



December 14, 2005

Holiday greetings from President DiGiorgio

Dear Colleagues:

The Winthrop community has recently celebrated the holidays with an array of events and activities. A multitude of programs and performances have given Winthrop faculty, staff and students, as well as members of surrounding communities, many opportunities to come together in the spirit of the holiday season.

Now that the Winthrop celebrations are coming to an end, and the New Year is before us, this is a perfect time to remember and to reflect on what makes Winthrop such a special place.

Each year, Winthrop succeeds at becoming a stronger and more distinct community of learners "characterized by shared values and a common, student-centered purpose," as stated in the Vision of Distinction. Under the guidance and mentorship of a talented, national-caliber faculty and staff, Winthrop students grow in ways that build within them the capacity to read, write and think about themselves and the world around them in ever more meaningful and purpose-driven ways, both personally and professionally. Whether engaged in undergraduate studies or one of the university's numerous graduate programs, Winthrop students have the opportunity to develop their individual capacities to become leaders in their professions and leaders in their communities. That is the Winthrop Experience – one that prepares students to live, learn and lead for a lifetime.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for contributing your talents, commitment and continuing dedication to making Winthrop all that it is. Gale and I wish you and your families a safe and joyous holiday season.

*Sincerely,
Tony DiGiorgio*

Rock Hill Coca-Cola Academic Resource Center dedicated on Nov. 29

Winthrop designated its athletics academic center in the coliseum as the Rock Hill Coca-Cola Academic Resource Center at a dedication ceremony prior to the men's basketball game against Newberry College on Nov. 29.

The academic resource center includes offices for the academic support staff, a 16-station computer lab, a small group seminar room and a large study room equipped with Smart technology. The naming acknowledged a significant long-term contribution that will, in part, create an endowment for athletics scholarships.

"We are certainly honored and excited to be able to extend our relationship with the Winthrop athletics department. We feel particularly good that a significant portion of this commitment is going to be used to form an academic learning center," said Fred Faircloth, president of Rock Hill Coca-Cola Bottling Company. "Every athletics department that is able to provide this kind of academic support program for its student-ath-

letes should do it. I think it says a lot about Winthrop Athletics in that the department is making a commitment to having a center like this, and we are proud to be a sponsor of such a worthwhile program."

Winthrop officials said the university has enjoyed a long and mutually beneficial relationship with Rock Hill Coca-Cola over the years. The company has been and continues to be a significant contributor to athletics, especially in the area of scholarships, but also regularly contributes to the Winthrop annual fund and Friends of the Library. Rock Hill Coca-Cola was a major supporter of Winthrop's first capital campaign, "A Lasting Achievement: The Campaign for Winthrop."

"We are extremely pleased that this relationship will continue and that even further, our academic resource center will now have an endowment to help it sustain its operations over the years ahead. We are very proud

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The Rock Hill Coca-Cola Academic Resource Center was dedicated Nov. 29 prior to the men's basketball game. Pictured at the dedication, from left to right, are President Anthony DiGiorgio, Freddie and Catherine Faircloth, Fred and Phyllis Faircloth and Brucie Faircloth.

John Bird receives the 2005 Kinard Award for excellence in teaching



John Bird

Known as a gifted and imaginative teacher, John Bird has demonstrated his creativity and high standards in teaching a multitude of courses for the Department of English. He is the recipient of this year's James Pinckney Kinard and Lee Wicker Kinard Award for Excellence in Teaching.

He will be honored at the Dec. 17 undergraduate commencement exercises with the Kinard award, which is based on dedication to teaching, reputation on campus for teaching and reputation among students. The award was established in honor of former president James Pinckney Kinard and his wife, Lee Wicker Kinard, in 1984 by their family.

"Receiving the Kinard Award is a huge honor. I immediately thought of the list of names of previous recipients," Bird said. "I'd like to thank my colleagues in my department and all across Winthrop, but especially my students, who give me the energy and the excitement to keep on trying to be the best teacher I can be."

