

THE FRENCH OUTLET



FRIENDS, STUDIES, SPORTS, LIFESTYLE



FRENCH-AMERICAN FUSION

A month ago, we started a promising adventure in terms of experiences and discoveries. We crossed the Atlantic Ocean to join Winthrop students' community for at least a year. And I doubt anyone of us would be honest by telling you he or she has not been enjoying it so far.

In this newsletter, we are going to list and concentrate on what are the most representative facts and figures about our American experience. We want to provide you with accurate information about American lifestyles, habits and interests.

By Claire Bigeard

ADVERTISING

BREAST CANCER **PROSTATE CANCER**

WHY SHOULD WOMEN BE MORE CONCERNED ?

SCREENING DAY
FALL 2009 @ WINTHROP UNIVERSITY

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THE REAL COST OF THINGS AND HOW TO SAVE MONEY!

Arriving in a new country to study costs more that you can probably imagine. In France, ISCOM gives an approximate price of what the costs will be at the end of the U.S stay. However, very soon the costs are higher than estimated. Always something happened, expected or not, and there is no other choice than to pay for it.

Books, for examples are very expensive. It costs around \$100 to \$180 for each new book. It is cheaper to buy

them used online. Ebay or Amazon are great websites to find affordable books. You may also want to share them, possible; with your classmates. It will divide the costs.

Actually, the best way to reduce the costs is to find ways to get things at a cheaper price. If you know where you are going to live, a smart thing to do is to try to reach the people who are living there at the moment. Ask them if they are willing to sell what they bought in the States.

It could be a car, books, television, kitchenware's, even bedding. Another solution is to go to consignments shops to get used things at a cheaper price. You will end up paying less than if you had to buy everything new. Finding smart ways to pay less is the main goal.

Come prepared with your dollar **BILLS**.

By Stéphanie Dumas

Visas+Sevis	About 200 Euros
Plane tickets	Between 550 Euros and 900 Euros
Health insurance: April Mobility (Mandatory)	32euro/Month
Books	Between \$100 and \$180 / books (get them online used for cheaper about \$20 and \$70)
Food	Between \$45-75 / week
Utilities (Electricity, water, depending of your renting contract)	Between \$150-\$250 / month per house
Internet/mobile phone	\$45 / month for Internet + between \$25 for pay as you go phone or \$50 for a phone subscription
Car	Between \$1200 / \$5000 depending of the car you are looking for.
Car insurance	Between \$45 and \$140 depending of the cover
Schools expenses	\$100 Impression, photocopies, Diploma, et other. (Printers start at \$39 + papers and ink \$30)
Gas for the car	Between \$15-\$30 for one load
Car state taxes	10% of the car price
Title registration	Between \$100 and \$350 depending of the type of car you are getting
Pillows, beddings sheets	Between \$50 and \$150
Plates, cutlery, micro-waves, grill, glaces, etc.	Between \$60 and \$100, try to buy everything from the previous renter
Television	Between \$40 and \$200 used
Products to clean the house	Between \$30 and \$50
Pens, Papers, binders, folders	Between \$10 and \$50
Insurance for your own property inside your room	Between \$10 and \$20 per month
Total:	Between 13.000-15.000 without school tuition and housing rent

SPORT IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES

Sports in American universities is a matter of great importance as athletes represent the image of the institution. Being part of a sport team suggests the pursuit of balancing academics with athletic schedule. Athletics stands for integrity, pride, diversity and leadership.

♦ THE WINTHROP WAY CHARACTER

An athlete must succeed both in his sport and in his studies:

98% of Winthrop Basketball Players have graduated in the past 10 years.

"We have a winning attitude and we possess the qualities of champions," says the team.

Here are the qualities that defines a member of the Eagles:

UNSELFISHNESS Be an unselfish player

DISCIPLINE Just do it right with goals in mind

DEDICATION Work hard every day

DETERMINATION Be mentally and physically tough

CONFIDENCE Believe in your abilities; believe in your teammates; believe in your coaches; Believe in our system

Below, the motto of the athletes:

"We have competitive character, we find a way to win, we are a mentally tough team, we have a will to prepare and the will to win!"



♦ THE STORY OF AN EAGLE PLAYER

Craig Bradshaw, a 2007 graduate, became the first athlete in Winthrop history to be selected for an Olympic Team when he was named to the New Zealand squad for the 2004 Athens Summer Olympic Games.

"This is a tremendous honor for Craig and is wonderful for Winthrop University and our basketball program."

Head Coach Randy Peele

♦ WINTHROP FANS

The basketball team has fans everywhere on campus. They wear items related to Winthrop Eagles and wouldn't miss matches for any reason.

Mostly on-campus students help athletes to succeed by encouraging them during the events.

GO EAGLES !

To have more information about Eagles Empire:

www.winthropeagles.com

By Camille Bedu



Social life

WHAT IS THE PROGRAM?

Studying at Winthrop University does not mean skipping social life. To enjoy fully your student life, you can participate in many campus activities and explore places in the Rock Hill area.

The Dinkins Student Association is in charge of programming entertainment for the Winthrop community. It offers many events every month such as lectures and other cultural events. You don't know what to do on a weekend? Go on www.winthrop.edu/studentaffairs/dsu/ and check what is going on.

