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The life of Tyre Nichols

A dive into Nichols' portfolio and how the people who knew him remember him



Courtesy of Pexels

View Nichols' portfolio for yourself at <https://thiscaliforniakid2.wixsite.com/tnicholsphotography/about>.

Mari Pressley
Managing Editor

The death of 29-year-old Tyre Nichols gained national attention after he was brutally beaten by Memphis police.

The incident occurred on "January 7, 2023, at approximately 8:30 p.m., officers in the area of Raines Road and Ross Road attempted to make a traffic stop for reckless driving," police said in their statement released on Jan. 8.

Nichols, a skateboarder with a passion for photography was remembered at his memorial service on Feb. 1, "A good person, a beautiful soul, a son, a father, a brother, a friend, a human being, gone too soon, denied the dignity of his humanity, denied the right to see the sun set another day."

Nichols' love for photography is ever present in his portfolio in the form of a website. In an 'about'

section titled, "Welcome to The World Through My Eyes", Nichols wrote, "Hey guys, my name is Tyre D. Nichols. I am an aspiring photographer. Well I mostly do this stuff for fun but I enjoy it very much." He went on to say, "Photography helps me look at the world in a more creative way. It expresses me in ways I cannot write down for people."

In his original portfolio, Nichols posted photos of a range of landmarks and nature including sunsets, bridges, railroads, restaurants and street signs.

"I take different types of photography, anywhere from action sports to rural photos, to bodies of water and my favorite.. landscape photography." Nichols wrote.

While Nichols worked at FedEx, he also had a tattoo of his mother's name and 4-year old son according to NPR.

"My vision is to bring my viewers

deep into what I am seeing through my eye and out through my lens. People have a story to tell why not capture it instead of doing the "norm" and writing it down or speaking it." Nichols said, "I hope to one day let people see what I see and to hopefully admire my work based on the quality and ideals of my work. So on that note, enjoy my page and let me know what you think."

Nichols featured a quote from Joel Strasser, "A good photographer must love life more than photography itself."

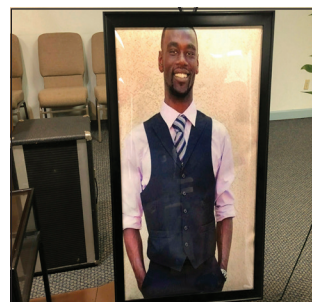
Along with a video of Nichols skateboarding in various locations, civil rights advocate and attorney, Ben Crump tweeted, "This is who Tyre Nichols was — a talented and dedicated skateboarder with SO much life left to live... He didn't deserve to be tragically taken from his family and community! We will continue to fight for accountability for

for you Tyre! #JusticeForTyreNichols."

"It was just nice to see something positive instead of negative and to be able to remember him in a good light," Lato-sha Stone, owner of Proper Gnar, the first Black women owned skateboard company, told USA Today.

"He was one of those people who made everyone around them happy," said Lucille Washington, Nichols' step-grandmother, in a statement to ABC News in Memphis. Skateboarding communities across Memphis have held tributes for Nichols.

And, according to Action News 5 Memphis, Nichols had been skating since he was six years old.



Courtesy of NPR

Update on Winthrop's transition to being a laptop campus

Faculty speak out on their opinion of technology in the classroom



Sam Hyatt
Volunteer Staff Writer

Courtesy of Pixabay

The Board of Trustees voted to make Winthrop a laptop campus in the fall of 2022. The decision was announced by former interim president, George Hynd. Despite encouraging students to purchase laptops, the university hasn't published any updates regarding expectations or policies moving forward.

In Hynd's announcement he stated "This past October, members of the Board of Trustees unanimously approved Winthrop's move to a laptop campus. Beginning in August, each student will be required to have a laptop for 2022-23 academic year classes. IT and facilities management staff are currently in the process of upgrading the campus-wide Wi-Fi system in residence halls and academic

buildings to help us provide an expansive and reliable Wi-Fi network."

According to the Winthrop website, all students were required to purchase a laptop to complete schoolwork beginning in fall 2022. Students were also given the opportunity to get a loaner laptop from Dacus Library while supplies are available.

During the ongoing discussion surrounding the potential transition to becoming a laptop campus, the Information Technology department played a primary role in the discussion as they considered the campus' infrastructure and the strain on its bandwidth from the influx of new devices.

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“We were very concerned that the chosen timeline would not give us enough time to get the campus’ infrastructure ready in time,” the assistant vice president for computing and information technology Patrice Bruneau said. “Networking equipment is still very hard to procure. Some items have a one-year lead time.”

The university will still have desktop computers, however they will be limited. They will only purchase laptops for faculty and staff when needed.

“Part of our research revealed that most students were already bringing a laptop with them to campus,” Bruneau

said. “However, the laptops might not have met the minimum specs required. In order to help students, we created a matrix that showed three different configurations and gave some options for Dell or Apple laptops.”

Now that the university is requiring laptops, faculty have varying opinions on students using technology in their classrooms.

Devon Ralston, an associate professor who teaches digital rhetoric classes, encourages students to use their laptops in her classroom.

“I definitely encourage it and ask students to use their laptops to do work in class. Today (Feb. 1, 2023), in fact, in

WRIT 465 we are going to talk about proposals, and students will work on proposals for a project” Ralston said. “I think it’s great to be able to introduce a concept and have students immediately work on putting some of their understanding into practice while I am able to answer questions. Laptops also make collaboration easier for peer feedback.”