Bird came to Winthrop as an associate professor of English in 1993 and was promoted to professor earlier this year. He has taught a total of 20 different courses at Winthrop and has shown creativity and thoughtfulness in helping with curriculum innovations for the new General Education program. University administrators praise him for his innovations in preparing new courses and for his love of teaching.

"Dr. Bird creates a classroom environment in which students want to do well because they don't want to disappoint him," wrote Gloria Jones, chair of the Department of English, in nominating Bird. "Somehow John establishes a collaborative learning atmosphere that is demanding, yet non-threatening."

He teaches courses in composition, critical thinking, American literature and critical theory. He has also taught topics of special interest such as environmental literature and his primary research topic, Mark Twain.

Bird currently is the editor for "Mark Twain Annual" which is housed in the Department of English. He also is particularly interested

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David Rankin named interim associate vice president for Graduate Studies



David Rankin

David Rankin, professor emeritus of English and director of the university's Master of Liberal Arts program, has been appointed interim associate vice president for Graduate Studies.

Rankin will assume the position on Jan. 1 as Wilhelmina Rembert, associate vice president for Graduate Studies for the past 12 years, will return to the classroom.

In his 35 years at Winthrop, Rankin has served as faculty conference chair, graduate director of the College of Arts and Sciences, interim chair of the English department and director of freshman writing.

According to Tom Moore, vice president for academic affairs, Rankin was recommended by the four college deans to assume the interim position. "Dave has much experience directing graduate programs in arts and sciences, and he has worked with the graduate directors in the various colleges and with the staff in the Graduate Studies office. These key people and many others have confidence in Rankin's ability to do this work well," said Moore.

York County Shrinkdown program to begin Jan. 9 with weigh-in at coliseum

Winthrop faculty, staff and students can make a commitment to improve their health as part of a statewide program designed to curb the obesity epidemic in South Carolina.

The York County Shrinkdown, which gets underway Jan. 9 at the Winthrop Coliseum, is a free, eight-week program designed to help local residents lose weight and make lifestyle changes in 2006. The York County Shrinkdown is a partnership among the YMCA, Piedmont Medical Center and Winthrop.

During the York County Shrinkdown, which runs from Jan. 9 through March 2, participants will weigh in weekly at designated sites and receive addi-

tional information to support healthy lifestyles. Here at Winthrop, the weigh-ins will be scheduled for the times the weight room is open in Peabody, which are noon-1 p.m. and

3-10 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and noon-1 p.m. and 3-8 p.m. on Fridays. Free programs on nutrition, fitness and health also will be offered throughout the Shrinkdown.

A grand finale on March 2 will wrap up the Shrinkdown program, with drawings, prizes and awards.

Please call Stevie Chepko at ext. 3688 in the

Department of Health and Physical Education if you plan to participate in Shrinkdown. She will have the sign-up forms available on Jan.

2 that will need to be turned in at the kick off on Jan. 9. She also will have pedometers that participants can borrow to measure their steps.

For more information, call Chepko, or Ellen Wilder-Byrd or Judy Longshaw at ext. 2236.



Fit into Life!™

Upcoming free seminars for Shrinkdown

The Shape of a Healthy Diet

Tuesday, Jan. 17, 12:15-1 p.m.

Speaker: Lauren Brightwell, R.D.

Rock Hill Gynecology/Obstetrics

Location: Charlotte Avenue YMCA

Thursday, Jan. 19, 6:30-7 p.m.

Speaker: Lauren Brightwell, R.D.

Rock Hill Gynecology/Obstetrics

Location: Rock Hill Aquatics Center

Kinard seating area to be named for Leitner Construction Company

Last summer, Winthrop officials presented Leitner Construction Company with a concept of a student seating area to be built near Kinard Hall. "We turned it into reality," said Jimmy Leitner, co-owner of the company with his brother, Mac. "We're tickled to death that it came off the paper and that it is as good as it is."

The brothers' enthusiasm for the project prompted a recent gift equivalent to the project's construction cost. Winthrop will show its gratitude by naming the seating area the Leitner Wall.

