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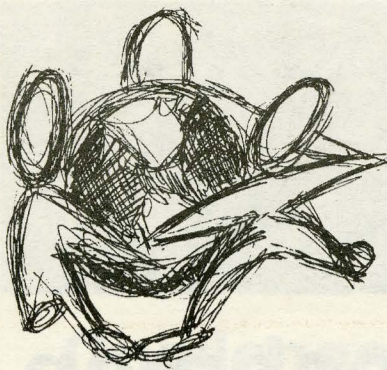
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# THE Roddey McMillan Record

Winthrop's Multi-cultural Publication

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## Staying Connected



Dr. Cynthia P. Roddey  
Special to the Roddey-McMillan

Recently, I got a call from the publishers of the Winthrop Alumni Directory. The sales pitch for the Directory was really a good one and a number of alumni will purchase the book or the CD. However, I did not. While I matriculated at the institution, I did not connect with one fellow student. No one befriended me. No one invited me to participate in any extra curricular activities, or even study with me. I feel no connections with the general alumni. The student body at that time did not welcome me to the Winthrop family. I, did not seek membership in honor societies, service organizations, social groups, or even attend student functions. At the time, I thought that I had enough on my plate with family, a job, and the stress of desegregating the school.

Looking back now, I realize that I did not take advantage of being exposed to a broader

knowledge base and a more diverse social life. I encourage all students, particularly minority students, to be actively connected to the university in as many ways as possible as long as their academic studies are not jeopardized. When African-American speakers, artists, and programs are on campus, African-American students must support them with their physical presence. African-American students should participate in activities sponsored by other minority students. You do not need a special invitation to be a part of extra curricular activities. All that is required is your personal efforts to connect. After graduation, you are going to get that call to purchase the Alumni Directory. I know that it will be useful for staying connected to your friends and colleagues.

## Multi-cultural Student Life

Angela Loynes  
Staff Writer

Ever wonder what is out there in the "real world?" The cultural diversity at Winthrop provides a sampling of what you will find outside of your hometown. Predictions indicate that an additional 32 million latinos, 12 million African Americans, and 7 million Asians will soon join the United States' population. Will you be prepared for all this multiculturalism? Expand your knowledge of those around you now by taking advantage of the classes, interest groups, and organizations available on campus. Opportunities are abundant and easily accessible. For example, next semester, or sometime before you graduate, sign up for a course in Anthropology, Sociology, Women's Studies, or African American Studies. Also check your course catalog for special History, English, or Psychology classes about people in other cultures. If you want to explore your world without affecting your GPA, try an interest group like The Anthropology Club, the French Club, German Club, Spanish Club, Jewish Student Association, or even GLOBAL (Gay Lesbian, Bi-sexual and Ally League).

These groups discuss issues relevant to people in other parts of the world. They also sponsor cultural events and activities to educate students about lifestyles that may seem foreign. Other multicultural organizations on campus are Taking Integrity Back (TIB) and the Association of Ebonies (AOE). TIB promotes integrity among ethnic groups and the committees of AOE provide services to enhance the

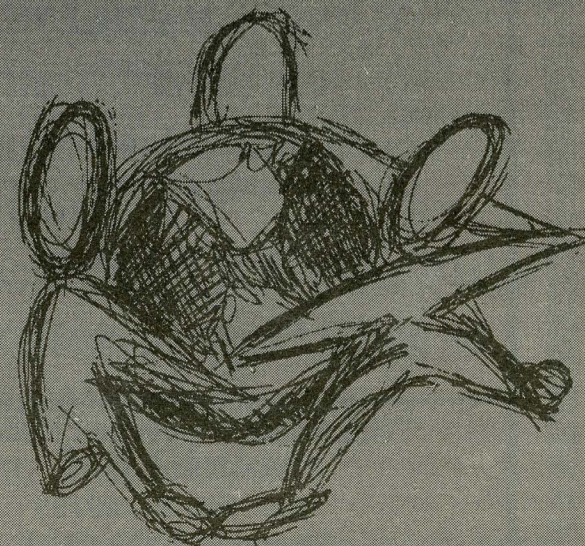
educational, cultural, and social development of the Winthrop community. For students who are theatrically gifted and wish to educate themselves and others through the arts, The Bridge offers opportunities to perform in plays by African American playwrights.

