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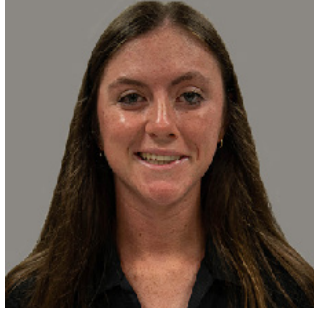


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## Off-campus crash causes power outage, ignites power line on Charlotte Avenue

Johnsonian staffers and I share first-hand accounts of Monday night's incident

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A motor vehicle crash near Winthrop University caused power outages in multiple areas across campus, said Winthrop University Police Department. Loud booms were heard and bright flashes were seen on Charlotte Avenue around 9:08 p.m., the same time the power went out on campus.

Parts of Monday night's incident were witnessed by staff members of The Johnsonian.

Freshman Sera Crookes of The Johnsonian was in the Starbucks at the corner of Cherry Road and Charlotte Avenue when they were startled by the flashes of light and

sudden booms.

"A woman pulled into the lot saying she was directly under the line when it popped ... she was terrified," Crookes said. "We thought it was gunfire at first, then possibly a firework, then we walked outside and saw the line on fire."

I was in my Charlotte Avenue Walk2Campus house when I jumped at the gunshot-like sounds and bright flashes. I called 911 believing it was gunshots that had occurred. After confirming that it was not gunshots, I went outside to see fire trucks arriving and a small flame at the top of a powerline blowing sparks onto the road.

The power outage inconvenienced students

in more ways than one. It prevented some from turning in assignments and its impact was still prevalent the following morning as campus-food services became limited.

"Due to the power outage last night, food service hours of operations in DiGiorgio Campus Center for Starbucks, Einstein Bagels, and Chick-fil-A are revised as follows," read an email from Shelia Burkhalter, vice president for student affairs. "Einstein Bagels is now open but with a limited menu. Starbucks will open at approximately 10:00 AM with a full menu except for Cold Brew items.

"Chick-fil-A will open as soon as they are able to replenish their

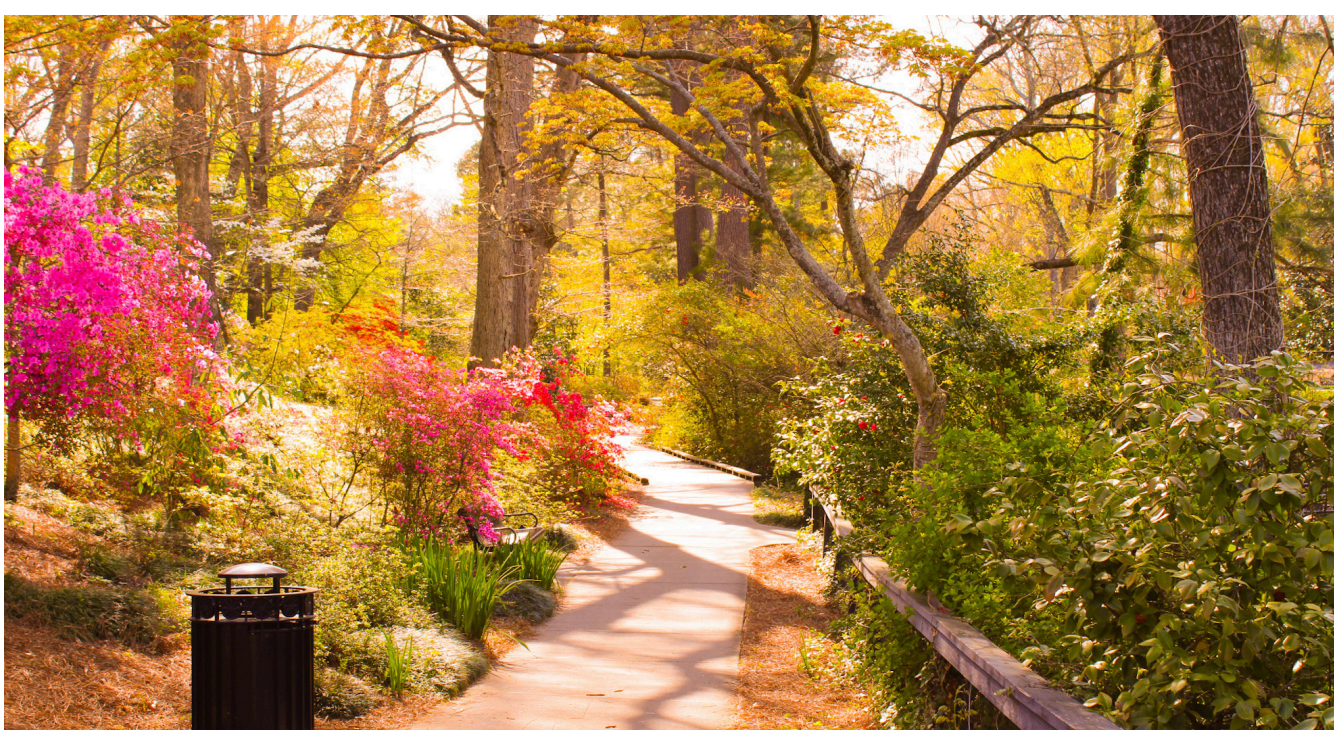
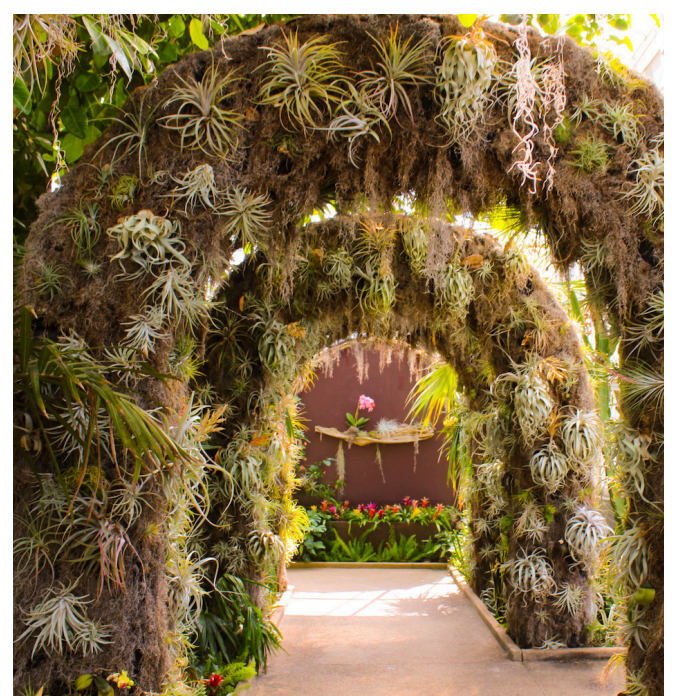
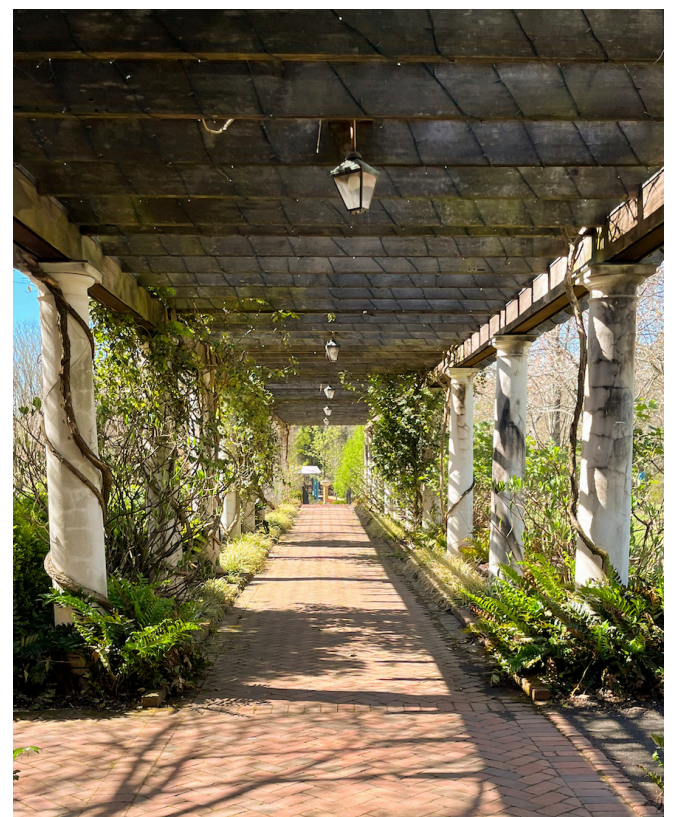
menu items. The rest of Markley's Place (Tres Habeneros, The Grill, Mein Bowl, and Simply-To-Go will open on schedule at 10:30 AM."