The wall has inscribed on it five words that capture the aspirations of the Winthrop community - service, excellence, diversity, community and leadership. In addition, the wall also features the following inscription: "The Leitner Wall. Contributed by the families of James D. Leitner Jr. and Simms M. Leitner 2005."

Jimmy Leitner worked on the project this summer accompanied by his Boykin spaniel, Salley, along with Wes Love, of facilities management, who served as the project manager and Kenny Smith, a Clemson University construction management student from Rock Hill. The project offered distinctive challenges

due to the curvature of the wall and the slope of the ground. Masons, who are used to laying materials in a straight line, had to check and re-check the stone height for consistency, Leitner noted.

Winthrop officials said the end result has proven to be a wonderful addition and popular hangout. "Jimmy built this as a labor of love," said Walter Hardin, associate vice president for facilities management, who monitored the project. "He had to figure out how to make it work."

The wall concept was originally designed by Keith Walters '97, formerly of facilities management, to blend with Kinard's Neo-Georgian style. The font choice for the words pays homage to the inscriptions on Kinard's facade.

Leitner Construction Company has worked on many improvements around the Winthrop campus over the years. Among them are the construction of the Winthrop Ballpark, Terry Tower and batting cage for softball, Kinard renovations, Tillman Auditorium improvements, site preparations for the Lois Rhame West Center and now for the new academic classroom building near Bancroft Hall.

Organ campaign finale concert set for Jan. 15

Virtuoso concert organist Marilyn Keiser will perform during a Jan. 15 recital celebrating the end of Winthrop's campaign to restore the D.B. Johnson Memorial Organ.

The recital will be held at 3 p.m. at Byrnes Auditorium and will be followed by a reception. It is free and open to the public.

Keiser, a professor of music at Indiana University, teaches courses in sacred music and applied organ. Prior to that appointment, she was organist and director of music at All Souls Parish in Asheville, N.C., and music consultant for the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina, holding both positions from 1970-83.

In constant demand as an organ recitalist and workshop leader, Keiser has appeared throughout the United States in concerts sponsored by churches, colleges and chapters of The American Guild of Organists. A native of Springfield, Ill., Keiser holds a bachelor of sacred music degree from Illinois Wesleyan University and master's and doctorate degrees in sacred music from Union Theological Seminary.

Keiser also will hold a workshop at First Presbyterian Church in Rock Hill from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Jan. 14. She will lecture on her specialty, playing music for the small church. Reservations can be made at 803/328-6269. The cost is \$10.

For more information, contact the Office of Development at ext. 2150.

In brief

- Send a Winthrop holiday e-message to those on your list by visiting www.winthrop.edu/happyholidays/default.htm.

- The Postal Rate Commission has approved a postage rate increase that will take effect Jan. 8. The cost of a first-class stamp will increase to 39 cents, while the postcard rate will rise to 24 cents. For a complete listing of postal rate changes, please visit www.prc.gov.

- The Office of Human Resources has temporarily moved to the Sykes House while office repairs are completed at the Tillman Hall location. There is a box currently located outside 303 Tillman for those who wish to continue to drop off materials in Tillman; however, time sensitive materials should not be placed in the drop box.



Gamma of South Carolina, Winthrop's chapter of Pi Gamma Mu, the international social science honors society, inducted 54 students and faculty members during a ceremony on Dec. 6. The chapter was active from 1938-52 and then disbanded. Six faculty members coordinated the recent reactivation of the chapter. Those faculty members are Michael Aradas, assistant professor of history; Paul Dezendorf, associate professor of social work; Christopher Storie, instructor of geography; Bradley Tripp, instructor of sociology and anthropology; Christopher Van Aller, associate professor of political science and Karen Kedrowski, professor and department chair of political science. Kedrowski and Storie were inducted into the chapter, and President Anthony DiGiorgio delivered the keynote address and was awarded an honorary membership. Photo courtesy of Christopher Storie.

