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### Quick Facts

- One new event in this year's weeklong activities includes a student talent show on Wednesday, Feb. 16 at 8 p.m. in Tillman Auditorium.
- A weekend of baseball competition starts Friday, Feb. 18 when the Eagles face the University of Akron at 8 p.m. at Winthrop Ballpark.

ROCK HILL, S.C. - **Eagle Mania**, a **student talent show**, the **Kiss Me Kate production** and the **ever-popular Step Show** are among the attractions planned during **Homecoming 2005** held Feb. 16-20.

**Martie Curran**, assistant vice president and Alumni Relations' executive director, says she's particularly excited about **Homecoming 2005** because it offers Winthrop's community and alumni so many opportunities to connect. Curran added, "This year promises something for everyone."

One new event in this year's weeklong activities includes a **student talent show** on Wednesday, Feb. 16 at 8 p.m. in **Tillman Auditorium**. Entry categories include those for individuals as well as organizations, with both category winners receiving cash prizes for first and second places. Monetary donations will be collected at the door by members of AmeriCorps and given to the **American Red Cross** for tsunami relief efforts.

A weekend of **baseball competition** starts Friday, Feb. 18 when the Eagles face the University of Akron at 8 p.m. at **Winthrop Ballpark**. Ticket prices are \$5 for adults, \$3 for children, non-Winthrop students and senior citizens, and free with Winthrop I.D. The team will warm up on Saturday Feb. 19 for a game against the University of Missouri at 1 p.m. and again on Sunday, Feb. 20, at 2:30 p.m. against Gardner-Webb University.

Also on Friday, the **Dinkins Student Union** will host two entertainers at 8 p.m. in Tillman Auditorium. **Comedian Kyle Grooms**, who has appeared on Comedy Central and HBO, will open for **The Return** – a remarkable band that captures the authentic looks and sound of **The Beatles**.

One of the biggest draws is sure to be **Eagle Mania**, held on Saturday, Feb. 19, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., in the **Winthrop Coliseum** parking lot. There will be music, food, free shirts (given to the first 100 students) and a tailgate competition with prizes awarded for the best decorations. The theme "**Come Get Your Eagle On**" will serve to inspire everyone to flaunt their Eagle pride just prior to the afternoon basketball games.

On Saturday at 2 p.m. the **Lady Eagles** will face Birmingham Southern University, and the men's basketball team will host High Point University at 4:30 p.m. During halftime of the men's game, recognition will be given to the **Outstanding Young Alumni Award recipient** and the **2005 Homecoming Queen and King**.

**Jason Capel**, athletics marketing director, is encouraging folks to purchase advance tickets to the Homecoming basketball games. "Given the men's team has had one of its best season start-ups in the school's history, the game on Feb. 19 is sure to be a sellout," Capel said. Tickets can be purchased from the athletics website. Prices are \$7 for mid-court sections, \$5 for the end zone and \$4 for corner sections. Purchasing a ticket to the women's game automatically grants free admittance to the men's game.

Later on Saturday, **Winthrop's Department of Theatre** will celebrate its **50th anniversary** with a

special dinner to be held in the [Tuttle Dining Room](#) at 5:30 p.m. The event will include a social, meal, special performances and theatrical readings. The \$30 ticket price includes admission to Winthrop's production of **Kiss Me Kate** at 8 p.m. in Johnson Theatre. To reserve tickets for that event, contact the theatre department at 803/323-2287.

Or you may choose to watch an alternative stage on Saturday evening and attend the **National Pan-Hellenic Council Step Show** in [Byrnes Auditorium](#). The energetic contest always packs the auditorium which will open its doors at 7:30 p.m., with the show starting at 8:30 p.m. Ticket prices are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door, and can be purchased at the [Dinkins](#) information desk.

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