interviewees will comprise of roughly a dozen applicants selected by the search committee on Jan. 18.

Prior to the initial selection of candidates to interview, committee members were coached by Vice President for Human Resources, Employee Diversity and Wellness Lisa Cowart on how to avoid bias in the interview process and how to deal with interviewees avoiding or hijacking questions.

The Zoom interviews that conclude at the end of January will be followed by in-person, off-campus interviews

tentatively scheduled for early February, according to Fowler.

"It is important to note that this schedule may change, as candidates' health status and ability to travel may play a role in scheduling what we typically refer to as 'airport interviews,'" Fowler said in the email.

After the in-person interviews have concluded, the finalists will be revealed to the Winthrop community through an official

press release and the selected few will be invited to the campus.

The candidates will visit and interact with members of the Winthrop campus and community, including "[the] vice presidents and deans, cabinet, students, faculty and staff leadership, Winthrop Foundation leadership," and more, according to Fowler.

Fowler stated that the Presidential Search Committee is devoted to keeping the on-campus

greetings as similar to previous searches as possible and spoke strongly for its role in the selection process.

"A public presentation and meet and greet will give the campus, alumni and greater Rock Hill community opportunities to reflect on the candidates' qualifications and leadership presence. A feedback form will be available on the website for individuals to share their reflections with the search committee,"

Fowler said. "I hope you are as excited as we are at the progress we've made and the upcoming activities that will get us closer [to] the finish line in this most important step to ensure Winthrop's future success."

Whoever is selected for the position will be Winthrop's thirteenth president.

The Johnsonian will continue to report on the presidential search as more information comes out.



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Title IX Coordinator led a table talk

Kevin Sheppard Sr. presented future of Title IX at Winthrop

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After joining the Winthrop community in November, Title IX Coordinator Kevin Sheppard Sr. spoke to students last week about what he hopes to accomplish in his new role.

In a presentation given by Sheppard, he spoke about the future of the Title IX program here at Winthrop. Sheppard mentioned that he is in the process of reviewing Winthrop's current online training program, Campus Safety Training, that students must complete annually. Students have heavily criticized the current online training program in the past.

"It's pretty good training. There's one particular area that I

was not pleased with at all. And I'm going to address that with the vendor, but overall, the training touches on what it needs to touch on, but that can't be all. That can't be the only training that you all received," Sheppard said. "So we're improving that training with not only online training, but live training as well.

Sheppard is also looking to require live training for clubs, athletics and organizations around campus.

"I'm going to be at some of your student organizations, doing live training. If you're an athlete, I'm going to be in front of your sports team, doing live training, so it's not going to be just online," Sheppard said.

In Sheppard's presentation, the idea of a

partnership with students was at the forefront of his message.

"I want you to understand my door is open for each and every one of you and your classmates because I want us to work in a partnership. I want us to work together to deal with the issues that have been going on and that we feel need to be addressed in a more appropriate fashion," Sheppard said.

Sheppard also spoke of a new program called "Student Title IX Leadership Program" that will invite every student to become educated about Title IX while strengthening empowerment and empathy around Title IX issues. Details of this program will be sent to all student emails next month.



Taylor Sallenger/The Johnsonian

Kevin Sheppard Sr. explains his plans for the future of the Title IX program

"I need your help. I want you all to be involved in the program, be involved in the marketing and rebranding of our Title IX office and the culture [shift] here at Winthrop," Sheppard said.

Sheppard also acknowledged the protests that have been happening around campus. He is open to working with protestors directly to reach a

solution together.

"Protests are good. Protest can be very effective, but that's not your only avenue. There is nothing wrong with protesting, but you have to be willing to be a part of the solution," Sheppard said.

After taking questions from the student body at his presentation, Sheppard proposed his own question to the students: "Do you

all think we can work together to make this a better process for everybody involved? Are you all willing to talk to your friends, talk to your classmates and say, 'Let's work together in coming up with solutions to make the Title IX process, provisions, education and training better here at Winthrop?'"

COVID keeps changing, Winthrop 'staying the course'

President Hynd confident current measures will protect faculty, staff and students

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As the new omicron variant of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, spreads quickly around the world, health authorities like the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control continue to loosen guidelines; however, Winthrop University maintains fall semester protocols.

In an email to the university, Interim President George Hynd addressed concerns about the omicron variant and the possibility of moving back to virtual instruction by stressing continued prevention methods.

"We have proven as a community working together that we can stay in-person safely (as we did last semester when the Delta variant was surging) by enforcing our masking requirement, physically distancing and avoiding crowds," he said.

According to the email, the Environmental Health and Safety team is in the process of procuring KN95 masks, which are proven to be more effective at preventing COVID-19 transmission. 74% of in-person students are vaccinated, meeting expert estimates of herd

immunity.

Winthrop will hold another combined testing and vaccination clinic on Tuesday, Feb. 15, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in McBryde Hall.

According to the COVID-19 dashboard, 27 students have tested positive since Jan. 10; however, these numbers are self-reported and only reflect those who were on campus

ing symptoms.

"I had migraines. I was dizzy. I had a fever of like 100. I was coughing and sneezing. But my test showed I didn't have COVID anymore, so I had to go back to school the day I was cleared," Hawkins said.

Winthrop has no guidelines to provide assistance beyond excusing absences to

ing and cleaning my apartment," Hawkins said.

