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Ely joins Winthrop's English department

By TINA EZEJ
Johnsonian Staff Writer

Winthrop called and he answered.

Scott Ely, novelist and self-proclaimed creative writing fanatic, has joined Winthrop's English faculty.

Ely comes to Winthrop from the University of Arkansas. He taught English from 1975 to 1984 at Sneed State Junior College in Boaz, Calif., where he was adviser of the student literary magazine and newspaper, according to an Aug. 31 article in The Herald.

Ely received both his bachelor's and master's from the University of Mississippi in 1968 and 1973, respectively.

Ely's literary accomplishments include two novels, one of which is about the Vietnam War. He said he spent a year in Vietnam in 1969, where he served as infantryman in a reconnaissance unit, the experience which served as the basis for his book, "Starlight."

"It's gotten to a point where we've gotten people to think about Vietnam," Ely said. He added that for a long time, people wouldn't acknowledge the war, but that interest has been revived with movies such as "Rambo."

Ely said that although "Starlight" is a fictitious novel, the character and events are based on his observations while serving in Vietnam.

His other novel, "Pit Bull," was a "fluke," Ely said.

"A couple of years ago, I saw two pit bulls on the back of a truck and thought 'why not?,'" he said. In "Pit Bull," one of the characters loses his land and decides to use his pit bull to fight others. The idea is to bet on the dogs, Ely said, adding that the dog is a vicious "kind of a super pit bull."

Ely said an excerpt from "Pit Bull" will be printed in "Playboy" this spring. He said he thinks if he had written a book about surfers the reception wouldn't have been the same, especially with the controversy about the danger of pit bulls, which have been banned in New York City.

"It's got a lot (to do) with being in the right place at the right time," he said.

Spratt speaks to WC

By KAREN PARKER
Johnsonian Staff Writer

Congressman John Spratt spoke to a packed auditorium during the Convocation Thursday when he said he believes that the Constitution is still relevant today.

"Judicial review has enabled the Constitution to remain constant today," Spratt said.

Spratt was the keynote speaker at the convocation that celebrated the bicentennial of the United States Constitution and the beginning of Winthrop's second century.

The congressman said the problem of anarchy was solved by dispersing authority. Spratt added checks and balances create friction between the different branches of government, but that as long as there is friction, the system is working.

Commenting on the Iran-Contra Affair, he said Congress is involved in the affairs of the military, and "that people should be interested in what the government is up to."

Spratt said the United States is finally coming what the framers of the Constitution envisioned, with "no racism in America today. America is finally living up to its ideals."

The James Pinckney Kinard and Lee Wicker Kinard Award for Excellence in Teaching was presented to Jerry Welton, music professor by Academic Vice President Michael Smith.

Winthrop College President Martha Kime Piper presented Mary Alice Henson with the Employee of the Year Award.

Ms. Piper challenged the student body to achieve its full potential.

"Anybody can be somebody; you only have to try," Ms. Piper said.

Chris Hanlon, student government association president, said his term in office would be marked with "new beginnings."

Hanlon told the freshmen, "It is your turn to make your mark."

Spratt is the fifth congressional district representative for South Carolina. He serves the House Armed Services Committee. Spratt has been in the U.S. House of Representatives since 1982.

Dinkins undergoes many renovations, office moves

By TOM ROUILLARD
Johnsonian Staff Writer

The 19-year-old Dinkins student center was the site of major renovations and multiple office moves this summer.

Since 1968, it has only received general maintenance. This summer's work was its first major repairs.

Tom Webb, associate dean for Minority Student Development and a new conference rooms.

Minority Student Development and a new conference rooms.

The Writing Center moved from the Iva B. Gibson room to 107 Dinkins, which used to be the home of the foreign student adviser. Shealy moved into the space vacated by Minority Student Development and became the main study area.

The Writing Center moved to the new office in the Iva B. Gibson room.