When the university was discussing the transition, Amanda Hiner, the chair of the English department, heard the concerns from other faculty.

“Faculty members are focused on supporting student learning, and laptop and technology ac-

cess is an important part of that support” Hiner said. “However, some faculty members have expressed concerns that our shift to a ‘laptop campus’ happened before campus infrastructure was fully in place to support that technology. Those technology upgrades are ongoing and happening now, but some of our students still struggle to access Wi-Fi in times when they need it.”

Hiner stresses the importance of the university taking into consideration the research that displays that laptop use in the classroom is tied to lower rates in attention and grades, and higher rates of distraction. She shared her research informa-

tion from Washington University in St. Louis.

“It’s important for us as a campus to include that research in our deliberations about how laptops are used during instructional time.

According to Blair Coleman, a sophomore criminology major, some professors are not allowing students to use their devices in class even though they are required by the university.

“In a typical class, I will have the PowerPoint pulled up on my laptop and my notes being handwritten for my clarity,” Coleman said. “But in this class [it was] suggested I print out each of her PowerPoints which

I find too wasteful to do so there are moments I am struggling to catch up in my notes. Assignments and my textbook are online so I have no chance to access those during class.”

The anonymous source also stated that in another class they had been docked participation points for taking notes on their laptop even though they shared their typed notes with the professor at the end of the class.

As the university continues this transition, there will be major adjustments made from both faculty and students.

Any questions concerning devices can be directed to the IT department in McBryde Room 1.

Police Blotter



Marley Bassett
Editor-in-Chief

Editor’s Note: At the time of this writing, the daily crime logs have not been updated since February 1.

Professor requests escort service

WUPO responded to a request from a professor at Thurmond building who requested the escort service due to previous encounters with a student that had made her feel uncomfortable. This event occurred on Jan. 31, 2023 and the student was referred to the Dean of Students office.

Suspicious person spotted at Withers

After receiving a report that a subject was seen around Withers and then later heading to the SAC, WUPO approached the subject who said that they were “just walking around campus and had a lot of knowledge about campus.” The subject then left the area and the complainant was advised to call WUPO again if they came into contact again with the subject. This occurred on Jan. 31, 2023.

Vehicle collision in Dalton Hall parking lot

WUPO responded to a call from the subject who struck the vehicle next to hers while trying to park on Jan. 31, 2023. The vehicle that was struck was legally parked in their spot. Both parties agreed to settle the cost and damages outside of court

Subject looking through house door on Oakland Avenue

WUPO was called on Jan. 31, 2023 to a house on Oakland Avenue due to a suspicious male subject that was reported to be looking into the residence through the glass door. The subject then proceeded to repeatedly ring the doorbell and ask the occupants to let him in. Shortly after this occurred, the subject left on foot and the responding officer searched the surrounding areas.



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What’s happening in South Carolina politics

An update on everything that’s happened so far in South Carolina politics



The South Carolina Statehouse in Columbia

Courtesy of Pexels

Marley Bassett
Editor-in-Chief

Since most of the state government was sworn in this past month, many elected officials have hit the ground running in terms of implementing, crafting and enforcing policy for South Carolina.

The state legislature began their session on Jan. 10, 2023. The current makeup of the state House of Representatives is 36 members are from the Democratic party and 88 members belong to the Republican party.

The state Senate has 15 Democratic senators and 30 Republican senators and one senator

affiliated with another party. The Republicans currently hold a trifecta in the state government, controlling both legislative branches as well as holding the governor position.

Recently, the House passed and sent a bill to the Senate that would “establish and enhance criminal penalties for trafficking and distributing fentanyl or fentanyl-related substances.”

The House Education and Public Works Committee met on January 31 and submitted a committee report to help enact the “South Carolina Transparency and Integrity in

Education Act.”

The bill currently states that “ideological and viewpoint biases should not be presented as fact to students who receive instruction in public school and that schools are to establish and foster a positive learning environment, teach critical thinking skills and prepare students to be college and career ready.”

The House Judiciary Committee proposed a possible joint resolution to enact a ballot referendum that could end the sale of alcohol being prohibited between 7 p.m. and 9 a.m. This would be done by amending the state

constitution.

Governor Henry McMaster announced his budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year at the beginning of January. Highlights include 21.5 million set aside for law enforcement pay raises and 25 million to create educational scholarship funds so that parents can have more options on where to send their K-12 children to school.

McMaster also delivered his annual State of the State address on Jan. 25, 2023.

McMaster highlighted recent accomplishments including the economic surplus of the past year which totaled 3.5 billion dollars. McMaster also highlighted the creation of 120 projects which in turn created about 14,000 new jobs and generated approximately 10.27 billion in capital investments.

The South Carolina State Supreme Court recently struck down the passed “Fetal Heartbeat Bill.” After being enjoined on the enforcement of this bill by the state court on Aug. 27, 2022, it was officially struck down in January.

The court ruled that the heartbeat bill violates the state constitutions’ guaranteed right to privacy.

A week of bloodshed: gun violence in California sparks demand for more gun reform

This week in American politics

David Ibragimov
Staff Writer

Across all of California, communities are gathering forth to mourn the loss of the victims in the shootings that happened over a week-long span throughout the state. The shootings happened in Monterey Park, Beverly Crest, Half Moon Bay and Oakley, devastating the citizens of those communities.

Although the shootings were uncoordinated, the severity of the casualties combined with the number that happened in such a short time overwhelmed the local and state governments.

