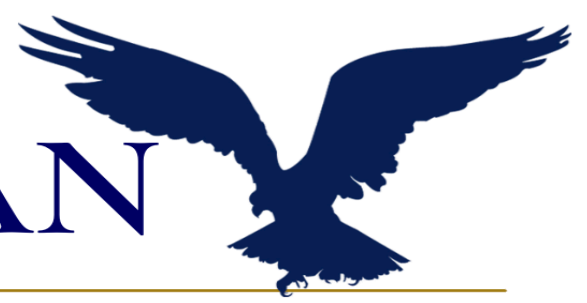


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Winthrop students gather around the Students for Life table in the DiGorgio Campus Center



Courtesy of Winthrop University

## Update on the Students for Life protest

More details about the protest that occurred at the end of last semester

Mari Pressley,  
Managing Editor

As rumors continue to circulate about a possible investigation launched by Winthrop College Republicans tabling event in partnership with Students for Life of America, the organization's president Wesley Thomas said, "I have also heard those rumors. However, I have not been requested to comment or anything like that. So I don't think I would have any more information than anybody else does."

Thomas also said, "No," in reference to knowing about any officials from Winthrop reaching out about investigating the event.

Winthrop College Republicans made a statement on their Instagram, "In regards to the protests Thursday, Dec. 1st, we have recently received photos which better show the defacement done to our table by the student protestors. This included stickers and signs attached to our banners, the destruction of our informational pamphlets, and the

leaving of what was supposed to be, according to a protestor, a 'bloody angel.' Looking over the scene, the same protester comments, 'As a white woman, you asked for this.' The post continued, "Needless to say, at a university which claims to support diversity, tolerance and inclusion, these acts of harassment and intimidation ought to not be tolerated. ... We want to thank everyone for the outpouring of support that we've received. Merry Christmas to all, and we'll see you next semester!"

According to Winthrop University's calendar of events page, there is no record of a table reservation for the Winthrop College Republicans or Students for Life.

Winthrop College Republicans said multiple acts of "defacement" to their banner and pamphlets took place during the event.

"The most obvious one was that someone had taken a sheet of paper and taped it to our banner that said, abortion is not a right. So it just said abortion is a right. That was sort of one of the lighter

ones. They put smaller stickers on the smaller banners, although, to be honest with you, we have videos of all that but I don't think we can, because those stickers were so small, I don't think that they would show up. That's been more of an eyewitness thing." Thomas said.

Along with defacement, Thomas said, "they took pamphlets of some of the informational pamphlets that would link to different apologetics sites, different places where they could learn more about our perspective, some of them were dedicated to non-abortion crisis pregnancy resources."

While roughly 50+ students showed up to the table in protest, Thomas said "there were a lot of signs that were specifically to writing or insulting, especially Cory [Woods] I didn't get too much of that because I was a little further away from the table. ... "The one that I remember most vividly, it was like, 'eff this bitch, stuff like that.'"

According to Winthrop University's policy for assembly, assemblies that have not received written

approval are only permitted on Scholars Walk, Campus Green, the amphitheatre and the grassy area in front of Byrnes Auditorium.

"We didn't ask for the crowd. The crowd gathered on its own. And so no one has reached out to us about that. I'm not sure why they would. You know, you can imagine any other situation. We were tabling and people gathered around us. It was not a planned assembly." Thomas said.

The university's policy also says, "All such assemblies may be conducted with sound amplification equipment as long as instructional and other university activities are not impeded, including entrance into any university buildings or the free flow of traffic."

He went on to say that "There was no single thing that sparked the fire. You sort of had people start to gather and then coordinate amongst themselves as they arrived. And after that, there was a lot of hostility. A lot of jeering. I couldn't tell you how many people said to me- something along the lines of, "You know, no one here agrees with you, right?"

## New VP of University Advancement

Kevin Hughes named as VP of University Advancement

Marley Bassett,  
Editor-in-Chief

On Dec. 13 2022, Winthrop University released a press statement announcing that Kevin Hughes had been selected to fulfill the role of Vice President of University Advancement.

Hughes officially joined the university on Jan. 17, 2023 when he replaced interim vice president Jack DeRochi.

The university advancement office plays an important role in many aspects including the alumni association, the Winthrop Fund and the fountain restoration project, among others.

Hughes received his bachelor's degree from Allegheny College in Pennsylvania and is a first-generation college graduate.

Previously, Hughes was the associate vice president of advancement at the New College Foundation at The Honors College of Florida. He has served in this role since 2019.

Before Hughes served in the

education sector, he previously worked in politics before transitioning to the nonprofit sector approximately 16 years ago.

Before he worked at the New College Foundation, Hughes also worked at both Denison University and Stetson University College of Law

President Edward Serna said "We found in Kevin the right mix of proven fundraising expertise, intimate knowledge of the advancement enterprise, and familiarity with garnering support for a medium-sized public institution where affordability and access are drivers of enrollment."

Hughes said that he was "thrilled to be joining the Winthrop community in the role of vice president for university advancement. During the interview process, I was struck by the depth of passion that everyone I met has for Winthrop. Clearly, Winthrop is a special place."

## Students protest Winthrop College Republicans' 'Abortion is Not a Right' event in DiGiorgio Campus Center

Winthrop College Republicans President on abortion to human rights comparison: "We said it, we believe it, we stand by it."

Mari Pressley, Managing Editor

Editors Note: This is a reprint of the article that appeared in the Dec. 7, 2022 issue

Dozens of students showed up to the College Republicans tabling event in partnership with Students for Life of America inside of the DiGiorgio Student Union Center (DIGS) on Dec. 1st, 2022. The table displayed a sign bearing the words, "Abortion is not right."

