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National conservative group tries to influence WVU student elections

BY DUNCAN SLADE
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Turning Point USA, the national right-wing group founded by Charlie Kirk to promote conservative campus activism, has been trying to influence student government elections at West Virginia University for the past several years, according to interviews with current and former student leaders and public documents.

The group aims to take over the office of student body president at every major American educational institution, according to a 28-page brochure from the group published by the Chronicle of Higher Education.



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Charlie Kirk, founder of Turning Point USA. In recent years, the group has tried to influence WVU student government elections as part of a nationwide effort.

Most of the conservative group's efforts take place through representatives of the Campus Leadership Project (CLP) who work with

student government campaigns across the country, providing cash, logo designs and scholarships.

Student governments often oversee millions in university spending. By financing the campaigns of student leaders, Turning Point USA can influence how this money is spent and what policies are passed by student governments.

In the brochure, the group says it advocates for defunding progressive groups that are often supported through student fees, blocking "all boycott, divestment and sanctions" efforts on college campuses and expanding Turning Point USA's national speaker circuit to "message American Exceptionalism and Free Market ide-

als on campus."

The WVU SGA budget is relatively small — just over \$150,000 this past year, according to a budget document shared with the Daily Athenaeum. Still, the University is one of Turning Point USA's targeted schools named in the 2018 brochure. The group is particularly interested in schools in the Power Five athletic conferences.

Prior to the 2022 WVU SGA election earlier this month, the Strive campaign spoke with Sadie Spears, a CLP representative. In a March 4 letter, she pledged to reimburse the campaign up to the SGA spending limit of \$3,050.

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WVU suspends Delta Chi, disciplines three other fraternities for hazing allegations, fighting

BY TRENTON STRAIGHT
NEWS EDITOR

West Virginia University suspended one fraternity and disciplined three others on Tuesday in light of recent hazing allegations and fights.

Delta Chi is suspended for the next three years effective immediately and has lost official recognition from the University. The local chapter has also lost recognition from Delta Chi's international headquarters according

to a university press release.

WVU began investigating the chapter in early February following a reported hazing incident.

Delta Chi can apply for reinstatement after August 2025 if members fulfill given educational requirements outlined by Student Conduct.

Three additional fraternities are being disciplined for fighting, including Phi Sigma Phi. The chapter has been placed on a disciplinary reprimand by WVU and probation by its national headquarters.

In early February, Garrett Boehme,

member of Phi Sigma Phi, fired a gun into the air after a fight broke out between members his fraternity and Delta Chi.

Phi Kappa Psi and Sigma Nu received disciplinary reprimands as well, including a "written notice of violation that becomes part of the official University record."

Each chapter is required to complete educational requirements and de-escalation training, according to the University.

"The Center for Fraternal Values and Leadership, along with the

University administration, takes every allegation seriously and we work diligently to create a safe, positive atmosphere for our chapters and their members," said Matthew Richardson, director of the Center and chair of the WVU Hazing Prevention Task Force. "When a chapter or member falls short of our expectations and the rules, we want to do all we can to make sure it doesn't happen again."

Student Conduct has also identified nine students who violated the campus code resulting from an investigation into a hazing incident.



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WVU Ukrainians concerned for loved ones as Russian invasion intensifies

BY KATELYN ALUISE
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A friend from Kyiv, Ukraine's capital city, called Galyna Voitiuk earlier this month to say goodbye because she wasn't sure if she would survive the night. Her apartment building was being shot at by Russian soldiers.

Voitiuk said her friend has since escaped the apartment. When she called, bombs were going off near her building.

"She and Kyiv are just in hell now because it's a huge fight all day," Voitiuk, a Ukraine native, said in an interview with the Daily Athenaeum.

It's been just under a month since Russia began its invasion of Ukraine. Now Voitiuk simply says hello or goodbye when she greets others.

"For now, in Ukraine, we don't say good morning or good evening because we don't have good days," she said.

Voitiuk, a former math professor and current Ph.D. student at WVU, was one of the hundreds of protestors that attended the demonstration in support of Ukraine last month. She is one of the many Ukrainian students and faculty at WVU who have seen family and friends in harm's way because of Russia's invasion.