Given that California has already implemented much stricter regulations on gun ownership

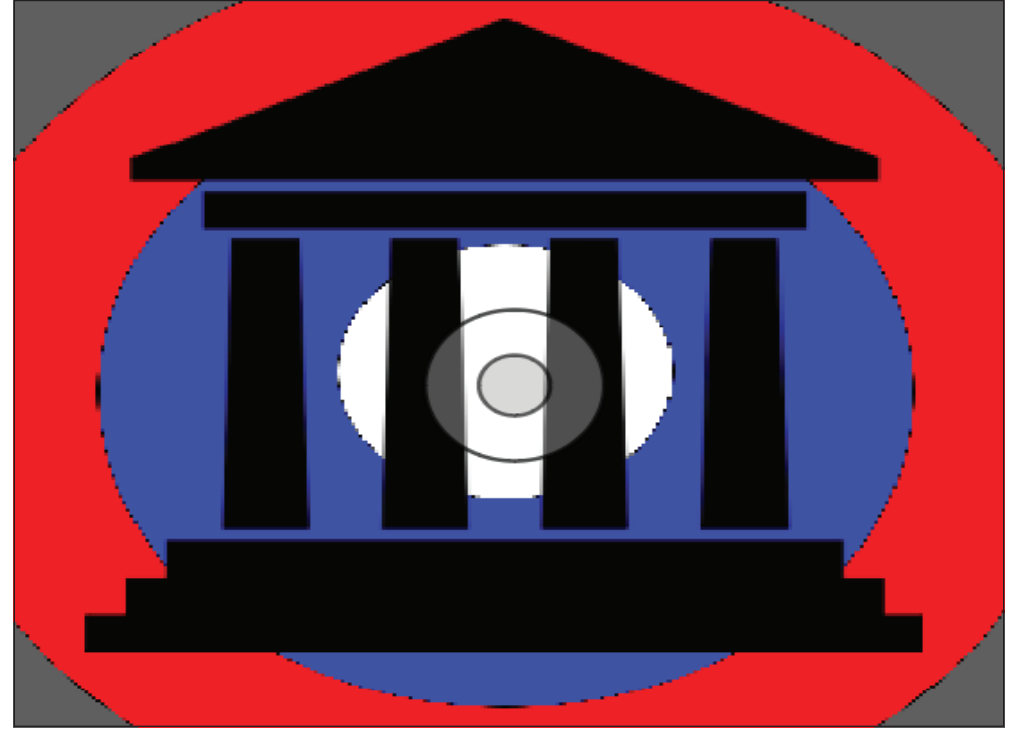
than the federal government, this begs the question of whether the recent bipartisan laws pushed to prevent such tragedies are doing anything, or whether more strict laws should be passed on a federal level.

Some top government officials from California think so and have already begun a campaign to pass stricter gun legislation. Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), along with Senators Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Chris Murphy (D-CT), and Representative David Cicilline (D-RI) have already introduced two bills in the house—“Age 21 Act” and a bill named “Assault Weapons Ban of 2023.”

Both bills, although

separate, are intended to complement each other in preventing gun violence. One deals with the legally appropriate age of gun ownership and where Californians are allowed to bring their guns. The second deals with the legality of what can be allowed to be sold to civilians and what attachments are allowed on the guns sold.

According to a press release by Dianne Feinstein, a U.S. Senator for California, “Under current federal law, an individual is required to be at least 21 years old to legally purchase a handgun but only 18 years of age to legally purchase an assault rifle such as an AR-15. The legislation would create parity in federal firearms law by prohibiting the sale of assault



weapons to individuals under 21.”

The press release also states that “(Assault Weapons Ban of 2023) Bans the sale, manufacture, transfer, and importation of 205 military-style assault weapons by name. Owners may keep existing weapons. Bans any assault weapon with the capacity to utilize a magazine that is not a fixed ammunition magazine and has one or more military characteristics including a pistol grip, a forward grip, a barrel shroud, a threaded barrel, or a folding or telescoping stock.

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In the past, Feinstein has been at the forefront of federal efforts to reform the sales and distribution of guns. Some bills, such as the “Age 21 Act”, have been presented before Congress in 2022, after the shootings of Uvalde and Buffalo, where both shooters obtained their guns legally.

However, with 22 people dead and 21 injured, Americans are shocked at the violence inflicted, and how easy it was for the shooters to bypass a system as

strict as that of California. Governor Gavin Newsom is in full support of Senator Feinstein’s push for this legislation and has stated his support for the state legislature to work on state-level enforcement of stricter gun regulations.

“We can figure this out — we can. We know what to do.”

This legislation has only been introduced to Congress, but it will only be a matter of time before both sides of the political aisle will need to take a closer look into this issue.

Winthrop junior, Shaniah McClellan creates new club for Black women

Inspired by her goal of bringing together the Black female community, McClellan takes the initiative to start a new club on campus



Ariannah Johnson
Staff Writer

On April 4, 2022, Winthrop junior, Shaniah McClellan, created The BluePrints club. Her goal in creating this organization was to create a sisterhood where Black women can unite.

“One of my aspirations is that I know Black women have created a lot of different trends, a lot of different innovations in this world, and yet we don’t receive enough credit for it.

I feel like we should create a safe space for us in order to set boundaries for ourselves that other people or society doesn’t give us,” McClellan, a fine arts major and anthropology minor said.