WUPD sent a WU Alert out at 10:11 p.m. that said, "Due to an off-campus motor vehicle collision, parts of campus are experiencing a loss of electrical power. Duke Energy is on scene beginning repairs of the electrical transformer. During this time please exercise caution while moving through campus and stay safe. Updates on when the power will be returned will be passed on as soon as that information becomes available."

## Beautiful places in Rock Hill

A photostory of some of the most scenic places in our city. More on pages 3 and 6

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# Winthrop faculty talks about position cuts

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Recently Winthrop University announced to most faculty and staff that due to budgetary concerns and lower enrollment numbers, there would be a reduction in the number of adjunct and non-tenure track positions.

Faculty would be notified on an as-needed basis of cuts that would affect them, according to the email Interim President George Hynd sent out before spring break.

Budget cuts will affect all areas of the university, but adjunct faculty will face the largest effects since a majority of the budget goes toward faculty and staff salaries. However, adjunct faculty serve a large role in the functioning of the university.

“Anytime you have to reduce expenses that affects people it is difficult and can affect morale, but we have to operate as efficiently as possible while maintaining the quality educational experience we are known for,” Jeffery Bellatoni, dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts, said.

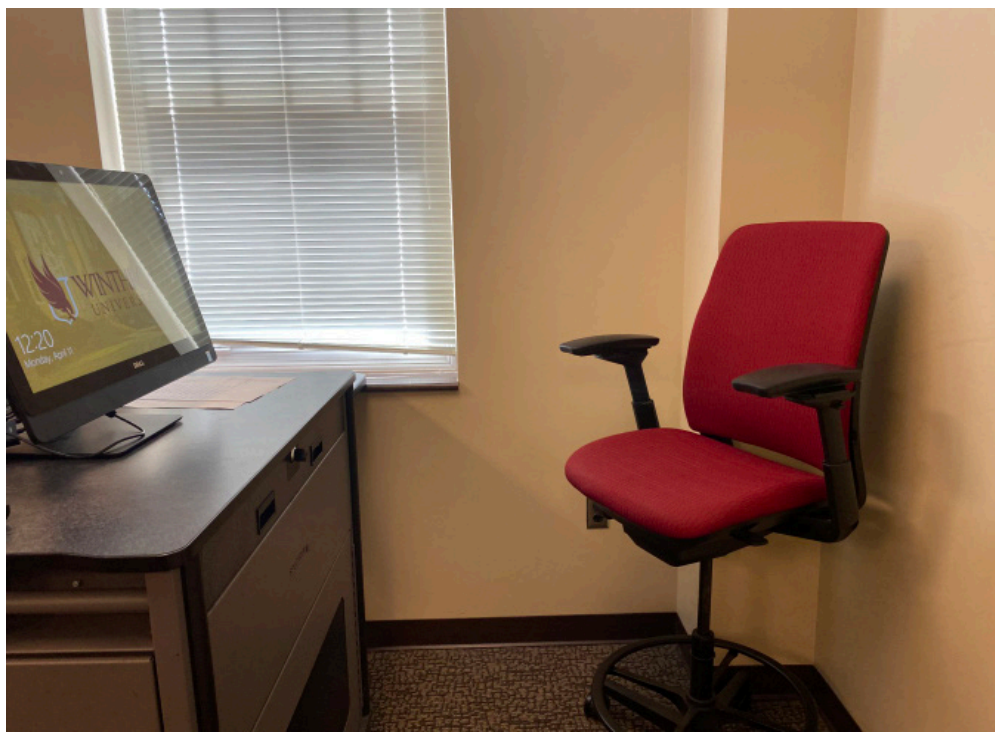
College deans and higher staff primarily hire adjunct faculty to offer courses on an as-needed or interim basis and have a great value to Winthrop.