Voitiuk said she never would have predicted that the fight would become as serious as it is now. She thought there would be some resistance, but that Russia would take over Ukraine pretty quickly.

"What Ukraine is doing is unbelievably brave," she said.

Right now, Voitiuk is worried about Kyiv where her parents live not too far from the city limits. She said their place has been safe up to this point, but her biggest worry is that their house could be targeted because it is too close to main roads where Russian soldiers are monitoring resistance.

Earlier this month, Voitiuk had not been able to contact her parents for several days. Her parents were attempting to house refugees last time they spoke.

She is worried that her parents will not be able to leave if they need to because her mother can barely walk, and her father has back problems.

While she feels guilty for not being there to provide support, Voitiuk said she believes that she can help by resettling refugees and organizing aid in the U.S.

"I don't have military expe-

rience. I cannot shoot, like real fighting," she said "I probably will try to help my family to help people that are crossing the border just to give them some aid."

She said that, if it is possible, she would like to go back to Ukraine at some point in the future to help with post-war efforts, but right now, she is contacting people she knows in Kyiv to help refugees directly. She said other people can help by simply donating.

"People ran away with practically nothing, so people will need some basic things. I don't know how we will plan later to rebuild the country after all this disaster, but there will probably be some international plan for that."

Serhii Bahdasariants, an exercise physiology student at WVU originally from Kyiv, said that it's easy for people to watch and ignore conflicts happening in other parts of the world because they believe it could never happen to them.

"I've been where you are now. I've been a bystander who observed the war in Syria. I've been the one who heard about Russia annexing part of Georgia. I've been the one who heard about Afghanistan, but the solution here is to be proactive for everybody," he said.

Bahdasariants said that one way that the war has already impacted countries like the U.S. is by halting the work of students, educators and professionals who are all being personally affected by the devastation in Ukraine.

He said he wakes up every morning with bags under his eyes because they stay up all night monitoring the news and watching for updates on the invasion.

In many conversations with his mom, Bahdasariants said he demonstrates the sound of a siren he hears on the news so she knows what to listen for when she needs to move into a bomb shelter.

Bahdasariants lived in Kyiv for just over 20 years and said he recognizes the devastated areas shown on the news.

"I recognize the parts of the town. I can tell you exactly by looking at the architecture of the buildings where that is," he said. "So, seeing that just going poof — that is not what you can really handle."

Anna Korol, a friend of Bahdasariants, said her father and brother, who live outside of Kyiv, have volunteered to transport people through town. She said many towns



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Destruction of a school located in Kyiv, Ukraine.

have been cut off from heat, food and water.

Korol has also contacted her mother a lot since the invasion began. She told her daughter not to worry no matter what happens.

"I know this is like a helpful technique, when you feel bad or upset, you close your eyes and you see something that can cheer you up," she said. "I always saw my mom. Now, when I close my eyes, I don't know what to expect."

Bahdasariants said that what people can do from the outside is donate, sign petitions and pressure politicians. He said that he cannot predict the outcome of the war, especially if NATO will not respond to Ukraine's requests, but after the war, Ukraine will need humanitarian assistance, a stable currency and reconstruction.

He said part of that reconstruction will involve taking what refugees have learned from outside countries and incorporating it into how Ukraine should be rebuilt. For example, he said he would use what he has learned from the structure of WVU in helping to reconstruct universities that have been bombed or otherwise destroyed.

"What I mean by helping from the outside is you can embrace the experience here and look how everything works here, and go there and start telling people, 'Hey, let's rebuild this way. I'm ready to

invest money in this," he said.

Until then, Korol, like many Ukrainians on the outside, feels helpless. Nevertheless, she and Bahdasariants will continue to stand against Russian aggression.

"I feel like every word, every voice can help against this — help to protect what we love and what we believe in," she said.

"What Ukraine is doing is unbelievably brave."

