Opening address looks toward 125th anniversary

“Making the Impossible Possible” is more than the title of the book all Winthrop University freshmen will read this year, President Anthony DiGiorgio told faculty and staff Aug. 18 during an address opening the academic year.

As the university prepares to begin its 125th anniversary year, DiGiorgio challenged the standing-room only audience of 500-plus to address circumstances of plummeting state funding and changes in public expectations of higher education “from a position of strength rooted in Winthrop’s history.”

“We do some of our best work together in times when external realities remind us of how important Winthrop values and spirit of innovation are to the world,” DiGiorgio said, before acknowledging a number of faculty and staff who recently have helped Winthrop “look beyond state government for the financial support we need.”

Responding to what DiGiorgio called the “federalization” of public higher education funding, various university teams over the past 24 months have been awarded more than a dozen federal grants that will help finance Winthrop’s various public service activities, such as working with area school districts, and to provide additional scholarship and academic support resources to stu-

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DiGiorgio Campus Center opens with week of events

To celebrate the debut of the DiGiorgio Campus Center, Student Life staff and students have planned a week of grand-opening events to showcase the new facilities and welcome the campus to explore all the building has to offer.

For those with one chance to attend a grand opening event, the Open House on Aug. 27 from 2-5 p.m. will offer the most comprehensive view of the new center. Stop by to check out the bookstore, enjoy student entertainment, sip a cup of Starbucks coffee or sample some of the food court’s tasty treats from the wide variety of restaurants, including Burger Studio, Popeye’s Louisiana Kitchen, Einstein Bros. Bagels, Kettle Classics, Express for items to eat on the go, Zoca Mexican food, AFC Sushi, Jump Asian Express and Topio’s Classic Pizza.

Visitors interested in learning about the building’s features can take a guided tour of the 128,229-square-foot building, which is the third largest facility at Winthrop.

The first event in the new theatre was a showing of “Iron Man 2” on Aug. 24. The movie will air again on Aug. 25 at 7 p.m. and is free to faculty, staff and students. The center’s cinema-style big screen is sure to be a hit, and the theatre seats 224. Throughout the semester, movies will run on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Admission prices will be $2 with a Winthrop I.D. and $5 for the general public. For a complete schedule of film showings for fall 2010, visit the Eagle Flicks page on

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Dressed in their 125th anniversary shirts, members of the new freshmen class participated in the traditional Blue Line procession after Convocation in Byrnes Auditorium on Aug. 23.
S.C. Campus Compact secures AmeriCorps grant

The United Way of South Carolina and the Commission on National Community Service have awarded the S.C. Campus Compact, housed at Winthrop, the S.C. Healthy Families AmeriCorps grant.

As a member of the S.C. Campus Compact and a grant recipient, Winthrop will enroll 15–25 students in the Healthy Families program, which will provide up to $28,000 in student scholarships each year. Statewide, the program will recruit 250 students to enroll as part-time AmeriCorps members.

The program will bring $283,000 annually in education awards to S.C. students who provide valuable service to their communities. To participate in AmeriCorps, members partner with a wide range of non-profit organizations to provide their communities with nutrition and wellness education and outreach activities. Members are instructed as facilitators of Ways to Enhance Children's Activity and Nutrition (We Can!), a national childhood obesity prevention program.

After successful completion of 300 hours of service in the program, AmeriCorps members receive a $1,132 Education Award that can be applied toward outstanding federal student loans or the cost of attendance at a college or university.

The Healthy Families grant award is "an example of multi-campus collaborations and collective hard work through the Campus Compact," said Ellin McDonough, program director for Service Learning, Center for Career and Civic Engagement.

The grant is renewable for three years. For more information about the S.C. Healthy Families program, contact McDonough at ext. 6076 or mcdonouge@winthrop.edu.

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- dents over the next few years. Grants received to date will total $19 million over the next five years, ranging from funding for undergraduate science research to scholarships to encourage and prepare students for graduate school.

Approximately $11 million of that federal funding will help support special work that the Richard W. Riley College of Education will do with a variety of high-need school districts in the state.

