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Student: WVU served me raw chicken

BY JULES OGDEN
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Every freshman's dining hall nightmare came true for Mackenzie Sherry this past week.

Halfway through eating a chicken sandwich from Café Evansdale, the freshman political science student noticed the center of the chicken patty was completely raw.

Immediately after noticing the raw chicken, she went to the office of WVU Dining Services to voice her frustrations, but no one was there. She then tried calling four times, leaving messages, but was never met with a response or called back.

Sherry said in an interview with the Daily Athenaeum that she was sick for a couple of days following the incident and was unable to eat or attend class.

Once recovered, Sherry said she visited the office of WVU Dining Services and told the person about what had happened they told her

"I pay \$25,000 a year to be here, and this is what I get."

-Mackenzie Sherry, freshman political science student

that they were working on it and that there was nothing they could do.

"I pay \$25,000 a year to be here, and this is what I get," said Sherry, adding that she was not offered any compensation and does not plan on going back to the dining hall.

Heather Labowski, a mother of a different WVU student, posted about the incident in a Facebook group for WVU parents.

"My son is the least picky eater, and he says that this year the food is disgusting, when there is any," Labowski wrote, attaching a photo of the sandwich.

WVU Dining Services addressed the concerns in an email sent out

Monday.

"Reports of raw or undercooked food and limited options — particularly in the evening hours — at some of our dining halls are deeply concerning and reflect neither who we are nor what we aspire to be as an organization," WVU Dining Services wrote.

Tiffany Peden, a spokesperson for Sodexo, said in an email that staff are taking steps to prevent more students from eating raw food and will be doing more to listen to students.



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The raw chicken sandwich served to Mackenzie Sherry.

Sodexo dining halls repeatedly violated health code

BY DUNCAN SLADE AND TRENTON STRAIGHT
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Health inspectors have found dozens of health code violations in West Virginia University dining halls this academic year, some of them repeat infractions. The facilities are managed and operated by Sodexo, an international corporation headquartered in France.

Thousands of WVU students eat at the dining halls every day. In one kitchen, inspectors found a freezer at 94 degrees emitting a "very strong odor." In another, they found "visible mold growth" in a pop machine and

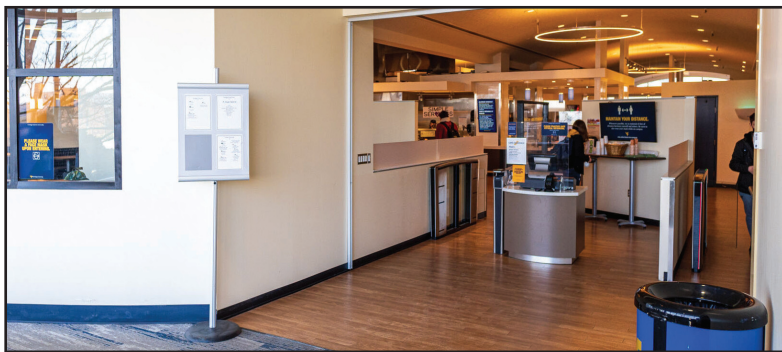


PHOTO BY RYLAN NEMESH

The interior of Café Evansdale on Feb. 1, 2022.

oil leaking onto the walls.

WVU officials said Sodexo staff will go through additional training and

they are planning to hire a full-time food safety specialist by the end of the week.

Health inspectors have visited Café Evansdale, WVU's largest residential dining facility, six times since September 2021 and observed 34 health code violations, according to publicly available reports from the Monongalia County Health Department (MCHD).

Three of the six inspections were follow-up visits and one was the result of a complaint.

In September, inspectors went to and found bacon stored in a cooler that was at 62 degrees. During the same inspection, three other coolers were above 45 degrees and their contents were removed.

The next month, inspectors followed up and reported that the vio-

lations had been corrected.

Inspectors visited the dining hall again on Nov. 4 after receiving a complaint and discovered a "substantial amount" of dirty dishes in places other than the dish wash area. There was also broken dishwashing equipment.

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Destruction of Property.

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Welfare Check.

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12:42 p.m. | Unfounded
University Park Apartments
Drug Incident.

