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River Ecology Is Theme for **Environmental Symposium**



Winthrop's Fifth Annual Environmental Symposium will be held April 2-4 on Winthrop's campus.

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The speakers, exhibits and panel discussion will focus on water, specifically river ecology.

ROCK HILL, S.C. - Winthrop's Fifth Annual Environmental Symposium April 2-4 will showcase a national keynote speaker, photography exhibit and panel discussion.

The overall theme is water, with a special focus on river ecology.

On April 2, keynote speaker Tim Palmer will speak on American river conservation. The author of 16 books and numerous articles about rivers and the environment, Palmer has been named one of the top 10 river conservationists in the nation. His lecture begins at 7 p.m. in Plowden Auditorium.

Preceding that address, there will be a 5.30 p.m. opening of "The Catawba River Project" in the Life Sciences Building lobby. Photography Professor Phil Moody will showcase the work of his students who chronicled the people and the Catawba River basin.

On April 4, there will be a panel discussion on river water quality and quantity, which is a hot topic surrounding the Catawba River. The discussion begins at 7 p.m. in Plowden Auditorium and features Catawba Riverkeeper Donna Lisenby, York County Council member Rick Lee and Carolina Piedmont Green's Rick Roti. They will address the inter-basin transfer of water from the Catawba River to Concord/Kannapolis, N.C.

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