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### STAFF REPORT

Katherine Johnson, world-renowned research mathematician and West Virginia native, passed away Monday at 101 years old, according to NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine.

"The @NASA family will never forget Katherine Johnson's courage and the milestones we could not have reached without her. Her story and her grace continue to inspire the world," Bridenstine said on Twitter.

In a University press release, WVU President E. Gordon Gee said Johnson was a giant in the history of the United States.

"Without her, one wonders whether we would have ever succeeded in reaching the moon, at least as soon as we did," Gee said in the release.

"While recognition may have been late in coming, this state and this University are proud to have had a role in her education. The world lost a special soul."

During a time when opportunities for African American students to earn a degree were far and few in between, Johnson went on to study at what is now known as the West Virginia State University.

Johnson was born in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia.

According to NASA, after graduating, Johnson became one of only three of the first African Americans to be accepted into graduate school at West Virginia University. While desegregating WVU was a notable accomplishment, this was only the start to Johnson's influential life.

In 1953, she went on to join

the all-black west area computing section at the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics' Langley Laboratory, according to NASA.

This position led Johnson to work with astronauts John Glenn and Alan Shepard, playing an integral role in space missions such as the first human flight into space and the first moon landing.

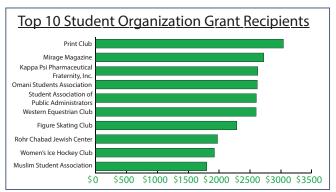
"I believed I was where I was supposed to be," Johnson said in an interview with AARP. "When I was a student, my mentor told me I'd make a good research mathematician. I said, 'What is that,' and he told me I'd have to find out for myself. At NASA, I happened to be at the right place at the right time."

Despite having retired from NASA in 1986, Johnson's achievements hardly slowed down. According to the WVU Alumni Association, in 2015, she was one of 17 to receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom, and she was featured in the novel and later Oscar-nominated film, "Hidden Figures." In 2019, NASA'S Independent

the novel and later Oscar-nominated film, "Hidden Figures." In 2019, NASA'S Independent Verification and Validation Facility was renamed in her honor as the Katherine Johnson Independent Verification and Validation Facility.

"Follow your passion. Whatever you're doing, do your best at all times, and make it as correct as possible," Johnson said in the AARP interview. "Work as if someone is watching you. Then you'll be prepared when an opportunity presents itself, and you'll have the answers."

In 2019, the Daily Athenaeum named Johnson as one of the most influential Mountaineers.



GRAPHIC BY AVERY LYONS

The Student Government Association has exhausted all \$131,000 of student organization grant funding as of Feb. 26.

# \$131,000 SGA student org budget exhausted

BY GABRIELLA BROWN

NEWS EDITOR

The Student Government Association has exhausted all \$131,000 of student organization grant funding as of Wednesday.

Karley White, SGA treasurer, said all funding is given on a first-come, first-serve basis.

"We try to prioritize what they want first," White said. "We work with them as much as we can."

The WVU Print Club received the most grant funding for the 2019-20 year.

According to SGA's financial bills for Jan. 29 and Feb. 5, the funding received covered partial transportation, lodging and registration for five students to attend the SGC International Printmaking Conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico, totaling \$3,043.28.

White said transportation and lodging can be funded up to 1.25% of the budget. Organizations can also apply for catering or equipment cost coverage up to 2% of the budget. White said no more than 25 grant applications were rejected. She said some of the main reasons applications are rejected are because they do not give SGA at least a four-week notice to approve the funding or the reason it is requested could not be approved.

Organizations can also apply for multiple grants. This year, seven organizations applied and received two separate grants.

White said to ensure student organizations are using the funds for what they originally requested it for, SGA works with each organization to book transportation, lodging and to buy equipment or any other purchases the organization plans to make.

"They don't get any form of check for that reason," White said. "It is difficult for some to understand, but it is for that reason, so we know what they are paying for."

Grant applications for next year's SGA budget will be available in the Fall semester of 2020.