Also, as a Winthrop student, you have to get to know the Scandal's (www.scandalsweb.com) and The Money (www.themoneyrh.com) on Cherry Road. The Scandal's is a club where you can enjoy having a drink and dancing with your friends. However, the Money is for people who like to have a nice time shooting pool or attending a concert in a small club.

Last, but not least, if you want to share a good value meal and you are over 21, a nice place to go is McHale's on Main Street in Rock

Hill. This popular Irish pub offers good music, good food, and fun guaranteed thanks to the friendly staff.

Do not listen to people that will tell you nothing ever happens in Rock Hill. There is always a party or an event going on so you cannot get bored. For big-city lovers, you can always go to the numerous clubs in Charlotte and enjoy your time there. Thus, I would only say one word "Enjoy!"

By Camille Surugue

Student life

IN CLASS PROJECT

Since the beginning of the year, we have been involved in some seriously interesting in-class projects « The more unexpected the subject, the more attentive the students » could be the motto of this semester as the Mass Communication Faculty came up with current but innovative subjects.

In the Public Relations Writing and production Class, we were informed

we would have to work on Prostate Cancer, which is unfortunately more common than anyone could think. As some research is currently done on campus, the project is to emphasize the importance of early detection. As everyone knows an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. We want to raise awareness among the whole Winthrop community, including Faculty, students and other staff.

We also have to complete a project in the Advertising Copy and Layout class. It is a less dramatic issue but still has health impact as it concerns the organic trend. Each student has to choose an organic brand of food products (chocolate, coffee, cereals, fruits, vegetables,

etc.) that he or she going to keep up with during the spring semester. As you may imagine when hearing the course title, we have to come up with ideas to promote the chosen brand according to specific objectives, target audience, and so on.

Another interesting project is part of the International Communication course. The principle is to "adopt" one country out of 200. Then, the mission consists in reporting, for the rest of the class, facts and figures such as demography, media presence or international relations regarding the elected country. You could really feel some enthusiasm around the class when the project was outlined to us. Indeed, not only does it make us more involved as we feel like "owning" the country for some time, it also enables us to learn about the rest of the world.

By Claire Bigeard



Johnson Hall - MassCom Department photo

American event



AND NOW...WATCH!

“Go Cardinals!” This sums up pretty well the atmosphere during that evening of Sunday February, 1 that we spent watching the Super Bowl. Alexandre Khouri, Gregory Dumas and I were invited by Ryan Florence, an American student, to join him and his Kappa Sigma fraternity “brothers” to watch the most famous television event of the year, the Super Bowl. For this 43rd edition the teams involved in that final match were the St Louis Cardinals and the Pittsburgh Steelers, who finally won 27-23. “This event is almost as important as New Year’s Eve” Ryan said. For that special evening we tried

many types of appetizers and we enjoyed the chicken barbecue they prepared with a so good homemade Honey Barbecue sauce. Beer is a big issue here in the USA and you have to use a “beer chiller” to keep your beer cold during the match.

The Super Bowl is also known for commercials between breaks. These are very expensive ads (\$3millions for 30 seconds) main represented brands included Coca Cola, McDonald, Budweiser, Doritos etc. For these brands, the Super Bowl is like a contest and sponsors fight for the more imaginative concepts as they know the audience is huge during this event.

“I love all kind of sports and watching the Super Bowl with American friends was very exciting. I also watched them behave and I really understood that sport is really important to American especially football” said Gregory.

We all had a really good experience, watching this major television event and discovering American habits.



By Romain Lionnet

Did you know

BREAK HABITS - IF YOU COME TO THE UNITED STATES AND ARE WILLING TO CHANGE YOUR HABITS YOU WILL LOVE IT! THERE ARE MANY LITTLE THINGS IN THIS COUNTRY THAT ARE TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM OUR LITTLE FRANCE.

“Where is the clutch in that car?” asked Alexandre the first time we rented one. American people mainly drive automatic shift cars and stay in their vehicle to purchase medicine, get some cash and order food. If the waiter takes your glass of coke away even when you didn’t finish properly, don’t impeach him, he will just refill it for free, so don’t be stingy with the tips, you should leave 20% of the bill if the service is good. Hungry? Need to shop? A lot of grocery shops and fast foods are open 24/7 and Wal-Mart must be three times bigger than the largest supermarket in Montpellier. During the winter in South Carolina it can snow on Monday and be summer warm on Friday. Don’t be surprised if the temperature in your home is about 70 degrees, it’s just the Fahrenheit degree system.

“Oh my god! There must be a problem with the scale” Cindy yelled from the bathroom. If you find out that you doubled your weight after only a week, don’t be scared, you will have to know that a pound equals only half of a kilogram.

Be aware of your speed while driving as a mile represents almost 1.5 kilometers. Most of all enjoy the price of gasoline, only \$1.70 for one gallon, which equals almost 45 cents for a liter, so cheap compared to the \$1.50 we pay for only one liter in France! New country, new rules, new metrics, you will be surprised by all these changes but in a few weeks you will get used to it!

IMPORTANT METRICS

1 mile = 1.6 kilometers
1 gallon = 3.78 liters
1 pound = 453.59 grams
70°F degree = 21.1°C degree

In restaurants or pubs the tip
15-20% of the bill amount.

By Romain Lionnet