While Winthrop's guidelines have stayed the same, CDC and DHEC guidelines are changing to be less restrictive.

The CDC recently changed the isolation recommendation for those who test positive with COVID-19 from 10 days to five, as long as

vaccinated.

"School teachers and staff who are not maximally (up to date) vaccinated and who have been exposed to COVID-19 but have no symptoms do not need to quarantine, as long as they have a negative test on day five after their exposure and wear a mask for 10 days after exposure," according to a DHEC press release.

Cases of COVID-19 are projected to fall soon as the virus spreads quickly through the population. "The Omicron and Delta variants will eventually find less susceptible hosts to infect and so they will eventually die out. The Omicron variant is extremely infectious, so it is moving quickly through the population. It will most likely go down soon in many parts of the U.S. that have seen the increases," said-Dwight Dimaculangan, biology department chair.

While these variants may decline in number, Dimaculangan warns new variants could appear at any time.

"Note that epidemiologists are still learning how this virus acts, how it spreads, and how fast it can mutate. Although the infection rate of the current strains may go down, there may be other highly infectious and deadly strains of

SARS-COV-2 that may show up. Especially since in many parts of the world the virus is running rampant unchecked and it has a chance to mutate at a high rate," he said.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, chief medical advisor to the president of the United States, has expressed his opinion that the virus will become endemic, meaning it will return yearly like the flu rather than being eliminated fully. Dimaculangan agrees.

"Most epidemiologists think the SARS-COV-2 virus will follow the same pattern as most disease-causing viruses, where they become less virulent (cause less severe disease) and cycle through the population on a regular basis," he said.

"So yes, I agree with Dr. Fauci. Remember, he is the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases who regularly interacts with many of our country's best scientists working to fight disease. He is one of our country's greatest authorities on infectious diseases. It's unfortunate that some in our country have politicized the pandemic and our efforts to combat the disease."

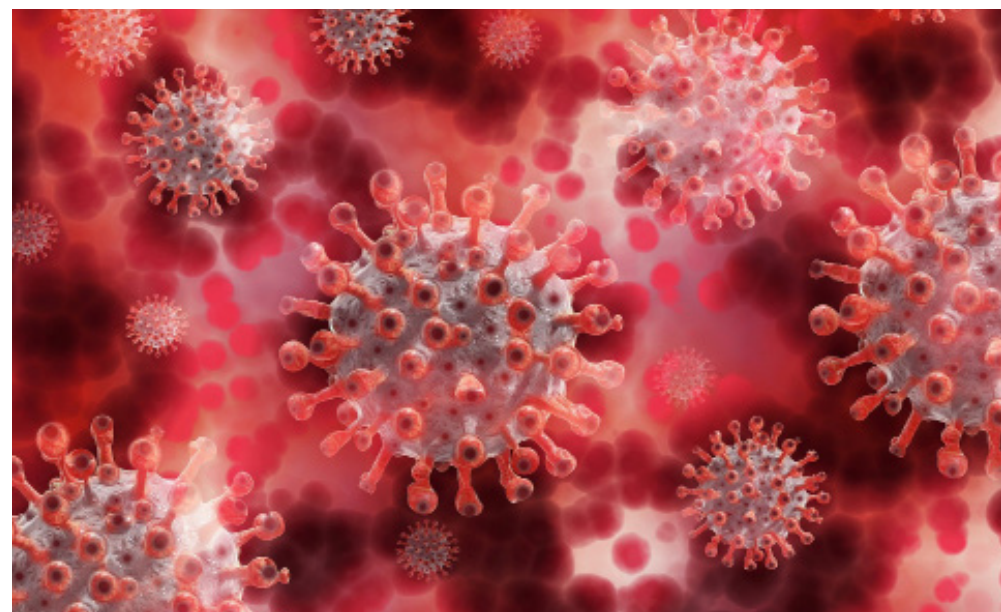


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An illustration of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which causes COVID-19

when infectious.

Students who report their test results through the Medicat Patient Portal will have their COVID-19 related absences excused through the Dean of Students Office. However, according to Autumn Hawkins, a senior education major, as soon as you receive a negative COVID-19 test, you are required to go back to class, even if you are still experienc-

those quarantining, which leaves some students, like Hawkins, still attending class on Zoom and completing classwork while sick.

"I was so far behind because I was expected to do all of my assignments on time and go to Zoom meetings for my classes because all my classes were supposed to be in person. But, I had to do all that while actively having COVID and still cook-

they are asymptomatic and wear a mask for an additional five days.

DHEC recently updated teacher quarantine guidance to align with healthcare workers, meaning that teachers who are exposed to COVID-19 are not required to quarantine if they show no symptoms of the virus, even if they are not vaccinated. However, special guidance is given to those not maximally

Common Market comes to RH Unique combo market, deli and bar opens in Rock Hill

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Off of West Main Street, less than a mile from Winthrop's campus, lies the newest addition to Rock Hill's growing food community: Common Market, a combination of a bar, deli and convenience store.

The first heart is our 'slammin' sammies.' The second is that we are a really good craft and draft beer bar," said Bou Baker, general manager of Common Market.