-Galyna Voitiuk, current WVU
Ph.D. student

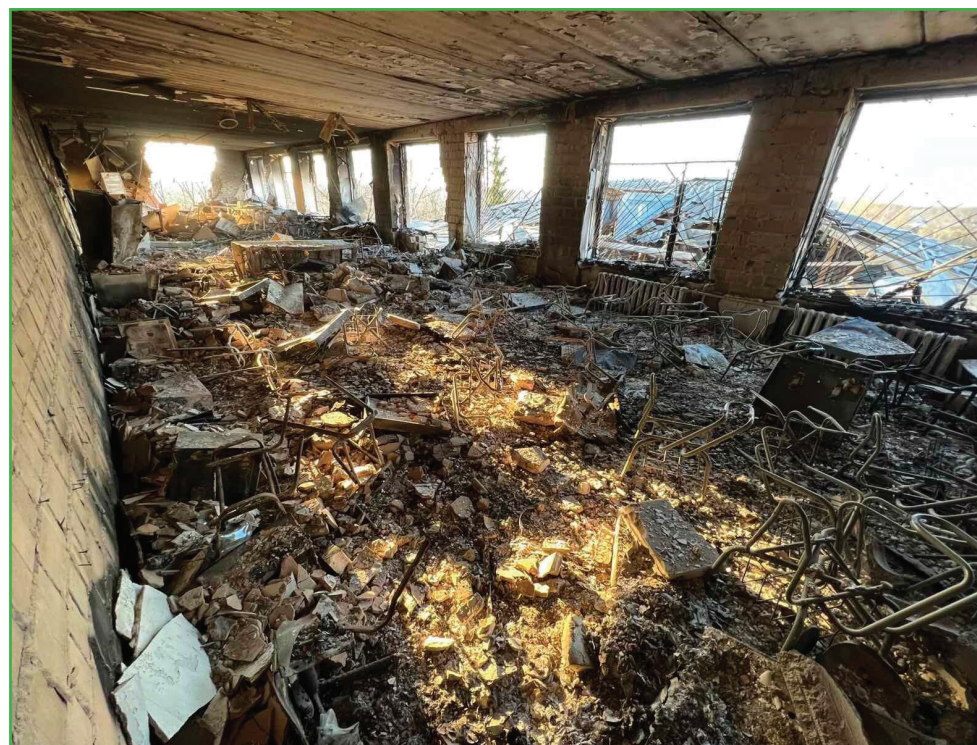


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Destruction of a school located in Kyiv, Ukraine.

Elections

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The letter was included with campaign financial statements as required by SGA election code and obtained by the DA through a public records request.

SGA campaigns are limited by election code to a spending limit of \$3,050. Each president and vice president ticket can spend up to \$500 on their campaign and each senator candidate can spend up to \$150.

SGA election code allows candidates to receive donations from any outside organization to fund their campaign but must sign a letter accepting the donation.

Chloe Hernandez and Pa-reera Uqaily, then-candidates for president and vice president, signed the March 4 letter to acknowledge and accept CLP reimbursing them for all campaign costs up to the \$3,050 spending limit. Each senator candidate on their ticket also consented to the reimbursement.

Uqaily said in an interview that the Strive campaign was

unaware of the group’s political ties when they initially agreed to accept the funds. She said the group portrayed itself as a leadership development organization.

“We met with them, and they told us that they were helping a lot of students on different campuses,” she said. “And so we just thought that this would be a great way to fund our campaign. So that’s why we initially said yes.”

Uqaily said someone currently in WVU student government recommended the Strive campaign to the CLP. When asked, she declined to name this person.

The Strive campaign had initially planned to accept the CLP reimbursement for their campaign costs. But over the course of the election, Hernandez and Uqaily changed course and decided to fund the campaign themselves.

“We were made aware of some potential conflicts of interest,” Uqaily said about CLP. “We then decided to cut off relationships just to ensure that as student government, we are a student advocacy group,

and we do represent the voices of students without any potential affiliation to political organizations.”

Uqaily and Hernandez emphasized that they did not know about the group’s political ties when they initially accepted the money and did not take funds from CLP.

“Honestly, I will take responsibility,” Uqaily said. “It was negligence on our end that we didn’t dig deeper enough. We went with what they told us, as well as just briefly looking at their website.”

“I still think we caught it at the right time,” she added.

This year’s campaign isn’t the first time that the right-wing nonprofit has attempted to influence a WVU SGA election.

Chase Riggs, 2019-2020 SGA president, said in an interview that he was approached by someone from the CLP a couple of weeks after he announced his candidacy. He said he doesn’t know how the group got his contact information and that he did not, and would never, take funds from them.