Students for Life Action, "is a national organization that works with students to promote pro-life values on campus." Winthrop's College Republicans President, Wesley Thomas said. Thomas, a captain with Students for Life Action and Students For Life of America Southeast Regional Coordinator, Cori Woods were both in attendance.

Many students expressed that they were particularly disturbed by comparisons featured on the posters.

A poster titled, "Humans Deserve Human Rights" listed these points, "Slavery = Human beings are owned. Sex-trafficking = Human beings are treated as

sexual objects. Women's Inequality = Women are viewed as less than men. Jim Crow Laws & Segregation = African Americans were not equal based on their skin color.

Abortion = Preborn human beings are discarded because they are more dependent and vulnerable."

In the midst of loud cheers, human nutrition major Thamia Davis and two friends stood a few feet away from the crowd, as they frustratedly spoke amongst each other.

Davis told The Johnsonian, "I think that abortions are going to happen anyway, even if they're legal or not, and they're going to be unsafe, ... why not have a safe way to do something that's going to happen anyways? And also you can state your opinion -nothing wrong with stating your opinion on something, but do not compare it to slavery, Jim Crow, or anything that is, you know, against black people, or black oppression."

The same poster mentioned also included a Martin

Luther King Jr. quote that read, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

President of Winthrop's NAACP Chapter, Samson Demissie said, "I was frustrated by the comparisons made and as a Black man studying social inequality, it was disrespectful to see such terrible delivery of information. You cannot compare such horrific acts that black people were dealt at the hands of white power and supremacy. They all have different social contexts and cause so much pain and suffering that affects the communities of colors today, systematically, institutionally and regularly, still disproportionately being harmed."

The sociology major went on to say, "And women? We need to be supporting the autonomy and liberty of women. We know America doesn't treat women or more feminine presenting persons equally. Which means we must push for their autonomy more, not restricting that any further than it is. You

know better than to compare things to the Holocaust. But not to slavery, Jim Crow, and sex trafficking. It's frustrating, and shows me, (whoever) made these posters, just doesn't understand the experience of racism and sexism. It's quite ridiculous, but unsurprising."

Thomas said, "Well, I'm not sure what else there is to say. We said it, we believe it, we stand by it. We think that abortion is a human rights issue. We think that it is an injustice, that it is a discrimination against unborn persons, and much the same way that other discriminations and other injustices have been committed. So we believe that the comparison is warranted, and we stand by it."

A mass communication student, Gabrielle Turner, was in attendance reporting for The Palmetto Report. Turner said, "The theater and the dance majors showed up in a big group and started singing and dancing



Students observe the signs and interact with Students for Life representative Cori Woods

them out and they basically got bullied out of DIGS two hours earlier before they were scheduled to leave, they started packing up and on their way out, they had a little parade that they made for them. They made a parade singing them out and followed them outside while they were packing up."

While the event was originally scheduled for Nov. 21, it had to be rescheduled "last minute," Thomas said.

"Yeah, it was just a bunch-like they told us they left their class to come here. And like I wouldn't say harassed because they didn't actually do anything but they were basically counter protesting them. So it was really wild and they stood outside waiting on them to pack up for like 30 minutes like there were people standing out there while they were packing their car up." Turner said.

However, according to Thomas, Students For Life and Winthrop

College Republicans left the table 20-30 minutes early.

"The notion that we were chased out is just not true. We were supposed to be there from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.. And we were there from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m."

Thomas' said Winthrop College Republicans and Students For Life "felt like the productive discussions that we had managed to have throughout the day in spite of the protesters -that those productive discussions had ended. And so since the respectful debate had ended, we felt that there was no need to stay."

"Our goal was to engage students on campus and to facilitate productive discussion and debate. And we did have productive discussions.

## Spring jobs available for Winthrop students

Students can view available jobs on the people admin website

Sam Hyatt Staff Writer

As students return back to campus for the new semester, some students are looking for on-campus job opportunities.

The information in this article does not provide all of the available job opportunities that are listed on the people admin page and does not include job listings for Federal Work Study.

The College of Arts and Sciences is hiring a social media assistant. This position entails the student worker to manage the social media accounts and make content for the social media pages. Additionally, the student would display professionalism as they interact with faculty,

students and alumni when requesting information for the social media accounts.

The university is looking for someone to fill the position of switch board operator at the service desk in the DiGiorgio Campus Center. This position requires someone to transfer and direct callers, work with students who are using gaming equipment and provide information concerning the university's campus and the Winthrop website.

The job of Winthrop Poll interviewer is available for part of the spring semester. These students are required to attend training on either March 21, 2023, or March 22, 2023. No specific job experience

is required.

For this position, students will work between March 25, 2023, and April 8, 2023. According to the people admin website, "survey interviewers will assist with data collection for the Winthrop Poll by conducting telephone interviews using the methods learned in training. Interviewers will be trained to adhere to a script and remain neutral during interviews."

The position of Residential Peer Mentor is available this spring. In this position, according to the people admin website, students will "provide support to students in the Winthrop Thinking College program that

live on campus."

The people admin page states "The primary responsibility of this position includes being a roommate and/or suitemate to student(s) enrolled in the WTC program. Specific responsibilities include providing support to assigned WTC student and other WTC students as needed related to independent living, education, and employment skills."

In addition to these on-campus jobs, the people admin website offers openings for Graduate Assistant jobs for graduate students.

According to the people admin website, the university is looking to hire a graduate associate for

recreational programming and a graduate associate for facility operations.

Some jobs listings on the people admin page are for student job opportunities for the fall 2023 semester.

Students can apply to be a First Year Experience (FYE) fellow for the fall semester. This job entails the student to "support[s] the director in planning, implementing, & assessing the university's first-year experience, peer mentor program, and ACAD 101" according to the people admin website.