Taliyah Blake, a sophomore chemistry major and the event planner for The Blueprints went into detail about the purpose of the organization and what you can gain from becoming a member, “The purpose of The Blueprint is to unify and

Courtesy of The BluePrints

and uplift all young black women on Winthrop University’s campus so that they will cultivate and utilize new ways to heal their inner child and learn and grow through life lessons, and spirituality, and create and embrace the version of themselves that they desire.”

Alexia Vereen shares her experience as a Black woman of stereotypes, colorism and masculinization. “Personally, issues that I have faced are

the stereotype of the strong Black women, colorism and masculinization, which way too many other black women face as well. We want to be able to decipher the origin of these issues and dissolve them immediately afterward,” Alexia Vereen, junior English major and African-American studies as well as vice president of the Blueprint said.

All Black women can participate in a variety of upcoming events hosted by The BluePrints on campus. “Our upcoming events in order are the handout of candy grams at digs on the 14th from 11 a.m. to noon, the 15th, we are having an African Diaspora Panel discussion at Dina’s Place, on the 17th, we will be hosting a Colorism discussion panel featuring special guestesses at Digs, and lastly wrapping up February 24th we will be having a “Princess and the Frog” themed tea party at the McBryde Hall at noon,” Blake said.

The Blueprint’s committees exist to encourage member engagement so they can contribute to the success. They want members to be able to support and rely

on one another while still being able to advance and survive independently.

“Membership and Recruitment, I want them to go out and meet people and try to recruit more members for our organizations,” McClellan said.

“Marketing and promotions, for this semester I want to be more interactive with people so we will have Instagram reels asking people questions. For example, on February 14, we wanted to ask Black women on campus questions such as what does love mean to you? Wwhat steps should people take on their journey to self-love?” The BluePrints intend to collaborate with Rock Hill’s schools and black leaders.

The Blueprints are welcoming to every black woman on campus. The BluePrints gathers at Owens Go1 at 7 p.m. every other Monday. The cost of membership for The Blueprint is \$10.

The Blueprints has its membership application linked in their Instagram bio, @theblueprintswu.

Upcoming Events

2/10: Eagles Nest for video games from 5- 11 p.m. at DIGS 220

2/13: Interior Design Bake Sale from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m in the main lobby of DIGS

2/13: CSL Weekly Meeting from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in DIGS 114

2/13: BLERD Weekly Meeting from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in Kinard 115

2/13: Collegiate Choir Performance in McBryde Hall from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

2/14: Valentine’s Day Bake Sale from 11 a.m to 1 p.m in DIGS Main Lobby

2/14: DSU presents... Fun Stuffed in Richardson Ballroom from 11 a.m to 1 p.m.

2/14: Valentine’s Day Candy Grams with Elite Dynasty on Campus Green from 11 a.m to 12:15 p.m.

2/14: RUF Large Group for fellowship and worship in Kinard Auditorium from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Alumni Spotlight: Sally Knowles attended Winthrop College before it became coed

Knowles remembers the community that was made while living in dorms on campus



Knowles posing with her roommate, suitemates, and friends from her dorm hall wearing “fancy” nightgowns.

Courtesy of Sally Knowles

Sam Hyatt
Volunteer Staff Writer

Sally Knowles attended Winthrop College from 1968 to 1972 and experienced the school’s transition to welcoming male enrollment.

Even though men were enrolling in the college, there were no on-campus living spaces for them.

Knowles lived in McLaurin her freshman year, which did not have AC units and required students to share a hall community bathroom. During her sophomore year, she had the opportunity to live in Phelps Hall where her room was right over the boiler room, which kept the room hot all year.

“There was sort of a lottery for dorm rooms,” Knowles

said. “I remember lining up very early in the morning in front of the housing office on the day we could request a room. Some dorms were more desirable than others. I was able to have the same room in Thomson two years in a row because you had priority for a room you were occupying.”

During this time, Winthrop College had strict rules and regulations that required students living on campus to follow.

“The rules on campus were very strict,” Knowles said. “Freshmen had to be in their dorm rooms from 7 pm to 10 pm for quiet hours and there was always a roar on the hall at 10:01 pm.”

During her time at Winthrop College,

the residents were required to sign out on cards that were kept in the “House Mother’s Office” anytime they were leaving campus. On these cards, they would state where they were going, how they were getting there, who they were going to be with, and when they would be back.

“Something younger generations will find interesting is that there were no telephones in the dorm rooms,” Knowles said. “Calls came in through a dorm switchboard. Each room had a buzzer, and each occupant was assigned either one buzz or two. Then there was a code for a local call, a long-distance call, and a visitor in the parlor.”

The parlor is also where the residents

would visit with their dates since no men were allowed in the halls. There were exceptions for male students who were helping students move in or if they were maintenance.

Anytime there was a man in the halls, “you heard the announcement of man on the hall.”

One thing that Knowles remembers about living in the dorms was the frequent fire drills.

“It was always a concern that there would be a fire drill when one was taking a shower,” Knowles said. “We had to wear hard-soled shoes, a raincoat, carry a flashlight, and have a towel around our necks. Periodically, the fire drill would be a ‘black out’ and all lights in the dorms were disabled. Present students may have noticed the tubes coming from some of the older dorms. Those were fire escapes that were not being used by the time I was there.”

While living in the dorms, Knowles enjoyed the sense of community that was created among the women.

“I have many enduring friendships from my years at Winthrop,” Knowles said. “There were no social sororities on campus but the

camaraderie in the dormitories and within class years served some of the same roles as sororities. Each dorm had a song and there was an annual competition with Classes Night, where each class created and performed a skit on an assigned theme.”