The Writing Center last year and used to be a formal lounge, was walled off with an additional desk for other faculty members and maybe more tutoring. The second office will house tables, chairs, bookshelves, file cabinets and will be the main study and tutoring area. The third room will contain 20 word processors and four printers that will be available for students and faculty use along with classroom workstations.

Light construction work is still underway in the uncompleted Writing Center. The new office was completed in the Writing Center.

"It's not as dark as you might think," Mrs. Graham said. "It's not as dark as you might think," Mrs. Graham said. "The building is still dark and will be completed in the next few weeks."
CIS helps combat student drop-out rate

By TIM O'BRIANT
Johnsonian Staff Writer

Patricia Russell-McCloud asked, "What does it mean if you have Guess jeans and push up sleeves if you're all dressed up on graduation day with nowhere to go?" at Thursday's Critical Issues Symposium program entitled "Learning to Learn." Ms. McCloud said students must "prioritize their priorities" to ensure success. "And," Ms. McCloud continued, "success only comes before work. "Students' Rights, Freedoms and Responsibilities." AIDS: Everyone's Problem" is the topic of the third session, to be held Oct. 29.

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is finished and the workmen just slip in and out."
The Writing Center is accepting appointments for tutoring and other services; however, the word processors have not yet been set up and a notice will be issued when they are available for use.
The student center is named for John Grier Dinkins, a former Winthrop trustee from 1945 to 1969, and opened in 1968.
The student book store also received a "face lift," according to Jan Marchand, its temporary manager. Ms. Marchand, who has a permanent job at the student book store at Bryant College in Rhode Island, is filling the place of Lee Ann Johnson, who is on maternity leave. She was sent here for the duration of Mrs. Johnson's maternity leave and also to supervise the opening of the self-service textbook area. The bookstore also received new carpet, display fixtures, glass shelving, and a paint job that included the school colors.

"We want the students to know we're your bookstore and we care," Ms. Marchand said.

According to Webb, there are plans for more renovations in the second floor hallways, the snack bar, and the seating area in the basement.

"The administration has got us a little more in focus now," Webb said, referring to the $15,000 to $20,000 budget he has to work with.

He said that the student center is finally catching up with the other recently renovated buildings on campus. When pressed for a completion date, Webb said, "It won't be finished, not as long as I'm still here."
LIVING

Hanlon looks ahead to new year

By KRIS SYKES
Johnsonian Living Editor

He definitely has an office with a view. When you enter the light gray, dimly-lit office with smoky full-length windows, about one block from three angles is visible from the second floor of the Dinkins Student Union.

"I'm in love with one thing and that's this place," said Chris Hanlon, Student Government Association president. While the office is plush, professional and offers an extraordinary view, he was referring instead to the job.

As Winthrop College moves into its second century, Hanlon seems prepared for the challenges the upcoming year presents. He already has plans to correct the mistakes of the past and continue with the successes of the centennial celebration.

"This will be an experimental year," Hanlon said last Monday of his elections reforms. He wants to increase voter participation by 50 percent next spring and the fall turnout by 30 percent. To accomplish this goal, he said additional polls will be set up in front of Tillman and at the Lodge cafeteria, as well as the usual locations in Thomson cafeteria and the student center.

"We want to increase the Lodge participation. Also, we can reach more apartment residents and freshmen in front of Tillman," he said, reclining back in the chair.

To stimulate more voters at the polls, video tapes of the candidates will be played at Thomson, Lodge and Dinkins locations. He said the VCRs have already been rented.

Hanlon, looking back on the centennial year, said that Eagle Week was the greatest success last year. He may make the week of festivities a tradition.

If the distribution of his calling cards is an indication, he's doing a good job of getting around. In the summer and in one week of school, he has given out more than 160 cards. Needless to say, he has ordered more.

"I want people to call me if they have a problem. That's what I'm here for. I'll solve it if I can."

"And if I can't solve the problem, I want to know why," Hanlon said, adding that he tries to return all his calls the same day they were received.