Common Market has breakfast and lunch options with plans for a dinner menu currently



Marley Bassett/The Johnsonian

Merchandise that is available for purchase at Common Market

"One of our bestseller sandwiches is the 'Dillworth Scandal.' [It has] roast turkey, brown sugar bacon, and this really good firecracker

la" and cold sandwiches, otherwise called "snappin' sammies."

Other popular sandwiches include the "Sinatra," which is their take on an Italian sandwich, and the "Pimpin D," which, Baker explained, is "our play on a grilled cheese sandwich but with pimento cheese, bacon and tomato."

Aside from their deli and bar, Common Market shares a space with the ice cream and coffee store, Two Scoops.

"Coffee has always been a big part of Common Market, and that's why we partnered with Two Scoops, since Rock Hill loves their ice cream, and they don't have another indoor ice cream spot with this caliber," Baker said.

Two Scoops serves Enderly coffee, which is provided by Common Market and brewed in the local Charlotte area.

The new local restaurant also makes it a point to give back to the community. Every

month, they pick a different local charity to contribute to as their way of saying thank you to the local area.

Common Market and its employees have big plans for their role in the Rock Hill area.

"We hope to be at the epicenter of growth on this side and be a home base, a hangout spot, a place where people can come together and share ideas or get work done," Baker said.

The one-stop shop is currently open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sundays and Mondays, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, and from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

"It's a good place to chill and hang out that's more eclectic and for the people who don't have a place in the community to call home. And we're glad that Rock Hill is welcoming us with open arms," said Ivey Wright, an employee at Common Market.



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Patrons enjoy good food and hanging out at Common Market

"We are a funky kind of bodega place. It's hard to pin down what exactly we are. I think of the Common Market as a two-hearted beast.

in the works. They also have twelve beers on draft and a plethora of merchandise.

They offer a variety of food options.

sauce," said Jordan Zaino, an employee at Common Market.

The restaurant offers hot sandwiches called "thrillas from the grill-

Police Blotter



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On Jan. 18, the R/O (Reporting Officer) was dispatched to The Nest at University Center in regards to a harassment complaint. The complainant advised that there were multiple subjects inside of a truck, cat-calling females as they walked by into The Nest. The complainant claimed that she felt very uncomfortable, and she appeared to be afraid.

Upon arrival, the R/O observed a vehicle fitting the truck's description. While making contact, the R/O observed that the vehicle was occupied by four offenders, and there was a strong odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle.

At this time, officers instructed all four of the offenders to exit the vehicle one by one and conducted a pat-down of each of them. While speaking with the offenders, the R/O explained the reason for the officers' presence and that a probable cause search would be conducted due to the odor of marijuana. During this time, Offender #2 admitted to having approximately two grams of marijuana inside a box.

After conducting the probable cause search, the R/O located a box containing cigar packs, two green plastic bottles containing marijuana and multiple marijuana cigar butts. The box was located under the back seat of the vehicle. Offender #1 admitted and took possession of the found marijuana. At this time, Offender #1 was issued an SC uniform traffic ticket for CDL - Possession of Marijuana First Offense.

All four offenders were issued a trespass warning that would be in effect for a year from all Winthrop University property, including The Nest. The found marijuana was photographed, seized and placed into evidence.

Top left: Winthrop Monolith, created by Shaun Cassidy and Tom Stanley and assisted by Matt Horick, installed in the Hardin Family Garden in 2010.

Top right: The Coca-Cola sign in Old Town Rock Hill.

Bottom left: The view of empty campus green from the DiGiorgio Campus Center.

Bottom right: A crack on a doorframe in a dorm is held together by tape.



Courtesy of Ainsley McCarthy Winthrop student



Courtesy of Josie Pope, Winthrop student



Courtesy of Ainsley McCarthy Winthrop student



Courtesy of Raven Rhodes, Winthrop student

Winthrop's first-ever esports coach Josh Sides announces departure from team

Search is ongoing to find a new head esports coach as soon as possible

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After coaching esports at Winthrop for nearly three years, Josh Sides announced his departure from the team in December, saying he was mentally and physically exhausted.

"It is a tough thing, to leave something you love, not because you want to, but because you need to," Sides shared on Twitter. "The downside to all of this brings us to the truth of the matter. There are many reasons that

have contributed to this decision, but the bottom line is I have unfortunately ignored my health and emotional wellbeing until I no longer can."

Sides became Winthrop's first esports head coach on April 16, 2019. Hired because of his impressive resume from coaching at St. Ambrose University in Iowa and experience with games like "League of Legends" and "Overwatch," Sides was able to lead the esports program to great success, winning a Big South Championship,

the Collegiate Esports National Championship and the League of Legends College Championship.

"I have given my heart and soul to this program and to my players," Sides said via Twitter. "I have dedicated most of my waking moments in the past three years in the pursuit of excellence for them. And it was truly great."

"Coach Sides was the glue that held the esports team together," said senior mass communication major and esports team member

Brock Cheung. "He not only provided a lot of players like myself with an excellent opportunity to earn a scholarship for video games, but he also provided everyone with a place to call home."

Sides said he hopes that his decision will not rub people the wrong way and that he won't be judged too harshly.

"I know that there are those out there who will look at this decision and think that I am being weak or selfish," Sides' Twitter post read. "I promise you it is the hardest thing I have ever had to do in my life and not a decision that has come lightly. I hope that I can have your support."

With Sides' departure, the university will look to find a replacement for him as soon as possible.