Knowles shared her memory of her and a group of friends going into Thomson cafeteria after hours to get ice cream, and one time held a séance.

During the week, the women were required to wear dresses or skirts to classes and the dining halls, McBryde or Thomson, on the weekends because there were usually parents and visitors on campus.

“We were able to wear slacks to class starting in my sophomore year,” Knowles said. “I remember one chemistry professor saying he thought it wasn’t a good idea for us to wear skirts and have our legs exposed in a lab. Of course, then our skirts were way above our knees! It was the beginning of the ‘hippie age’ so we all had to have authentic bell bottoms. I had a pair that shrank in length, so I modified them with curtain fringe – how cool was I!”

Knowles shared that she got an excellent education

which prepared her for graduate school and employment. She also earned teaching assistant positions as a student.

“Professors were excellent and took an interest in ensuring we got an excellent education,” Knowles said. “Both the biology and chemistry professors wanted us to be exposed to those sciences in the real world. We went to professional meetings with them and helped arrange on-campus lecture series. It was nice being so involved and I believe that was because of the small class sizes at Winthrop.”

Knowles was in several national honorary organizations associated with her degree, such as Beta Beta Beta and Zeta Alpha.

“I think there was more emphasis on excelling academically as a woman since there weren’t men on campus to marginalize us,” Knowles said.

Knowles graduated with a major in biology and a chemistry minor. She went on to get a master’s degree in chemistry from the University of South Carolina. “It is hard to believe I graduated from Winthrop 50 years ago,” Knowles said.

Cast of Pippin exemplify the meaning of “teamwork,” going into their spring production

Winthrop’s spring musical, Pippin, has been casted.

Jada Strong

After thorough auditions that included over 60+ people, The cast of Winthrop’s spring musical, Pippin has officially been announced. Showcasing on March 29th through April 2nd. Winthrop’s theater department will be putting on the tony award winning musical.

Joe Overton, junior musical theater major, was cast as the lead role, Pippin. They have been looking forward to the musical since it was announced last year that Pippin would be

2023’s musical. “It’s one of my dream roles. I have loved the show since I first heard it,” Overton said. “And I chose to go for Pippin. Because I love the character. I love the songs. I think it’s such a beautiful voice to bring to the stage.”

Although Overton is elated to play Pippin, they had also considered going after other roles as well.

“I did consider other roles. I definitely considered Charlamagne and Lewis as other potential options,” Overton said. “As they’re both, you know, fun characters,

and they have different styles to them that I would also like to explore within my acting career.”

“I want to build a character that shows,” Overton said. “While Pippin is the lead character, he’s also the main character of the show within the show. So he has to have such a presence. And I’m super excited to work with our director, Rachel Dawson and build that presence. And I’m so excited to work with our music director, Dr. West Davis, and build the voice for that person.”

Even though Overton feels gratitude to be the lead of musical, they emphasize on the fact that they

are not the lead of the production.

“I think that it’s important to know that everybody has equal weight in this show. I don’t want to lead this production, I want to walk arm in arm with the ensemble,” Overton said.

Another factor of the musical that Overton is looking forward to is the chance to sing with their co-star and explore the dynamic between Pippin and Sydney Largent’s character, Leading Player.

“I’ve been in multiple productions with Sydney in the past and I’m so excited that she got Leading Player. I just want to hear her voice and I



Courtesy of Flickr

want to sing with her, her presence on stage is phenomenal.”

Largent is a junior musical theater major and could not be happier to have the chance to be in this musical.

“When they announced we were doing Pippin, I was quite excited. Pippin is just renowned for its lifelike circus acts. And there was a lot of excitement surrounding it,” Largent said. “And I was just really excited to just be any character, I didn’t care who I was, I was just excited to do anything.”

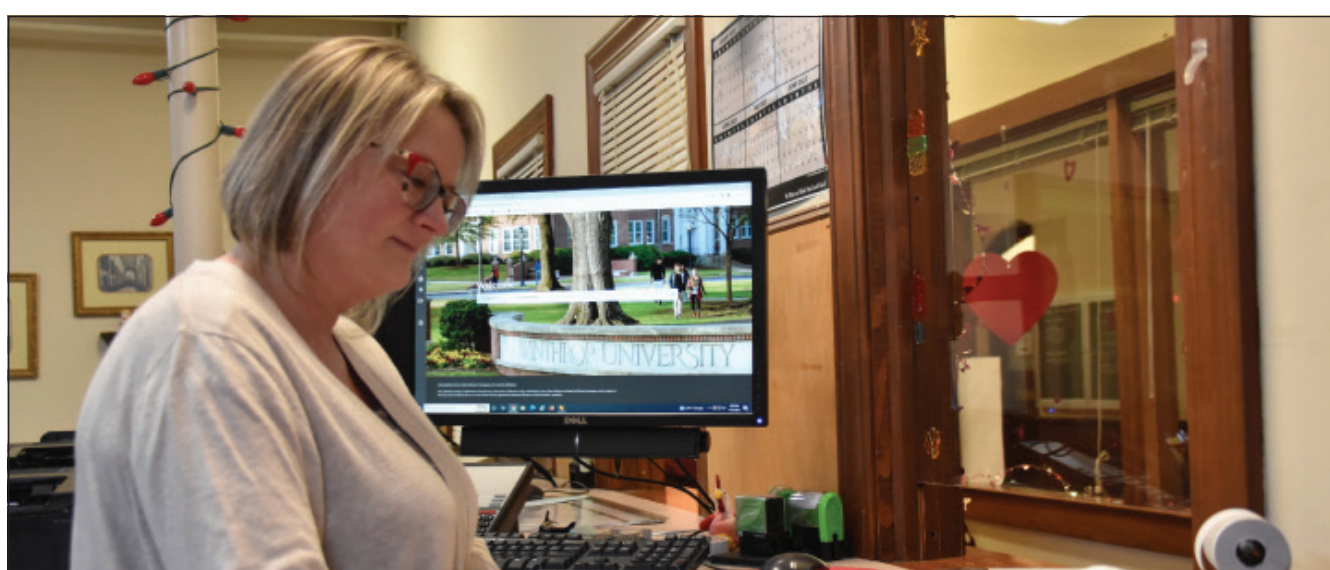
Largent is vocal about the crucial message in the show which is about being