Pointing out that “tuition and fees now provide the majority of our operating revenue,” DiGiorgio reported that a series of now-permanent state operating fund reductions made over the past two years has taken a toll, even with Winthrop’s cuts in spending and this year’s modest 4.9 percent tuition increase.

“What used to be more than $25 million in annual (state) support for Winthrop likely will be closer to $12 million annually for the foreseeable future,” he said.

DiGiorgio added that “now we see by our morning news, it is clear that our state’s K-12 districts may not be able to qualify for $143 million in federal jobs support funding because South Carolina no longer meets minimum higher education funding requirements.’

“That is a huge and transformative shift in how our higher education enterprise finances itself. But we mislead ourselves and our public if we believe that the shift we are experiencing now is about only money. It isn’t – it is also about what we do and how we do it to fit this new age in which we find ourselves.”

“Educational readiness in the good old’ days was about the 3 R’s – reading, ‘riting and ‘rithmetic,” DiGiorgio said, but now there are “five or six more ‘R’s to achieve readiness of Winthrop for what futurist David Houle calls ‘The Shift Age,’ the successor to the Information Age.” So, DiGiorgio told personnel, part of their work this year will be to:

• “Review what we do and how we do it;
• “Re-evaluate how we can do it all more effectively and efficiently, while keeping faith with the essential values that help define us;
• “Reflect upon what is key for every student to know, and how we can use emerging technologies to assist their knowing; and
• “Reshape and reorganize ourselves – so that we achieve the readiness that is our goal for this process.

“And the trailing edge of all the above will be to reduce our level of spending while retaining our dedication to quality and value.”

In addition to that overarching challenge, Winthrop prepared for the arrival of new freshmen on Aug. 20 and returning students on Aug. 22.
Social work major wins $5,000 AARP scholarship

Senior social work major Wendy Adams is one of 125 women nationwide to receive a $5,000 AARP Foundation Women’s Scholarship. The AARP Women’s Scholarship Program provides scholarship funds to women 40+ seeking new job skills, training and educational opportunities to support themselves and their families. Adams’ scholarship will help cover her tuition, books and fees.

A former Air Force veteran and police officer, Adams started taking classes at Winthrop at age 36. The single mother found her niche in policy and advocacy, drawing on her own background as a foster child.

After her May 2011 graduation, Adams hopes to study social work policy in graduate school with an emphasis in bridging the gap between social work and law enforcement. She studied suicide this year as one of the university’s first 25 participants in the prestigious federal Ronald McNair Post-Baccalaureate Degree Program, a new Winthrop program that provides scholarship and program funds to encourage and support students who are first generation, disadvantaged or underrepresented in their pursuit of graduate education.

Suicide is a topic close to Adams’ heart – her father committed suicide 10 years ago. She speaks openly about the experience, saying that “if we continue to treat suicide as a taboo, more people are going to suffer and die. Suicide happens behind closed doors, in silence and alone. “We have to acknowledge these are people who need help,” she added. “My father’s death has fueled my passion and desire to help those left behind, and those behind closed doors contemplating.”

Adams works as the student assistant for the John C. West Forum on Politics and Policy to help coordinate its programs.

The AARP Foundation Women’s Scholarship Program is available to eligible individuals with moderate to low incomes and limited financial resources.

Book Club announces 2010-11 reading schedule

The Winthrop Book Club for faculty/staff members has released the latest reading list. Club meetings are held at 11:30 a.m. in room 256 of the DiGiorgio Campus Center, and book discussions are led by different members each month.

The reading schedule for the fall 2010/spring 2011 semesters includes the following books:

- Sept. 14: “Making the Impossible Possible,” by Bill Strickland (Common Book)
- Oct. 20: “James and the Giant Peach” by Roald Dahl
- Nov. 18: “The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo” and “The Girl Who Played with Fire” by Stieg Larsson
- Dec. 9: “Winterdance: The Fine Madness of Running the Iditarod” by Gary Paulsen
- Jan. 25: “Summer for the Gods” by Edward Larson
- Feb. 24: “The Help” by Kathryn Stockett
- March 30: “The Pilot’s Wife” by Anita Shreve
- April 21: “Game Change: Obama and the Clintons, McCain and Palin, and the Race of a Lifetime” by John Heilemann and Mark Halperin

The final meeting of the Winthrop Book Club will be held on May 18 at 4 p.m. at Tequila Mexican Restaurant on Cherry Road.