“Dean Takita Sumter in the College of Arts and Sciences has been an absolute rock star, and I’m personally grateful for the support she’s given me. I also want to thank my department chair, Dr. Jennifer Leigh Disney, for being a fierce advocate for her faculty members,” John Holder, adjunct professor of political science, said.

“We value our interim faculty highly and often regret being unable to repeat an interim appointment. This is, however, the nature of such appointments. Interim faculty are hired when an institution needs to expand course offerings in a particular curricular area,” Gregory Oates, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said.

Some adjunct faculty feel differently about how much they are valued at the university.

“I actually found out about the budget cuts from a student and the school newspaper, which shows how adjunct faculty is most of the time ‘out of the loop’ of what is happening in an institution. We are usually the forgotten pieces of the puzzle. We help the students, the community, and do our best, but we are not taken into account when main decisions happen,” an anonymous professor said.



An empty teacher chair in Owens.

Adjunct and interim faculty are also sometimes left out when it comes to important decisions like this one.

“The only knowledge I have about budget cuts and adjunct reductions comes from a brief email exchange with my department chair. He indicated that there would be fewer adjunct teaching opportunities next semester campus-wide including the College of Business. I remain optimistic, but there is no final word yet how many classes I will have in the Fall, if any at all.” David Zatz, adjunct professor of business, said.

Reducing the number of adjunct faculty will have ripples across every aspect of how the university functions.

“Reducing/eliminat-

ing adjuncts will mean that even with some reduction in enrollment, full-timers will be required to take on more classes per person and/or endure larger class sizes. If that is what happens, there is great risk of losing already burdened (talented) full-time faculty members and our students will suffer from their departures as well as all the negatives that larger class sizes bring,” Zatz said.

“The numbers this year are daunting and will have a significant impact. As LEAP Program Manager, adjunct faculty are integral to our program operation. We have a dedicated group of adjunct faculty who work intensively and proactively to help ensure the success of our LEAP students,”

Jennifer Everhart, LEAP program manager, said.

Loss of these classes could further hurt Winthrop’s enrollment numbers.

“It’s hard to recruit and retain students if we can’t offer the courses they need and want—so this is a really delicate balancing act,” Jo Koster, professor of English, said.

Adjunct professors and staff are a major part in what keeps the university running and are a key factor in offering many of the classes that students want or need to take in order to graduate.

“Adjuncts help keep this university running efficiently, and without adjuncts to teach the majority of our courses, we could be in danger of losing certain ac-

creditations that we have worked so hard over time to get,” Lauren Grad, director of communications for the College of Visual and Performing Arts, said.

An uncertain future at Winthrop and possible job loss is weighing heavily on many adjunct faculty members.

“When you have a job that you like, at an institution that seems stable, you never think that this can happen, so it was a big shock. Because of this, my plans for the future are very unstable at the moment,” an anonymous professor said.

Non-tenure track faculty and staff keep Winthrop University functioning and have a vital role in offering classes that attract prospective students as well as filling gaps where needed to offer core classes such as writing and languages for all students to fulfill their general education requirements.

“I think that they need to take a serious look at how to keep their hired educators, because without teachers, adjuncts and full time faculty alike, this institution would not be able to survive. Teachers are the backbone to a university, and are providing a much needed education to the future generations of tomorrow,” Grad said.

## This week in American Politics

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The White House recently announced plans to continue to freeze federal student loan payments until Aug. 31 of this year. This would be the seventh student loan freeze since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. The freeze will end before midterm elections, leading many to think that activists will push for a cancellation of federal student loan debt after the freeze ends. On the campaign

trail, President Joe Biden campaigned for some student loan forgiveness but since taking the presidency, Biden has yet to follow through on this saying he believes it needs to happen through legislation, rather than executive action.

Researchers are currently working on a revamped COVID-19 vaccine due to the rise in the amount of variants of the virus. The hope for these updated vaccines is to have them available by the

fall. The formula for the vaccines would need to be finished as soon as June in order to meet their plans for a fall roll out. With the amount of different variants of COVID-19, it is hard to predict correctly what will be needed for an updated vaccine. It is possible that there will be a completely new variant dominating by the time that the vaccine could be available to the public. It is possible though that the existing vaccines will be the best option

for continuing to fight the virus in the end.

The House voted last Wednesday to recommend criminal contempt charges against two aides of former President Donald Trump after the former aides disobeyed subpoenas from the committee investigating the insurrection on the Capitol and other events from Jan. 6, 2021. Many of those close to Trump that have been asked to come before the special

committee have refused to meet with them, leading to the House’s decision to vote for contempt for these two aides.

Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson was confirmed to the Supreme Court Thursday, becoming

the first ever Black woman to hold the position. Jackson was confirmed by a vote of 53-47, meaning three Senate Republicans crossed party lines in this historical Supreme Court vote.



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**The Johnsonian and The Roddey McMillan Record are searching for a new Editor-in-Chief**

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# Winthrop requires laptops in Fall 2022

## Board of Trustees approves laptop requirement for all students

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Starting in fall 2022, Winthrop will be requiring that all students have personal laptops in order to complete their schoolwork.

During a quarterly meeting on October 29, 2021, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the decision for the school to require laptops in fall 2022. Winthrop students received an email on March 30, 2022, with information concerning this decision.

According to the press release on Winthrop's website, President George Hyde said, "We take student success seriously, and we saw during the pandemic that it was a challenge for some students to complete assignments due to technology at hand."

The press release said the inclusion of laptops would create more flexibility for faculty members to add videos, audio, and other graphics during their lectures. The laptops will give accessibility to the students in these situations.

Many current students on campus are frustrated and concerned for how they and some of their classmates will be able



The first laptop fair, which took place on April 7 from 10 am to 2 p.m. in the DiGs lobby. Alyssa Brooke/The Johnsonian

to afford a laptop, in addition to how the requirement may change their class format.

"My first concern is the laptop and electronics policy in the syllabus of many professors," English graduate student Stephanie Martin said. "I am aware of many professors who do not allow technology in their classrooms at all."

The Board of Trustees acknowledges that buying a laptop on such short notice may be a problem for some students so are allowing some students to participate in the laptop loaner program from the Dacus Library.