"The most important quality I hope for in a new coach is that he'll put the players first," Cheung said. "That was what Josh did best, and it's the reason why we now have one of the



Photo courtesy of Winthrop Athletic Communications

Sides led a new Winthrop team to numerous impressive wins during his nearly three-year long tenure

best League of Legends teams in collegiate sports."

Interim athletic director Chuck Rey will lead the search, but according to players, replacing Sides will be no easy task.

"Many directors and coaches in collegiate sports put the school first or make money

first or something else," Cheung said. "At my old university, they put sponsors first and the school over the players in the esports program. It was a miserable experience. So, the most important thing for this new director that steps in is always to put the players first."



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Sides recruited top talent to join Winthrop's esports program, including Tony "Saskio" Chau, who had previously competed at Maryville University

Winthrop men's basketball sneaks past Gardner-Webb

Eagles moved to 5-0 in conference play before Monday's loss at High Point

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In nail-biting fashion, Winthrop overcame a 10-point deficit midway through the second half of Saturday's game to top Gardner-Webb, 64-62.

The Eagles improved to 5-0 in conference play, with other wins against Campbell, UNC Asheville, Charleston Southern and Presbyterian. However, those five wins came at a combined margin of 17 points.

"At the end of the day, for us it doesn't matter if it's a one-point or 20-point win," said head coach Mark Prosser. "The thing that it does do I think is, it makes sure that our guys, all of us, don't get ahead of ourselves."

"You can watch, especially the last two first halves, and realize it's not a thing of beauty. We're sloppy, we're turning it over too much. We're not going to the offensive glass enough. We're giving up too many offensive rebounds. So it sort of gives us the ability to keep our kids' attention while we're still, as far

as record-wise, doing okay in the league."

Winthrop trailed by seven points at halftime against the Runnin' Bulldogs, but shot just over 53% from the field in the second half to pull off the victory. Redshirt-junior DJ Burns Jr. recorded 19 points on 8-of-13 shooting.

"Coming off a 31-point game, the focus was [Patrick Good], and that opened up a few more opportunities for me, because I wasn't getting doubled, because they were trying to find him," Burns said.

Good's 31-point performance that Burns alluded to led the Eagles to a narrow win at Presbyterian on Jan. 20, as the graduate transfer went 7-for-11 from deep. Following Saturday's game, Good ranked 10th in the nation in 3-point percentage, shooting 46.8% from behind the arc.

Burns also ranks top-10 across DI in an offensive category, coming in at sixth in field goal percentage. After Saturday's performance, the 6-foot-9 big man was shooting

62.3% from the floor on the season.

"I am happy with how much he's getting the ball," Prosser said of Burns. "Normally, good things happen. He's a willing passer out of the post too."

At halftime of Saturday's game, things got chippy for a moment as players began to scuffle when retreating to the locker rooms. According to Burns, one of Gardner-Webb's players hit Winthrop's Jamal King.

"We aren't out here looking for trouble, but we're not punks either. You're not just going to hit my guy like that," Burns said.

"I really think what happened at halftime just got our guys a little extra locked in because then we had a reason to come out and try our best to kick their butts. We had a little chill vibe to us at first, and I think that lit a fire under us."

The Eagles began a three-game road trip on Monday, traveling to High Point. Winthrop struggled offensively against the Panthers, losing its first conference game of the

season, 65-56, despite sophomore Kelton Talford's 17-point, 10-rebound effort.

Winthrop, now 5-1

against Big South opponents, faces USC Upstate (also 5-1) on Wednesday in Spartanburg before traveling to

Farmville, VA to take on the 5-0 Longwood Lancers.



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The Eagles picked up their first conference win over Campbell on Jan. 10

Eagle of the Week: Luka Malinka

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On Dec. 13, Winthrop women's basketball player Luka Malinka was named Big South Conference Freshman of the Week.

"I was a bit surprised," said Malinka. "I hadn't even thought about it until my assistant coach texted me and was like, 'If you get Freshman of the Week, you owe me a hamburger.'"

Malinka said she asked, "What are you talking about?" to which the coach jokingly replied, "I'm just saying."

"It's always nice to be recognized a little bit, but right now, I am just thinking about how the team can develop and how we can do better at each game," Malinka said.

A five-foot-eight point guard, Malinka hopes to become more of a leader for her teammates.

"I need to help my teammates even more to get them in the right position to score. I need to be more vocal, and I need to score more. You can see that in the score. We only get 30 to 40 points, which is just not enough to win," Malinka said.

Originally from Rungsted Kyst, Denmark, Malinka participated in over 50 basketball camps growing up. At only 13 years old, she joined the National team, where she met her current teammate

Caroline De Klauman. When Malinka was 16 years old, she was invited to play in the Women's League in Denmark.

"That's like the best you can play in Denmark, so that was a big step for me to be 16 and play with women who are like 30," Malinka said.

Malinka was recently invited back to the National team in Copenhagen this upcoming summer, but she plans to take a break for a family vacation beforehand.

"[It's] like our family tradition, we always go to Spain. [My favorite thing is] probably just being lazy on the beach and getting a tan," Malinka said.

Following her older sister's footsteps, Malinka started playing basketball at 5 years old. Neither of their parents played basketball but were active in other popular sports in Denmark, such as handball and soccer.