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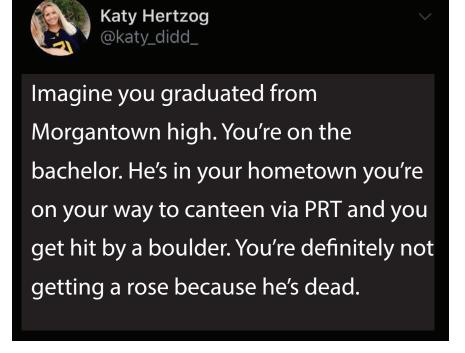
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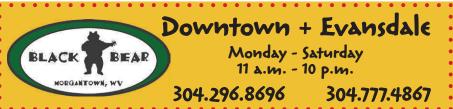
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# Recycling and sustainability projects work to reduce campus carbon footprint

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In every hallway, study room, break room, and office, one of more than 1000 recycling bins can be found across WVU's campus.

Traci Knabenshue, Office of Sustainability director, said WVU is doing a great job so far, even though the goal has not been reached yet. She said sustainability efforts in all major areas can be seen, from energy, waste, dining, transportation and ground.

"We do need to do a better job of telling the story of our sustainability efforts," Knabenshue said. "If zero carbon footprint is the destination, then WVU and any other major research university with a health sciences campus has a long way to go."

Knabenshue said the recycling program at West Virginia University is single-streamed, meaning recycling all goes together and all landfill goes into two separate bins.

The recycling is collected by campus service workers and taken to dumpsters outside. WVU trucks then collect the dumpsters and take them to the local transfer station in southern Pennsylvania. She said at the local transfer station, recycling from around greater Morgantown is mixed together and taken to a materials recover facility to be mechanically sorted and bailed.

Recycling is not the only sustainability-focused project WVU is working toward. The University has made improvements over the years, one way being through performance contracting, which is a way to raise funds through future savings energy-efficient methods will provide. This has allowed the University to make energy-efficiency upgrades to campus buildings, improvements to temperature control systems, lighting, and water usage in more than 75 buildings.

Knabenshue said performance contracting allowed WVU to reduce greenhouse gases by more than 360 million pounds, and saved the University more than \$19 million in energy costs.

The University is also working to build sustainability in new buildings and renovations. Knabenshue said this includes anything from use of natural light for interior spaces and paints that

emit less harmful chemicals to landscaping that absorbs water from storm events. She said the University's surplus property management program, which acts as storage for the University, has kept more than 300 tons of goods out of landfills in just the last three years.

WVU is planning on becoming a bike-friendly university, making Morgantown the only bike friendly place in West Virginia. To do this, the University put bike markings on the Evansdale roadways.

Knabenshue said other projects include diversifying tree species on campus, phasing in disposable plates, bowls and utensils, continuing to complete the solar panel installation on top of the WVU Law School, and participating in Recyclemania.

"Our students are more conscious and better informed than ever about our environmental impact," Knabenshue said. "There's also some really important research that our faculty conduct things like rare earth mineral extraction and what climate change will do to West Virginia's own water

# Tunnel of Awareness sheds light on reality

BY HAILEY SEAMON

CORRESPONDENT

Out of the 1,102,373,598 pills distributed between 2006-2014 in West Virginia, over 14 million of them were distributed in Monongalia County alone.

For Harley Decker, a senior communications student, this was among many facts that the Tunnel of Awareness opened her eyes to.

"There are so many different counties in West Virginia, and there are so many people that are being affected by that," Decker said.

Those who attended the second Tunnel of Awareness event, held in the Mountainlair this week, left more aware of the issues that people face in the community.

Guests were directed through a series of exhibits that highlighted several social issues, like opioid addiction, foster care, racism, LBGTQ, and more.

"These issues are happening to people that we live in the residence halls with, or people that we have classes with," said Josyln Brown, assistant director of residence life and coordinator for Tunnel of Awareness. "The more aware we are, the better we can support each other and become that one

WVU community."

Emma Shaffer, a senior psychology student, ran the menstrual equity exhibit.

"We're here because we're really invested in the health of not just women, but everyone," Shaffer said. "There's a lot of hard things to see in this tunnel, so we want to be there to provide resources if you need them."

Connor Polosky, a junior psychology student, said she felt shocked when she learned the statistics within the domestic violence exhibit.