For more information about the Winthrop Book Club, contact Dee/Anna Brooks, assistant to the president for university events, at ext. 4682 or brooksda@winthrop.edu.
Edmund Lewandowski retrospective opens Sept. 6

When Edmund Lewandowski (1914-1998) painted, he wanted to capture the beauty of American industrialism. Now a retrospective—opening Sept. 6 at Winthrop University Galleries—will explore the artist's reflections on industry and man-made objects as well as his lasting influence on the Rock Hill community and the art world.

Organized by the Flint Institute of Arts in Flint, Mich., “Edmund Lewandowski – Precisionism and Beyond,” a traveling exhibition, will be featured in Rutledge and Patrick Galleries. There will be a free public opening reception on Friday, Sept. 10, from 6:30–8 p.m. The exhibit, guest curated by Valerie Leeds, the Flint Institute’s adjunct curator of American art, includes approximately 45 works on loan from private collections, museums and galleries across the U.S.

In Rock Hill, Lewandowski was known as an artist, activist and mentor. He served as chair of Winthrop’s Department of Art and Design from 1973-84. The artist grew up in the industrial environment of Milwaukee, Wis. He became a standout in the Precisionist movement, an American painting style that depicted industrial scenes and architectural motifs, void of human figures as subjects, in a near-abstract manner.

“Edmund Lewandowski – Precisionism and Beyond” marks the first-ever retrospective of the artist’s work in a fitting location, since Lewandowski’s legacy at Winthrop continues today, said Tom Stanley, chair of the Department of Fine Arts and director of Winthrop University Galleries.

“In his years at Winthrop, Ed brought a professional attitude to the Department of Art and Design and made ours the program of choice in the region,” said Stanley. “He made a significant visual difference in Rock Hill and at Winthrop.”

As part of this retrospective, “Artifacts of Edmund Lewandowski from the Winthrop University Collection,” a collection of paintings, brushes, works in progress and more donated by Lewandowski and his wife Dolores, will be on display Sept. 6-30 in the Lewandowski Student Gallery.

Exploration of Lewandowski’s career will be the primary focus of two art lectures later in the fall. On Oct. 21, Tony Rajer, art conservator and instructor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, will give an 8 p.m. talk in Rutledge 119 titled “Ed Lewandowski: Restoring His Art and Legacy: A Personal View of a Great American Artist.” Rajer also will conduct a three-day artist workshop, “The Business of Art Workshop,” from Oct. 22-24. The cost is $124 for three days or $50 with student I.D. Call Karen Derksen at ext. 2493 to register.

Leeds will speak on “Art and Industry: The Career of Edmund Lewandowski” on Nov. 18 at 8 p.m. in Rutledge Gallery.

The exhibition will continue through Dec. 9. The galleries will offer special weekend hours during the retrospective, with added viewing noon-4 p.m. on Sept. 18-19, Nov. 6-7 and Nov. 13-14. Regular gallery hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and the galleries will be closed Oct. 15-18, Nov. 2 and Nov. 25-26.

This exhibition has been made possible in part by Williams and Fudge Inc., Rock Hill and other donors.

Online repository created for university-wide policies

Faculty and staff looking for Winthrop policies no longer have to rifle through papers or manuals. A new Policy and Procedures Repository is available to faculty, staff and students at http://www.winthrop.edu/public/policy/alisting.aspx.

The repository grew out of recommendations from a Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) Policy Committee charged with reviewing university policies for consistency and availability. The committee recommended university-wide policies be centralized so they could be reviewed systematically and made available to all stakeholders with several clicks. New policies and revisions to old ones would be centralized to avoid unnecessary duplication and potential inconsistencies.

According to Mark Herring, co-chair of the committee, the repository should prevent units of the university from recopying policies on their websites and in publications. Now it will be possible to link to the central location of the policies, thus assuring accuracy and consistency. The repository also enables policies to be updated from this centralized location.