Students can view the available jobs on campus by clicking on "Employment Opportunities" on the left side of the

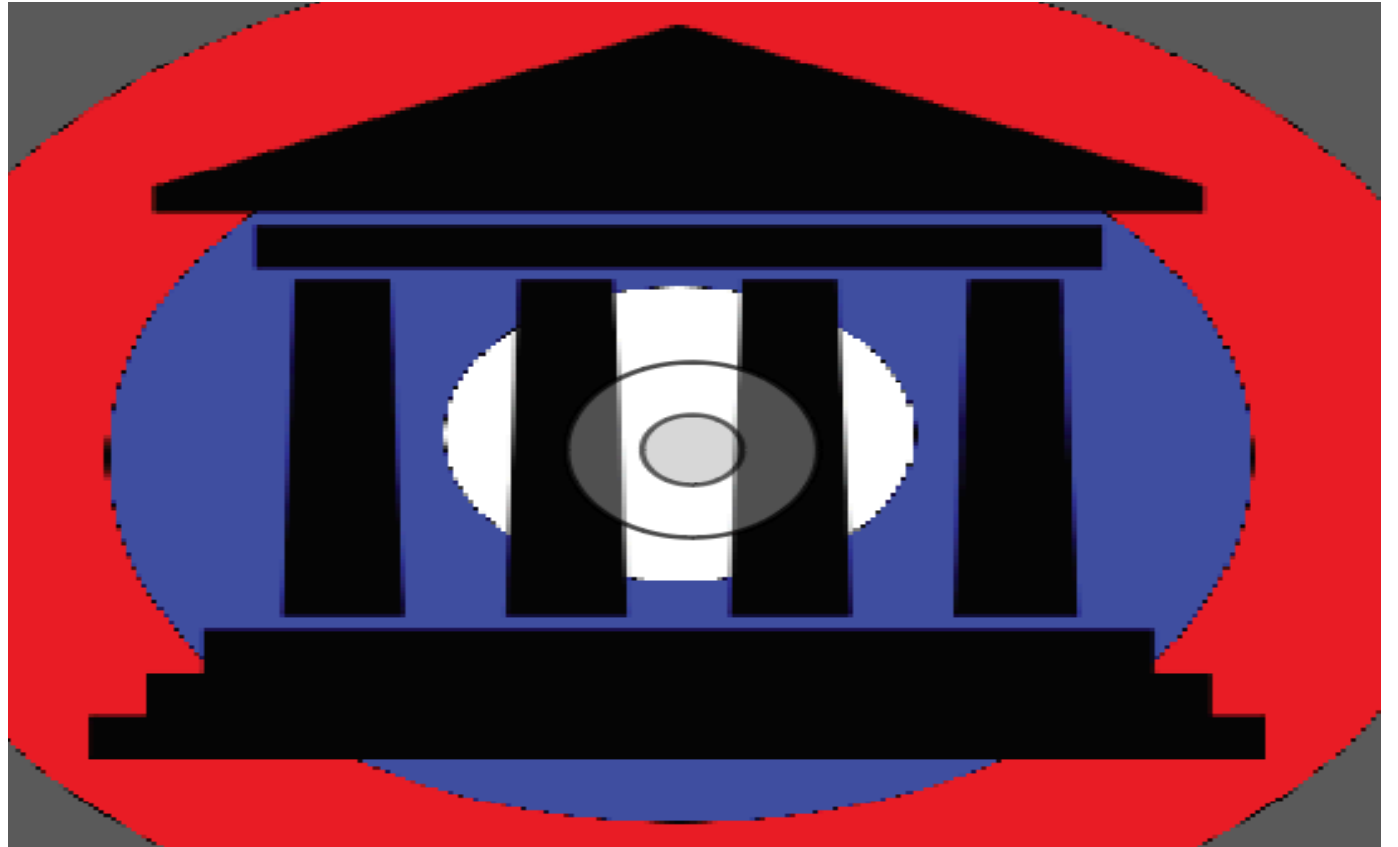
Wingspan homepage. After creating an account, students are able to select the options that allow them to find an on-campus job.

Students can also visit the Center of Career Development and Internships to speak to a staff member about finding other job and internship opportunities off-campus. This office can be found in 129 Crawford.

# This week in American Politics

15th time's the charm:  
McCarthy's chaotic rise  
as Speaker of the House

David Ibragimov,  
Staff Writer



In the 2022 midterm elections, the Republicans secured a majority in the lower chamber of Congress; the House of Representatives.

With this victory, the House Republicans now had to vote for the Speaker of the House, and ultimately the one who would set the rules and agendas for the 118th Congress. Kevin McCarthy was the obvious frontrunner, but now, with a very narrow majority, his leadership was in jeopardy from the more right-wing, or conservative, members of his party.

On Jan. 3rd, the worst possible outcome

formed. McCarthy did not have enough votes to be recognized as speaker, with 20 Republican house members rejecting the idea to vote for McCarthy and instead casting their votes for other members of the House, such as Jim Jordan and Byron Donalds.

This process shook the American political realm, being the first time since 1923 that such a phenomenon has taken place.

Although McCarthy was able to secure a vote to be the House Speaker, this was only able to happen after the 15th ballot, lasting four days and greatly

weakening the influence that McCarthy has over the rest of the House Republicans.

This delay at the beginning of the 118th Congress sprouts many questions from both the American public and political analysts alike; how strong will McCarthy's congress be in these two years?

"What we see happening here is factionalism within the Republican party", said John Holder, professor of political science. "It seems that a portion of the Republicans do not trust Kevin McCarthy to lead as the speaker, and this is a problem when 20 members of your own party do not

trust you."

Although the list of members contained House Republicans considered very conservative or far right like Matt Gaetz of Florida and Lauren Boebert of Colorado, it also included those who are considered more moderate within the Republican Party like Chip Roy of Texas and Ralph Norman, who represents South Carolina's 5th district. They argued against McCarthy on the basis of him not having enough fiscal responsibility.