The sisters are leading similar lives to this day, as Malinka's sister is playing collegiate basketball in Oklahoma. Malinka's parents were able to visit over winter break and experience an in-person Winthrop women's basketball game.

"I'm always the one to put in a lot of work because I wanted to be the best. I just loved it so much. Basically, I was the one at the end of practice to be shooting for two hours

more because it was so fun. Sometimes I even had my parents come up to the gym and drag me out of practice to get me home," Malinka said.

Like many athletes, Malinka loves to win and hates to lose, but unfortunately, her team's determination is not paying off in the way she would like to see.

"I'm not the same person when I lose, which my friends know now. I am awful. My dream is that we win every single game. I go in with the mentality that we have to have this one," Malinka said.

"I think after each game we get a little better. We take baby steps to get in the right direction, but we just need a win. The energy drops because we miss winning. But what can't be improved? That's the question," Malinka said.

Although Malinka recognized that Denmark has exceptional universities, coming to the United States for her higher education and basketball has always been her dream. That being said, she said she "definitely" had a difficult time adjusting to life in South Carolina.

"It was like two or three months before I [was] actually like 'I am not going back for some time,' so that was pretty strange to adjust. And the workouts here are more intense. I never lifted weights that

heavy in my life until now," Malinka said.

One cultural difference that Malinka pointed out is that Americans are more open and welcoming than people in Denmark. Another difference she said she's noticed is the availability of food in America compared to Denmark.

According to Malinka, there are more fresh, organic food options across Denmark and very few fast-food chains. Malinka even believes she plays better when she eats a banana before each game. However, there is one chain Malinka is thrilled to have access to on campus.

"We have two Starbucks in Denmark, and I think they are both in the airport, so it's basically impossible to go. But I really like it. I drink it every day, definitely a Pink Drink. So I don't know what I'm going to do when I get back," Malinka said.

Majoring in marketing, Malinka is already considering working as a marketing operator in a specific marketing company, or possibly becoming a marketing editor for the NBA.

"Since I was little, I imagined myself going to college for four or five years and then staying in America for the rest of my life. But I'm not sure yet if I want to go back to Denmark or if I want to stay here," Malinka said.



Photo courtesy of Winthrop Athletic Communications

Malinka has started 7 games this season and is averaging 3.7 points per game

COLLEGE BASKETBALL SMP TOP 25 STUDENT MEDIA POLL

Week 11

Matthew Shealy's votes

Michael Covil's votes

1. Auburn
2. Gonzaga
3. Houston
4. Arizona
5. Kansas
6. Purdue
7. Kentucky
8. Baylor
9. Duke
10. Michigan St.
11. Wisconsin
12. Texas Tech
13. UCLA
14. Villanova
15. Illinois
16. Providence
17. Davidson
18. Florida St.
19. USC
20. Ohio St.
21. Connecticut
22. Marquette
23. Loyola Chicago
24. Boise St.
25. Miami

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17. USC
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19. Illinois
20. Ohio St.
21. Marquette
22. Florida St.
23. Miami
24. Wyoming
25. Iona



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Winthrop competed at the University South Carolina in the Spring of 2020



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The Eagles missed the Carolina Challenge this year due to COVID-19 related reasons.

Track and field continues indoor competition after solid outing at Appalachian State

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Winthrop's track and field team is set to compete in their second meet of the season at the South Carolina Invitational on Jan. 28 and 29 in Columbia.

Over 40 teams are expected to compete in the invitational, including Campbell, Charleston Southern, High Point and USC Upstate.

According to head coach Ben Paxton, the Eagles opted out of the Carolina Challenge

meet that took place on Jan. 21 and 22 due to COVID-19 related reasons.

The Eagles competed in their first meet at Appalachian State on Dec. 3 and 4. Paxton said this meet was to check on how fall conditioning went for the team, and he said the team did not disappoint.

Freshman Jaden Mathieu placed third in this meet with a high jump of 1.88 meters (6-2) which puts him at

sixth in the conference. Ambar Nunez-Gomez, a sophomore, placed first in the weight throw with a big throw of 18.07 meters (59-3.5), ranking them first in the conference.

According to Paxton and coach Brent Best, this indoor season will count as a training season for the team. According to Best, this is a fairly new group of athletes along with some returning athletes, which should make the team fairly

balanced among talents.

With the recent departure of coach Bobbie Schreiner and rise of graduate assistant Jeremy Falwell, the team is adjusting and transitioning, but Paxton expects the team to come out strong in the end. With the addition of North Carolina A&T (one of the best track programs in the country) to the Big South Conference this season, there is expected to be more competition at

the Conference Championship meets.

With the low amount of funding and scholarships available to the team, Paxton does not expect the team to win conference meets but said the team has been able to make the best out of their situation. The team has been able to qualify at least one person to the NCAA Championships every year since 2004.

Senior Bethany Wise is looking forward to this upcoming outdoor

season. Due to an injury, Wise will sit out this indoor season, but she expects to train hard and end her last year here at Winthrop on a high note.

Junior Libby Roush said her main goals for this season are to build off of the foundation she built for herself last year (almost qualifying for NCAA's in discus) and to stay healthy.