The policy repository includes more than 140 university policies and procedures; more will be added as identified. Policies are searchable by the title or division, and the site contains a link to a shortened version of the Faculty Manual. The site will continue to be refined this year.

Many policies have been transferred from the Faculty Manual and the Student Handbook to the repository.

Members of the committee who developed the Policy and Procedures Repository included Lisa Cowart, human resources; Herring; Gina Jones, records and registration; Susan Lee, development; Marilyn Sarow, academic affairs; Gale Teaster-Woods, Dacus Library; William Thacker, College of Business Administration; and JT Timmons, student affairs.

To add a policy, contact Herring at ext. 2232 or herringm@winthrop.edu.
Winthrop nets $1.2 million NSF grant to train math, science teachers

For area public schools, recruiting and retaining effective math and science teachers is a difficult task sometimes based on chance. To streamline the process, Winthrop will undergo a new initiative with a $1.2 million National Science Foundation grant to train teachers for high-need areas. Known as the Winthrop Initiative for STEM Educators (WISE), the initiative will award 34 potential math and science educators $10,000 a year each for two years.

Through a new Robert Noyce Scholarship Program, the five-year WISE grant will engage teacher candidates here and transfer students from York Technical College, with support from the Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention, and Advancement (CERRA) and seven high-need districts: Rock Hill and York and Cherokee, Chester, Fairfield, Lancaster and Union counties.

The initiative will be a critical step toward finding and developing “effective teachers who can inspire students to think, to engage and to develop into future mathematicians and scientists,” said Beth Costner, chair of Winthrop’s Department of Mathematics and one of the NSF grant proposal writers.

In past years, national efforts to fill high-need teaching jobs have yielded mixed results. Approximately 20 percent of the STEM hires statewide between 2004 and 2009 had alternative or emergency certifications. In addition, these teachers are twice as likely to leave teaching as those with regular certification.

WISE will use strategies for mentor teacher training, yearlong internships in high-need districts, professional development schools and multi-year teacher induction programs for new teachers to develop scholars with the knowledge, skills and disposition to teach successfully in high-need schools.

Included in the WISE leadership team will be Costner; Lisa Johnson, senior associate to the dean of education; Cassie Bell, a biology instructor; and Kelly Costner, an assistant professor of education. Additional faculty members in math, biology, chemistry and education will assist.

The WISE grant signifies an additional collaboration between the College of Arts and Sciences and the Richard W. Riley College of Education to provide meaningful opportunities for the development of teachers.

The Noyce teaching candidates will be encouraged to use:

• Multiple and varied paths for certification (undergraduate, graduate, transfer and career-changing);
• Meaningful experiences for STEM majors in research and education settings including a summer internship modeled after current research programs; and
• Innovative programs leading to general science, biology and math certification.

Costner explained that Noyce scholars will be selected for academic ability and diverse representation as well as a disposition toward fairness and a belief that all children can learn.

“They will teach, train and learn in high-need communities and schools supporting the growth of a population that is mathematically and scientifically literate,” she said.

Federal grant officials reported that Winthrop would be a good candidate for the $1.2 million grant because it also had been awarded two U.S. Department of Education grants, NetSCOPE and NetLEAD, totaling $13 million to train future educators and school leaders.

Milestone

Congratulations to Monica Bennett, university relations, and husband Larry on the Aug. 6 birth of their son, Landon Raymond Bennett.
CAS, University College add new administrators

Dean Debra Boyd of the College of Arts and Science has added two assistants to help focus on providing guidance to departments and programs in the areas of curriculum, assessment, recruitment and program review.

Deana Morrow, professor of social work, will serve as associate dean. Morrow earned her Ph.D. at North Carolina State University and, before coming to Winthrop, taught and served in administrative roles at Warren Wilson College and University of North Carolina—Charlotte, where she was an interim department chair. Her most recent administrative experience is as graduate program director in the Department of Social Work, where she was instrumental in the department’s successful application for full accreditation of the Master of Social Work program.