In the exhibit, dozens of ribbons were laid out, each one representing one student who was a victim of sexual assault or domestic violence. She said this exhibit in particular impacted her the most.

"That really hit us," she said.
Polosky said while this exhibit stuck out to her, the event
overall showed her a side of
the college experience she had
not previously considered.

"I didn't realize how many people felt so unsafe on this campus," Polosky said.

Interactive experiences were spread throughout the tunnel for students to participate in. For those who had experienced sexual assault, they could put a marble into a jar to show just how many people have had that same experience.

"That's kind of cool to see because usually people don't admit that stuff," Decker said.

Some professors required students to attend the Tunnel of Awareness.

Matty Penn, a senior psychology student, said while her classmates were required to go, she thinks it's important for all students to attend events like this.

"I feel like no one knows anything and college students just don't care to know," Penn said. "This is a way to get involved and maybe find something they're passionate about."

Not only did the exhibits represent relevant social issues in the community, but they pointed to helpful resources that students can reach out to.

Brown said overall, the feedback for this year's event has been positive.

She said participation increased significantly, with over 300 participants attending within the first day, which was already close to the turnout for the entirety of last year's event.

"Tunnel of Awareness 2021 will be happening," Brown said.

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# Tunnel of Awareness informs, encourages, uplifts



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In the "Racism in America" exhibit, propoganda from different eras depicting racist Uplifting messages hang from the self-love exhibit in the Tunnel of Awareness. cartoons were on display.



PHOTO BY JAMES KNABLE

The opioid crisis in West Virginia is put into perspective by beads in jars. Each jar represents a county in West Virginia while one bead represents 100,000 opioid pills sold.



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PHOTO BY SETH SEEBAUGH

The Which Wich at The Market opened Jan. 27

### **Health Sciences Which** Wich dishes up healthy options, customization

BY COLE MCCLANAHAN

**CULTURE EDITOR** 

With the University in a seemingly constant state of renovation, WVU Dining has been no different recently.

After renovating Cafe Evansdale and Hatfields prior to this school year, WVU Dining has turned its focus to The Market at the Health Sciences Center, where a Which Wich Superior Sandwiches recently welcomed customers for the

The new restaurant opened Jan. 27 and filled the void next to The Market's Chick-fil-A. Burgershop and Mindful. It also completed WVU Dining's goal of a healthy restaurant going in the space.

"I think that's why they went with Which Wich, because it's so popular," said Joe Calicchio, director of contract administration for WVU Dining Services. "And it was an outside chain that was a good, popular chain. The healthy reasons are what they're pushing here."

Calicchio said Clay Marsh, vice president and executive dean for health sciences, wanted a healthy option to be added to The Market due its hospital setting and overall health-conscious atmosphere.

In addition to health reasons, Which Wich's pricing, customization options and previous relationship with WVU also went into the decision to add the restaurant.

"Some of it was the health and some of it was the amount of availability — it's been in the Lair since, I guess it's been there now maybe seven or eight years, and [it is] very, very active.

Čalicchio said Which Wich has taken some business from Chick-fil-A, the overwhelm-



PHOTO BY SETH SEEBAUGH

The Market is located in the WVU Health Sciences Center.

ing favorite at The Market and the Mountainlair, and it's performed well in the month it's been open. There was concern, however, due to the previous establishments in The Market failing because of their price points, according to Calicchio.

The previous restaurants at The Market were run by Fresh Hospitality, WVU Dining's partner before Sodexo, and Calicchio said they were not successful after being too expensive for the customer base. But Which Wich has not had that issue so far.

"Which Wich, since they've opened from Day One, they've been very steady," Calicchio said. "They've taken over a good part of the business."

The opportunity to not only personalize your meal with design-your-own sandwiches, but the ability to order salads and wraps was another perk to adding Which Wich over other chains.

"There's a beauty and an appeal to customization," said Whitley Warbel, marketing specialist with WVU Dining. People always want the option to see what's going into their food and make that option for themselves, so I think

that's why Which Wich was such a good option for here."

A concern for WVU Dining as a whole regarding The Market is its lack of availability to customers and students. Calicchio said there's an absence of parking available and so it's difficult to access the restaurants inside.