grateful for what you have, and believes that this universal lesson is something that the audience is going to appreciate.

“[The Musical] is more than just about a boy who comes out of his childhood and goes into the circus, it’s about the exploration of the human experience, and how we take so much for granted in our lives. And we want so much more for ourselves but when it really comes down to it, we all have people in our lives that really matter that we take for granted and experiences that we take for granted,” Largent said.

Lily Hayes
Photographer

Winthrop behind-the-scenes: Some of the faces of faculty who work in Tillman Hall



The cashier's office is responsible for receiving and depositing all of Winthrop University's funds.



The Records and Registration office assists with course scheduling, degree audits, graduation, registration, transcripts, and cultural events.



Tracy Holbert is the Technical Manager for the Human Resources office, meaning she creates lists of all staff and student employees when needed and works with vendors on campus to provide applications for potential student employees.



The Student Financial Services office provides families and students with information and resources for the preparation and distribution of billing statements.



The Communications and Marketing Department not only attracts new students to Winthrop, but they also manage trademarks and licensing for Winthrop's brand and create content to share news with students via social media and on the web.

'Why We Wear Crowns,' celebrating World Hijab Day

What do you know about observing the hijab? Ask yourself the same questions and find out what Sally Adnan says is the truth about being a hijabi.

"Who does the hijab apply to in Islam?" "Is the hijab a new concept?" "Is it fair that France bans the practice of hijab in the Olympics?"

These were the questions asked of the audience during DSU's cultural event regarding World Hijab Day on Feb. 1, 2023.

Answers from the audience varied depending on each question.

Beginning her talk with these questions, speaker Sally Adnan answered each question with what was a misconception and what was the truth about observing hijab.

Adnan, a hijabi observing Muslim American, has gone from believing that the hijab is unnecessary and not observing to discovering that it is a

divine law that unites all across the world.

Growing up as a Muslim American, Adnan struggled with what it meant to be a Muslim woman and how it fit in society.

It wasn't until 2011 that Adnan said, "it all clicked" when she was reading a passage from the Quran.

The verse said, "Verify we did raise a messenger among every people (or community of people) with the message 'Worship Allah and stay away from the Rebel (the Satan)'" (The Quran Ch. 16, Verse 36).

"It shows the oneness of God and the one message that is always revealed," Adnan says.

From there, Adnan researched how the hijab appears in other various religions. Only through history did she understand everything.

Some of these religions she compared included: Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism and Buddhism, and

how each Holy scripture for each religion has stated the presence of the hijab.

"We believe God obligated everyone since the beginning of time. Other scriptures have been changed but the Quran stays the same. Continue to keep this divine law alive."

Adnan states that the hijab is more than just clothing and should be addressed as such.

"It's [Hijab] not wearing, it's observing and more than just clothing."

According to Adnan, by observing the hijab, it is a reminder that you are a Muslim since it sometimes is hard to remember, especially in college.

Although the misconception is that only women observe, both men and women have their own guidelines that each observes the two components of hijab.

The first component is modest behavior, while the second is

DSU celebrates World Hijab Day by hosting a culture event informing about 'observing hijab'

Zoe Jenkins
AC&T Editor



Speaker Sally Adnan shows a list of success stories of women who proudly observe the



Sally Adnan educates the audience about the culture and meaning of hijabs

clothing.

"The behavior part is overlooked many times and is important, possibly more important, than clothing," Adnan says.

Despite believing that wearing a hijab is di-

vine law, Adnan states that many Muslim women face challenges toward their religion.

But for Muslims, the hijab is more than just a symbol.

"Is it okay to strip someone's divine be-

lief? Tell them 'no' to not observe it. Is that okay?" Adnan asked. "Ask yourself if that is okay if it is a part of my identity and I believe that it is an obligation sent to me from my God."

Spring Sports Preview: Baseball

Coaches and players alike are excited about the group of players assembled for WU Baseball in 2023

Maliik Cooper
Sports Editor

If you ask the coaches or players on Winthrop's 2023 baseball team, they'll both tell you how ecstatic they are with the group they've put together for this season.

"I really like this team! I like the culture that we have. They work extremely hard every single day," head baseball coach Tom Riginos said of this year's squad.

That fellowship will be paramount for the Eagles this year. Winthrop's leader in batting average from last season, Dillon Morton, has graduated. Additionally, their second best batter Robby Taul, and the team leader in home runs, Khyree Miller, both transferred out.

This leaves a void that coach Riginos is confident this year's team can collectively fill.

"I think it's gonna be a team effort. As far as replacing the

offense, I think it's gonna be the nine guys in the lineup. They all have to work together. We're not gonna have one guy that's asked to do everything. It's just nine guys working together to get a win."