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West Virginia University is one of over a hundred schools listed as targets of the Campus Leadership Project in a 2018 brochure.

“I do not believe an organization with political ties has any place in our apolitical student organization,” Riggs said, adding that “anyone considering taking the money is hurting the integrity of SGA.”

Hunter Moore, current SGA vice president, said in an interview that he was contacted by a CLP representative through Instagram prior to last year’s election. Moore said he did not

respond to the inquiry. Amaya Jernigan, current SGA president, said in an email that she was not contacted by any organization while she was running for student government.

Sohan Daniel, losing SGA presidential candidate in this year’s election on the Beyond ticket, also said he was approached by CLP but that conversations were about general themes of leadership devel-

opment and never explicitly about funding. Beyond’s campaign financial statements reviewed by the DA show they, like the Strive campaign, used personal and family funds to finance their campaign.

The DA attempted to contact Sadie Spears, the CLP representative who committed to fund the Strive campaign, but did not receive a response.

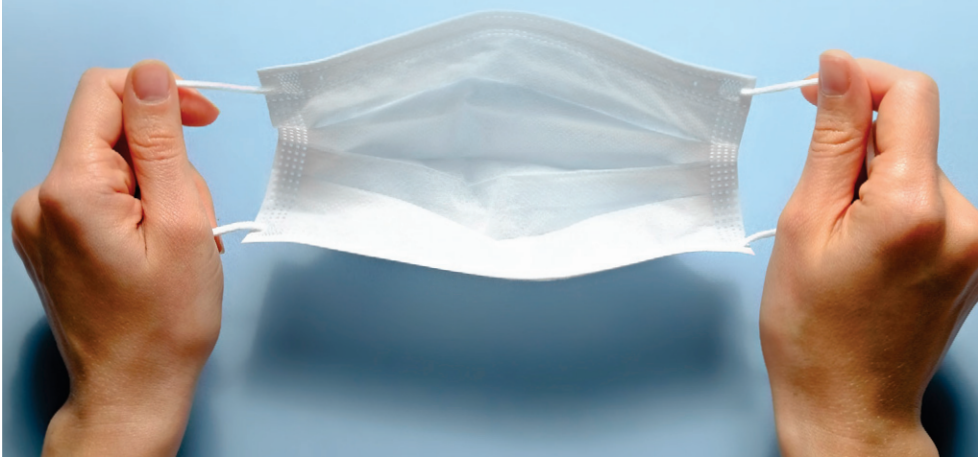
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Q&A: Learn all about Mary Roush, your 68th WVU Mountaineer

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Mary Roush, a freshman advertising and public relations student minoring in sports communication from Mason, West Virginia, was named WVU's newest Mountaineer Mascot Saturday, March 5 at the WVU men's basketball game versus Texas Christian University.

Following in the footsteps of historic mountaineers Natalie Tennant and Rebecca Durst, Roush is the third female Mountaineer. Roush hopes she can inspire young girls in rural West Virginia during her time donning the buckskins.

Roush spoke with the Daily Athenaeum on her experience vying for the title and her goals during her term as our newest mascot.

The following interview has been edited for length and clarity.

DA: How much of your decision to run to be the next Mountaineer was influenced by past women Mountaineers Natalie Tennant and Rebecca Durst?

Roush: I would say that I really was influenced mainly by my family and friends to, you know, try out because I was very nervous being a woman, being a freshman, so they're really what inspired me to keep trying.

But I would say that not necessarily Natalie and Rebecca inspired me to try out. It was more of one of those things is that I could try out because they were Mountaineers.

You know, they had already paved the way for me. They had already broken that glass ceiling and they made it to where I never really had to question 'Oh can I do it?,' 'Am I allowed?'

DA: What was your reaction to being named the Mountaineer?

Roush: I was completely in shock. I'll say that word shock a lot in this interview just 'cause I still am in shock. You know, there were there's a lot of adversity I had to face. And there was a lot of adversity my fellow contestants had to face to

You know in the eyes of critics out there none of us were the ideal Mountaineer

that they wanted us to be. And I actually love that, because I think that says a lot about all of us in our character.