JAN. 30
5:55 p.m. | Resolved
WVU Vandalia Hall Blue
Welfare Check.

JAN. 31
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WVU Area 81 (HSC)
Vehicle Accident.

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WVU Libraries hosts discussion on justice for Afghan women, refugee resettlement

BY KATELYN ALUISE
CORRESPONDENT

There’s a bang at the door as the Taliban force their way into a young woman’s dental clinic that she started when she saw her people getting infections or even dying from poor dental hygiene. The officers are carrying a metal rod.

“Why are you treating a man?” they yell at her. Then they beat her and the man, and they destroy her equipment and her clinic. She never knew what happened to the man, but she knew they would kill her if they ever caught her again.

Under the Taliban, women were not allowed to treat men, but she did not think they would visit her clinic. She left Afghanistan a few days later.

This is just one of the several stories of Afghan women seeking asylum that Alison Peck, WVU Immigration Law Clinic leader and international law expert, has heard working with evacuees.

She shared this story at the WVU Libraries panel, “Justice for Afghan Women and Girls Now: Understanding and Action,” on Jan. 25. The virtual panel was hosted by the Eberly College, WVU Women’s Resource Center, WVU Immigration Law Clinic and WV Now.

Peck helps those trying to

leave and those who have already left Afghanistan that are living on military bases and trying to access the U.S. by seeking asylum, special immigrant visas and other family visas.

“We are talking about tens of thousands of people who are going to need legal representation in order to make these applications, so the need for the bar is overwhelming,” she said.

Renee Corbett, an outreach worker for the Refugee Resettlement and Immigration Services with Catholic Charities WV, said there is more West Virginia could be doing to help Afghan families find refuge. Corbett said her organization helps with refugee resettlement and finding safe and affordable housing, food and other resources.

Corbett said these refugees typically have only 90 days to gather documents like SSL, find schools and jobs and show that they can live independently in the U.S.

“That’s really hard, you know, to be able to go to a new country, and you have a small amount of support from the U.S. government and a small amount of support from your state government,” said Corbett.

Corbett said her organization helps refugees in West Virginia to do this, but the



A graphic for the WVU Libraries’ panel, “Justice for Afghan Women and Girls Now: Understanding and Action.”
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state has only accepted five of the 21,000 evacuees still seeking resettlement. These five are WVU students who are currently trying to help their families live in the U.S. as well.

She said West Virginians can help by volunteering at organizations like hers to help refugees become acquainted with life in the U.S. They can also visit the Sponsor Circle Program to help sponsor resettlement for Afghan evacu-

ees and urge their senators to vote to change refugee quotas for the U.S.

Eleanor Smeal, president and cofounder of the Feminist Majority Foundation, has contributed to the foundation’s 20 years of increasing Afghan women’s rights that were taken away by the Taliban. She said that, before the Taliban arrived, women were in highly respected professions, and Afghanistan was approaching a

constitutional democracy.

“Every human right had been taken away,” Smeal said. “I couldn’t believe it.”

Manal AlNatour, director of the Arabic studies program, said that women and children are the most vulnerable people affected by the war. She added that the situation has worsened after the regain of Taliban control in August of 2021.

“What is being done right

now in Afghanistan is a clear violation of human rights, but there are still many people, mostly women, who are trying to fight against them, even if their lives are in danger,” she said.

Appalachian lawyer, Parween Mascari, said she wakes up to messages from her family in Afghanistan that she has received in the middle of the night telling her that they are afraid for their lives and asking for her help. She said she wants her family, like many other families, to be able to find resettlement in the U.S.

Mascari said the women in her family were worried about not being able to continue their studies or professions when the Taliban took over. She reports that her niece has been able to continue her studies and work in the global affairs office at WVU, although finding visas for her other family members who do not work for the U.S. government has been more difficult.

“[The Taliban] don’t like people who believe in freedom,” she said. “I learned that people in my family had been poisoned and beaten and bombed...and killed in all kinds of terrible ways and tortured and those folks are now back in power in the country, the people that did that to them.”

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“Recent reports of serving raw or undercooked food in some of our dining halls is unacceptable and do not reflect our brand standards,” said Peden. “Our goal is to provide an exceptional dining experience for our students and guests, and these reports suggest we are not always achieving this goal.”