Jack DeRochi, an associate professor of English who earned his Ph.D. at the University of South Carolina, is the college’s new assistant dean. DeRochi played a leading role in the development of CRTW 201 and taught the first online version of that course.

As graduate director in the Department of English, DeRochi crafted a teaching externship program that allows M.A. students in the English Department to gain valuable teaching experience at York Technical College. He currently serves on the university’s Quality Enhancement Plan Proposal Committee and co-chairs the University-Wide Assessment Advisory Committee.

Sarah Stallings will continue to serve as senior associate dean in the College of Arts and Sciences, although she will have limited duties for the dean’s office because she will be applying her extensive administrative expertise to her role as acting chair of two departments: speech and human nutrition.

With the departure of Tim Daugherty from University College, Dean Gloria Jones has selected a director for Touchstone, the general education program for students, and a new assistant dean.

David Harwell, who holds bachelor and master’s degrees in English from Winthrop and a Ph.D. from the University of Alabama, comes to Winthrop with significant experience in starting and administering student support programs. He also has teaching experience in the United States and abroad in China, Taiwan, Thailand, the Philippines, Malaysia and Saudi Arabia.

The new Touchstone Core Director is Nakia Pope, an assistant professor of education who earned a Ph.D. from the University of Virginia. Pope is on the HMXP Steering Committee, the Common Book Committee and has teaching experience in the Touchstone Core courses and background in assessment. He also served on the Quality Enhancement Plan Committee.

F.Y.I. submission reminder

Monica Bennett, director of communications and F.Y.I. editor, will be on maternity leave through Nov. 1.

Until her return, please send any F.Y.I. story ideas, papers and presentations and/or professional activities submissions to Meredith Carter, news services coordinator, at carterm@winthrop.edu or ext. 2236.

Student life, University College offices relocate

As the DiGiorgio Campus Center opened earlier this month, several offices relocated to new spaces. Below are the new spaces departments within the Division of Student Life and University College now occupy.

The following offices have moved to the DiGiorgio Center:

- Dean of Students: 246 DiGiorgio Center
- DiGiorgio Student Union: 212 DiGiorgio Center
- Fraternity and Sorority Affairs: 269 DiGiorgio Center
- Information Services: 124 DiGiorgio Center
- Multicultural Student Life: 246 DiGiorgio Center
- New Student and Parent Programs: 248 DiGiorgio Center
- Off-Campus Student Affairs: 246 DiGiorgio Center
- Residence Life: 237 DiGiorgio Center
- Student Affairs: 246 DiGiorgio Center
- Student Organizations: 269 DiGiorgio Center
- Post Office: Ground floor of DiGiorgio Center
- Vice President for Student Life: 238 DiGiorgio Center

The following offices have moved to Dinkins Hall:

- Honors Program: 222 Dinkins
- Office of Nationally Competitive Awards (ONCA): 222B Dinkins
- Social and Behavioral Research Lab: Ground floor of Dinkins
- Teaching and Learning Center: 233 Dinkins
- University College: 209 Dinkins

Later this fall, a number of additional offices also will relocate to Dinkins, including Leadership Studies; the LEAP Program; McNair Scholars; TRiO; and the International Center. The new Academic Success Center will be housed in Dinkins.

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For sale: Maytag washer and dryer. $50 each. Call ext. 6223.
Faculty spend summers exploring cultures, conducting research

When classes ended in early May, faculty members packed their bags and used the summer months to fan out around the world.

Some used grants from the Winthrop Research Council to conduct valuable research in their discipline; others attended conferences or earned fellowships.

Here is a sampling of their travels:

• Peter Judge, chair of the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, traveled with Frank Ardaiol, vice president for student life, and a group of students to Israel in May. The trip was part of a religion course on the places, geographical features and cultural remains from the Biblical era. The group visited Jerusalem, the region of Galilee, Jaffa and the Judean desert along the Dead Sea. For Judge, a highlight was the Qumran settlement ruins at the Dead Sea, where the Scrolls were found in 1947.