However, there is limited supply and will not be an option for many students.

"I am also concerned that Winthrop is not considering the added financial burden that will impact students if they are required to get a laptop" Martin said, "Winthrop has stated that students can use their financial aid to pay for a laptop, but that only works on the assumption that students will receive a refund check and have enough money in that check to afford the device."

Consequences for students who do not purchase laptops are

still being discussed, according to Judy Longshaw, Winthrop news and service manager.

No computer labs are currently set to be removed, Longshaw said, but it may be considered in the future. "There may be some general use labs that are no longer needed once everyone has a laptop. Those spaces may be converted to classrooms or other purposes that align better with the university's priorities," Longshaw said.

"I have several friends who have been using a desktop for online work because it is all

they had at home and cannot afford a laptop" Harper Kirk, a junior theater education major said. "I just think Winthrop is more concerned with their image as a progressive school, and they are not thinking about logistically what students have to do to meet their standards."

In preparation of the laptop requirement, Winthrop will be holding its second laptop fair on April 21, 2022, in the DiGs Lobby from 10a.m.-2p.m. At the event, information will be provided concerning paying for laptops, loaner programs, and required software.

## Police Blotter



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On March 31, the Reporting Officer (R/O) met with a subject who informed the R/O that she and her mother had been receiving many threatening phone calls and messages from her sister.

The subject showed the R/O a recording of a voice message her mother had received and explained that the sister had been threatening to come to Winthrop campus and remove the tires from the subject's vehicle as well as threatening to physically harm her and her mother. The R/O made contact with the sister and informed her to no longer contact the subject or their mother.

On April 1, the R/O observed a vehicle making improper turns and proceeded to follow the driver to observe their driving patterns. The R/O stayed behind the vehicle and observed the driver disregard the vehicle control device at an intersection when it was red.

The R/O attempted a traffic stop, but the vehicle turned right and failed to yield. The vehicle continued to travel down Stewart Ave and finally yielded at the intersection of Ebenezer Ave and Alumni Drive.

The R/O made contact with the driver who stated that he was stressed out and in a hurry because he was looking for two females that were in an altercation. The R/O asked for his SCDL, registration, and proof of insurance. The driver then rolled his window back up and proceeded to drive off from the traffic stop, so the R/O followed in pursuit of the driver.

Sgt. Sullivan told the R/O to stop the pursuit, and the R/O stopped following the vehicle and saw him leaving in an unknown direction.

When Sgt. Sullivan ran the plates through NCIC, and the vehicle came back registered to a different person than the driver the R/O had seen in the vehicle. The vehicle's owners, the victim and her mother, were told to call WUPD as they did not know who would be driving their vehicle. The victim gave sgt. Sullivan the suspect information who attempted to call the suspect but was unable to make contact.

# The Blueprints and 1913 Society clubs join Winthrop

## The organizations focus on Black female advocacy and history graduates, respectively

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Black female advocacy group, The Blueprints, and history appreciation club, The 1913 Society for History Graduates, join Winthrop's extracurricular ranks after approval for chartering by the Council of Student Leaders.

The Blueprints was started by visual communication design major Shaniah McClellan and English major Alexia Vereen with the goal to "unify, dignify and aid black women on their journey to becoming the best versions of themselves

through life lessons, spirituality, healing and more," McClellan said.

"We are dedicated to uplifting ourselves and showing the world we are more than the box they constantly try to place us in," McClellan said. "Heavy topics such as generational curses, colorism, and the adultification of Black girls will be discussed, and since there needs to be some sort of balance for topics as such, we will also discuss topics such as transcending into a healthy lifestyle, healing the inner child, and light and dark feminine

energy."

The organization's faculty advisor is Student and Young Alumni Program Coordinator



Foxworth

Shayna Foxworth. The group meets every Monday at 7 p.m. in

Richardson Ballroom.

The 1913 Society for History Graduates was started by history major William Calandro to gather history graduate students via extracurricular learning experiences such as visiting museums, conferences, public history sites and more. The group's name is a reference to the year the first history graduate program began at Winthrop.

The organization's faculty advisor is history professor Eddie Lee. The group's post-spring semester and early-fall meeting details will be determined

according to member convenience. Interested students can learn more about the 1913 Society by contacting calandrow2@mailbox.winthrop.edu or faculty advisor Lee.

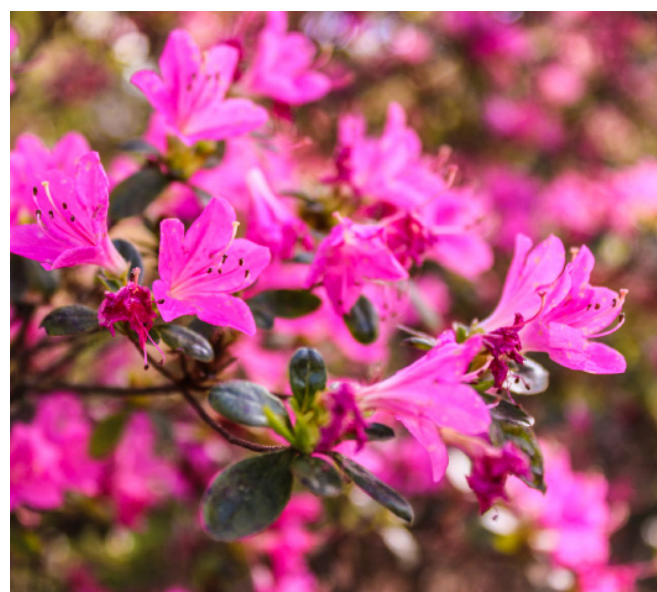


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## Beautiful places in Rock Hill

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Left: Fountain Park; Right: Glencarin Gardin



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## Winthrop Baseball sees six-game win streak

Eagles third in Big South standings after strong performances

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The Winthrop baseball team excelled over the last two weeks, winning six of its last seven games.

The Eagles began their hot streak on April 1, defeating Big South Conference foe Radford 7-6 in the first game of a three-game series in Rock Hill.

Winthrop went on to sweep the series, beating the Highlanders 10-2 on April 2, and earning an astounding 18-2 victory on April 3.