University dining halls have had dozens of health code violations over the last academic year, some of which were repeated offenses.

According to the email sent to students, WVU Dining Services attributed these issues in part to significant staffing and supply chain issues caused by the pandemic.

Evan Jacobson, Sodexo general manager of resident dining, said in an interview that staff now conduct temperature checks on food every 30 minutes to identify issues quicker than before. He added that any of these employees who hadn’t completed training did so during the first week of January.

All full-time Sodexo employees are required to obtain food handling permits upon completing training through the Monongalia County Health Department and the International Restaurant Administration, according to Jacobson.

Labowski noted in her post that she had previously spoken to WVU Dining Services regarding the issue but never saw the problem fixed.

“I’m not trying to start controversy,” she wrote. “I’m just hoping that if more people report their experiences to the school things will get better.”

WVU Dining Services encourages students and parents to voice any concerns with them at 304-293-9999 or dining@mail.wvu.edu.

WVU requires masks until Feb. 25 as omicron surges

BY TRENTON STRAIGHT
NEWS EDITOR

West Virginia University announced Thursday it is extending its indoor mask mandate through Feb. 25.

Masks will be required for everyone, regardless of vaccination status, indoors on campus. The University said it would “reevaluate” its updated mask policy on Feb. 25.

The decision is due to the spread of the omicron variant and increased hospitalization rates throughout the state, according to University administrators.

“Despite the recent surge in cases over the past few weeks, the high rates of vaccination in our campus community has helped to minimize serious symptoms for those who have contracted the virus,” said Dr. Jeffrey Coben, dean of the School of Public Health and associate vice president for Health Affairs. “We hope and anticipate that cases will begin to decline in the days ahead. However, our state’s hospitals are operating at or above capacity, and we must continue to follow the health and safety protocols that have been instituted to keep our communities safe.”

Masks will continue to be required on the PRT and WVU buses until March 18, per federal guidelines from the Transportation Security Administration.

The University also said it will require students and employees to verify their vaccination status by Jan. 28.

WVU houses COVID positive students in Lyon Tower

BY LARA BONATESTA
CULTURE EDITOR

West Virginia University opened Lyon Tower earlier this month as housing for students who test positive for COVID-19. The tower had previously been closed this year because there were too few students assigned there.

Students who live in residence halls and who are required to isolate will now move into either the Gaskins House or Lyon Tower.

“The University has always had a primary and secondary isolation option for planning and preparedness purposes during the pandemic,” said April Kaull, executive director of communications for University Relations.

Kaull said there are currently no students being housed in Lyon Tower as of Jan. 31.

She said the tower was opened on Jan. 21 as a “precautionary measure” and explained that the facility had also been prepared as an op-



Do not enter sign posted in Towers lobby on Feb. 1, 2022.

tion last semester “should it be needed.” The additional isolation location provides more flexibility.

Kaull said that Gaskins House never reached full capacity yet.

“Due to the suite style and restroom layouts of the facility, some rooms are unable to be used when occupied due to the opposite gender being assigned to the adjoining room,” Kaull explained.

Rooms used for isolation

are also not immediately available to house new students once they are no longer occupied.

“There is also always a time each room is unavailable due to the previous occupant vacating and the need to deep clean the room for the next resident, in addition to potential maintenance work,” Kaull said.

Kaull said that all access to Lyon Tower has been limited to a separate entry point and



PHOTOS BY LARA BONATESTA

Temporary walls block lobby access to Lyon Tower on Feb. 1, 2022.

exit point. To prevent people who have not been approved from entering the area, temporary walls have been placed in the lobby area and signs have been posted.

The residential space of Lyon Tower is only accessible to those with card access. This access is only granted to students who are isolating in Lyon Tower and to certain

staff. More information about what to do if you test positive and you live in a residence hall can be found on the return to campus website.

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Inspectors warned that the dirty dishes could attract “undesirable insects” and asked dining hall management to submit an action plan to prevent future build-ups.