"I feel like there were multiple reasons why Kevin McCarthy had not won the

speakership in one ballot, but the main reason was due to the Republican infighting with members like Boebert and Gaetz", said Hari Kommamuri, a member of the College Republicans. "At first, this was frustrating to see, but it showed that we need to have members of the party disagree with each other, which can help the GOP move forward."

Even with last week's chaos, it seems that everything has calmed down for the time being after McCarthy's election.

This outcome, however, demonstrates that everything is not as

stable for the Republican house as the party anticipated, and only time will tell whether this was a one-time occurrence or the beginning of a much more chaotic trend throughout the political sphere.

## What's in store for the 118th Congress

A look at what is shaping  
up for the next two years  
after the start of the 118th  
Congress

MARLEY BASSETT,  
Editor-in-Chief



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After the November 2022 midterm elections, Republicans retook the House with a narrow margin of 222-213, which is the first time that this party has been in the majority since 2019.

The Democrats expanded their senate majority by one seat making the Senate split with 49 Democrats as well as the two Independents that caucus with them and 49 Republicans.

This marks the first time since 2013 that the legislative branch of the government has been split with a Republican House and a Democratic Senate.

The 118th Congress began with an event that has not occurred in the House

of Representatives for a century. For the first time since 1923, it took multiple ballots to elect a Speaker of the House. Republican Kevin McCarthy, who represents California's 20th congressional district eventually won the election to become Speaker of the House after 15 ballots were cast spread out over a four day election.

McCarthy's hard road to becoming Speaker of the House occurred after several far-right members of the Republican Party initially opposed his nomination. However, after McCarthy made several concessions to appease these members, they all supported him or voted present which lowered

the number of votes needed to obtain a majority.

Some of the new rules that will be enacted for this Congress include allowing just one House member to call for the removal of the Speaker. This would lead to a full House vote. This tactic has only been used once in 1910.

Another rule includes limits to both short-term and long-term spending as well as making income tax increases require a three-fifths majority to pass the House. This means the 261 House members would have to vote for the increase rather than the normal 218 majority.

The package also eliminated proxy voting and also requires a min-

imum of 72 hours, or three days, to read bills before they can come to the floor for a vote.

A new sub-committee on COVID was also established as well as new changes to the House Ethics committee.

The ethics committee has now established term limits as well as limiting the hiring of staff for this committee to the first 30 days of Congress. A new bipartisan task force will be established out of the committee with the purpose of examining the house's ethics rules.

House Democrat Hakeem Jefferies, who represents New York's 8th congressional district, made history earlier this month by

becoming the first African-American to be the leader of the two major parties in Congress.

Jefferies was elected to succeed incumbent Democratic party leader Nancy Pelosi after she stepped down as leader at the end of the 117th Congress.

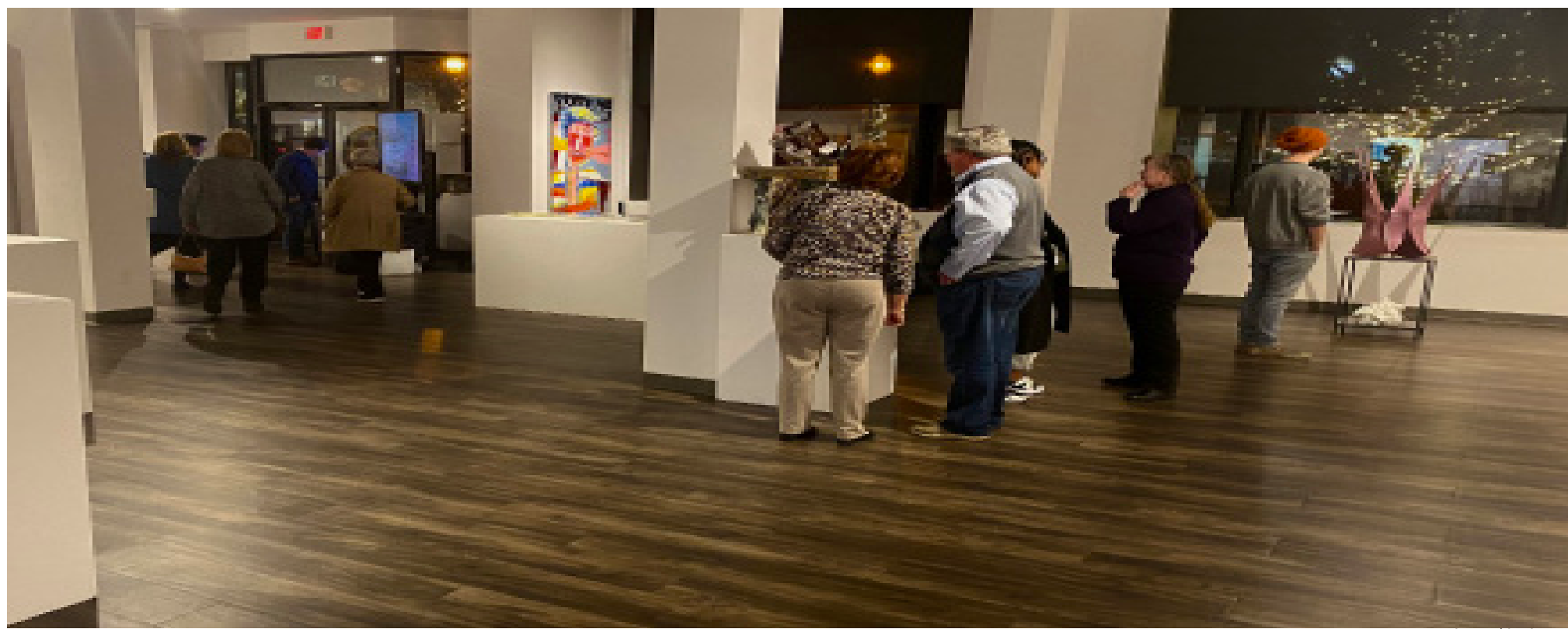
In the Senate, Patty Murray of Washington became the first woman and new President Pro-Tempore of the Senate. Murray is the second longest serving Democrat in the Senate but was elected after Dianne Feinstein of California declined the role. Senate Republican, Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, also became the longest-serving party leader in the

Senate.