In the 18-2 blowout, fifth-year senior Dillon Morton hit two home runs — one of which was a grand slam.

“He’s got a lot of

experience and I think that’s a huge key. When you have experience, they’re going to come up and they’re going to get big hits for you, because he’s been in that situation,” said head coach Tom Riginos. “He had a really, really good weekend.”

The Eagles returned to the field last Wednesday, hosting UNC Charlotte in a non-conference matchup. Despite having numerous players out with illness, Winthrop pounded out a 9-6 win over the 49ers.

“We had 11 position players out,” Riginos said. “I only had two guys on the bench today, and that’s tough-

ness. We had guys [on the field] that never played, guys that haven’t played in two or three weeks.

“Evan Ames, Ethan Fewell, Chris Ewing — those three guys had not played a lot. All three got huge hits for us today.”

The win against UNC Charlotte extended Winthrop’s win streak to four games, which was a breath of fresh air for the Eagles following losses to Clemson and Wofford the week before.

“I told the guys on Sunday that I could see it coming,” Riginos said on Wednesday after defeating UNC Charlotte.

“We have had a tough



Marley Bassett/The Johnsonian

The Eagles won six games during their seven-game homestand

non-conference schedule. I did schedule tough this year, [and we’ve] struggled a little bit, but you can tell that every at-bat is getting better, and I think the biggest thing is our pitching. Our pitching is really starting to come around the last two weeks.”

Better pitching proved to be true Friday as Winthrop held Charleston Southern to just three runs while the Eagles scored nine, winning the first game of the latest three-game series in Rock Hill.

On Saturday, Winthrop recorded nine runs again, which was enough to top the Buccaneers (who scored seven runs) for a second day in a row.

Having won six games in a row, the Eagles dropped game three against Charleston Southern in a ten-inning, 14-11 offensive shootout, ending Winthrop’s win streak.

Regardless of the loss, the six-game win streak doubled the team’s season win total, as the Eagles were 6-18 entering the series versus

Radford but emerged from the Charleston Southern series owning a 12-19 record.

Winthrop’s 6-3 record in conference games is good enough for third place in the Big South right now, just behind Campbell (8-1) and Longwood (7-2).

Winthrop travels to Gardner-Webb for a three-game series this weekend before returning home to host non-conference opponents Davidson (April 19 at 6 p.m.) and South Carolina (April 20 at 6 p.m.).

## Eagle of the Week: Regan Clifford

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As the 2022 Georgia State Women’s Spring Invitational wrapped up on March 29, sophomore Regan Clifford shot a collegiate-low of 74 in the third round, placing her final score in second among her teammates.

“I was excited going into the tournament because I was familiar with the course. I did feel nervous because it was important for all of us to play well to be at the top of the very competitive field,” Clifford said.

Clifford’s previous career low was a score of 75 which she shot in the first round of the Golfweek Fall Chal-

lenge back in mid-September.

“When I shot my collegiate low, I felt great because I had not been playing my best golf these past couple weeks and to be able to shoot that score boosted my confidence heading into the next tournament at Mimosa Hills,” Clifford said. “Hopefully that score can translate to next week’s tournament and into conference the following week.”

While busy studying biology and competing on the women’s golf team, Clifford also serves as a representative on the Student-Athlete Advisory Council, where she helps “communicate ways to enhance the

experience for fellow student-athletes and to provide a voice for the student-athletes as a body,” the Winthrop Athletics website states.

This semester Clifford set goals to academically earn a 3.8 GPA, and then athletically she wants her team to make it to match play in the conference championship.

After her father signed her up for a golf camp at the age of 10, Clifford “instantly fell in love with it and continued to play.”

Before each tournament Clifford lines up a music playlist based on her mood that day, but always chooses “hype-up” songs that “get [her] focused and

excited to play golf and to play [her] best.”

Though she is not really superstitious, Clifford does have one routine that she must complete before each competition.

“I always mark my golf ball with a green sharpie because it is my favorite color and I feel as though it brings me good luck,” Clifford said.

After each successful match Clifford loves celebrating with a sweet treat.

“My favorite way to celebrate would be to get ice cream. In high school I would do that too and then now I still do it to celebrate,” Clifford said.

Clifford’s favorite



Photo courtesy of Winthrop Athletics

Clifford played in four events as a freshman

quote that she references for inspiration is from tennis star Venus Williams: “Just believe in yourself. Even if you don’t, pretend that you do, and at some point, you will.”

“I like this quote by Venus because believing in yourself is easier said than done. I believe in that quote so much and I had trouble believing in myself, even though

know I can do it. I know that if I pretend, it will eventually happen and I will actually believe in myself consistently someday,” Clifford said.

In addition to professional athletes motivating her, Clifford’s favorite part about being a collegiate athlete is gaining love and support from her teammates as well.

“I love my teammates and they are my best friends, so to be able to compete with them is so much fun. I know that no matter what I shoot on the golf course they will still be my friends no matter what and support me either way. We have each other’s backs, and it is cool to watch each other play well and then celebrate together,” Clifford said.