Calicchio said there's also lack of student activity around the Health Sciences Center that affects The Market as the main customers are those studying and working in the building and employees of J.W. Ruby Memorial Hospital.

To help this concern before deciding on Which Wich, Calicchio said WVU's Dining Committee, which consists of "eight or nine people," considered a coffee shop or juice bar to fill the space, among other options. But, ultimately, the Dining Committee wanted a healthy restaurant to pair with Mindful and is content with its decision.

"There was a lot of thought [that went into it], we didn't just pluck it and say it's gonna be Which Wich," Calicchio said. "I think the choice was correct: it definitely seems correct, and the feedback seems very good."

## French Club celebrates **Mardi Gras traditions**

BY BAILEY MENNEMEIER

CORRESPONDENT

WVU celebrated Mardi Gras by holding a dinner with Cajun food, french dessert and jazz music, but the French Club celebrates Mardi Gras in a more laidback and traditional French way.

Victoria DeBuchananne, president of the WVU French Club, is a heritage French speaker. She said her family celebrates Mardi Gras every

"I invited people from the French Club to my apartment because we are just going to be making crêpes," DeBuchananne said. "We're being indulgent in that way."

While her family makes crêpes for the holiday, she said in some parts of France they may make French pastries called beignets, or even waffles.

Although Mardi Gras is associated with the French, it is celebrated by people all over the world.

Translated to English from French, "Mardi Gras" means Fat Tuesday. It began when Catholics indulged before Lent, and it turned into people of all backgrounds attending carnivals and giant celebrations.

Mardi Gras has created many traditions, including eating King Cake and wearing beads.

"A big thing is wearing



Members of the WVU French Club (from left to right): Isabelle Covington, Annie Kate Turner and Vanille Suchocki celebrate Mardi Gras.

masks, in New Orleans they do that, and in France at carnivals they do that," DeBuchananne said. "The whole idea of it is to block your identity, so you can interact with people from any social class, so people of the upper class could interact with people from a lower class and

Mardi Gras is just one way French Club celebrates and appreciates French culture.

They also have conversation tables where French speakers of any level, beginner to advanced, have the opportunity to practice speaking French with others.

The biggest thing the French Club does is philanthropy as they raise money for Benin, a country in Africa, which is a French-speaking

One of French Club's best fundraisers so far this year was a bake sale where it made pastries and cake from French recipes, much like the desserts served during Mardi

Through DeBuchananne's grandfather, Jean de-Lestrange, who is the president of AVLO, an association geared towards helping the people of Benin, the French Club provides aid through its fundraising efforts.

"We're interested in building wells, medical centers and providing education," DeBuchananne said. "Every small amount of money we have, we send it over to them because it'll provide lessons for someone or meals for someone."

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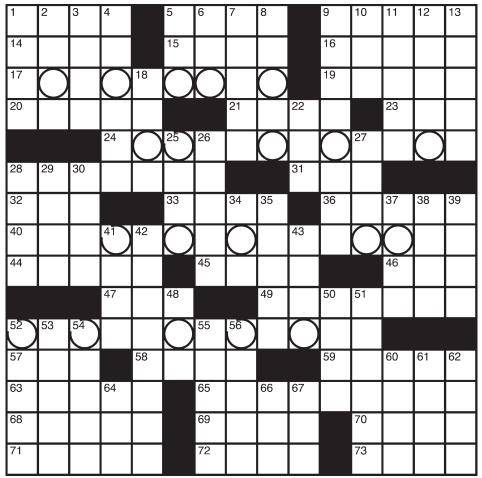








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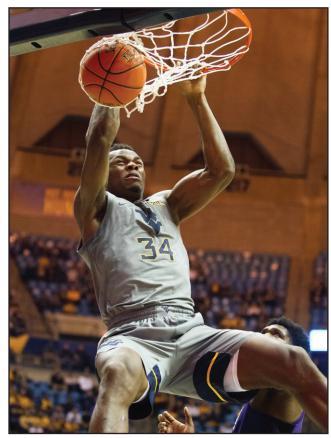


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In the month of February, WVU forward Oscar Tshiebwe is averaging 10.5 points



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WVU head coach Bob Huggins reacts to an officiating call against Kansas on Feb. 12.