"I feel a sense of responsibility to cover all angles before I say nothing can be done," he said. "I want people to be able to get in touch with me."

To make room for the enormous responsibility, he said he dropped all of his fraternity positions and will take 12 hours, the minimum course load, both semesters. Hanlon is a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

"My mom and dad have been very supportive. They've let me graduate in four and a half years and they picked up the tab, even with my brother also in college," he said.

He will also have increased accessibility. He said he will work a minimum of 20 hours each week in the SGA office, some hours later at night.

So if you see a light in the office above the trees and the bank machine, stop by if nothing else to meet Hanlon and complain about the cafeteria food.

But don't forget to take in that view before you leave.

Click, Fouché, start new year at WC

By PAUL WINDSOR
Johnsonian Staff Writer

James Fouché, the new dean of education, has three goals to accomplish while working for Winthrop College: to work with faculty in the new curriculum, to prepare the school for state accreditation and to renovate Withers.

Even for the short time Fouché has been here, he speaks positively of Winthrop. He said he likes the size of the student body and finds it warm and hospitable.

"I am struck by the fact that physically the architecture in the buildings of the college is quite old and traditional. I think it stands in stark contrast to the progressive nature and the modern nature of the curriculum," Fouché said.

Although Fouché has been here for seven weeks, his background enables him to enter more smoothly into the curriculum.

He received his bachelor's degree in history and his master's in history and philosophy in Louisiana. He received his doctorate at The University of Florida.

Fouché started working as an assistant professor at the University of Kentucky and eventually became chairman of the education department. In addition, he was chairman of the education department at the University of Florida.

Past SGA head gives advice

By KRIS SYKES
Johnsonian Living Editor

There's nothing like some advice from someone who's been there.

Here's what Donna Chapa, former Student Government Association president, would tell Chris Hanlon, SGA president: "Leave early when you go to class. You'll be surprised how many people stop you and ask you if you have a minute," she said last Monday.

But more importantly, she added, "To make changes in the student body, you have to know the students. You have to get out and meet the students face-to-face."

Ms. Chapa was SGA president during Winthrop's centennial year. For the year-long festivities, she served on the executive committee that coordinated such memorabilia as the centennial stationery, the bumper stickers, and the official Winthrop College Coca-Cola bottles.

That committee also coordinated the Eagle Week activities.

"Everybody involved loved it. The real challenge was to get the students involved," said Ms. Chapa.

She said she was surprised at the success of Eagle Week. The goal of $500 to adopt the eagle at Riverbanks Zoo in Columbia was surpassed by $300.

Ms. Chapa considers the spirit raised during Eagle Week her most memorable experience, especially the time capsule, which is buried near the chapel.

She contributed a letter to the SGA president 25 years from now, a calling card and snapshots of Winthrop life.

"That's something I'd bring my children back for," she said, referring to the opening of the capsule in 2012.

Ms. Chapa said her rising from a freshman to SGA president was her greatest accomplishment: however, she said she thinks she gave the position a more casual appearance, citing her wearing sweatshirts and jeans.

In addition, she said, she made a difference.

"I told Cristina Grabiel that if I ever got the position, I would try to make an impact. I think I did," Ms. Chapa said.

Now she works in the admissions office helping out, recruiting new students and updating files as a graduate assistant.

While the SGA president plays many roles in office, Ms. Chapa has a new one, that of a traditional student all over again.

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Yearbook should be helped, funded

There is an old saying which states you can’t solve a problem by just throwing money at it.

The Student Government Association’s student allocations committee has also proven you can’t solve a problem by taking money away as well.

When the Tatler yearbook budget came before the committee it was met by some vehement opposition due to the lack of quality workmanship which was evident when the book was distributed last spring. The poor quality had no doubt tempted the committee to invest student funds in more “productive” organizations.

However, with this new school year, came a new Tatler editor, Missy Coleman, and it should not be the responsibility of Miss Coleman, or any member of her current staff, to take the medicine for other people’s diseases.