**Editor's note: To'mara is a member of the Winthrop track and field team.*

The evolution of Disney princesses

Disney princess movies are noticeably different after years of scrutiny



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The world of Disney princesses continues to have an impact

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With the first Disney princess being Snow White and the most recent being Moana, the franchise has changed the plots of its movies tremendously over the years. However, its plots have long been criticised for promoting the damsel in distress trope, along with unrealistic beauty standards.

In the Disney Princess Universe, there are three eras. The first era, also known as the “Classics Era,” consists of the films “Snow White” (1937), “Cinderella” (1950) and “Sleeping Beauty” (1959).

“True love’s kiss” and “happily ever after” are phrases often repeated in the “Classics Era” where the princesses adhere to the social norms of their time. From Snow White’s ability to stay home cooking and cleaning

for her seven dwarves, Cinderella’s theme of waiting for her prince charming to come save her and a nonconsensual kiss from Prince Phillip to Aurora, the early Disney films portray a slew of often overlooked instances that perpetuate problematic norms for young viewers.

“Their lives are only complete when a prince comes to save them. Although there is no issue with beauty, kindness, or relationships, the inherent problem is that these movies convey the message that all girls should only be pretty and codependent,” claims www

voicesofgenz.com.

While the first few Disney princesses in the “Classic Era” resemble misogynistic stereotypes of women, the following era exhib-

ited slight changes in the protagonists’ character development.

The “Renaissance Era” is the second era that showcases the films: “The Little Mermaid” (1989), “Beauty and the Beast” (1991), “Aladdin” (1992), “Pocahontas” (1995) and “Mulan” (1998).

The princesses from the second era have strong characteristics of a rebellious nature.

Jasmine, a supporting character in her own film, escapes the palace and disguises herself as a peasant in order to be with Aladdin. And in a highly insensitive and inaccurate “Pocahontas,” the princess falls in love with “explorer” John Smith and puts her life at risk to protect him.

Made with the intent of depicting female characters in a more dynamic and rebellious

fashion, Disney missed the mark during its second era in which the protagonists’ stories were still centered on their male counterparts.

While the “Renaissance Era” was an improvement on the “Classics Era” of Disney Princess films, the franchise still had not evolved from having female protagonists depend on supporting male characters.

The third era is the “New-Age Era” which includes “The Princess and the Frog” (2009), “Tangled” (2010), “Frozen” (2013) and “Moana” (2016).

Many misogynistic tropes came back in Disney’s first Black princess movie, “The Princess and the

Frog,” New Orleans native Tiana works in a restaurant cooking and cleaning until she kisses a frog and consequently turns into one. She hops around as an amphibian for most of the movie but eventually turns back into a human, marries Prince Naveen, and gets her own restaurant in the end.

Audiences saw significant changes to both animation and awareness of the whole “damsel in distress” and “waiting for a prince” tropes after the release of “The Princess and the Frog.”

Disney spins the tale as old as time “Rapunzel” into a modern story. Rapunzel joins an intruder, Flynn Rider, also known as Eugene Fitzherbert, on a journey after 18 years of being confined by Mother Gothel, who kidnapped her as a baby. In the end, Rapunzel is reunited with her parents and marries Eugene.

“Yes, Rapunzel spends plenty of her time in captivity doing traditional, domestic chores like baking and cleaning, but she’s also incredibly well-read and well-rounded: she plays chess, studies astronomy to map the stars, and even learns ventriloquy. She also proves to be quick-witted and resourceful, using her hair to incapac-

itate other characters on multiple occasions,” according to oneroom-withaview.com.

In “Moana,” the protagonist defies her father’s wishes to sail across the ocean in order to restore the Heart of Te Fiti. Unlike her predecessors, the protagonist is determined to find her own way with the help of Maui, a friend and mentor-like character, keeping the movie free of a love interest plotline.

“Because, as Hollywood is starting to realise, when a girl is saving the world, she doesn’t need to fall in love with every man that walks onto screen. Axing the romance plotline is a significant step for Disney scriptwriters. Up until ‘Moana,’ a marriage, or at least a romance, was mandatory for Disney Princesses,” according to film inquiry.com.

As the world has evolved, so has the world of Disney films.

“No matter how great and iconic all the princesses were and are, you see how Disney has kind of grown and changed and become more inclusive and reflects more our world. It’s why they’re not a relic or dated, because they’re always evolving,” Sarah Silverman, voice actor of Vanellope, told usatoday.

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Horror arrivals in 2022

After the success of the Scream franchise’s return to horror, 2022 will be a year for fans as more horror movies hit theatres over the next 11 months

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As 2022 starts its cinematic year, fans of horror movies find themselves with a whole new set of slasher movies that will intrigue and cause them to scream as they watch.

One of the most recent additions to the horror genre is the recent blockbuster, “Scream.” The film returns the horror series to its roots: a masked killer, a final girl and a new generation of relatable and intriguing characters. The film takes place 25 years after the original movie, with fan-favorite characters like Sidney Prescott and Dewey Riley returning to their hometown to battle a new Ghostface. The film stars Neve Camp-

bell, David Arquette, Courtney Cox and new faces like Melissa Barrera, Jenna Ortega, Mikey Madison, Mason Gooding, Jack Quaid and Dylan Minnette.

As “Scream” continues to take over the box office with an epic and terrifying tale, a slew of movie companies are preparing to release their new horror films.