Many bills have already been proposed in both the House and the Senate. Some of these bills include No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion and Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act of 2023 and the Illegal Alien NICS Alert Act

Other bills include the Fair Tax Act and the Washington D.C. Admissions Act

Since the legislative government is split between two parties, major bills that are more partisan-leaning will have a harder time getting passed through both chambers as well as being signed into law by the executive branch.



Attendees and artists at the Dalton Gallery opening

Jada Strong/The Johnsonian

## Artists unveil their work at Dalton Gallery reception

Dalton Gallery opening at the Center for the Arts

JADA STRONG,  
Staff Writer

On Thursday, Jan. 12, 2023, the Center for the Arts, an art gallery here in York County, held a reception unveiling their annual Dalton Gallery, which presents art created by members of the Arts Council of York County.

The reception was filled with artists who came to see their own and fellow artists' work presented, along with family and friends.

Artist and Winthrop alumna Joanna Henry titled her piece, "Muddled," which she painted with acrylic on canvas.

"I majored in painting and ceramics. So when it comes to painting, I'm really into figurative work as well as abstract," Henry said. "I mainly focus on colors and lines. And

with ceramics, I want to make something useful and not just there as an ornament."

Henry created her piece when she was going through a difficult time in her life.

"My style ebbs and flows depending on what I'm going through at the moment. And the piece in this show currently, I actually made that at a time when I was experiencing a family loss," Henry said, "And it is really steeped in the emotions I was feeling. It is titled 'Muddled,' so there's no clear figure behind it, but it is more focused on the colors that represent those feelings and emotions I was going through."

Henry has nothing but praise for the York County Center for the

Arts for letting her showcase her work.

"This is my second or third time showing at the art council," Henry said. "Overall my experience showcasing my work in Rock Hill has been a good journey. The community here is close knit and really supportive, especially Mike Gentry, who's the gallery director. He's been top-tier in being able to provide myself and other artists with the opportunity to showcase their work at other venues. It's been really good being a part of the community here."

Another artist who was presenting was Cathy Flynn, who had painted a portrait of houses on Red River Road here in Rock Hill, which is also the title of

her piece.

"I chose this piece to present because it was of Rock Hill," Flynn said. "You know it was the largest one I made and I was sure that people would recognize these houses and this road and would be able to like that connection."

For Flynn, there was nothing special about the location she chose. She is just drawn to architectural paintings, which inspires her work.

"I just have a thing about painting houses, and I don't know why," Flynn said. "I just enjoy homes and I think everyone can relate to that."

During the reception, viewers noticed how lifelike her work was, and Flynn admitted she does her best to make it

realistic, given her art is modeled after real-life scenery.

"My art is kind of stylized realism," Flynn said. "Some people like their realism art absolutely photographic. The truth is, I don't think I could do that. I like to add my own touch to it."

Artist Myles Calvert, also a current assistant professor of fine arts at Winthrop, titled his art "Vessel" in which he painted a turquoise pitcher for his piece.

"I'm a print-making professor at Winthrop, and I gravitate towards 2-D processes that may be screen printing or etching, and I'm always pulling in color theory," Calvert said. "And most of my work has universally recognizable objects

such as vessels, wooden spoons or footstools."

Calvert gravitates toward making art of recognizable objects to improve students' craft constantly. It is also to remind them never to get too comfortable or stuck on something no matter how simple it may first appear.

"It's all about fully investigating a subject and not just bouncing one idea to another idea," Calvert said. "It's like this fluid motion, like you're never fully done with one idea. There's always a second, third, fourth, fifth way of approaching something."

This exhibition is free and open to the public for viewing from Jan. 12-Feb. 11, 2023.

## Professor Jason Tselentis hosts Batman-themed cultural event

There are many interesting festivities

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Before DC Comics emerged as a superhero powerhouse in film, one hero stood out significantly in various forms of media.

Although DC Comics has had several other noteworthy characters such as Superman, Wonder Woman and Green Lantern, by far one of the most recognizable ones across generations would be Batman. Since his first appearance in 1939, Batman has taken on

various roles in several different types of media. From comic books to video games, cartoons and even toys, the character Batman has cemented himself to become a worldwide pop culture icon.

Even with the increased popularization of superheroes in recent years, Batman remains both recognizable and relevant with multiple modern iterations.

With this wide recognition, Batman

has become synonymous with the title of "World's Greatest Detective."

Professor of visual communication Jason Tselentis intends to explore the detective role of Batman in comparison to other widely recognized detectives such as Sherlock Holmes.

On Jan. 26, 2023, Professor Tselentis will host a cultural event regarding Batman in Dina's Place from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

"Most don't pay attention to the detective aspect of Batman," Tselentis says in regards to the investigative side of Batman. "He's referred to as the 'World's Greatest Detective,' but he makes a lot of mistakes."

So then, what makes Batman stick out then as the "World's Greatest Detective?"

"That's the question—

it is a title that's stuck on him by DC comics," Tselentis answers.

Other topics of interest in the event include the roles of the sidekicks and partners accompanying the character. Some discussions will incorporate the backgrounds of Robin, Catwoman, Batgirl, and Nightwing.