2006-07 sabbaticals announced

The following sabbaticals have been granted for 2006-07. Sabbatical leave may be granted by the president of the university to a member of the faculty who holds the rank of associate professor or professor as a recognition of excellent service and scholarly achievement. This leave is used for further professional development, which may involve research, formal study, or other pertinent activity which might enhance the competence of the faculty member.

College of Arts and Sciences



Marsha Bollinger
Professor of Geology
and Dalton Endowed
Chair in Environmental
Sciences and Environ-
mental Studies

Academic Year

Marsha Bollinger

Bollinger will participate in the Environmental Fellowship program sponsored by the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the world's largest scientific society. She will work for one year at the Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D.C. This program provides scientists with an inside look at how environmental policies are created and enacted. In addition, it empowers those scientists to conduct policy-relevant research that addresses environmental challenges facing communities.



Cecile Leung
Associate Professor
of French

Academic Year

Cecile Leung

Leung's project involves extensive archival research in both China and France because the project deals with the perception of France in China from 1830 to 1930. She already has been able to do some work for this book-length manuscript. Leung's focus will be on the role that women played in the transmission of culture during this period.



Peter Phillips
Associate Professor
of Biology

Academic Year

Peter Phillips

Phillips will participate in the Science, Engineering and Diplomacy Program sponsored by the American Association for the Advancement of

Science. This fellowship program will allow him to intern with either the U.S. Agency for International Development or the U.S. State Department. The program will allow Phillips to participate in a variety of educational experiences and to work on projects related to foreign policy and the environment.



Josephine Koster
Associate Professor
of English

Fall Semester

Josephine Koster

Koster will complete her book entitled "Learned Books and Lew(e)d Women: Literacy, Gender, and Rhetoric in Late Medieval England," and she also will develop an introductory course for an interdisciplinary medieval studies minor. Preliminary work (in the form of presentations) of her book has already generated interest by prominent scholars, and a publisher has expressed interest in her manuscript.



Cheryl Fortner-Wood
Associate Professor
of Psychology

Spring Semester

Cheryl Fortner-Wood

Fortner-Wood will conduct research on factors that affect early development outcomes through secondary analyses of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Study of Early Child Care and Youth Development. Fortner-Wood was one of 30 individuals selected nationally to receive special training to use these data sets, and approved, secure copies are now housed at Winthrop for her use. Her goal is to write several new manuscripts for publication. In addition, she will work collaboratively with Winthrop students on these research projects. She also has submitted a grant proposal to the National Institutes of Health to help support her research. Grant acceptance

possibly would extend the semester sabbatical into an academic year sabbatical.



Jeffrey Sinn
Associate Professor
of Psychology

Spring Semester

Jeffrey Sinn

Sinn will work on four projects, all of which deal in some manner with ecological psychology. Two projects are focused on the development of materials for his ecological psychology course, materials he hopes to turn into a textbook and interactive labs. Another project is the revision and expansion of an article on ecology and human freedom, based on the ideas of philosopher Charles Taylor. He hopes to publish this article in "Political Theory." The final project is an interdisciplinary article on a generalized model of ecological phenomena that eschews dualism.

College of Visual and Performing Arts



Phil Thompson
Professor of Music

Fall Semester

Phil Thompson

Thompson plans to organize and compile very concise, useful information about the woodwind doubling speciality and possible publication of "The Complete Manual for Professional Woodwind Performance."

Winthrop in the news

Compiled by University Relations staff, this listing chronicles Winthrop faculty and staff comments in the newspaper, radio and television during November and early December:

WRHI's "Straight Talk" featured **Martie Curran**, assistant vice president and executive director of alumni relations, on Dec. 12 to talk about her 24 years at Winthrop.

"Straight Talk" also hosted **Tom Hickman**, athletics director, on Dec. 6 to talk about his department's successful re-certification effort. The university expects to become the first Division I school in the nation to receive re-certification without any issues cited.