• English Professor Jo Koster made two trips to England with the support of the Research Council. In a brief research trip in May, she examined manuscripts at Leeds Castle and identified the site of a 14th-century anchorhold in Polesworth, Warwickshire. In July, she attended the International Conference on Medieval Studies at Leeds University and conferred with the coordinator of the medieval studies programs at the University of Southampton. She also studied Anglo-Saxon embroideries in Durham and London.

• Never content to spend the summer months inside, Biology Professor Bill Rogers took a graduate student, Leslie Burch, to conduct research on the Pink dolphin in the Tahuayo River in Peru. The Pink dolphin is one of the two river dolphins found in Amazon drainage. “We were looking at their distribution in the river and at the behavior of mother-calf pairs,” Rogers said. “The river acts as a nursery for the species because it’s a lot quieter and safer than the Amazon itself.” They also recorded ultrasound vocalizations to see whether to correlate certain sounds with particular behaviors.

• Janice Chism, professor of biology and anthropology, completed several weeks of field research at the Amazon Research Center in northeastern Peru. Chism worked with biology graduate student Troy Kieran studying two species of saki monkeys. With help from Peruvian biologist Alfredo Dosantos, the two captured quality photographs and vocalizations of this mysterious species. Chism, director of graduate studies in biology, has worked on several primate conservation projects in the area with undergraduate and graduate students since 2001.

• Meanwhile, Gregory Crider, chair of the Department of History, spent part of the summer conducting archival research in Mexico City. His study of national labor leader Luis Napoleón Morones will shed light on the development of political culture, masculinity and institutional violence in post-revolutionary Mexico. He checked out primary historical sources at the Archivo General de la Nación, the Biblioteca Miguel Lerdo de Tejada and the Fideicomiso Archivos Plutarco Elías Calles y Fernando Torreblanca.

• With the College of Education gearing up for a busy year administering several new grants, four Winthrop faculty and administrators and four local school educators attended the Summer Institute of the National Network for Educational Renewal in Seattle, Wash. Participating in the meeting were individuals who are engaged in Winthrop’s Teacher Quality Partnership grant, including Dean Jennie Rakestraw; College of Arts and Sciences Dean Debra Boyd; Lisa Johnson, NetSCOPE director; and Beth Costner, chair of the Department of Mathematics.

• In Chicago, Hemant Patwardhan, associate professor of marketing, spent two weeks in July with Energy BBDO, a global advertising agency. Patwardhan was one of the professors selected by the Advertising Educational Foundation under its Visiting Professor Program. He presented his research to agency leaders on emotional attachment to brands. His thesis is that brands can build emotional attachment with consumers by providing novel, exciting and stimulating experiences.
Winthrop lauded in Education Trust report

Winthrop has been featured in an Education Trust report, “Big Gaps, Small Gaps: Some Colleges and Universities Do Better Than Others in Graduating African-American Students,” as a national leader in consistently showing high rates of graduation success among minority populations.

Nationally, 57 percent of all students who enroll earn diplomas within six years, but the graduation rates for different groups of students are vastly different. About 60 percent of whites graduate, but only 49 percent of Latinos and 40 percent of African Americans who start college hold bachelor’s degrees six years later.

Winthrop, which enrolls about 5,000 undergraduates (of which 27 percent are black), has graduated African-American students at higher rates than whites every year from 2002-2008. About 62 percent of black students graduate within six years, compared with 57 percent of white students.

In the report, Frank Ardaiolo, vice president for student life, credits President Anthony DiGiorgio’s 20-year commitment to make Winthrop “the institution of choice” for minority students in South Carolina. The university has succeeded in recruiting and retaining a critical mass of African-American students and, as a result, can take a comprehensive approach to student success.

Instead of targeting special programs toward African Americans, Ardaiolo said all students are expected to graduate at Winthrop: “A Winthrop student is a Winthrop student.”

Winthrop’s University College serves as a central location for retention efforts and as the academic home for freshmen and those who have yet to declare a major. One program includes an early alert system in which faculty members notify University College of students who are struggling academically. The college then works with each student’s adviser and resident assistant to provide the student with counseling.

Some institutions get in trouble because they shift their emphasis toward faculty and what they do, according to Tom Moore, Winthrop’s vice president for academic affairs. He said Winthrop has worked hard to “seriously move student learning and development to the center of the university’s mission.”