DC Comics is preparing to release “The Batman,” a new thriller starring Robert Pattinson as the eponymous character. Taking place two years after his in-universe debut, Batman will be fighting the mysterious “Riddler” and encounter new allies like Catwoman and enemies like The Penguin.

Pattinson stars as Bruce Wayne and join-

ing him in the cast are Zoë Kravitz, Paul Dano, Jeffrey Wright, John Turturro, Peter Sarsgaard, Andy Serkis and Colin Farrell. Warner Bros. will release “The Batman” on March 4, 2022.

One of the next releases is going to be “Morbius,” starring Jared Leto. The movie, produced by Sony and Marvel Entertainment, tells the story of Dr. Michael Morbius (played by Leto), who, in an attempt to cure his rare blood disease, gives himself superhuman abilities as the line between hero and villain is crossed. Jared Leto stars alongside Matt Smith, Adria Arjona, Jared Harris, Al Madrigal, Tyrese Gibson and Michael Keaton. After a string of recent delays,



Scream is one of the recent horror films to start off the year of horror movies.

the movie is currently expected to be released on April 1, 2022.

Marvel Studios is expected to make a name for themselves with their first ever superhero horror film called “Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness.” The film features Benedict Cumberbatch returning as Doctor Stephen Strange, who unleashed a threat to the multiverse after helping Peter Parker in “Spider-Man: No Way Home.” The film also features the return of Elizabeth Olsen as the Scarlet Witch after “WandaVision,” and joining them are Benedict Wong, Rachel McAdams, Chiwetel Ejiofor and Xochitl Gomez. It is expected

to be released on May 6, 2022.

Jordan Peele and Monkeypaw Productions are getting ready to release a new horror film called “Nope.” Not much is known about their movie, but Monkeypaw has revealed that Daniel Kaluuya, Keke Palmer and Steven Yeun are expected to star in the horror flick. The movie is expected to be released this summer.

The Halloween franchise is expected to end this October with “Halloween Ends” which features Jamie Lee Curtis as Laurie Strode, as one of the most famous final girls of all time faces off

against one of horror’s most twisted icons, Michael Myers. The film will be released on Oct. 14, 2022.

Other films expected to be released this year include a new movie from the “Texas Chainsaw Massacre” series starring Sarah Yarkin and Elsie Fisher, “The Northman” starring Alexander Skarsgård and Nicole Kidman, a reboot of the “Jeepers Creepers” series starring Sydney Craven, Imran Adams, Dee Wallace and Gary Graham, and finally a new “Hellraiser” film starring Odessa A’zion and Jamie Clayton.

A review of 'Capital is Dead' by Mckenzie Wark

Philosopher Mckenzie Wark explores our current technological path and how it is consuming us

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In the 1980s, western capital owners moved to defeat the rising labor movements in the United States and Europe through the process of globalization, the opening up of global trade and the transference of industry to developing nations, in an attempt to side-step the power of domestic labor entirely. However, in creating these new, sweeping networks of trade, western capitalists unintentionally fostered the rise of a new mode of production centered around the control of information: vectoralism, which has now subsumed capitalism as the dominant mode of production.

This is the controversial and thrilling thesis explored by Mckenzie Wark in her work "Capital is Dead, is this Something Worse?"

from Verso Books. An expounding on her earlier essay "The Hacker Manifesto," Wark takes a deep dive into the ways in which information technology has been shaping our lives and creeping into every facet of our being.

To Wark, it no longer seems necessary to directly own the means of production in order to capture wealth. Rather, it is much more profitable to own the means of organizing production: the vector, the abstract digital construct through which information is organized. By controlling the vector one is able to capture, process and dictate the use of the vast quantities of information generated everyday by the innumerable number of interactions between people and their environment.

Wark labels those who own the data infrastructure necessary to manage the vector the

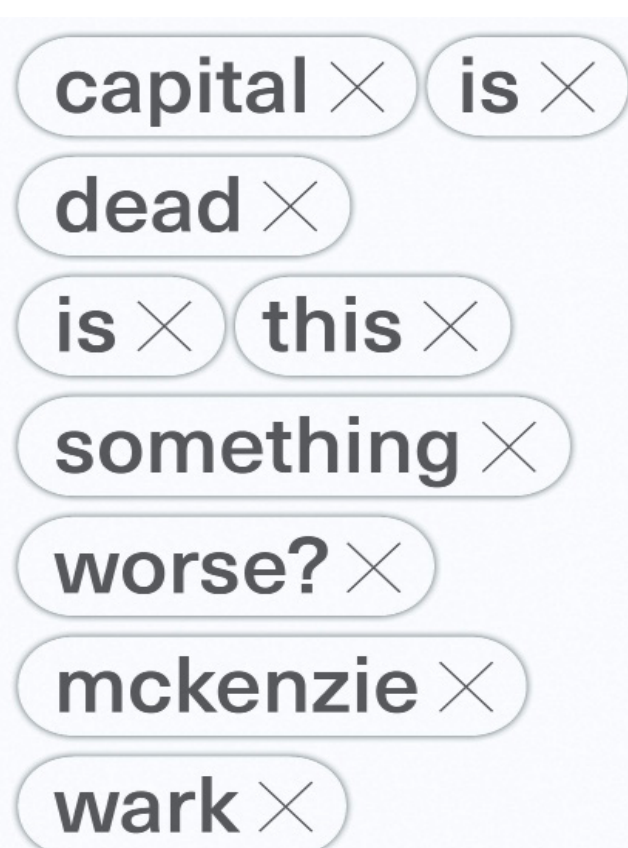


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vectoralist class. These are Google, Microsoft and Amazon, along with smaller (yet still influential) operations such as Uber and AirBNB. These corporations do not generate wealth through the extraction of profit from labor

as capitalists do, but instead use their capability to process information to facilitate consumer transactions with an efficiency never seen before.