"It's impossible to work alone; one person can't work alone, and those characters add onto that—they're Batman's own police bureau because sometimes the city and state police need help or are corrupt."

For those interested in reading or watching more about Batman, Professor Tselentis suggests exploring whatever fits their interests.

"Go for what you like. Digging around is important, even if it is

just for you."

From digging around, Tselentis discovered the 1968 movie, *La Mujer Murcielago*, translated into "The Batwoman."

This is a movie that will be examined and discussed at the cultural event as an iteration of Batman and characters from Gotham City.

Despite arguably not being a well-known movie, Tselentis believes this film is significant to conversations about representation and inclusion. People can look at the deep history of Batman and several other characters to find these examples of early representation in media.

For those curious about watching the movie before going to the cultural event, it can be found on YouTube and is free to watch.

Everyone is welcome to attend the cultural

event, which is open to all Winthrop students and the public as well.

Tselentis hopes everyone interested in joining comes and that anyone who comes can leave knowing something more about the popular superhero.

There will also be a question and answer session at the end of the event.



Courtesy of Professor Jason Tselentis

Flyer for the Cultural Event: Batman's Investigative Techniques

Photo Story: Students Return to Campus



Students enjoy the pool tables at Digs during downtime between their classes



Students walking on Scholar's Walk heading to their first days of classes



Students enjoy the new swings that were recently placed on Scholar's Walk

## Alumna Jan Wise on "Rat Week" and more

Wise attended Winthrop while it was still called Winthrop College and participated in numerous activities on campus

Sam Hyatt  
Staff Writer

Jan Wise, an alumni who attended Winthrop from 1973 to 1977, spent her time being active in various areas of campus and making memories with her friends, partially while Winthrop was still an all-women's institution and called Winthrop College.

"My freshman year, 1973 to 1974, was the last year before Winthrop College officially became co-ed, so I experienced the all women tradition for a year," Wise said. "There previously had been male students allowed to attend as day students, so the following year when WC established a dormitory to house men on campus, there was a smooth transition from being a historic women's college of higher education to becoming a co-ed SC State institution. Men were welcomed for the most part, but the times and unique experience began a radical transformation from old traditions to a new era of student life on campus."

As a freshman, Wise lived in Roddey Hall and remembers being involved in "Rat Week." "Rat Week", for the majority of incoming freshmen who chose to participate, was a week-long initiation process that had been a practiced tradition at WC for decades prior to my understanding" Wise said. "Freshmen

were referred to as rats and were required to wear our rat caps, a little red and yellow beanie, on our heads for the first official week as students."

During this time, freshmen were expected to cater to the upper-classmen by carrying books and lunch trays, along with reciting the school alma mater and reciting dormitory rules. After the week was over, they participated in a "ritual of passage" in Byrnes Auditorium.

In addition to the tradition of "Rat Week" Wise remembers the first eagle mascot being elected.

"The first WC mascot was elected by the student body to be called the Winthrop College Eagles within a couple of years; and thus, overshadowed the previous practice of the 'Mighty' and 'Glory' classes tradition" Wise said. "I remember WC's first mens organized basketball team, the founding of fraternities, and a gradual increase in male enrollment. Winthrop College had turned a chapter in its traditional history and moved toward a more modern and inclusive student culture."

During her time at Winthrop College, Wise remembers ice skating on the frozen water in the fountain in front of Tillman Hall.

Wise spent her

sophomore year at Winthrop College as the assistant athletic trainer for the field hockey team coached by Maeberta Bobb.

"I attended all practices, home games on 'Peabody Field,' and all away games," Wise said. "The team traveled in an old red, long school bus! Some of our opponents included: Lander, Converse, Limestone, Elon, UNC-Greensboro, and Appalachian State! I was relieved of my responsibilities as the Manager/Trainer of the team the following year due to my poor performance and behavior."

While a student, Wise was involved in student publications. She was a sports reporter for The Johnsonian, had poetry published in an edition of The Anthology and was the copy editor for The Tatler.

"I covered basketball, volleyball, tennis and field hockey news," Wise said. "This was before WC had any organized sports teams for men. I would travel to away games with the teams often. I especially enjoyed the statistical interpretation and my description of players' performances in the articles I wrote. We were not paid for our work with The Johnsonian."

During her time at Winthrop College, Wise had her poetry

published in The Anthology. The titles of her work were "Gun-Shy Hunter," "The Player," "Wild Stream" and "Cold Stone Monument."

As copy editor of The Tatler, Wise had the opportunity to write every sentence in the annual that year.

"I remember after I turned in my final draft of the copy to the advisor, the chairman of the English department; he said to me 'Miss Wise, the content of the copy is excellent but how the hell did you manage getting into Winthrop not knowing how to spell?' Wise said. "I knew how to spell correctly. It was just that my thoughts came faster than my ability to follow spelling rules as I wrote words."

In addition to student publications, Wise was on the judicial board for student government and was a Resident Assistant (R.A.) in Phelps Hall and Richardson Hall.

"Being an R.A. gave me my first experience with skills in counseling and supervision that were utilized later throughout my professional career," Wise said. "I know I could have been a better role model as an R.A., but I cannot change the past."

When thinking about current students and the advice she would give, Wise suggests that

students should take their education seriously.

"My advice to students at WU now is to cherish and take serious this educational opportunity before you" Wise said. "Set goals, have a purpose in mind, attend all of your classes, study hard, and grow into responsible young adults!"

When thinking about the faculty who made an impact on her time at Winthrop College, Wise is especially thankful for Jane Rankin and Maeberta Bobb.

"I especially want to thank Dr. Jane Rankin, a psychologist with student mental health services, who helped me through emotional lows and highs; and was the first professional who recognized my need for treatment for my Bipolar disorder," Wise said. "Also, Dr. Maeberta Bobb, I thank for being honest with me concerning my behavior and giving me a "wake up call" when she relieved me of my duties with the Winthrop Field Hockey Team. Her no-nonsense approach with me helped me begin to turn my life around. I sincerely hope she would be proud of the adult and professional I became."