The inspectors visited the dining hall again two weeks later on Nov. 17 and found that the dirty dishes were still piling up around the kitchen. The action plan had not been submitted but management said they had just hired a person for the dish wash area.

Two weeks later on Nov. 30 inspectors wrote that the violation had been corrected.

Last Friday, inspectors found over a dozen health violations during a visit to the dining hall which serves thousands of meals every day.

“The ice dispenser had visible mold growth for the pop

machine,” inspectors observed, adding that several utensils and containers were not properly cleaned and the hood vents above the grill were “leaking oil down the sides of the wall.”

Personal drinks were stored above food items, sauce was left in an open container, opened cantaloupe was not dated and the thermometer in the pizza area cooler was damaged, inspectors observed last week at the popular eatery.

“Obviously, we would love to have a clean report and not have any violations,” Erin Newmeyer, WVU assistant vice president of strategic initiatives, said in an interview. “With a kitchen as large as it is over at Evansdale, it’s probably unrealistic.”

“So we’re really focused on making sure that we’re doing the things that are the highest priority. And if a dirty spoon gets put next to a clean spoon, it’s minimal compared to mak-



PHOTO BY RYLAN NEMESH

Café Evansdale is located inside of Towers at 356 Evansdale Dr.

ing sure somebody doesn’t end up with a foodborne illness.”

WVU’s Summit Café, a dining facility advertised as “a favorite of freshmen,” was inspected three times since August 2021, and health offi-

cials observed 24 health code violations.

“The freezer in the storage room was at 94 degrees, product was inside and a very strong odor was noticed inside,” inspectors wrote in September of this past year. “Product has been in the freezer compartment for many days, the product has to immediately be removed from the freezer.”

Other violations included expired food items and a leaking orange juice machine.

Health inspectors last visited Hatfields, WVU’s newest dining hall, in October 2021 and found six health code violations, including a leaky sink and moldy ceiling tiles. The violations were minor in comparison to other dining locations on campus.

Hatfields has not received a health inspection yet this calendar year.

The health department inspects all food facilities twice per year, except for temporary

establishments which are inspected when they are set up. The department said restaurants can be inspected more frequently due to poor history of violations.

Health code violations are classified in one of three ways by the county: priority, priority foundation and core. Priority violations are typically corrected during an inspection.

Kirk Powroznik, WVU environmental health and safety specialist, said his department is responsible for identifying possible health violations across campus before the Monongalia Health Department makes routine inspections.

“I try to get into all the facilities at least every semester for sure and then if a complaint comes up or anything like that,” Powroznik said, adding that he revisits facilities if needed, such as after an academic break.

Newmeyer said she usually asks Powroznik to visit facilities every other month.

Stephen Miller, vice president for Sodexo Operations, said he visits the dining facilities at least once a quarter and examines kitchens with local management.

Evan Jacobson, Sodexo general manager of resident dining, said staff are required to measure and record temperatures of food on the line every two hours. He said staff are being trained on how to properly use a thermometer and will begin to record temperatures every 30 minutes.

Many of the violations observed by inspectors were of coolers with high temperatures.

Jacobson said staff check cooler temperatures in the morning and at night. He said management talks with staff members about food safety on a daily basis.

Miller said a Sodexo regional safety director will visit WVU this week and a full-time health specialist will be hired later this week.

In March, the WVU Board of Governors extended Sodexo’s contract with the University until 2033, as reported by the Charleston Gazette-Mail. WVU first began outsourcing food services to the company in 2018.

Each year, Sodexo is required to pay WVU a “minimum guaranteed commission” out of its total revenue. As of September 2020, that amount was just under \$6 million.

To have unlimited meals at any campus dining hall costs students just under \$2,800 a semester. For 10 meals a week (the least expensive plan), they pay roughly \$2,300 a semester.

The University requires all students who live in campus residence halls to purchase a dining plan.

“The three years that we’ve been in partnership have been three tough years,” said Newmeyer, the WVU official. “The first year is a transition year, and then we’ve had two years of COVID. So we know that this is not exactly ideal. This is not where we want to be long term. We’ve got lots of work to do. But we’re all at the table, willing to put in that work and hope to continue to build trust and transparency with the students.”