# In midst of collapse, West Virginia is wondering where to go next

BY MATTHEW DIGBY

SPORTS WRITER

After an uncharacteristically bad season last year, Mountaineer fans were quick to get high hopes about this season.

By the end of January, the Mountaineers had ranked as high as No. 12 in the AP poll and looked to still be rising, but a recent skid has caused some concern for head coach Bob Huggins.

"We're not the same team," Huggins said after the team's most recent loss to Texas. "We're not as hungry for knowledge. We're not in the gym as much. We're not working at our craft the way that we did early on."

Coming into this season, the West Virginia men's basketball team was bringing in a McDonald's All-American, two top five junior college scorers, a two-time high school state champion who posted a 57-1 record in his two full seasons playing and a strong defensive transfer from Arkansas.

Combining the newcomers with the young talent that led the Mountaineers to the semifinals in the 2019 Big 12 Tournament, things were expected to be much better this season.

At the beginning of the year, expectations were becoming a reality. The Mountaineers started the season with seven straight wins that included a road win against bitter rival Pittsburgh, two impressive victories against Northern Iowa and Wichita State to win the Cancun Challenge and a revenge win against Rhode Island after the Rams dominated WVU last season.

After a two-point loss against St. John's in Madison Square Garden, WVU ripped off four more wins, including an upset victory in Cleveland against then-No. 2 Ohio State.

Heading into conference play, Mountaineer fans were clamoring at the potential of the team, being that the roster is one of the youngest teams in the entire country.

In January, West Virginia experienced some hiccups, notably on the road against Kansas State, and at Texas Tech in which they gave up 89 points and went 11-of-17 from behind the arc. Mixed in with these losses were dominating home performances, including a 38-point win against Texas, a 32-point win against TCU and a 23-point win against Missouri.



PHOTO BY JAMES KNABLE

Over 28 games played, Miles McBride is averaging 9.1 points per game.

After a 15-point win against Iowa State on Feb. 5, WVU was sitting at 18-4 overall and 6-3 in the Big 12 Conference. ES-PN's Joe Lunardi projected the Mountaineers to be a No. 2 seed in the NCAA Tournament.

Since that point, WVU has dropped five of its last six games and has not reached 60 points in four of those games. The Mountaineers' best offensive output came against the Cowboys with only 65 points.

For much of the season, the defense was the most dominant side of the floor for the

team, with the Mountaineers featuring a top five field goal and three-point field goal defense in the country.

In the five most recent losses, WVU is allowing teams to shoot 48% from the field and 37% from the three-point line.

In those same games, the Mountaineers are shooting 36% from the field and 27% from the three-point line. Combine that with 58% from the free throw line and 15.4 turnovers per game and the results haven't looked good.

The main question people are asking is if it can be fixed.

"We know we can do it because we've proven we can do it," sophomore Jordan McCabe said after the Texas loss. "Obviously, everyone is talking about on the road. We got to block some of that out and just play."

McCabe knows that if the Mountaineers want to get back on track, backing down is the last thing this team can do.

"One thing I do know about West Virginia and the teams that we've had in the past is you back them up against the wall, they'll fight back, and we're not going to be any different than that," McCabe said.

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# West Virginia aims for return to winning ways against Oklahoma

BY JARED SERRE

SPORTS EDITOR

The West Virginia men's basketball team is clearly sitting in a rough spot.

Over the team's last two games — both losses — the Mountaineers were outscored by their opponents by a 134-117 margin. The losing streak comes on the heels of another one as West Virginia has only emerged victorious in one of its past six games.

The No. 20 Mountaineers will return home on Saturday to match up with the Oklahoma Sooners, hoping to right the ship as the regular season begins to wind down. The two teams last met on Feb. 8, with the Sooners coming out on top, 69-59.

Oklahoma (17-11, 7-8 Big 12) will enter the contest fresh off of a 65-51 victory over the No. 22 Texas Tech Red Raiders on Tuesday.

Kristian Doolittle has

made the largest offensive impact for the Sooners this season as the senior forward currently leads the team with an average of 15.5 points per game. Doolittle scored 27 points in the matchup between the two teams earlier this month.