But I was definitely in shock 'cause I felt like adversity was going against me and I knew I had tried my hardest. I had worked hard to get there but I also knew that you know it might not be my year and I might have to try again. So, the fact that I won was very, it was very shocking.

But I mean, I was excited. I mean, it was insane.

It was very emotional, a very emotional experience for me, my friends, and my family.

You know, standing on that court, starting the 'Let's go' cheer for the first time. Really choked me up. I mean, that really it hit different.

You know, I couldn't tell you what my friends and family were doing because every time I ask them like 'what was your reaction?' they were like 'we were crying the whole time, so we don't know'

I mean, they're just tremendously proud of me and proud of how far I made it and you know, they were a big influence in this.

It means so much to my family and my community that I can represent Mason County and I made it this far. So my family was definitely excited.

DA: What do you think makes the Mountaineer so important to WVU and West Virginia?

Roush: The Mountaineer is representing, West Virginia's culture and heritage and history.

The Mountaineer is representing, like since the beginning of our state's time, people that lived in the mountains. That's the definition of a mountaineer, I think, from Google is just people that live in the mountains

So I mean it's representing our culture and our history that a lot of people, you know, still like use today. And that's a big part of West Virginians lives.

But I also think it's so important, especially to WVU because we don't have any professional sports teams in West Virginia.

So I feel like WVU is all we have you know when it comes to sports and Mountaineer nation and our fanbase truly



PHOTO BY HUNTER LANGLEY

Mary G. Roush is given the musket at the men's basketball game against TCU on March 5, 2022.

loves WVU.

I feel like the Mountaineer is a leader for all of that, a leader for sports teams, a leader for our state.

DA: How do you hope to continue that or give back to WVU and the greater West Virginia?

Roush: The main thing I want to do during my term is just inspire West Virginians and mountaineers.

I feel like coming out of this very long pandemic. You know a lot of people are on edge and a lot of people were excited you know get back in the stadiums and support our sports teams, but I feel like just in society today it's such a changing time.

WVU is changing, West Virginia is changing, you know, everything is different. It's not like it used to be.

I'm very excited and I would like to give and be a leader to those people and really inspire the next generation then bring people together and help them believe in something and trust the climb you know.

DA: Have you had any experiences with past Mountaineers that have inspired you to vie for this position?

Roush: I mean I am new here, so I don't really have any good stories. Of course I feel like they all inspire me in a way and you know I've done a lot of studying and a lot of



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Mary Roush, Mountaineer mascot candidate, poses for a photo at the Coliseum in Morgantown, W.Va.

researching and just really following their journeys and watching.

I feel like it's hard 'cause every single Mountaineer has their own twist to it you know, we're not all the same as much as people wanna think that we all have to do the same exact job. We don't.

Every single Mountaineer

is different, and every Mountaineer has the opportunity to put their own twist on it and make the mascot what they want it to be.

So I really idolize all the Mountaineers and how they have all made it personal to themselves.

Three things to do this weekend in Morgantown

BY LARA BONATESTA
CULTURE EDITOR

This week we said goodbye to spring break and jumped back into real life.

If you weren't quite ready for classes to start back up again or if your sleep schedule was completely thrown off by the week of no classes, use this weekend to get yourself back on track.

Whether this means studying, catching up on assignments or trying to get ahead on your work check out our recommendations for the best study breaks to take in Morgantown this weekend.

1 WVU Davis College Store Soft Opening

This Friday, March 25, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and this Saturday, March 26, from 8 a.m. to noon, the Davis College will hold a soft opening for its new store. The soft opening will take place at WVU Evansdale Greenhouse at 370 Evansdale Drive.

The store will be selling student made products and seeds from West Virginia businesses. Visitors will be able to shop for plants, maple syrup, ground beef and textile products.

2 Vintage Walk

Head downtown to the Morgantown Courthouse Square for the Vintage Walk. The event on Saturday, March 26 will run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Attendees will be able to shop for vintage clothing, jewelry, home decor and more from over 15 vendors.

3 Community Orchestra Concert

This Sunday at 3 p.m. the Morgantown Community Orchestra will hold its Women in Leadership Concert to celebrate its 60 year anniversary.

The theme of the concert honors the program's former directors, who have all been women.

The concert will be held in Falbo Theater at the Canady Creative Arts Center.