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WVU streamlines process to update your preferred name

BY JULES OGDEN
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West Virginia University is streamlining the process for students and employees who wish to update their preferred first and last name on University systems like email accounts, registration portals and virtual classrooms, according to an announcement to students on Jan. 25.

The new feature was developed by the LGBTQ+ Center to aid the process for students, faculty and staff to be able to use their true or chosen name.

Director of the LGBTQ+ Center Ellen Rodrigues said a name is a form of identity for many people.

"By allowing people to update their names, we are helping not only non-binary and trans students but also people of, people who got married or got divorced, people with nicknames, people from other countries who may want to adopt English sounding names," Rodrigues said.

Previously, any student or

employee wishing to change their name in any University system had to make a formal request through Information Technology Services (ITS) and the Registrar.

Now, anyone interested in updating their name in any University system can do so in the new "Manage Account" feature found at login.wvu.edu. Those who have processed a name update manually aren't required to make an additional request through this feature.

Though WVU refers to this new feature as a "preferred name change," Rodrigues said the LGBTQ+ Center avoids expressing someone's name as a preference.

"It's not a preference, so we refrain," she said. "We, I mean the LGBTQ Center, we refrain from using 'preferred name.' I usually say your chosen name, your true name."

Rodrigues added that the LGBTQ+ Center will cover the fee for any student wishing to get a one-time replacement WVU ID with their chosen name on it. The replacement fees are funded through the

"... we are helping not only non-binary and trans students but also people who got married or got divorced, people with nicknames, people from other countries who may want to adopt English sounding names."

-Ellen Rodrigues, Director of the LGBTQ+ Center

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"Many people ask me, 'Why don't we wait for people to change their name legally,'" Rodrigues said. She added that the new name change system allows students the ability to work around the judicial system.

Legally updating your name can be a lengthy and expensive process that requires a lawyer and residency in the state where the name change is filed. WVU students can file their petitions and utilize the lawyer from WVU Student Legal Services for free if they decide to pursue legally updating their names.

"People shouldn't have to pay a lawyer, you know, to

do something like that," Rodrigues said. "It could cost a thousand dollars for a private lawyer."

After an updated name has been submitted to ITS, it will automatically be compared to a database of thousands of names and nicknames for approval. Names not found in the database will undergo further review.

If a name match is found, it will be immediately approved and sent to all systems capable of updating the individual's name. WVU said approvals should take no longer than one business day.

The current systems accepting name updates are Banner/STAR, eCampus/Blackboard; MIX/Google Workspace, Microsoft 365, di-

rectory.wvu.edu and CS Gold — the software behind the WVU ID card.

Although a student or employee's MIX email address will not change as a result of the updated name preference, their display name will.

Prior to this update, name updates processed through ITS could not change your name on eCampus or rosters.

Some WVU systems and vendors are not equipped to process name updates yet; however, the University said the updated name will automatically transfer as they become capable.

More information can be found in the ITS Help Center or by emailing ITSHelp@mail.wvu.edu for specific questions.

Three things to do this weekend in Morgantown

BY LARA BONATESTA
CULTURE EDITOR

As we say goodbye to January and welcome the new month, it's time to treat ourselves with live music, good food and some fun. Here are our recommendations for how to wind down this weekend.

1 Go to the Opera
Surround yourself with the music of Mozart, Sondheim, the Broadway show Hamilton, some Contemporary Opera and more and go see "Sincerely Yours: A Pastiche of Letters in Musical Theatre and Opera."

The two showings of this production will take place Thursday, Feb 3 and Saturday, Feb 5 at 7:30 p.m. in Falbo Theater at the Canady Creative Arts Center.

2 Go to the Tea Shoppe at Seneca Center

This Morgantown classic is an adorable spot to grab a bite to eat. The shop carries more than 180 types of tea and has a delicious menu featuring sandwiches, salads, pastries and more.

In addition to sit down dining services, the shoppe also has a variety of teas for sale as well as various tea pots and other merchandise that is perfect for a last minute Valentine Day gift.

The Tea shoppe is located at 709 Beechurst Ave #23, Morgantown, WV and is open Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

3 Glow Jump Party at Launchpad Trampoline Park

On Saturday, Feb 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. Launchpad Trampoline park is hosting a Glow in the Dark Jump party with a performance by DJ Cyncere.