Brady Manek and Austin Reaves have played supporting roles for Oklahoma offensively, as, along with Doolitte, the trio are the only Sooners to average more than 10 points per game.

Defensively, Manek ranks second on the team in blocks behind junior forward Kur Kuath. Doolittle leads the team in rebounding, averaging 8.9 per game.

As a team, the Sooners rank first in the Big 12 Conference in free throw percentage. Led by Reaves, the team is currently shooting at a 76% rate.

West Virginia (19-9, 7-8) is being led offensively by freshman forward Oscar Tshiebwe, who tops the team



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WVU guard Jordan McCabe scans the floor against TCU on Jan. 14.

per game.

Junior guard Taz Sher- a shift in the team's starting

with an average of 11.1 points man, who has started in the last three games following

lineup, is averaging slightly more than 21 minutes per game, eight points per game

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and one steal per game over that time frame.

Tshiebwe is also leading the team in rebounding, averaging 9.1 per game. He ranks second in the Big 12, trailing only Kansas big man Udoka Azubuike.

Saturday's game from the WVU Coliseum will tip off at 4 p.m. The game will be nationally televised on ESPN2.

# Big 12 men's basketball: Kansas wrestles top spot in AP Poll from Baylor

BY MICHAEL GRIFFITH

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No. 2 Baylor: The Bears bounced back from their loss to No. 1 Kansas in a statement win over last place Kansas State on Tuesday, 85-66. Five players scored in double-figures for Baylor. Sophomore Matthew Mayer averages 4.8 points per game on the season, but he has scored 10 or more points in three straight games, including a career high 19 on Tuesday. The Bears will hit the road for two of their three remaining games.

No. 1 Kansas: Head coach Bill Self and his team secured a huge win in search of their sixth outright Big 12 regular season title in seven years. The Jayhawks managed to win on the road against Baylor by three points on Saturday, 64-61, to snap the Bears' record winning streak. Center Udoka Azubuike contributed two double-doubles in both games this week for Kansas. The Javhawks' next game is Saturday on the road at Kansas State.



PHOTO BY IAMES KNABLE

Kansas guard Devon Dotson helped to lead the Jayhawks in an upset over then-No. 1 Baylor on Saturday.

No. 20 West Virginia: The Mountaineers have lost five out of their last six games. Over that span, the team's highest scoring game was 65 points in a loss to Oklahoma State on Feb. 18. The team is having one of its worst shooting seasons in history, currently shooting 42% from the field and nearly 29% from the three-point line. Head coach Bob Huggins and his team will be home for two of their next three games, but both will be against teams who

have defeated WVU earlier this season: Oklahoma and Baylor.

No. 22 Texas Tech: Head coach Chris Beard's squad has found itself riding on a roller coaster as of late. After a win over Iowa State by

30 points on Saturday, in which leading scorer Jahmi'us Ramsey dropped 25 points, the Red Raiders lost to Oklahoma, 65-51, on Tuesday. Ramsey shot 0-for-8 and had zero points in the game against the Sooners. The Red Raiders will take on Kansas and Baylor in two of their final three games and will need Ramsey to be the scorer he has proven that he can be.

Texas: The conversation head coach Shaka Smart is having has shifted from fighting for his job to fighting for an NCAA Tournament bid. After a four-game losing streak, the Longhorns have won three in a row, including a top 25 win over No. 20 West Virginia on Monday. Texas shot 52% from the field against WVU and featured a contribution of 22 points from Andrew Jones. Texas will host No. 22 Texas Tech on Saturday.

### **BIG 12 CONFERENCE STANDINGS**

- 1. NO. 2 BAYLOR BEARS (25-2, 14-1)
- 2. NO. 1 KANSAS JAYHAWKS (25-3, 14-1)
- 3. NO. 22 TEXAS TECH RED RAIDERS (18-10, 9-6)
- 4. NO. 20 WEST VIRGINIA MOUNTAINEERS (19-9, 7-8)
- 5. OKLAHOMA SOONERS (17-11, 7-8)
- 6. TEXAS LONGHORNS (17-11, 7-8)
- 7. TCU HORNED FROGS (14-11, 6-9)
- 8. IOWA STATE CYCLONES (12-16, 5-10)
- 9. OKLAHOMA STATE COWBOYS (14-14, 4-11)
- 10. KANSAS STATE WILDCATS (9-19, 2-13)

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# Mountaineers looking to bounce back from 25-point loss to Baylor

BY DANNY KUHN

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Coming off a big loss to Baylor on Monday evening, the West Virginia women's basketball team looks to get back on track against the Iowa State Cyclones in Ames, Iowa, this Saturday.