Now, Wise is a retired educator and behavioral counselor.

"I was employed by the SC Department of

Juvenile Justice, the SC Department of Mental Health, Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School, SC Lexington II School District, and, lastly, the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Midlands," Wise said.

Although Wise did not cross the stage to receive her diploma with her class in 1977, she is still considered an alumni because of the duration of years at Winthrop College and 100 credit hours attained. In 1987, Wise received her Bachelor of Arts in experimental psychology with a minor in philosophy from the University of South Carolina. She now has over 30 credit hours towards a MA in both Religious Studies and Counselor Education.

Wise regularly anticipates and enjoys the Winthrop Alumni quarterly newsletter. She attended the twenty-five-year reunion for the class of 1977 and plans to attend the 50th reunion in 2027.

"My time at WC was spent living life to the fullest, though reckless at times" Wise said. "The experience was a highlight of my life at the time! I will always remember the friends and professors of the physical education department and psychology department."



1976 Tatler Staff. Jan Wise is the student third from the left being jokingly choked by a fellow staff member.



"Rat Cap" worn during Wise's freshman "Rat Week" initiation to Winthrop College student life, in 1973.



The 1976 WC Field Hockey Team. Jan Wise (Assistant Manager) is pictured on the third row, 2nd from left.



Wise between her two nephews, Carl Wise (left) and Tyler Wise (right) in 2018.

## The rise of pickleball in Rock Hill

Rock Hill citizens can now enjoy pickleball without leaving the city

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The nationwide phenomenon known as “pickleball” has made its way to Rock Hill.

Pickleball was created in 1965 by vacationing families in Bainbridge Island, WA. Originally enjoyed by citizens of the Pacific Northwest, it was recently named the fastest growing sport in the United States by the Sports and Fitness Industry Association (SFIA).

“The SFIA estimates 4.8 million players, and that grew 14.8 percent year-over-year. In fact, industry experts are predicting we’ll see 40 million players by 2030. If that happens,

pickleball will become the largest racquet sport in the country, almost twice the size of tennis!” Pickleheads co-founder Brandon Mackie said of the sports’ continued growth.

According to players, one of the many reasons for this is pickleball’s un-demanding learning curve.

“Anybody can go out the first time, learn the sport, have a good time, and even win games and that’s just not true of sports like tennis or golf, which might require, you know, years of lessons to get to a point where you’re having fun with it. Other sports like baseball or

football are very technical and played kind of at a team level,” Mackie said when assessing the ease with which players pick up pickleball in a recent interview.

Keha McKinney reported on the matter for The Palmetto Report in November, and her interviewees concurred with Mackie’s sentiment.

“The thing about pickleball is it’s so inclusive. It doesn’t matter your age, your height, everybody can come together and play this amazing sport,” said Julia Farella, a local player.

Pickleball seems to be a great social

experience as well. Its spaced out nature allowed for it to be safely played during the coronavirus pandemic, giving people an activity they can enjoy outside the house without worry of getting sick.

In agreement with what Farella said, Mackie has also been quoted saying, “Anyone from age five to 95 can play and have fun.”

With the sports’ ever-expanding infrastructure nationwide, Rock Hill’s community now has the opportunity to join the fun.

The Boyd Hill Recreation Center and The Shield of Faith

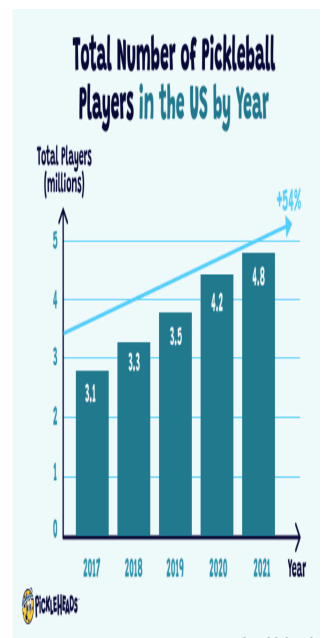
Church are the two courts local to Rock Hill, but there are more than thirty more courts in our area if you include Fort Mill and Charlotte.

You can find all the nearest pickleball courts at [pickleheads.com](http://pickleheads.com), along with tutorials, tips and reviews on where to find the best equipment, and more.



Courtesy of Pickleheads

People play a round of pickleball in one of several pickleball courts located in and around the Rock Hill area



A graph that shows a 54 percent increase in the number of pickleball players in the United States from 2017 to 2021

## Men and women basketball teams advance in their season during winter break

The eagles secure few wins during the break

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During Winthrop University’s winter break, the men’s and women’s basketball teams spent their time moving forward in their respective seasons.

From Dec. 10, 2022 to Jan. 11, 2023, the men’s basketball team experienced five losses and two wins.

On Dec. 17, 2022, the team traveled to Baton Rouge, LA to compete against Louisiana State University. After trading blows on the scoreboard throughout the entire game, Winthrop lost to LSU with a final score of 89-81. The game was also televised on the SEC Network.

During this game, Sin’Cere McMahon, a junior guard, posted his eighth double figure game of the season and finished the game with a season high of six assists.

Kelton Talford, a junior forward, had his third 20-point game of the season.

Cory Hightower, a senior forward, was sitting with 1,499 career points at the end of the game, just missing the 1,500 point mark.

On New Year’s Eve, the team secured a win against UNC Asheville with a score of 62-60.

Talford once again led the way with 14 points, with senior forward Chase Claxton, junior guard Kasen Harrison, and redshirt sophomore forward

Toneari Lane all scoring double digits.