As part of this focus, Winthrop has incorporated student learning into faculty evaluations and hiring to ensure that all faculty are committed to students’ academic success, Moore said. These efforts, combined with institutional leaders’ commitment to diversity and student success, are essential in maintaining high graduation rates for all Winthrop students.

Education Trust officials said graduation rates averages nationwide mask differences between institutions.

Using several years of data from College Results Online – a unique Web-based tool that allows the public to view college graduation rates by race, ethnicity, and gender for four-year institutions across the country – rates reveal:

• At nearly two-thirds of the colleges and universities in the study, fewer than half the African-American students emerge with a degree.

“We did uncover some large gaps in student success rates and low graduation rates for students of color. But it would be wrong to assume that these gaps are inevitable or immutable,” said Mamie Lynch, higher education research and policy analyst at The Education Trust and coauthor of the report. “For many of the ‘big gap’ schools, we can point to an institution working with a similar student body that graduates students of color at rates similar to those of white students.”

Welcome to Winthrop

Ronnie Faulkner, Dacus Library, has been hired as head of technical services. The Coats, N.C., native worked previously as a librarian and associate professor of history at Campbell University in Buies Creek, N.C. He has extensive experience with grant writing, raising more than $800,000 in support of libraries throughout his career. Faulkner also has served as an officer in numerous library organizations.

Carolyn G. Grant, education, NetSCOPE Grant Project, was hired recently as an induction and mentoring specialist and coordinator of university supervisors. Grant, a native of Spartanburg, S.C., now living in Rock Hill, worked previously as curriculum coordinator and professional development coordinator/induction and mentoring specialist with the ADEPT program in the Chester County School District. Grant enjoys reading, working cryptograms, shopping and spending time with family and friends.

Nick Grossoehme, chemistry, has been hired as an assistant professor of chemistry. The Omaha, Neb., native completed his post-doctoral research at Indiana University. The Fort Mill, S.C., resident enjoys cycling, mountaineering, rock climbing and playing rugby.

Papers and presentations

Jackie McFadden, Dacus Library, had an article about Marsh Tacky horses published in the March 2010 issue of Trail Blazer Magazine. McFadden’s photo of the Marsh Tacky Races on Hilton Head Island, S.C., and her comments appeared in the June 2010 South Carolina Living.
Events calendar
All events are free unless otherwise noted.

Aug. 26
Men's soccer vs. Charlotte
Eagle Field, 7 p.m.

DSU: Tom DeLuca, hypnotist
Byrnes Auditorium, 8 p.m.
Winthrop I.D. $5; public $10; free
w/ DSU Welcome Week pass

Aug. 27
DiGiorgio Campus Center Open House
2-5 p.m.

DSU: Slam poet Colin Gilbert w/ musical duo Sam and Ruby
Byrnes Auditorium, 8 p.m.
Winthrop I.D. $5; public $10; free
w/ DSU Welcome Week pass

Aug. 28
Women's volleyball vs. Seton Hall
Winthrop Coliseum, 10 a.m.

Men's soccer vs. Elon
Eagle Field, 7 p.m.

DSU: Recycled Percussion
Byrnes Auditorium, 8 p.m.
Winthrop I.D. $5; public $10; free
w/ DSU Welcome Week pass

Aug. 29
DSU: Motown group Safety Suit

DSU Welcome Week offers something for all

The DiGiorgio Student Union’s Welcome Week continues through Aug. 29 with junk rock, a hypnotist and more.

The lineup of performances includes the following:

• Thursday, Aug. 26 – Don’t miss hypnotist Tom DeLuca, whose shows are a longtime campus tradition, at 8 p.m. in Byrnes Auditorium.
• Friday, Aug. 27 – Experience slam poet Colin Gilbert and the Ghana, West Africa-rooted musical duo Sam and Ruby at an 8 p.m. performance in Byrnes Auditorium.
• Saturday, Aug. 28 – Check out Recycled Percussion’s junk rock stylings, as seen on “America’s Got Talent,” when they bring the beats to Byrnes Auditorium at 8 p.m.
• Sunday, Aug. 29 – Relive the age of Motown with recording artist/rock show Safety Suit, set to play at 7 p.m. in Byrnes Auditorium.