In the last meeting between the two teams on Feb. 2 at the WVU Coliseum, the Mountaineers were able to get the win, 79-71.

WVU (16-10, 6-9 Big 12) will try for the season sweep of the Cyclones (15-10, 7-7) by taking advantage of the return of leading scorer Kysre Gondrezick, who came back from injury on Monday. She picked up right where she left off, leading the team in scoring with 13 points.

Iowa State has struggled with turnovers all season, av-

eraging 17.9 per game. The Cyclones struggled to take care of the basketball in their first matchup with the Mountaineers, turning the ball over 18 times.

West Virginia will also look to spread out Iowa State's defense and get open looks at the basket, something they did quite well in the first matchup during the regular season. WVU had 21 assists in that game, which is a season high for the team.

The Mountaineers also have the benefit of rest going into this game, as it will almost have been a week since WVU last saw the court. On the other hand, Iowa State has a quick turnaround after taking on Kansas State on Wednesday.

The matchup between these two teams is quite even on paper, with both sporting similar records on the season in overall and Big 12 play.



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Head coach Mike Carey calls out to his players.

To pick up the season sweep, the Mountaineers must also be efficient on offense, something they have struggled with this season. However, WVU had a season high in field goals made against Iowa State in the first matchup, with 33, respectively.

Saturday's game at the Hilton Coliseum in Ames will tip off at 1 p.m.



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West Virginia guard Madisen Smith scored five points against Baylor on Sunday.

### West Virginia hitting the road for Central Virginia Challenge

BY LIAM BELAN

SPORTS WRITER

Coming off a tough 14-2 loss against Coastal Carolina to close out the Brittain Resorts Invitational this past weekend, West Virginia baseball will travel to Virginia to play in the Central Virginia Challenge starting Friday.

The Mountaineers will play VCU, William & Mary and Richmond over the three-day competition.

Outfielder Braden Zarbnisky has been a standout thus far for the Mountaineers, pacing the squad with a .500 batting average at the plate

and two saves on the mound. He has not allowed a hit in 1.2 innings pitched.

Starter Jackson Wolf has allowed one unearned run and struck out 16 batters in 14 innings pitched over two appearances.

The Rams (5-2) open up the weekend for West Virginia on Friday at The Diamond in Richmond at 3 p.m.

Junior Hogan Brown, a utility player, leads the team with a .480 batting average, while senior catcher Josh Simon (.429) and redshirt freshman infielder Brett Young (.412) join him in batting over the .400 mark. On the mound, right-hander Jus-

tin Sorokowski has 11 strikeouts and three earned runs through 10 innings.

On Saturday, the Mountaineers will take on the William & Mary Tribe (3-5) at Plumeri Park in Williamsburg at 2 p.m.

The senior duo of catcher Matthew Trehub and out-fielder Brandon Raquet lead the squad with batting averages of .368 and .367, respectively, while sophomore out-fielder Jack Cone follows at .364. Redshirt senior Chris Farrell has struck out 11 batters in 11 innings, while Cone has contributed 10 innings with 10 hits.

Lastly, the Mountaineers

close the weekend on Sunday against Richmond (2-6) at Pitt Field at noon.

Redshirt senior infielder Daniel Little and junior outfielder Jordan Schulefand lead the Spiders' offense in batting with averages of .348 and .345, respectively. Redshirt junior catcher Drew Blakely paces the team with nine RBI's. Sophomore RHP Jacob Marcus has struck out 13 batters in 10.1 innings on the mound.

West Virginia's games against VCU and Richmond will be broadcast on ESPN+.



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Freshman catcher Matt McCormick celebrates with his teammates after hitting a home run against Canisius on Feb. 18 at Mon. County Ballpark.



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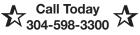
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