In 2020, Google made 80.9% of its \$181.69 billion in rev-

enue from advertising services alone. Car-and home-sharing services such as Uber and Airbnb do not own the capital being shared, but instead own the means through which customers and contractors are connected: the vector.

Just as the capitalist class extracts profit from the working class, the vectoralist class uses the talents of the hacker class to generate new information from the bounty of raw input provided by the vector. "Hackers" are data scientists, programmers, advertisers, listicle writers on BuzzFeed—anyone whose job it is to process, understand and create information. Their productivity is not measured in sameness and hours, as it is for a factory worker, but in difference, the creation of new and "unique" pieces of content (intellectual property), and can happen

in variable time. Where does all of this information come from? Wark terms it "free labor," which occurs every time you interact with your smart devices. When you search for a product on Google, like a post on Instagram or even wear your FitBit to bed, you generate information, which is transferred to the vectoralist's data infrastructure by means of the vector. It is then worked with for a myriad of purposes (generating marketing reports, sold to third-parties, etc) by hackers. We "info-proles" generate information, but lack the means to realize its value.

As the age of information continues to unfold, Wark urges us to recognize the disintegration of privacy in the name of wealth, and asks us to reject the commodification of our very minds.

The effects of the cold winter months

Winter weather is often either a hit or miss for many

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During peak winter season, the snow and low temperatures are often enjoyed by many. However, when the novelty of the winter season wears off, some are left feeling blue.

With less daylight, accompanied by the excessive amount of time spent indoors, "some people react to the first signs of seasonal change around the fall equinox in September, while others' moods don't plunge until December," according to www.cuimc.columbia.edu.

"When the days get shorter and a whole lot colder, you may find yourself getting the winter blues. It's when you start feeling more sad, depressed or even

fatigue during the coldest and darkest months of the year. Winter days are usually shorter and also limit the amount of time our bodies are exposed to sun. So we produce less serotonin, the hormone that stabilizes our mood and feelings," according to newswest9.com.

Sophomore integrated marketing communication major Jennifer Cruz of Beaufort, SC said, "I know like back at home, when the weather gets cold and when it gets darker sooner, a lot of people tend to get sad and more depressed. I've noticed that with all my friends and stuff that once the time changes and it's colder, we're more inside so they're not hanging out with

other people after dark pretty much."

"The winter blues are said to peak on the third Monday in January -- sometimes called Blue Monday -- but of course feeling low isn't confined to just one day," according to cnn.com.

Being from the low country, Cruz had only seen snow once before attending Winthrop.

"I feel like winter months for some people, especially city people because they're afraid of snow days and their work gets cancelled and stuff, but for me it's really fun," Cruz said.

Seasonal Affective Disorder is the diagnosis of depression related to seasonal changes. "In the mental health



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field, most of us refer to it as seasonal depression, but with the understanding that depression is a clinical diagnosis, and mood shifts in the winter months are very common and do not mean that a person has a clinical mental illness," according to racine-countyeve.com.

Minor changes to habits can affect responses to winter weather.

According to psychologytoday.com, people can help alleviate seasonal depression by "sticking to a reasonable exercise pattern,

having a good diet, reaching out to family and friends, and reducing alcohol intake. Taking these steps can be difficult, but they help."

While feelings of sadness specifically during the winter can be linked to the lengths in which we are exposed to sunlight, light boxes are often used as an effective treatment for SAD.

"A light box is generally used for 20 to

30 minutes or more per day, depending on light intensity, ideally at breakfast time," says Psychologytoday.com.

If or someone you know is in crisis, contact 800-273-8255 or visit suicideprevention-lifeline.org.

Help is also available through Winthrop Health and Counseling Services. Contact (323-2206) or patient-winthrop.medicatconnect.com.



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New Semester, New Me

To celebrate the new semester, I have decided to _____ (verb) less and _____ (verb) more! I got _____ (adjective) grades last semester, so I really need to step my game up this time. Instead of schoolwork, I would _____ (verb). This semester, I'm also going to start doing more self care. _____ (verb) is my favorite pastime, but I never get to do it anymore. I'll make a point to _____ (verb) with _____ (name) as well. I might even _____ (verb) my hair, or pierce my _____ (body part). Truly, I will be a completely new and _____ (adjective) version of myself this semester!

Snow Day

Let it be known that I _____ (verb) the snow! When we got some, I was completely _____ (emotion). My bestie, _____ (name) and I had so much fun. We _____ (verb) for hours! We also _____ (verb) until _____ (name) showed up. _____ (pronoun) are/is so cute! I really wanted to shoot my shot, but I was too _____ (adjective/emotion) from the snow. After I talked with _____ (pronoun) for a while, _____ (name) and I went inside. We _____ (verb) for the rest of the night. It may have been _____ (adjective) outside, but I was so _____ (adjective/emotion)! It really was a _____ (verb) day.

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