With the opening of the Manchester Meadows soccer complex approaching, the city of Rock Hill continues to search for donations to help maintain the complex once it opens. "Rock Hill is a football town," said **Lou Pantuosco**, an associate professor of business, in the Dec. 1 Herald. "I don't mean to minimize soccer, but there's not really a tradition around here."

If you had \$10 million to spend to improve South Carolina, how would you spend it, asked Andy Brack, editor of the S.C. Statehouse Report, in the Island Packet newspaper's Nov. 28 edition. President **Anthony DiGiorgio** said he would use it for a statewide electronic library program linking the online resources of the state's higher edu-

cation libraries.

Some national discount and department stores have moved to using "Happy Holidays" instead of "Merry Christmas" so as not to offend anyone with a greeting that is tied to a particular faith or tradition. **Keith Benson**, an associate professor of business, said he believes businesses benefit from recognizing a diverse customer base. "Whenever you get an opportunity to be inclusive, it helps business."

The Charlotte Observer wrote about **Scott Ely's** new novel, "Eating Mississippi," in its Nov. 27 edition. Ely, an associate professor of English and Vietnam veteran who writes about loners out of sync with the modern world, will read from his novel at the 12th annual Delta Blues Symposium in Jonesboro, Ark., in March.

Scott Huffmon, assistant professor of political science, said the coattails of Gov. Mark Sanford may not help fellow Republicans in the upcoming elections. The trend in the state is undeniably Republican, but moderate Democrats may have a shot in taking some races. "A lot of Democrats think Sanford is increasingly vulnerable," Huffmon said in the Nov. 20 Charlotte Observer.

Volleyball team's stellar season comes to an end

The Minnesota Golden Gophers downed the Winthrop Eagles 3-0 (13-30, 13-30, 24-30) in the first round of the NCAA tournament on Dec. 2.

Leading the team was senior Mary Hock who was the only Eagle to record double digits in kills with 10, while freshman setter Chandra Ginest tallied 22 assists. Hock and Beth Waggoner, the team's lone seniors, played in their fourth consecutive NCAA tournament and finished their careers as four-time Big South champions.

Reaching the NCAA tournament is a special feat in and of itself, but to reach it four

times consecutively is a testament to the team, especially the two seniors.

"I am very proud of Winthrop's program and our two seniors," Head Coach Joel McCartney said. "These are two of my first recruits. When they came in, it was a time when Winthrop hadn't won a championship, and they leave as seniors with four. Getting back to this tournament for a fourth time is quite an accomplishment. Right now it seems very appropriate to look back and see the help that these two athletes have been to our program, and I am very appreciative of that."



Alumni Association honors retiree Martie Curran with endowed theatre scholarship



Martie Curran

The Winthrop University Alumni Association will honor retiring executive director Martie Curran '64 this month with a \$25,000 endowed scholarship in her name.

The recognition is a way of thanking Curran for her exceptional service to the university and its alumni from 1981 to 2005.

Curran, the university's assistant vice president and executive director for the Office of Alumni Relations, will retire this month.

"We can think of no one who deserves to be recognized more than Martie Curran from the standpoint of what she has meant to Winthrop and the Alumni Association. She has been an incredible ambassador for all of us at Winthrop. We are so delighted to establish this particular scholarship," said Tim Sease, president of the Alumni Association.

Called the Martie Hardin Curran Endowed Scholarship, the fund will provide scholarships for students majoring in theatre. The first scholarship will be awarded in fall 2006.

"A student scholarship is the perfect way to honor Martie's service to Winthrop because she has always believed that distinctive student experiences lead to loyal and strong alumni who will serve as ambassadors for Winthrop throughout the world," said Kathryn Holten, vice president for university advancement.

A native of Rock Hill, Curran grew up in the shadows of the Winthrop campus and attended the Winthrop Training School. After working in television, state government and for the S.C. governor's office, she returned to her hometown to serve as a liaison to Winthrop alumni.