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OPINION

Struggling with rent? How to get some assistance

BY ERICA BOGGESS
SUBMITTED

COVID-19 has not been easy on anybody. For many West Virginians, the virus has not only affected their physical health but their financial health as well.

Many Americans, including college students, continue to struggle economically because of the COVID-19 crisis. Nationally, nearly a quarter of all renters and more than 11 million homeowners were behind on their payments last year.

A Congressional appropriations bill and the American Rescue Plan Act address some of these issues by establishing Emergency Rental Assistance and the Homeowner Assistance Fund. The West Virginia Housing Development Fund is responsible for administering these programs in the Mountain State.

We launched the Mountaineer Rental Assistance Program last March to allo-

cate rental assistance funds to qualifying renters who need help catching up on their housing and utility payments. Applicants can also receive three months of future rent and a one-time \$300 stipend to offset internet costs. Future Lease Certification provides security deposits, first month's rent, and three months of future rent to those displaced through eviction or who experience homelessness. Applicants do not need to be behind in their rent to apply for assistance. To date, MRAP has distributed \$60 million million to satisfy more than 14,000 applications.

This program offers many benefits for college students. Even students who work are likely to qualify for the program and receive assistance. Roommates who are on a single lease should apply together on one application. Roommates who have separate leases should apply separately and only request assistance for their individual



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portions of rent. Each rental household also is eligible for the internet stipend.

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We recognize that COVID-19 has created myriad issues in the housing and rental markets, and we are eager to do our part in providing relief to Mountaineers who need it most.

Erica Bogges is the executive director of the West Virginia Housing Development Fund.

Los Mariachis: Massive burritos that satisfy

BY ABBY CICON
FOOD CRITIC

Los Mariachis is a Morgantown favorite for phenomenal Mexican cuisine and a wide variety of alcoholic drinks. The restaurant is mostly known for their margarita towers and pitchers. This place is packed no matter the time of day or day of the week. This is the best place to go for a birthday or any other special occasion. Workers come out yelling, singing and even shaking maracas to celebrate.

The menu is huge and offers a wide variety of foods—anything as authentic as carne asada to Americanized as chicken wings. The main downside I would note is that their service is slow, and the food often takes a while. Their employees are great at their job, just not as attentive or quick as some other restaurants. Yet, in this environment and with their endless chips and salsa, the slower

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service is not something you even come to notice. After all, good things come to those who wait. The salsa is an ideal mix of sweet and spicy.

Most importantly, the food is spectacular. I have never had a bad meal at Los Mariachis. I always order their queso alongside the salsa. This combination takes the tortilla chips to a new level. They always serve the queso steaming. The queso is the perfect consistency, which is thick enough to stick to the chip but not too thick as to destroy the chip.

I did not order the guacamole separately this time I vis-

ited, but I have had it before and it was mediocre. Definitely not as memorable as Chipotle's famous guacamole. I think it is because it might not be homemade. I have been to this place countless times from birthdays to take out. I always order the same thing: the massive fajita burrito. This footlong burrito is a monster, and it is stuffed from end to end. The fajita burrito has it all: veggies, chicken or beef, rice, guacamole, red sauce, and queso. For the first time, I finished the whole burrito even though it could have definitely been enough to feed two. The burrito although is



PHOTO BY ABBY CICON

Fajita burrito from Los Mariachis.

filled with so many things, everything has a different taste and seasoning which is what makes it unforgettable.

The almost 12-inch burrito was 15 dollars, which is expensive. I could argue this

was worth it but this could be an expensive dinner if you were to go with a couple of people. For myself alone, my dinner was around 20 dollars. For a college student on a tight budget, this is a place

to go for a special occasion. Even though it is expensive, this place is amazing and the food is even better. There are two locations: this one on Van Voorhis Road and at the University Town Center.



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WVU's spring QB battle begins: Breaking down the possible starters for Mountaineers football

BY ZACH ANDERSON
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For the first time in head coach Neal Brown's tenure and the last four seasons, the West Virginia football team will have a true quarterback battle this spring and into the 2022 campaign.

The three options for Brown are sophomore Garrett Greene, redshirt freshman Will Crowder and true freshman phenom Nicco Marchiol.