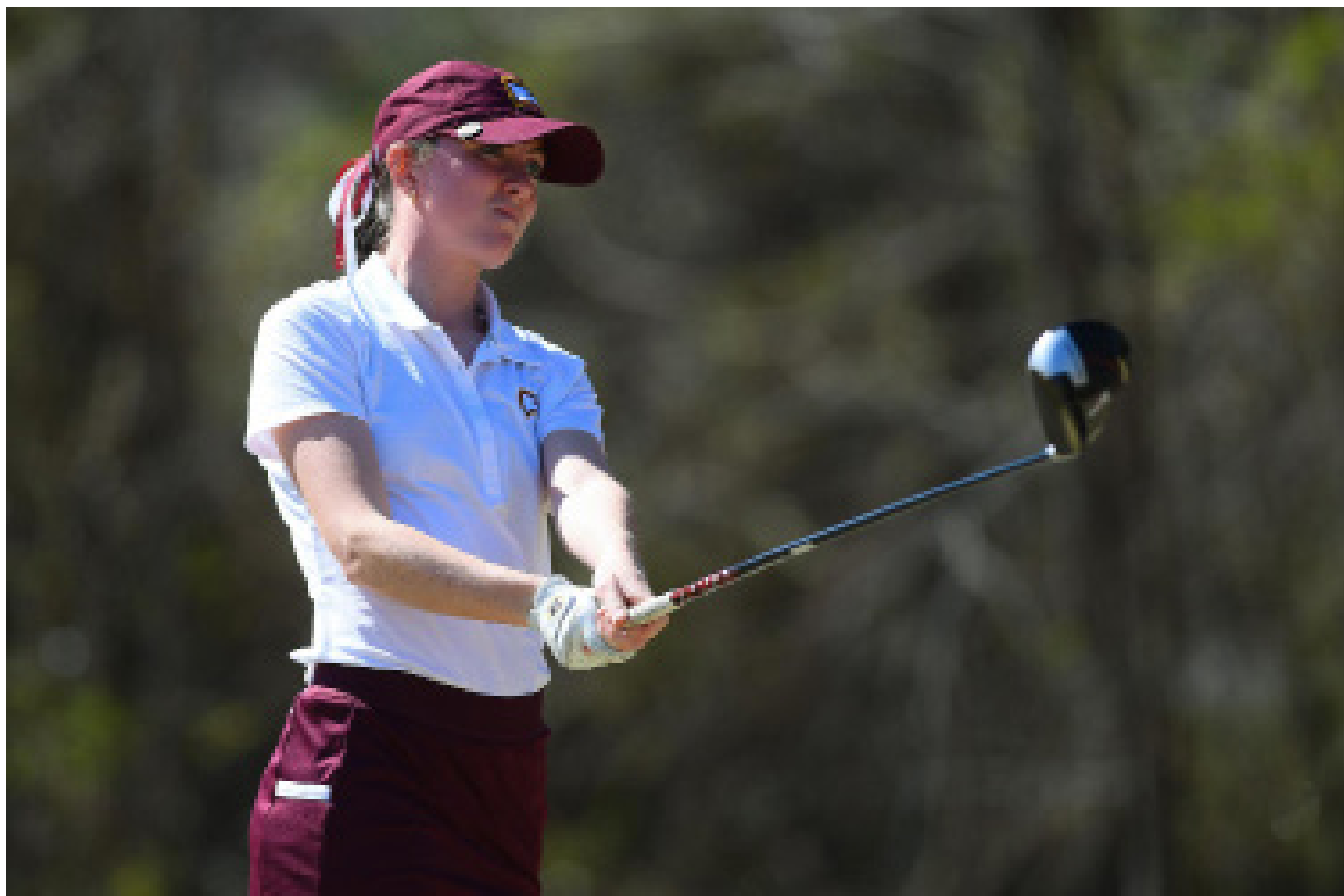


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Clifford is from Mt. Pleasant, SC

# Former Winthrop basketball player declares for NBA Draft

Adonis Arms will hire an agent and enter the 2022 NBA Draft

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Former Winthrop basketball player Adonis Arms has declared for the 2022 NBA Draft. Most recently playing for Texas Tech, Arms made the announcement on Twitter on March 31. "This message goes to 4-year-old Adonis Arms that had a dream to play in the NBA one day," Arms wrote. "Thank you for believing in yourself and having the courage to stick

with what you always wanted to do. I will forever be a Red Raider. With that being said, I would like to declare for the 2022 NBA Draft and I plan on hiring an agent."

Arms is a sixth-year senior who averaged 8.6 points, 4.4 rebounds and 2.8 assists per game in his only year with the Red Raiders.

He was awarded the Great Northwest Athletic Conference Player of the Year in 2019 at Northwest Nazarene,

averaging 20.6 points, 5.4 rebounds and 3.3 assists before he transferred to Winthrop.

After sitting out the 2019-2020 season, Arms averaged 10.5 points per game for the Eagles during the 2020-2021 season, helping guide Winthrop to a 23-2 record and a trip to the NCAA Tournament.

Arms returned to the NCAA Tournament this season, winning two games with the Red Raiders. In Texas Tech's Sweet Sixteen

loss to Duke, he scored 13 points and racked up 7 rebounds and 7 assists.

Arms has made waves in college basketball and on scouting reports largely from his athleticism. At 6-foot-6, he's known for some amazing highlight dunks.

That's not all he has in his arsenal though. Arms has shown himself as a capable rebounder, playmaker, defender and scorer off the dribble.

"He's an athletic player," said Winthrop basketball player Nate Buss. "I think he's probably the most athletic person that I've ever seen. He would just do some dunks after practice, and I would just be like, 'wow'."

Arms is from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and has fond memories of his first time playing basketball at 4 years old and watching his favorite player, Kobe Bryant.

"He's been my favorite player ever since - rest in peace," Arms told The Johnsonian



Photo courtesy of Winthrop Athletics

Arms wore No. 25 for Winthrop



Olivia Esselman/The Johnsonian archive

Winthrop won the Big South Championship both seasons Arms was in Rock Hill

in January of 2021.

"That's really how I got into basketball... just watching him play and watching him just dominate people and take over games, and showing that passion that he had."

During his time at Winthrop, he joined in on the winning mindset of the team and is sure to bring that to any NBA team that drafts

him.

"He just loves the game of basketball," said Buss. "His career backs that up. His production is all you need to know about his work ethic. He lives in the gym for sure."

The draft is scheduled for June 23 and will be televised on ESPN, with the first round also broadcasted on ABC.

## Women's golf looks forward to Big South Championship tournament

Team believes it can finish top-4 in the conference



Photo courtesy of TimCowiePhotography.com

Valentine Savioz competes in Terrier Intercollegiate tournament in February

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The Winthrop women's golf team saw improvements during the Mimosa Hills Intercollegiate tournament hosted at Appalachian State University on April 4 and April 5.

"We have played some tight golf courses this season and we knew going into Mimosa Hills that the course was more open than the previous courses we had played," head golf coach Kasay Gambrell said.

"Ultimately, we wanted to build confidence by hitting more fairways and greens on our rounds, which in turn would lead to

better scores. We still struggled a bit around the greens, but we did increase our fairways and green numbers, along with seeing some better scores."

During this tournament, the team had better ball striking and better scores.

"It boosted all of the team's confidence and has made all of them excited to get to the Big South Tournament and compete again," Gambrell said.

Currently, team is preparing to compete in the Big South Championship tournament.