The National Pan-Hellenic Council promotes interaction through forums, meetings, and other vehicles of exchange of information; engages in cooperative programs or functions, and other supportive activities. At Winthrop, they strive to uphold the visions of their founders and the legacies of their beloved organizations through community service, scholarship, and campus involvement. Members of NPHC includes: Alpha Kappa Alpha Delta Sigma Theta, Zeta Phi Beta, Sigma Gamma Rho, Alpha Phi Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi, Phi Beta Sigma, and Omega Psi Phi.

If you have always wanted to see the world, but will never have the courage to get on an airplane, make the world come to you. Immerse yourself in the world of multiculturalism at Winthrop.

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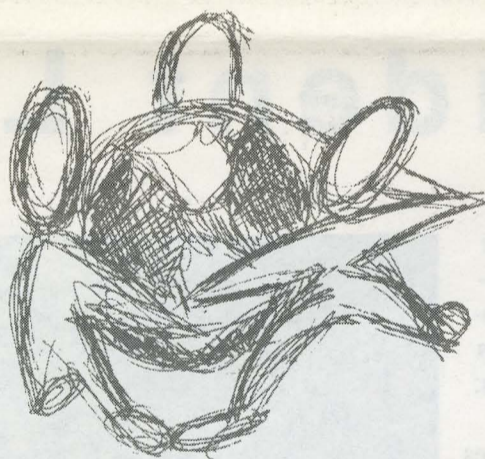
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## THE Roddey McMillan

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The purpose of this paper is to inform Winthrop students, faculty/staff and the Rock Hill community about minority concerns and affairs that contribute to cultural diversity of the University. The content may include, but will not be limited to, articles on academic achievement and personal growth and development of minority students and faculty. All content will be subject to acceptance and editing. The Roddey-McMillan Record is published monthly during the school year. Unsigned editorials reflect the opinions of the editorial staff. The opinions expressed do not necessarily reflect those of the administration, faculty, staff or students. Signed columns and cartoons reflect the opinions of the author and do not necessarily represent the views of the staff.



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## A Cry Out To Freshman

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College is a new beginning. You are able to get away from Mom and Dad, meet new people, and try new things. There are so many opportunities that university life has to offer, but it is important that we, as students, take advantage of these events and programs.

Winthrop University is certainly no exception. Each year, particularly at the beginning of the fall semester, various departments on campus, as well as different student organizations, plan events to welcome old students back, as well as orient new students (freshman, transfers, etc) with the ins and outs of campus life. One of the first programs for our minority students is the Multi-cultural Student Welcome. This program is primarily for new students, and it gives them an opportunity to meet the presidents of all the African-American groups on campus such as the Association of Ebonites, Taking Integrity Back, The Bridge, the Roddey-McMillan Record, and NPHC sororities, and fraternities. Students are able to ask individuals what their organizations do, as well as what they can do to get involved. Normally, this event is a huge success and attracts hundreds of our new students; however, this semester only three freshman students attended. Carrie Lewis, an eighteen-year-old freshman from Charleston, SC was one of those three students. "I felt bad [that no one showed up] because I thought more African-Americans would come since the program was catered to us."

The group decided to postpone the program, and publicize the new time at Convocation and other events. Unfortunately, despite all the publicity, less than twenty students showed up. This is not the only program

that has not received much support. Non-support seems to be a trend that new students are setting this semester. Many of the other events planned for them by other organizations, also received little response. The question that many school officials and organizations are posing is **WHY?** Why are they putting hours into planning events that give students something to do and provide them with helpful information when students are not supporting them? Are these events necessary? Has Winthrop done their job in making these students feel welcome? Tracey Pickard, Coordinator of Multi-cultural Student Life here at Winthrop University believes the University has welcomed these students; but has been disappointed with the turn out at the various events. "The collegiate experience, when taken advantage of, yields lifelong benefits. The key is to get involved!"

Students, take advantage of the events and programs that Winthrop has to offer.

They are designed to give you valuable information, and ultimately make you a well-rounded individual.

Photo by Karmen Mills  
Renee Mack (pres. of Taking Integrity Back), Bry-Anne Jones (pres. of Association of Ebonites), and Johneka Simmons (pres. of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority) brainstorming programming strategies.



# Eye Opener

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## Challenges to Enhance Cross-Cultural Communication

Tracey Pickard  
Special to the Roddey-McMillan

1. The feeling that I am an absolutely open, well-meaning, caring, loving, fair-minded person who always treats others in an equitable manner. "It's those other people who need to change."

**Challenge:** The challenge occurs when we feel that we have "arrived." It is easy to forget how much we all have to grow. It's so easy to focus on how far we have come. We should focus on treating people with dignity and sensitivity.

2. The feeling that my profession, training, experience, gender, race, etc., inherently makes me more sensitive to all differences.