Each signal caller provides a different skill set, whether it's arm talent or running ability for the offense. According to the coaching staff and Brown, they expect each athlete to receive a chance at repetitions and time during this season's five week long spring practice.

"We have three [quarterbacks] and we're going to go through the spring and rotate them, doing it by age initially," Brown said in a press conference on Tuesday. "They're all going to have equal reps and equal opportunities as we move through."

Each athlete has an equal

chance in Brown's eyes to prove themselves before the team's opening matchup against Pittsburgh on Sept. 1. With such a tight race, each athlete will need to make significant impact with their unique skills to win the battle. Here's what each quarterback brings to the table.

Garrett Greene
Sophomore

Coming in with the most experience in the quarterback room is sophomore Garrett Greene. Entering the game primarily as a rushing threat, Greene has played in 13 games across his career amassing 346 rushing yards and four rushing touchdowns, with only 171 yards through the air.

Greene showcases incredible dual threat and running ability, usually entering the offense for Brown as an option threat with the ability to scramble out of the pocket from pressure.

Greene however has struggled throwing vertically, with his routes usually being limited to short crossing patterns or screens. It will be imperative for Greene to make

strides in the passing game to make a splash in the spring.

Will Crowder
Redshirt Freshman

Following a redshirt year with lots of practice under his belt, Will Crowder will have a chance to compete for the starting position in Graham Harrell's offense.

Coming in with minimal experience, Crowder saw all of his action in the 2021 spring game as well as the matchup against Long Island on Sept. 11. Against LIU, Crowder completed two passes for 28 yards, showing great poise in the pocket.

Crowder acts as more of a pocket passing threat, with some ability to run out of the pocket if needed. He has one of the most talented arms on the team but with very minimal experience.

Depending on what direction Harrell takes his air raid system, Crowder could be a good fit with his arm talent.

Nicco Marchiol
Redshirt Freshman

Entering the program as one of the most popular prospects in recent memory for West Virginia, true freshman



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Garrett Greene on Aug. 10, 2020.

Nicco Marchiol received a four star rating in high school according to 247Sports.

His high school stats and accolades also back him up, with 2021 Arizona Gatorade Player of the Year honors as

well as 2,690 passing yards, 37 touchdowns, 369 rushing yards and six more scores.

Marchiol offers the best dual threat ability on the team, and has great poise in the pocket as a left handed

thrower. If Marchiol can get over the experience gap and tame the speed of the college game, he could be the candidate for the starting job.

Mike Carey calls it quits after 21 seasons as WVU women's basketball head coach

BY CAMREN GANDEE
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Mike Carey announced his retirement on Wednesday, March 16, after 21 seasons as the head coach of the WVU women's basketball program.

In his two decades with the blue and gold, Carey led the women's hoops to 11 NCAA tournament visits.

He also leaves as the universities all-time winningest coach in women's basketball history, with a 447-239 (.652) record.

"I want to thank all my current and former players and staff for 21 great years at West Virginia University," Carey said. "This has been a lot of fun, and I am certainly proud of what we were able to build and accomplish."

In his tenure at WVU the women's hoops saw just one



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West Virginia head coach Mike Carey motions to his team during WVU's game against Kansas State on March 3, 2021.

losing season and had a winning record in 18 of his 21 years. Carey also concludes his Mountaineer career with a winning record in conference competition, at 189-168.

Carey cited his desire to

spend time with family and friends as the primary reason for his retirement decision, saying he is satisfied with the accomplishments of his storied career and is excited for a new chapter.

"I have had a wonderful career coaching at the high school, Division II and Power 5 levels, but I want to now take some time for myself and family," Carey said. "However, I am most excited to spend time with my family. I have five grandkids that are growing up so fast, and I look forward to spending much more time with them."

Carey was honored twice as the Big East Coach of the Year, winning the honor in 2004 with a 21-11 record, and in 2010 with a 29-6 record.

He also added a Big 12 Coach of the Year award to his list of accolades in 2014, guiding the lady Mountaineers to a 30-5 record including a 16-2 record in conference play. Both records were the best of his WVU career, and the best in program history.

In his time with the Mountaineers Carey oversaw 10

women hoopers who eventually made it to the WNBA. The most notable of these athletes was perhaps Kysre Gondrezick, who was the highest draft pick in WVU sports history at the fourth overall spot.