Curran has organized Alumni Reunion Celebration, Homecoming and hundreds of other events across the country to help cultivate loyalty among alumni. She has mentored alumni leaders across the state and volunteered with dozens of community groups, including the Arts Council of Rock Hill and York County, S.C. ETV Advisory Board, the YMCA Regional Board of Directors and Teen Health Center of York County.

For more information or to contribute to the scholarship, please contact the Office of Development at ext. 2150.

Dewalt's spring 2005 sabbatical featured a trip into Amish country

In the spring of 2005, Mark Dewalt, director of graduate studies for the Richard W. Riley College of Education, embarked on a 15-state journey to learn more about the Amish educational system. "I've been studying the Amish for a long time. I had some contacts in the different communities and was able to arrange visits," Dewalt explained. In addition to traveling through the northern states, Dewalt also visited Ontario, Canada.

From these visits and his interactions with school board members, parents and teachers, Dewalt collected the information that was the foundation for his book, "Amish Education in the United States and Canada." Currently being reviewed by a publisher, Dewalt hopes to make final revisions and release the book by summer.



Mark Dewalt

to the decision to build a school," Dewalt explained.

Growing up in a rural area of eastern Pennsylvania, Dewalt was fascinated by the Amish culture around him. "That part of Pennsylvania was settled by immigrants from Germany. People had a variety of faiths, but they had a similar language. They spoke Pennsylvania Dutch which is a form of German," he said.

In college, Dewalt studied other components of the culture including the Plain People. These groups of Mennonites and

Amish dress in simple, solid-color clothing, and they use straight pins and snaps rather than buttons. Their clothing represents humility and a separation from the world.

Though Dewalt has studied the Amish for some time, arranging visits to the schools in the different Amish communities throughout the country was not easy. He explained, "It takes patience and integrity. They have to believe

that you're not there to exploit them. I agreed not to take any photographs of people and not to use anyone's proper name in my research."

While Dewalt visited many different Amish schools, he found the variations between them to be few. He stated, "The differences between schools depended on whether or not a group is more conservative or liberal. For example, more conservative schools have a field for the children's recess area, while more liberal schools have swings and a backstop for baseball."

The basic areas of study in the Amish schools remain consistent throughout the country. "Amish schools emphasize reading, writing or penmanship, and arithmetic," Dewalt said. "They believe that if you have a solid foundation in these areas, you can learn other things. Unlike our public school system, there is no study of science, music or physical education."

Most of the schools that Dewalt visited



During his sabbatical, Dewalt researched one-room Amish schools, such as this school in Kalona, Iowa.

consisted of one teacher in a classroom of students in grades one through eight. "In these classrooms the teacher is a facilitator. She gives instruction, and the students must practice it themselves. They learn to rely on themselves in this way," Dewalt explained.

Dewalt's sabbatical experience also provided him with an opportunity to meet the woman who wrote the Amish school readers. From her, he learned about the growing need for Amish readers, how the communities went about deciding to write the books and how they received feedback.

For all the information Dewalt collected, however, it was the quietness of the classroom that struck him. "Amish schools are so quiet. The people are usually soft spoken. In the classroom, you can see that the students are engaged. You can hear pencils on paper. Amish children learn that school is work. The Amish believe that work or manual labor is fun. When you are working with your friends, it becomes fun," he said.

While Dewalt is nearing completion of his book, he hopes to continue studying the Amish school system. He explained, "I'd like to explore in more detail the summer teachers' meetings. Every summer the Amish hold numerous two-day teachers' meetings throughout the country. These meetings are usually held in a barn where they discuss education with parents, teachers and clergy. Everyone in the community is involved."

For more information on Dewalt's research, contact him at ext. 2151.

Home athletics calendar

Dec. 18	Men's basketball vs. East Carolina	3 p.m.
Dec. 22	Men's basketball vs. Palm Beach Atlantic	7 p.m.
Jan. 4	Women's basketball vs. Wofford	7 p.m.
Jan. 5	Men's basketball vs. Birmingham Southern	7 p.m.
Jan. 7	Women's basketball vs. Longwood	7 p.m.
Jan. 9	Women's basketball vs. Tennessee State	7 p.m.
Jan. 11	Men's basketball vs. UNC-Asheville	7 p.m.