The strength of this team, in Riginos' opinion, is their versatility.

"I think we're gonna have some power, I think we're gonna have some speed, and I think we have different ways of beating you on any given day. There's gonna be some days we're gonna be able to hit the ball out of the ballpark. There's gonna be some days we're gonna have to use small ball and do the little things to score runs. I think we have a lot of different options in our offense, we're going to be able to score runs. I think we have 35 guys that are really good baseball players."

Whatever potential this team has, coach Riginos is confident

we'll see it. In his opinion, this is a team without ego, and a very hard working team.

"It started August 19th. When they first walked into the locker room for our first meeting. Everybody was focused. Everybody worked extremely hard over the summer and just continued right through the fall. Our cohesion, our team culture was outstanding in the fall. Everybody's pulling for one another, and I think that's really really big about how we built our culture in the fall. Now it's translating into the spring. Everybody on the same page, everybody working hard, everybody loving each other, and everybody supporting each other, everything we have to do right now is about the team and not individuals."

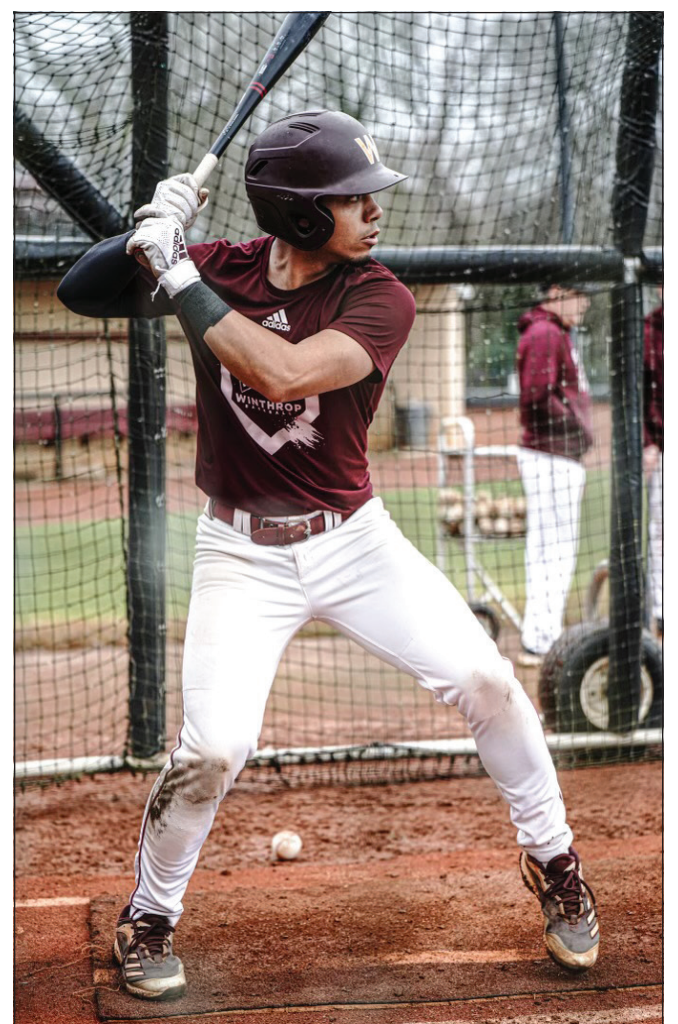
Coach's message has already gotten through to his team. Senior outfielder CJ Conrad echoes every-

thing the head coach stated caring about the chemistry of this team.

"It's all about coming together as a group. Be a close knit group always because that's always gonna help us in the long run. Preparing this season with TR (head coach Tom Riginos), we spoke a lot about culture. We spoke a lot about the things we need to do to translate (to playing better in) the latter half of the year. That all started at the beginning. Just kinda forming something strong from the beginning."

One challenge this group will be trying to overcome is the overall changes in college athletics.

"The transfer portal became this huge thing where guys can just kinda jump and leave a team or program without any penalties. It can just kind of be a hurricane. A whirlwind of things for a program.



Winthrop's offense will succeed with their teamwork rather than leaning on any one star

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haven't won one of those since freshman year over at Clemson.

Coach Riginos closed by offering his perspective on his Big South conference opponents, noting how fierce the competition will be.

"There's so much parody. There's a lot of good coaches. A lot of people are building great programs. So every week is a battle."

The Eagles' first battle will come next Friday at Winthrop Ballpark.

When asked about what games would be circled on the calendar this season, both Conrad and Martin simultaneously shared the same response. "Liberty." Along with that matchup, they also agreed that showing up against the power five in state rivals would be huge for this team.

"Definitely the mid week games when we face off against power five schools. We

Winthrop Women's Softball preview

Winthrop softball team looks forward to upcoming season

Sam Hyatt
Volunteer Staff Writer

After ending the 2022 season with 18 wins and 37 losses, the Winthrop softball team is ready to show their fans the outcome of their hard work over the past year.

The team will begin their season by competing in the Elon Softball Classic in Elon, NC on Feb. 10, 2023. They will be competing against University of Southern Indiana, Morgan State University, and Elon University.

"Our team has worked hard day in and out to prepare for this season" red shirt junior Ansley Lee said. "As a team, our goal is to win the Big South Championship and compete in a regional."

Lee is a transfer student from Louisville College where

she received an All-American award and was able to compete in a Junior College National Championship in Oxford, Alabama.

"I chose to transfer to Winthrop not only for softball, but for the college experience," Lee said. "I had met so many life-long friends prior to transferring, and I could not pass up the offer. I love it here!"