The student allocations committee apparently did not see it this way. When the budget was reviewed, it was cut by nearly $4,000. The final approved budget of $21,995 was just $920 above the actual printing cost, Miss Coleman said.

In essence, the student allocations committee has guaranteed a yearbook rate hike for all students and practically eliminated the possibility of adequately covering miscellaneous expenses and salaries.

With these kinds of financial restrictions, a bad yearbook can only get worse.

It is understandable why the committee would be reluctant to fund an organization which has such a poor track record. However, the goal of SGA as well as students in general should be to work for the improvement of any organization which needs help.

Miss Coleman has a duty as editor of the Tatler to see that the book improves this year. She must constantly direct her staff in the production of a superior yearbook.

The student allocations committee needs to reconsider the financial status of the Tatler. If another requisition is submitted by Miss Coleman, the committee should approve it and bring the total Tatler budget up to where it was last year.

Miss Coleman has a responsibility to prove that the Tatler is a worthwhile publication. The student allocations committee has a responsibility to let her show us all just what she can do.

A touch of bureaucracy

Yes, I am a citizen of the United States. A citizen who, of late, has become increasingly aware of, and increasingly disturbed with, the ridiculous intertwining web of red tape which exists in this country.

The newest piece of scarlet adhesive which has affixed itself to my person is called the I-9, a form which is supposed to prove that I am an American citizen.

The I-9 was instituted recently by the federal government to identify those people who came into this country illegally in a burlap sack by a little round Mexican man named Pedro.

So while employers drown in a sea of ridiculous paperwork, American immigration officials are slipping over the border to do the Mexican hat dance with some sexy señoritas.

But there is a better way to determine U.S. citizenship. Consider this: There are certain things that are patently American, such as foods, clothing and music. If you want to determine if someone is an American, just feed him a "Sloppy Joe." If he likes it, he’s American. If he throws up, he’s foreign.

Another way to identify an American would be to give him a pair of sneakers with no shoelaces in them. If he can walk, he’s American. If he breaks both of his legs, he’s an illegal alien.

Probably the best way to distinguish legal citizenship would be to give suspects the music test. Follow these few basic steps:

1. Detain the suspected foreign infiltrator.
2. Obtain a copy of any "Beastie Boys" recording.
3. Play the recording.

If the person begins to dance and rap with the tune, then he or she is most definitely American. If the person goes immediately into a coma, they are not of this country – definitely check their paperwork.

Students need Labor Day off

Today, America’s nationwide are taking the day off from work in recognition of labor’s contribution to this nation. Yes, today is Labor Day, a federal holiday observed by all 50 states, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. The only educational and state-supported institution that I know of in the state of South Carolina and possibly the entire country that isn’t observing this federal holiday is Winthrop.

According to President Martha Kime Piper, the school is allotted four federal holidays for the year. However, it is up to the students to decide when the holidays may be taken because of the required number of days that students must attend classes. Therefore, if we got Labor Day off, we would have to attend an extra day of class.

Actually, this isn’t the worst fate that could befall a college student. In a roundabout way this is saving us a few headaches, for instance, Labor Day traffic.

For many Americans, Labor Day signifies the end of the summer season. The three-day weekend provides one last opportunity to catch the fading rays of the summer sun on our state’s sandy beaches.

However, the other side of the coin, many students are laborers in more than one way. Many worked during the summer to earn money for school. Many students will continue to work throughout the school year. This constitutes labor. In addition, a recent poll by Louis Harris included studying as a form of work.

In light of all of the work that students do, we would appear to be qualified to receive Labor Day off without penalty. At this point faculty and staff should feel free to join this "glorious worker’s revolution."
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Winthrop wins Big South award

By RONN ZARTMAN
Johnsonian Sports Writer

For the second consecutive year, Winthrop College has won the Big South Conference Commissioner's Cup. This prestigious award was presented to Athletic Director Steve Vacendak during the league's annual meeting last May. The award is given to the team that compiled the most points during the school year. Points are given in eight sports based on the finish in the league tournament. Cross country, tennis, golf, volleyball, baseball, and softball fell into that category. Points were given in soccer and men's and women's basketball based on their finish in the conference during the regular season.