Winthrop Galleries to showcase “South by South Africa” collaborative initiative

Beginning in January, Winthrop Galleries will collaborate with eight area institutions to present “South by South Africa: Crafting Cultural Understanding,” a multifaceted collaborative arts, crafts, history and tourism development initiative, which will launch in Charlotte, N.C., and will run from January to July 2006. Participating institutions will present programs including exhibitions, performances, community outreach initiatives, culinary events, films and lectures focusing on the varied and unique art forms of South Africa. The program will tell the story of South Africa’s emergence from the Apartheid system to a full democracy, while at the same time using this historic event as a mirror to gain perspective on what has and is occurring in local communities related to social, political and racial issues.



An example of the work included in Catherine Anderson’s exhibit “The Children of Ixopo: Hope and Survival in a Time of AIDS.”

“South by South Africa: Crafting Cultural Understanding” exhibits and programs at Winthrop will tentatively include the following events:

Feb. 9: John Clarke lecture – “Nukain Mabusa’s Stone Garden.”

Feb. 10: Opening reception with the West African Drum Ensemble.

Feb. 16: Catherine Anderson lecture – “The Children of Ixopo: Hope and Survival in a Time of AIDS.”

Feb. 23: Alice Burmeister lecture – “African Architecture and Built Environments: Practicality, Power and Potency.”

Feb. 26: Pearl Fryar lecture and community reception. Fryar is an internationally recognized topiary artist from Bishopville, S.C.

March 25: Environmental Festival and community installation of “Beautiful Things on the Grounds.”

Participating institutions are: The Levine Museum of the New South, Afro-American Cultural Center, The Light Factory, Moving Poets Theater of Dance, the Public Library of Charlotte Mecklenburg County, Winthrop Galleries, Opera Carolina, N.C.

Blumenthal Performing Arts Center and Charlotte Center City Partners.

“South by South Africa: Crafting Cultural Understanding” is funded in part by the South African government’s Department of Arts and Culture.

Athletic department announces holiday ticket specials

The Winthrop athletic department has announced two holiday gift specials for the sports fans in your family. The first ticket special features the men’s basketball Big South rivals pack, which includes four tickets to all conference games and the ESPN Bracket Buster game on Feb. 18. An order form may be completed at www.winthropeagles.com.

Another option for sports fans on your holiday shopping list is baseball season tick-

ets. The Eagles have 35 home games in 2006. Enjoy the action at Winthrop Ballpark as the Eagles face Maryland, Xavier, Kent State, Duke, Michigan, Charlotte, College of Charleston, The Citadel, Wake Forest, George Washington and Big South foes Birmingham-Southern, Radford, Liberty and High Point.

Both packages may be purchased by calling 323-2129 ext. 6240, or you may purchase them at the coliseum.

Papers and presentations

Rory Cornish, history, co-edited, along with Martin Hearne of the Waterford Institute of Technology, the Republic of Ireland, a book entitled “Thomas Francis Meagher. The Making of an Irish American.” The book, which was published in Dublin in October by the Irish Academic Press, contains essays by scholars from three continents on the career of Meagher. Cornish was invited by the mayor of Waterford City, Ireland, the place of Meagher’s birth, to deliver the keynote address at a ceremony marking the dedication and unveiling of a new equestrian statue to General Meagher. The book was officially launched in the United States on Nov. 10 by the Glucksman Ireland House of New York University.