"Over the last month, we have played in three tournaments back-to-back, which has allowed up to stay in the

competitive mindset going into the conference tournament," Gambrell said. "Over the last few days, we have been focusing on fine tuning our short game. The girls enjoy playing at The Patriot and are ready to compete and put up some good numbers."

As the team is preparing for the upcoming Big South Championship tournament, the team hopes to finish in the top four and ultimately win the Big South.

"We have the talent to do so, we just all have to be on our game at the same time," Gambrell said.

Looking back over this season, the team

has had their share of struggles in addition to various accomplishments.

"Due to the struggles this season, I believe

our mental game has improved," Gambrell said.

Emilie Marcellussen-Dahl was a co-medalist in the Golfweek Fall Challenge, the first event of the season. Regan Clifford shot a 74 at the 2022 Georgia State Women's Spring Invitational, and Valentine Savioz shot a 74 at the most recent tournament at Mimosa Hills.

As the season comes to a close in the next few weeks, the team will begin focusing on the next season.

"We will have individual meetings to go over expectations for the summer and things they need to work on," Gambrell said. "Our strength coach, Coach Travis, will also create a workout program for the girls to do over the summer to stay up with their strength training."

The team currently has two incoming freshmen, Emily Baker from Chapin, South Carolina and Amelie Tolf coming from Sweden.

"They both have had an outstanding junior golf and high school careers. Overall, I think both girls will fit in well with the current team," Gambrell said. "As far as their golf games go, both will provide us with some depth in the line-up through the four and five spots."

The team will be competing in the Big South Championship tournament held at the Patriot Golf Club in Ninety Six, South Carolina on April 13 until April 16.

"Our team is full of talent, and I do expect us to have a good fall season and hopefully win a tournament," Gambrell said.



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Emilie Marcellussen-Dahl competes in Terrier Intercollegiate tournament

## Beautiful Places in Rock Hill



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## Art history meets the future with virtual reality

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In the last year, the Department of Fine Arts acquired an HTC Vive, one of the latest pieces of virtual reality hardware, with the goal of giving its students the chance to design and create virtual art and exhibits.

"I was interested in the potential ability of this technology to enhance teaching and research in art history," Kyle Sweeney, assistant professor of art history said. "After some experimentation, I decided to integrate virtual reality into my course

'The Medieval City,' where students study the layout and architecture of medieval cities."

Students were able to explore several pieces of medieval architecture across Europe, using Google Earth's virtual reality integration, where users can upload three-dimensional photoscapes which can then be explored in virtual reality. As these places were explored in virtual reality, students reported achieving a deeper understanding of the spatial elements of the architecture they were viewing as compared to other forms of

media.

"It has been difficult to travel due to the pandemic," Sweeney said. "And virtual reality gives students the chance to experience these places in a way that reading, photography, or video simply cannot convey."

Students were also able to examine the way that medieval architecture has influenced design choices in modern media, especially in fantasy settings like that of the "Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim."

"Many of the cities in Skyrim actually take their design directly from the layout of medieval cities," Sweeney said. "It's an excellent

learning opportunity."

Students having the chance to walk through these virtual cities and experience them in such a visceral way gave them the opportunity to experience medieval architecture in action and put them in a position to better understand the decisions made behind certain choices in design.

There are plans in the future for students to build their own virtual exhibitions using Artsteps, a web-based software that allows users to create virtual art in three-dimensional spaces. An upcoming exhibition will be of stolen artworks, in which visitors will be

able to examine and learn about various pieces of stolen artwork and interact with them in a way that is no longer possible.

There is currently a virtual reality space open to students through the College of

Visual and Performing Arts' "CreatorSpace" in Rutledge G26. The hardware there is the same as the hardware used by Sweeney and his students and is available for students to experiment with throughout the week.



Photo courtesy of Kyle Sweeney

Winthrop student Evan King using VR in ARTH 422, "The Medieval City"

## 2022 Oscars

One infamous moment sparks a buzz about this year's Oscars while the spotlight has been taken from milestones many minorities celebrated

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The slap heard around the world sent social media into a 48 hour long frenzy. The infamous moment was when Will Smith smacked Chris Rock in the face live on the Oscars stage.

Moments following the appalling moment that took place in front of the Academy and live on television, Questlove won an Oscar in the category of Best Documentary for directorial debut for his film "Summer of Soul," about the 1969 Harlem Cultural Festival which featured nearly lost footage of the concert series. While "The Roots" drummer gave a tearful speech mentioning his late father Lee Andrews with his mother Jacqui Thompson in the audience, many were still bewildered by what

took place just minutes before.

Questlove's moment on stage foretold how the celebratory moments for minorities during this year's Oscars would later be overshadowed by the altercation between Smith and Rock.

The Oscars audience was full of waving hands in the American sign language applause for "CODA's" best picture win. "CODA" is the first film to center deaf characters receiving wide distribution, and it also took home awards for best supporting actor and best supporting screenplay.

In days prior to this year's Academy Awards ceremony, Denzel Washington presented Samuel L. Jackson with the Honorary Academy Award for Lifetime Achievement at the Governor's Awards Ceremony, the first

ever Oscar presented to him. Jackson is well known for his roles in "Pulp Fiction," "Coach Carter" and "Django Unchained."

For her performance as Anita in Steven Spielberg's "West Side Story," Ariana DeBose made history as the first Afro-Latina and openly queer actor of color to win an Oscar. "So to anybody who's ever questioned your identity ever, ever, ever or you find yourself living in the gray spaces, I promise you this: There is indeed a place for us," she said in her acceptance speech.

While two of the 2022 Oscars hosts denounced Will Smith, Amy Schumer referred to the incident as "disturbing," along with Wanda Sykes who called it "gross" during a conversation on "The Ellen DeGeneres Show." Many have pointed

out that Chris Rock was the face of a 2009 documentary called "Good Hair" where the star explores the importance of black hair. Joking, "I Can't wait for G.I. Jane 2" to host, Jada Pinkett-Smith who has recently been sporting a shaved cut due to suffering from alopecia, was not impressed as she rolled her eyes. The incident has sparked many opinions from stars who were in attendance; including "Girls Trip" star Tiffany Haddish who called the incident "the most beautiful thing I have ever seen."