Winthrop compiled 66 1/2 points by winning two league titles and placing 10 of 11 teams overall in the league's first division. No other team in the conference placed as many sports in the first division, and for the second year in a row that was the key to Winthrop winning the award. The 1986-1987 Big South Conference Commissioner's Cup symbolizes overall athletic excellence for the first time in both women's and men's athletics. Winthrop expects the award for the second year in a row says a great deal about the dedication of our athletes, staff, and coaches,
Silverman spends summer teaching in Nairobi

By KATHY SNEAD
Johnsonian Sports Editor

Yale's not the only place he's been.
Dr. Jason Silverman, associate professor of history, and his wife, Susan, decided to vacation somewhere exotic this year.
The result was two lectures concerning Afro-American culture at the University of Nairobi in Kenya and seven days of non-stop rain.
"I am a workaholic," Silverman said.

At the beginning of the summer, Silverman casually informed a few former colleagues that he would be vacationing in Kenya in May.
A few weeks later, Silverman received an invitation to lecture to the student body during his one-week stay from A.I. Salim, the chairman of the University of Nairobi's history department, and the Academic Vice President Onesimus K. Mutung.
Silverman said one of the differences he noticed between the two groups of students was their maturity.
"They seemed to be more experienced. They also seemed to appreciate their education more than many American students. They're very serious," he said.

Silverman said another aspect where African students were different from their American counterparts was in sleeping arrangements.
"Since their academic day is a very long one, the thing that surprised me was that students take naps on the school lawn. There were so many people lying face down on the lawn that I thought some major accident had occurred," he said.

Although his lectures concerning Afro-American culture, most questions Silverman encountered concerned American views on South African apartheid.
"They were very interested in American policy and what is going on on college campuses. They were very inquisitive and almost obsessed with the idea of apartheid," he said.

But the most outstanding feature Silverman recalls in Kenya are the greenness of the bush country and the poverty that was evident in many areas.
"I tried very hard not to be a cultural elitist. They point to Kenya as one of the most affluent parts of East Africa. I still was amazed by what I considered to be a great deal of poverty. Not like Ethiopia, but I saw a lot of begging on every street," he said.

This isn't the first time Silverman has combined business with pleasure during a vacation. In 1982 he was asked by the University of West Ontario to lecture on his then newly-revised dissertation "Unwelcomed Guests: Canada West's Response to American Fugitive Slaves, 1800-1865." Currently, Silverman is finishing a book on ethnicity in the South and, "thanks to my chairman Dr. Birdsall Viault, I have been asked by McGraw-Hill to write a synthetic history of the United States to 1877," he said.

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This summer at Winthrop
As students take a break, college remains

Summer at Winthrop: it was hot and humid, but classes continued.

- Band, tennis, soccer and basketball camps brought high school students to the campus.

- New freshmen filled the campus three times during the Fresh Start programs and Joynes continued to offer seminars and to house conventions.

- Kinard's renovations were completed, and grateful professors returned to their offices.

- Dinkins Student Union welcomed its first renovation after 19 years. The Writing, Minority, and International Centers all moved offices within the student union.

- Winthrop College President Martha Kime Piper became Rock Hill's first Kiwanis member and Roanoke College gave her the college seal for distinguished service.

- Winthrop became the first college or university in the nation to sign the NAACP Fair Share Agreement, which ensures equal opportunities for minorities.

Orientation

WHEELING IN - Dr. John Milstead, associate professor of sociology, watches as his bookcase is moved into Kinard. Teachers, after a year of waiting since Kinard's fire Aug. 11, 1986, returned to their offices the second week of June.