This season Lee hopes to continue to excel and looks forward to playing against Radford University as two of her former teammates are on the team.

"My goal for this upcoming season is to not only be a leader, but a team player," Lee said. "I want to produce for our team in ways that will lead us to the Big South Championship."

Sydney Boulware, a returning sophomore pitcher, looks forward to seeing how her hard work has improved since last year and facing teams from last season.

"I am looking forward to refacing some of the teams that I have already faced last year," Boulware said. "[I want to] see where the outcome lies this time and strive to beat them all. I am also looking forward to some of the away games with traveling to different states."

This season, Jamie Stierstorfer will begin her first season as the Associate Head Coach of the women's softball team at Winthrop University this season.

Stierstorfer has been with the Winthrop softball team since 2018.

"I have loved watching our players gain more confidence in their abilities every year," Stierstorfer said. "I believe we have a great group of Freshmen and transfers who are eager to learn and have meshed well with the returners



Bella Roy pitches in last seasons games.

Courtesy of Winthrop Athletics

We also have more seniors this season and feel we have more people to lead. The team definitely has higher expectations for themselves and are learning how to deal with their mistakes."

As the season starts soon, the team encourages students and those in the Rock Hill community to attend home games, practices and scrimmages.

"We would love to see more fans from other sports, as well as families and young softball fans to become familiar with our players," Stierstorfer said. "We

would appreciate the support from local businesses, and we would love to give our old jerseys to businesses so they can hang up."

This season the team added a new member, Addison, an 11-year-old who is associated with Team Impact.

"Team Impact matches children who are facing serious illness and disabilities with college sports teams, which creates a long-term, life changing experience for us all" Stierstorfer said. "Coach Ansley is in contact with her family and a few of our players are

her leaders who stay in contact with her, and also attend some of her games."

The Eagles will compete on their home field in the Winthrop Eagle Classic on Feb. 16, 2023, through Feb. 18, 2023. Over these few days, the team will compete against Queens University, Marist College, University of Nevada and North Carolina A&T.

More information about the 2023 softball season schedule can be found on the Winthrop Athletics website. Attendance is free for students who bring their Winthrop ID.

A hidden gem: How the history department contributes to campus culture at Winthrop

A glimpse into how the Department of History has shaped Winthrop's campus culture.



Dr. Gregory Bell,
Associate Professor and
Chair of the History
Department

As the world comes out of the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic and begins to enjoy public events again, it is apparent that Winthrop University has a remarkably vibrant culture that students get to enjoy; the history department is just one of the many programs that contributes to this campus's vivacity and

and students' enthusiasm for having experiences outside their dorm rooms.

History is just one department, but it has a presence on campus -- both in the classroom and through various events that speak to (and for) a diversity of students. History is currently the home department for a number of programs and minors including African-American studies, medieval studies, peace,

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justice, and conflict resolution and social studies education are all in the history department. The history department's own professor, Virginia Williams, also heads up the individualized studies program.

The Dracula talk that filled Dina's Place the week of Halloween was sponsored by the medieval studies program, where Alice Sullivan of Tufts University

in Massachusetts spoke on "Medieval Hero & Postmedieval Vampire: Dracula & His Afterimages in History and Art."

This academic year is the thirty-year anniversary of African-American studies on Winthrop's campus and also marks the return of the Association of Ebonites, Winthrop's oldest organization of African American students.

There are many events to look forward to in the coming semester, too. Every three years, Virginia Williams organizes a regional interdisciplinary conference that brings hundreds of scholars to Winthrop campus; it will be held on Feb. 24 and 25. Winthrop students and faculty from across campus will be presenting their work alongside scholars from states across the southeast.

The keynote speaker will be Lakeyta M. Bonnette-Bailey of Georgia State University, who will give a talk called "This is America: Hip-Hop Culture and the Black Lives Matter Movement." Bonnette-Bailey recently worked with Winthrop's professor Belk of the political science department and co-authored a book with

him, "For the Culture: Hip-Hop and the Fight for Social Justice."

The year-long commemoration of African American studies and the reintroduction of the Association of Ebonites culminates with events in April including the twenty-first annual Dorothy Perry Thompson Colloquium in African American Studies and the African American Experience, which will take place on April 13. Three of Winthrop's African American pioneers, Cynthia Roddey, DeLores Johnson Hurt, and Sue Frances Meriwether Steed, will be guest speakers at the colloquium.

This spring, the medieval studies program will host Mary Valante of Appalachian State University as part of Medieval Studies Week. Valante had been scheduled to visit Winthrop in the spring of 2020 to speak about women's labor in Viking towns as well as lead a workshop on medieval Viking women's crafts.

The history department also works with Winthrop students to help promote their plans and activities. It was Nastajia Hamilton, a senior in the Department of Psy-

chology, who worked to re-establish the Association of Ebonites on Winthrop's campus. Phi Alpha Theta -- the history honors society -- regularly helps coordinate and sponsor history events. The 1913 Society, a group of Winthrop history graduate students, has organized a small academic conference at Winthrop this spring.

Naturally, the history department coordinates with people and organizations in the area. After all, Winthrop campus is a part of a larger regional community. The history department has worked with Historic Rock Hill, Historic Fort Mill, and the Catawba Nation.

All in all, Winthrop University offers a vibrant cultural community that is fun and connected to the wider world, and history faculty and students alike are actively engaged in helping create this community and participate in it.

Reveille: Dreaming?



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