"When I saw a Black man stand up for his wife. That meant so much to me," Haddish told People magazine after the Oscars.

After the Oscars' decision to cut eight technical categories from airing and introduce fan voting for top

film and movie moment via social media, this year's Oscars was up in ratings from last year but still the second least viewed of all time at 16.6 million viewers.

"Some people think it was fake because the Oscars have had such a decline in their ratings. I mean last year it was the smallest audience they ever had. I think this one was still the second smallest?" Kasko said. "It definitely got people talking about it. Will more people watch next year? I don't know. But I think a lot of people maybe don't watch because what they experience in their own lives is so removed and different from that lifestyle."

As a result of the actions that took place on March 27, 2022, Smith is now banned from the board which has "decided, for a period of 10 years

from April 8, 2022, Mr. Smith shall not be permitted to attend any Academy events or programs, in person or virtually, including but not limited to the Academy Awards," the Oscars said in an issued statement.

Despite being banned from attending the Oscars' annual academy awards show and related events, Smith has not lost his Oscar award nor the privilege to be nominated or receive future accolades from the Academy.



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Ceremony was hosted at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles this year

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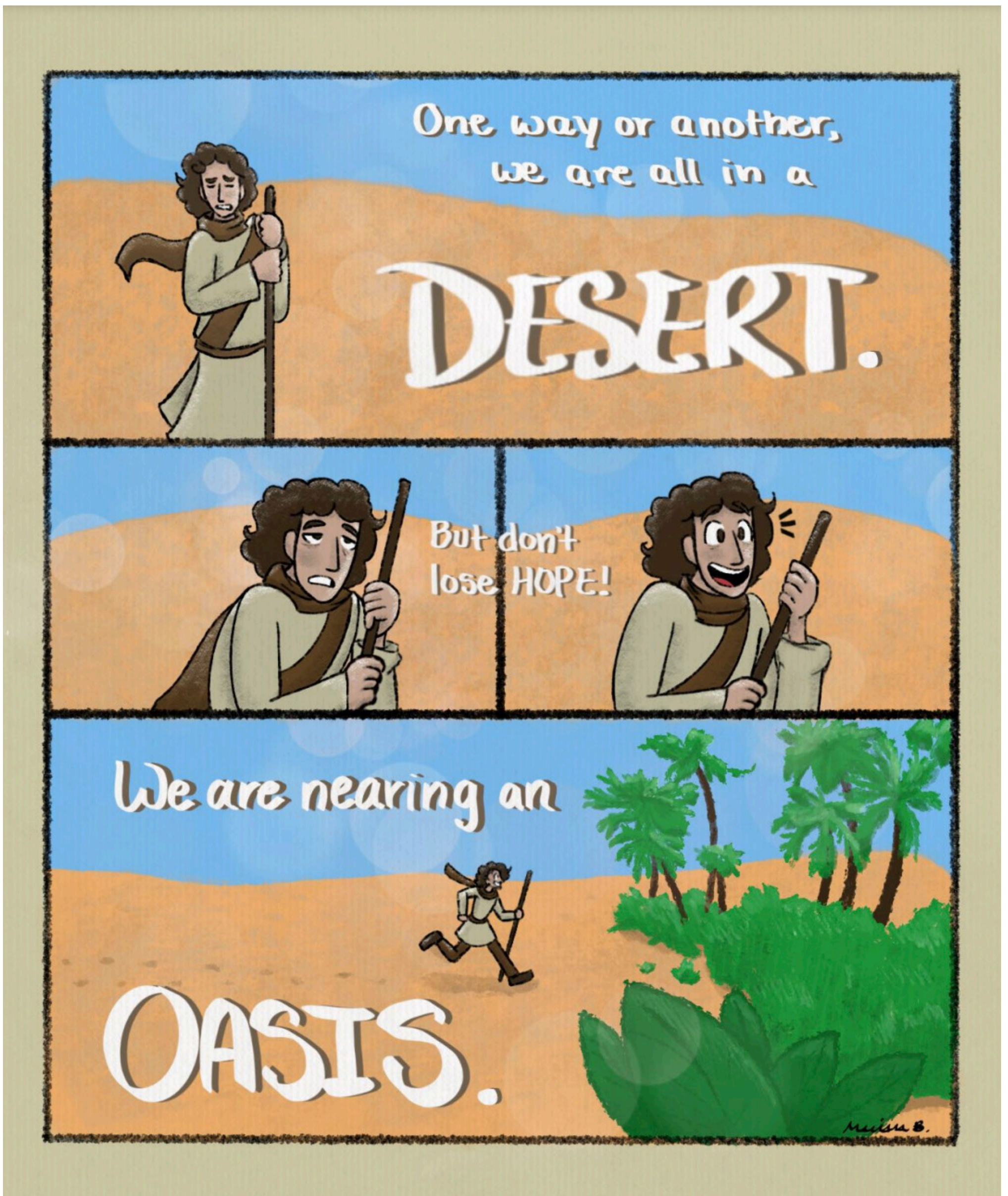
This week, I registered for next semester! I have \_\_\_\_\_ (number) gen ed classes left, so I made sure to sign up for the ones I need. I'm really looking forward to the \_\_\_\_\_ (subject) class I signed up for. I've heard that the professor that teaches it is \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective). Unfortunately, I've also got to take \_\_\_\_\_ (subject). This class is apparently really \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective), so I am pretty unhappy about taking it! I signed up for classes with my friend, \_\_\_\_\_ (name), so we are taking \_\_\_\_\_ (number) classes together. Overall, this semester seems like it will be \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective)!

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## Final Exams

It's almost the end of the semester, which means that it's almost time for finals. I have \_\_\_\_\_ (number) finals that I have to take this semester. Thankfully, some of them are easy! For \_\_\_\_\_ (class), I need to make a PowerPoint about \_\_\_\_\_ (topic). For another class, I have to take a \_\_\_\_\_ (number) page test! That seems really \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective)! My professor didn't even give us a study guide, so I have no idea what is going to be on that test. Hopefully my friend, \_\_\_\_\_ (name), will help me with studying. I can't believe that I have to wake up at \_\_\_\_\_ (time) for one of my finals...that's so early! Why are they scheduled like that? Anyway, I believe that I will do \_\_\_\_\_ (adverb) on my finals this semester!

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