**Challenge:** Our status or experience doesn't automatically mean that we have any special insight. Our group membership and corresponding experiences might be advantageous for many of us, but it doesn't mean that we're inherently experts in that area (e.g. being African American, female, or gay)

3. The feeling that others should present their issues/concerns in the same fashion that I present issues.

**Challenge:** There are culturally influenced styles of communication that may be very different from the way we individually express issues.


4. The feeling that although I recognize that there are many different per-

spectives on issues of race, culture, gender, sexual orientation, etc. My perspective is probably the best and most useful.

**Challenge:** We sometimes acknowledge that there are other perspectives on an issue, but in subtle ways promulgate our view as the "right one." We may be open to other viewpoints, but not value them.

5. The feeling that growth in the area of cross-cultural education only involves helping others to understand key concepts and their own biases.

**Challenge:** Even for those of us that claim we are experienced there is still room for growth---realize there is always a time to grow and learn.



**Accept the cultural challenge!  
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# Soul Food

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## Multi-Cultural Calender of Events October 2000

### October 4, 2000

- Association of Ebonites Mass Meeting 9 p.m. \*
- Zeta Phi Beta Program 7 p.m. \*

Multicultural Student Life sponsors a variety of programs addressing race, gay/lesbian, and gender issues

### October 7, 2000

- Ebonite Gospel Choir at Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA (tentative)

\* See Multicultural Calender in 218 Dinkins for more information.

### October 9, 2000

- Delta Sigma Theta Education Program 7:30 p.m.

**October is National Disability  
Employment Awareness Month**

### October 11, 2000

- Taking Integrity Back Meeting 7:30 p.m.

### October 13-16, 2000

- **FALL BREAK**

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\* Independence Day: Nigeria. This national holiday commemorates the nation's achieving independence from Britain in 1960.

### October 17, 2000

- International Expo 11a.m. - 2 p.m. Dinkins Lobby\*

\* United States. Black Panther party founded in Oakland California by Huey Newton and Bobby Seale in 1966.

### October 23, 2000

- Sigma Gamma Rho Doughnut Sale 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

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Health Sports Day (Taiiku No Hi): Japan. This is a day to promote physical health and also to commemorate the Olympic Games held in Tokyo, Japan, in 1964.

### October 24, 2000

- The Bridge Poetry Reading 7p.m.
- Sigma Gamma Rho Program 8 p.m.

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\* National Coming Out Day/March on Washington (1987): Gay/ Lesbian. On October 11th, the largest gay and lesbian gathering of its time- Some estimate as many as 200,00 to 600,00 people- took place to protest anti-gay discrimination.

### October 25, 2000

- Zeta Phi Beta Poetry Event
- Sigma Gamma Rho Doughnut Sale 10-2p.m.
- Taking Integrity Back Meeting 7:30 p.m.

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\* Birthday of the Bab (1819-1850): Baha'i. The Bab (which means "the Gate") is honored by the Baha'is as the one who announced that the messenger of God would soon appear. He was the forerunner of Baha'u'llah, the prophet-founder of the Baha'l faith. On this day Baha'is throughout the world suspend work and come together for prayer and festivities.

### October 26, 2000

- The Bridge Multi-cultural Arts Festival Show \*
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Apollo \*

### October 29, 2000

- Delta Sigma Theta Jabberwock 7:30 p.m.

### October 30, 2000

- Delta Sigma Theta Health Program 7:30 p.m.

### October 31, 2000

- Zeta Phi Beta Debate 7:30 p.m.

## The Cold Within

Six humans trapped by hapenstance  
In black and bitter cold  
Each one possessed a stick of wood  
Or so the story's told.

Their dying fire in need of logs,  
The first woman held hers back  
For on the faces around the fire  
She noticed one was black.

The next man looking cross the way  
Saw one not of his church  
And couldn't bring himself to give

The fire his stick of birch.

The third one sat in tattered clothes  
He gave his coat a hitch.  
Why should his log be put to use  
To warm the idle rich?

The rich man just sat back and thought  
Of the wealth he had in store,  
And how to keep what he had earned  
From the lazy, shiftless poor.

The black man's face bespoke revenge  
As the fire passed from his sight,  
For all he saw in his stick of wood  
Was a chance to spite the white.

And the last man of this forlorn group  
Did naught except for gain,  
Giving only to those who gave  
Was how he played the game.

The logs held tight in death's still hands  
Was proof of human sin.  
They didn't die from the cold without,  
They died from the cold within.

-Author Unknown