JUST LIKE STARTING OVER - President Piper attended a picnic in August which was designed by Fresh Start, a program to help ease Freshmen's transition from high school to college life.
active throughout the entire summer

Summer training camps

Cutting Loose - President Piper was on hand to officially open the renovated bookstore Aug. 20 as Academic Vice President Michael Smith looks on.

- The Freshman Symposium class became the Critical Issues Symposium.

- Dr. Wade Hobgood was named director of a grant that will establish the arts as a core of education.

- A Home Economics Research Center opened July 1 and will coordinate research between Winthrop and other institutions.

- Winthrop welcomed 35 new professors. The communications department got a new chairman, Dr. William Click, and the School of Education chairman, Dr. James Fouché, became Dean of Education.

All photos courtesy of Joel Nichols in the Winthrop College Public Information Office.

 AIM AND SHOOT – Steve Vacendak, athletic director, leads a basketball camp this summer for junior high and high school students.
Crackdown closes frats in Texas

AUSTIN, TEX. (CPS) -- Joining a nationwide crackdown on fraternities that began in earnest in 1986, the University of Texas at Austin last week upheld a four-year suspension of Phi Kappa Psi, and hinted more punishments may be coming.

Mark Seebeger, a PKP pledge, died of exposure and acute alcohol poisoning in September 1986, after other frat members forced him to drink an excessive amount of alcohol.

The Phi Kappa Alpha national fraternity disbanded its San Diego State chapter for co-tional fraternity disbanded its Chi Psi chapter for hazing.

Some greek houses are objecting. Seven members of Cornell's Phi Gamma Delta chapter - which in April was suspended for incidents of sexual abuse and harassment - sued Cornell to get a new hearing for their case.

Nevertheless, Texas President William Cunningham last week upheld PKP's suspension for the incident, which convinced the state Senate to pass a law changing hazing from a misdemeanor to a felony with maximum penalties of two years in jail and a $10,000 fine.

The eight individual Phi Psi members who participated in Seebeger's hazing received punishments ranging from admonition to permanent expulsion, said Ron Brown, UT vice president of student affairs.

In July, the University of Lowell in Massachusetts decided to ban all fraternities and sororities from campus in response to the hazing death of a Winthrop student.

Other campuses disciplined greek houses during the summer, too. The Phi Kappa Alpha national fraternity disbanded its San Diego State chapter for co-sponsoring a 1985 party at which a student subsequently said she was raped. SDSU already had expelled the chapter through 1991.

In June, Missouri became the latest state to make fraternity and hazing activities a criminal misdemeanor.

Ely

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Ely said his most memorable experience while writing was during his stay at The Reporter in Jackson, Miss. He said he "just needed a job," at the time and "they needed somebody to work cheap."

He said he was assigned a story about prostitution, which was a terrible topic because none of the cops wanted to talk to reporters. But Ely said they talked to him for some reason, and he had a wonderful story.

But I didn't get a raise, he said.

Ely said he tries not to use his books in class, but to use his writing experiences in a productive manner for the students.

I want to make writing fun for my students, he said.

Ely will teach creative fiction, as well as composition, at Winthrop.

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tion, he worked for that same state government as the associate superintendent for instruction.

On rainy days you can identify him by the Gator umbrella he carries.

His office is sparsely equipped, indicating that he is new, yet he has an understanding of the curriculum itself. He said he plans to meet with the faculty during the fall semester about achieving these goals the following semester.

The new chairman of the communications department finds that "the relatively small classes at Winthrop gives you more personal contact with the students."

Click also says he feels Winthrop's size lends to the "congenial and cooperative" attitude he has found among the faculty.

Click's academic qualifications include a bachelor's degree, master's degree and doctorate in communications.

He has worked at Central Michigan University, Ohio State University and Louisiana State University in various capacities within his field.

Click also is a writer. Among his works are several books in his field including "Magazine Editing Production," "Monograph, Governing Student Publications," and "Advising Student Publications." He is now revising some of his work.