Formerly known as the Dinkins Student Union, the programming board took on the new name this summer as it changed location to the DiGiorgio Campus Center.

To purchase Welcome Week passes, contact Boyd Jones at ext. 2108 or jonesbj@winthrop.edu.

Campus green, recycled shingles among campus center eco-friendly features

The new DiGiorgio Campus Center includes a number of sustainability features designed to save energy, reduce paper usage and use recycled materials whenever possible.

Continue reading for the complete list of sustainability facts about the DiGiorgio Center:

• The center roof contains recycled plastic slate shingles. There are dual pane tinted windows with inert gas to save energy gain and loss.
• Lighting in most areas is controlled by motion sensors.
• All heating and air units have CO2 monitors to save energy when there are no people present.
• The Campus Green is the plaza in front of the new Campus Center. It has an innovative stormwater collection system designed to detain stormwater and encourage it to seep into the earth while adding green space for recreation and campus events.
• The center is cleaned with Green Seal cleaning supplies. Napkins used in the food court are made with 100 percent recycled materials. Recycling bins are available in the food court.
• More than 2,000 cardboard boxes were recycled during the move as furniture and other items were unpacked.
• Coffee grounds, fry oil, pre- and post-food waste are composted by ARAMARK employees in the restaurants.

In addition, cardboard boxes, metal cans and plastic containers are recycled.
• Burger Studio has a countertop made of recycled plastic bottles, sandwich trays made of biodegradable material and recycled wood for its kiosks.
• Starbucks uses sustainable cups and recycled materials, and its straws are made of corn, making them biodegradable.
• ARAMARK catering grows its own herbs (parsley, basil, rosemary and sage).
• Many of the center’s features, such as the digital signage, will help in efforts to reduce paper usage.
Kierra Landrum, a junior psychology major from Spartanburg, S.C., recently moved into Richardson Hall to serve as a resident assistant on one of two female floors in what traditionally has been a male residence hall. Residence halls opened to freshmen and transfer students on Aug. 20, while returning students moved on campus Aug. 22.

In brief

- President Anthony DiGiorgio has received an invitation from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to speak at the Sept. 16 event in Washington, D.C. The foundation issued invitations to a number of higher education leaders who have successes in boosting higher education attainment. The event will bring together 40 key institutional leaders committed to helping students succeed in their journeys to and through postsecondary education,” with particular emphasis on success rates among African-American and first-generation college students that matches or exceeds that of the general student population.

- A few parking changes have been made for the 2010-11 academic year. The gravel lot behind the Little Chapel has been converted to additional F/S parking. In addition, the row of spaces formerly designated F/S adjacent to McBryde Hall, between McBryde and the West Center, is now designated as “Visitor” parking.

Professional activities


Jack Frost, athletics, has been appointed to the newly formed College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) University Division Management Committee. Frost, who will complete his 20th year at Winthrop in October, will represent schools in the Big South Conference. In addition to his appointment to the committee, Frost was elected recently to serve as chairman of the Big South Conference Sports Information Directors Committee for 2010-11.

Jackie McFadden, Dacus Library, was awarded the Order of the Silver Crescent by S.C. Gov. Mark Sanford on July 28 for dedicated service to the state. McFadden received the award for “upholding the highest ideals of servant leadership through committed and faithful service to the library profession, Winthrop University, Dacus Library, numerous community causes and her efforts to designate the Marsh Tacky as the State Heritage Horse of South Carolina.” The Order of the Silver Crescent is the state's highest honor for volunteer and community service.

Annual faculty/staff party scheduled for Aug. 27

After an afternoon of celebrating the DiGiorgio Campus Center Open House, faculty and staff can spend the evening honoring Winthrop’s 125th anniversary at the faculty/staff party, 7-10 p.m. in the Vera Gruber Batten Dining Hall in McBryde Hall. The casual event promises three hours of happy birthday-themed activities.