In addition to his time with the Mountaineers, Carey spent a number of years with the Salem men's basketball program, both as a player and as a coach. He played for the team from 1976 to 1980, before becoming the head coach from 1988 to 2001.

As a native of Clarksburg, W.Va, Carey took the time in his announcement to show appreciation to the Mountaineer faithful who stuck by his side for two decades of winning basketball.

"I also want to thank the state of West Virginia and our incredible fans. The support and loyalty throughout my tenure at WVU, through both

highs and lows, makes me proud to be from this state," he said. "I look forward to being WVU women's basketball's biggest fan, alongside the fans who supported me all these years."

"It has been a privilege to lead this program, but I believe this is the right time in my life to turn the program over to someone else," Carey added.

Nitra Perry, an assistant for the program, has been announced as the interim coach for the WVU women's hoops until a replacement is determined.

Carey leaves behind a legacy that rivals the all-time greats in Mountaineers sports, both among athletes and coaches. His impact on the women's basketball program is one West Virginia will not soon forget.

WVU rifle disappointed by sixth place finish in national championship

BY JAKE HOWARD
SPORTS WRITER

The West Virginia Mountaineers rifle team ended their season last Saturday, after finishing in sixth place at the NCAA Championships in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Despite the disappointing finish, there were many positive aspects of the rifle squads 2021-22 season.

The Mountaineers started the season strongly, defeating the No. 2 ranked Ole Miss Rebels 4733-4683 and the No. 8 ranked Murray State Racers 4725-4674 in the first week-end of the season on Oct. 2 and Oct. 3 in Oxford, Miss., and Murray, Ky.

In their home opener on Oct. 10 the Mountaineers, ranked No. 1 at the time, got another top 10 win over the No. 6 Memphis Tigers 4718-4622 at the WVU Shell Building in Morgantown, W. Va.

WVU then headed back on the road, defeating the No. 11 ranked NC State Wolfpack 4730-4652 in Raleigh, N. C.



PHOTO BY RYLAN NEMESH

West Virginia Mountaineers compete in the WVU rifle quad-match on Jan. 30, 2021.

Another notable win for WVU followed as the Mountaineers defeated the No. 4 TCU Horned Frogs by a one-point margin, 4724-4723 in Fort Wayne, Ind.

West Virginia remained undefeated throughout the fall with wins over the No. 16 Army Black Knights, No. 6 Air Force Falcons, and the No. 8 Ohio State Buckeyes 4724-4671 and 4724-4703 in a quad-match in Morgantown.

This gave the Mountaineers a 9-0 record ahead of their remaining matches in the spring semester.

WVU picked up where they left off in the Spring, as they beat the No. 10 ranked Navy Midshipmen 4739-4712 in Annapolis, Md.

On Jan. 29, the Mountaineers won their last two matches of the season, defeating the Akron Zips and Morehead Eagles 4726-4670 and 4742 in Morgantown, W.Va.

At this point, the Mountaineers had a 12-0 record, a 7-0 record in the Great American Rifle Conference (GARC) and a No. 4 ranking before the last match of the regular season.

They faced the No. 2 ranked Kentucky Wildcats at home, and the season went downhill from here.

Kentucky gave the Mountaineers their first loss on the 2021-22 campaign, with a close 4702-4700 win.

Their score of 4707 at their NCAA Championships qualifying match in Morgantown was higher than the scores of

VMI and North Georgia, who also shot there.

However the match did not count in the record books, as it only decided who qualified for the championships; something the Mountaineers were expected to do with ease.

Next, the Mountaineers came in second place at the GARC Championships in West Point, N.Y. This was the

first time the Mountaineers had not won the conference championship since 2009.

The Mountaineers then concluded their season with a sixth place finish at the NCAA Championships, their lowest finish since 2008.

However, what is a down year for the Mountaineers is a fantastic season for most rifle programs.

Still, Hammond knows

they will have a tough task ahead of them as they turn their sites to next season, and the potential of their 20th National Championship.

"It's not the overall performance that we wanted from the whole weekend," Hammond said. "We have lots to think about and plan for next year and the future, as the standard of college rifle has really risen this year."

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