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Faculty and Student **Artwork Now** for Sale in the **Campus Bookstore**



Quick Facts

- Beginning this spring, art items were placed near the bookstore entrance on the left in a display case with framed prints of Tillman Hall by design students and Edmund Lewandowski, former chair of the then Department of Art and Design, on each side of the case.
- In the fall, the next phase of the project will involve contacting College of Visual and Performing Arts alumni to include some of their artwork in the display case.



ROCK HILL, S.C. - Visitors to the Winthrop University Bookstore have one more reason to shop at the DiGiorgio Campus Center venue.

Now, along with the Winthrop clothing, books and school supplies, shoppers may now find a variety of artwork and merchandise created by faculty and students from the College of Visual and Performing Arts.

Beginning this spring, art items were placed near the bookstore entrance on the left in a display case with framed prints of Tillman Hall by design students and Edmund Lewandowski, former chair of the then Department of Art and Design, on each side of the case.

"We're now delighted that students, parents and visitors to campus now have the opportunity to purchase some wonderful items - some of which were only available previously through special event sales," said David Wohl, dean of the college.

The following items may be found in a display case with a backdrop created by Gerry Derksen, associate professor of design:

- CDs from Department of Music Ensembles
- note cards, posters and coffee mugs created by Department of Design students
- theatre and dance bumper stickers
- signed posters of Tillman Hall by Lewandowski

Departments will begin adding student artwork to the bookstore inventory, such as pottery, jewelry/metals items and handmade books from the Department of Fine Arts.

Faculty members who direct special event sales, such as ceramics professor Jim Connell, said the bookstore sales will serve as a preview for their events, such as the Holiday Pottery Sale held each December. Courtney Starrett, assistant professor of fine arts, said her jewelry students are excited about the opportunity.

Starrett said her students will sell innovative designs that are derived from complex works created in class. "The students aren't required to participate in any of these extra-curricular activities. Many of them enjoy making and seeking out opportunities to sell their own work at galleries and see this as another venue to sell," Starrett said.

Proceeds will be shared with the jewelry program, she said. "This is a great exercise in learning about the market so students will be able to stock work and swap out pieces every few months to see what

types of products sell better to the bookstore clientele," Starrett said.

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