From Dec. 18, 2022 to Jan. 11, 2023, the women’s team experienced four losses, two postponed games and one win.

The two postponed games were against University of South Carolina at Upstate and University of North Carolina at Asheville.

The women’s team traveled to DeLand, FL to compete in the Hatter Classic where they competed against Bethune-Cookman University and Stetson University. In both games, the eagles lost.

The team lost to Bethune-Cookman University with a score of 54-67 and 38-53 against Stetson University.

In the games against University of North Carolina at Asheville, both Tori Hall and Jada Ryce had season highs.

Hall, a senior guard, had a season high with eight points.

Ryce, a sophomore guard, had a season high with three field goals made and attempted, a set career high in minutes, points, field goal attempts and steals as well as tied her career-high in rebounds.

Additionally, Frances Brown, a junior guard, set a season and career high in minutes played, assists and blocks against University of North Carolina at

Asheville.

The women’s team were able to secure their first conference win of the new year against Longwood University on Jan. 7, 2023, with a score of 62-47.

In this game, Paige Powell, a graduate student forward, was about to record her fourth double-double of the season while Shamyjha Price was able to set a career high in points as an Eagle with 35 points. Additionally, Leonor Paisana, a sophomore guard, set a season high in field goals made with 12 rebounds.

The men’s team will be playing at High Point on Jan. 18, 2022, at 7 p.m. and will play again at home court against Gardner Webb University at 2 p.m. on Jan. 21, 2022.

The women’s team will play at home against High Point at the Winthrop Coliseum on Jan. 18, 2022, at 6 p.m.

More information concerning the basketball team’s schedule can be found on the Winthrop Athletics website.



Courtesy of Brett Redden and Winthrop Athletics

Ally Ross #3 sprints down the court against SC State women's basketball team



Courtesy of Brett Redden and Winthrop Athletics

Leonor Paisana leads the Winthrop women's team in offense



Courtesy of Brett Redden and Winthrop Athletics

Jada Ryce plays offense against SC State



Courtesy of Brett Redden and Winthrop Athletics

Kelton Talford makes layup against Presbyterian College

# Opinion and Comic

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## Spring into celebrating!

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A look into what events and opportunities are out there for Rock Hill citizens now that the new year has begun.

Many interesting and exciting events are coming to the York County and Winthrop University communities this year—including plays, concerts, and festivals—just in time for the warmer weather.

Rock Hill is home to festivals, community spaces and tastings that are the perfect opportunity to get outside and celebrate the beginning of the upcoming spring season. A number of these events are family friendly, but those with specific restrictions or accommodation needs should research and

contact the venues beforehand.

For those who love the arts, spring is definitely a good time to attend community events. The Museum of York County is inviting local artists to come and show patrons how to draw items from their exhibits. The Arts Council of York County is hosting a members showcase until Feb. 11, where they invite visitors to explore the art styles of the dozens of council members. Fort Mill's LOOM is hosting a beginner watercolor workshop on Jan. 22 that is Valentine's Day themed.

The registration fee is \$55 per person, and the event runs from 1:30 to 3:40 p.m.

Fans of live music can look forward to outdoor concerts for the first time of the year. On Jan. 20, local musician Cuchulain is performing for free at The Common Market. Amor Artis Brewery is hosting acoustic musicians at their taproom every Wednesday. Winthrop's Chamber Singers and Collegiate Choir will be performing on Feb. 24 in McBryde Hall from 7:30 to 9 p.m. They have another choir performance on April

16 at the same time and venue.

There are several seasonal festivals approaching as well. Rock Hill's Come-See-Me Festival highlights the beginning of spring throughout the city, running from April 13 until April 23. The Catawba Cultural Center is hosting a celebration of their art and culture in May—they will release further details later in the spring. Fort Mill's Strawberry Festival will run from April 14 to May 6, marking the beginning of strawberry season.

For people looking to get moving, The Garden Cafe is sponsoring a free gravel trail for cyclists to use; the event runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Jan. 28. The Anne Springs Close Greenway is hosting weekly yoga sessions at the Founders Dairy Barn on Wednesdays there is a lunchtime session from 11:30 to noon, and another from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. As spring continues, they will also be hosting guided hikes on Sundays. Their event calendar will begin showing definitive dates for these hikes later in the season. Slow Play

Brewing is also hosting a weekly Disc Golf Putting League on Thursdays from 5:45 to 8:30 p.m. The registration fee is \$5 to play, plus an optional Ace throw for an additional \$1.

Regardless of the activity, York County has a plethora of ways to celebrate the turning of the seasons.

The Johnsonian hopes that readers, residents and visitors alike enjoy the beautiful weather, breathtaking flora and diverse culture that Rock Hill has to offer.

## Reveille: Meet the Characters!



Mariana Beltran/The Johnsonian

## WINTHROP MADLIBS!

Story: Spring Semester Blues

Ugh! It's that time of year where everything is so \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective).  
 The weather is \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective), and my brain is still on vacation mode so I'm more \_\_\_\_\_ (emotion) than usual. At least my professors feel the same way. Yesterday, Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ (name) ended class early for no reason! Now I have extra time to \_\_\_\_\_ (activity).  
 Lately, all I seem to want to do is get in my PJs and \_\_\_\_\_ (verb). Hopefully it will get \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective/description word) as the semester progresses.

Story: Class Schedule

My class schedule this semester is very \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective).  
 I am taking \_\_\_\_\_ (number) credit hours, so I expect that all of my time will be used to do assignments. My professors are a mixed bag as well. Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ (name) is by far my favorite! They are so \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective) and will help me with assignments if I ask politely. Unfortunately, I also have Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ (name). They assign so many assignments that I can never keep up! This semester will be one for the books, for sure! I'm hoping to make a \_\_\_\_\_ (GPA) by April.

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