The trampoline park is located 22 Rousch Dr, Westover, WV and is open until 10 p.m. on Saturdays.

More information, including how to reserve tickets can be found on the trampoline park's website.

WVU grad reaches 350 thousand TikTok followers with viral fiddling livestreams

BY AUBREY BURKHARDT
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Philip Bowen, a West Virginia native, has recently gained over 350 thousand followers on TikTok by playing the fiddle along to popular songs.

Bowen's most popular video with around six million views, shows the musician playing the fiddle along to John Denver's "Country Roads."

"I would say that it's been very surreal," Bowen said. "But it's also been very rewarding because I've been putting my heart and soul into trying to really make something of the music of the past, maybe a couple of years."

Bowen has played along to many other songs in his TikTok videos as they range from one musical category to another.

He explains that this major growth in numbers of followers, views and engagements has only happened recently.

"Before Thanksgiving this year, I had like 25 thousand followers on TikTok...I had like two separate things really just go absolutely crazy, and one

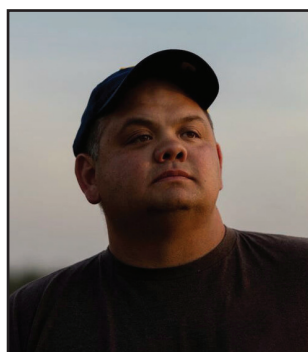


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Philip Bowens.

of them was like a video about Country Roads which really went," Bowen said. "It's my biggest video I've ever done and, there were a couple times where in one day I might gain you know, like 50 thousand followers," Bowen said.

While music and content creation is tedious and tends to take up a large space in Bowens life, he also works in marketing with an agency in the Detroit area.

He explains what works for him in balancing work and play.

"So one of the things I do, is

I have two days a week where I will just, I won't do any live shows, and late at night or in the evenings I'll just create content. I'll just make a bunch of videos," Bowen said.

It is the help of a few social media moderators that make the process a little easier on the musician.

Most recently, Bowen has been working on and releasing a song by the name of "Stella." This project was mostly piano based and he explains, "It's a song that I wrote on the piano, and like a piano is not my first instrument by any means, but for whatever reason I felt that it should be there for the song."

Bowen explained that since his growth on Tik Tok, he's had many doors open to him and has since then been able to meet people such as his most recent producer who helped with the production of "Stella."

This helps Bowen out a lot as he explains "While I'm pretty skilled at writing songs, playing and performing, I don't really do much with the engineering side of things, sound engineering and producing, and mixing."

With COVID-19 being an in-

evitable variable in daily life, the artist explained that most of the production going into "Stella" had to be remote.

"So we wrote the part, some stuff I did here, some stuff he did at his studio in New York, and we just kind of married it all together," Bowen said. "So between like me, and the session musicians and him, it all kind of came together."

Putting out and creating content for Bowen has given him a broad reach as an independent artist with no label.

Of course, the most supportive fans are those among the West Virginians.

"It's just amazing the quantity of support that I get from people that are either from West Virginia or have a West Virginia connection," Bowen states.

He explains that coming from a place with such rich culture in folk, americana and bluegrass helped create a background in music for him personally.

The comfort of playing in front of others comes from playing in church as a young kid, and playing in festivals in local areas.

"I used to go to the Vandalia Gathering every year in Charleston and just play with old and young," Bowen said. "I would do the fiddle contest there and then I grew up playing in church, you know as a lot of people do in the south so that helped me kind of do it all the time."

The musician will be playing at the Coach Huggins Fish Fry charity event this year, and is excited to have friends and family attending in support of him.

He mentions, "I have a great support system and that really helps. They've helped me just enjoy the ride and take it one day at a time and take it easy."

He explains that one of his favorite parts of this experience as a whole is the production of joy towards his fans.

"I think like, being able to see something that you create put a smile on somebody else's face and have meaning to them is just really wonderful," Bowen said.

You can find Bowen's music on Spotify and Youtube, and can follow his page on TikTok and Instagram by the handle @philipbowenmusic.