Susan Green, Center for Pedagogy, and **Julian Smith III, biology**, presented “Three Years of PDS Experiences with Arts and Science Faculty: Lessons for Teaching and Teacher Education” at the National Network for Educational Renewal’s annual conference, which was held in October at Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Three members of the philosophy and religious studies department recently presented papers in Philadelphia, Penn., at meetings held from Nov. 19-22. At the national American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature meeting, **Peter Judge** presented “The Royal Official and the Historical Jesus: John 4:46-54” for the John, Jesus, and History Group; **William Kiblinger** presented “Evolution and Subjectivity: Peircian Suggestions and Hegelian Reminders” for the joint session sponsored by the Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Group and the Religion and Science Group. At the national Lutheran Women in Theology and Religious Studies meeting, **Kristin Beise Kiblinger** presented “Comparing Comparative Christologies.” She also served on the steering committee for a new program unit in comparative theology to be inaugurated at the 2006 American Academy of Religion meeting.

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in criticism, theory and American literature and culture, especially 19th century American literature.

In addition to serving on Academic Council and chairing the Graduate Faculty Assembly, Bird is president of the American Humor Studies Association. He has published various articles on Mark Twain, Henry David Thoreau and other 19th century American writers and is completing a book, "Figuring Mark Twain: Mark Twain and Metaphor."

Prior to coming to Winthrop, Bird taught English for several years at Converse College where he earned the Kathryn Amelia Brown Teaching Award in 1992. He also was a visiting assistant professor or graduate assistant at the Eastman School of Music, University of Wisconsin-Madison, University of Rochester and Appalachian University.

Bird earned his B.S. and M.A. from Appalachian State University. He has a Ph.D. from the University of Rochester.



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of the academic achievements of our student-athletes and the Rock Hill Coca-Cola Academic Resource Center is a tangible way to help Winthrop continue its quest for excellence in academics and athletics," said Tom Hickman, Winthrop's athletics director. "We greatly appreciate the support that Rock Hill Coca-Cola has shown for our athletics program here at Winthrop. These are the kinds of things which will help Winthrop continue to attract the most talented and brightest students to this university."

Professional activities

Rory Cornish, history, was part of a symposium panel on the Revolutionary War in South Carolina. The symposium, "Restoring our Revolutionary Heritage," was sponsored by The Palmetto Conservation Foundation, and Cornish presented a lecture on the "British Perspective of the American War of Independence."

Ronald Parks, music, has had several of his compositions performed by various artists. In June, guitarist Francesco Cuoghi performed Parks' "Afterimage 6" at the Goethe Institute in Rome, Italy. Cuoghi also performed the selection at the Compositori a confronto festival in Bologna, Italy in October. In addition, one of Parks' musical compositions, entitled "Counterparts," was performed by the Winthrop Flute Quartet during the group's November recital.

Positions available

Visit www.winthrop.edu/hr for more information on the following vacancies:

Donor Relations Coordinator

Development Office
 A bachelor's degree and one year of related experience is required. Five to 10 years of experience in alumni/development activities in a higher education setting highly desired. Deadline is Dec. 14.

Information Resource Consultant

Information Technology
 A bachelor's degree and two years of work experience in an information technology related field is required. Deadline is Dec. 20.

Welcome to Winthrop



Keane B. Johnson

Keane B. Johnson, University College, joins Winthrop as an academic counselor for the TRiO program. A native of Georgia, Johnson received both his B.A. and M.Ed. from the University of Georgia. Johnson's hobbies include traveling, music, reading, movies, fine dining and spending time with family and friends.

Events Calendar

All events are free unless otherwise noted.

Dec. 15
Graduate Commencement
 Byrnes Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Graduate Commencement Reception
 McBryde Hall, 8:30 p.m.

Dec. 17
Undergraduate Commencement
 Coliseum, 11 a.m.

Dec. 19-Jan. 2
Winthrop Galleries Closed

Dec. 23-Jan. 1
University Offices Closed

Jan. 9
Spring Classes Begin

Classifieds

For sale - guitar with case and electric keyboard with stand. Call 325-7885 for more information.

1995 Pontiac Grand Prix for sale - 53,000 miles; green; excellent condition; asking \$5,000 or best offer. Call ext. 3376 for more information.

Puppies for sale - one male and one female black lab; four months old; AKC registered; all shots; \$75 each. Call 366-5396.