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OPINION

The Grind: A hidden gem on the corner

BY ABBY CICON
FOOD CRITIC

First thing I have to say: this place is amazing. It is the perfect mix between a quick stop coffee stop and an actual sit down restaurant. Located right before downtown High Street, it is on the corner right next to the book and gear store.

This was one of the best breakfast joints I have hit in such a long time, especially here in Morgantown. This area seriously lacks good breakfast or brunch places. The vibes this place give off are New York City in the spring. The artwork in this place is phenomenal. The walls are colorfully painted and interesting art decor is scattered all throughout the store.

They also show off local business items for sale. The menu style is a little chaotic. Their menu is written in chalk on the walls, which could be tough if you go with children to coordinate what to get. I feel like this is more of a backdoor kind of secret joint.

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This is also a place I could argue you need to know what you want before you go in. Since it is such a small venue, it is very crowded; also, the line wrapping around the inside did not help. The line also did not move quickly. I probably waited for about 10 minutes in a cramped spot. The seating was pretty good and sat all of their customers.

The food was very tasty, and this was possibly the best breakfast I have had here in Morgantown. I got a bacon, egg, cheese and everything bagel. The bagel was soft and thick, even a little chewy. It was not the kind of bagel that was crispy or had any crunch. It was the kind of bagel that you would get pre-packaged at a grocery store.



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Bacon, egg and cheese everything bagel from The Grind.

Do not think that I feel negatively about the bagel; it was so tasty.

The bacon on the inside was cut up instead of just the strips being placed inside the sandwich. Also, I paired it with a side of their famous spicy mayo. The spicy mayo lived up to all of its expectations. I would describe it more as a chipotle mayo, though. It made the sand-

wich have so much flavor and added a homestyle taste.

I also drank a cup of hot tea. The barista surprised me with one of their flavors. Yet, none of these places have good alternatives for the drinks: no stevia, agave syrup or other alternative sugar options. For an upbeat coffee shop, they need to appeal more to their customers with other preferences.

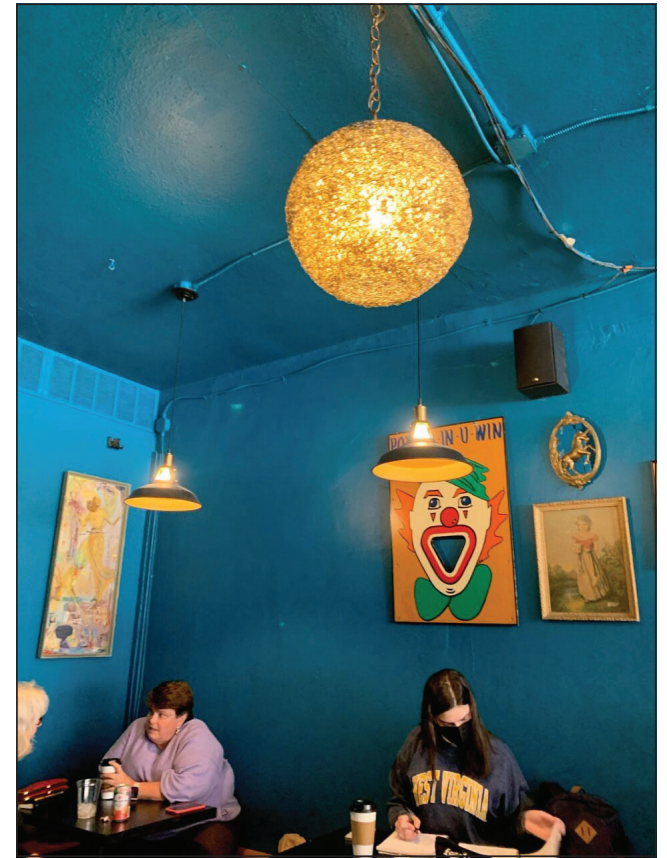


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Decor inside The Grind.

This place to the naked eye is a diamond in the rough. The outside of the building does not do it justice. My total breakfast with tip was

9.02, which is pretty affordable. This place was definitely one I will hit again.

Stop requiring freshmen to pay thousands for crappy food

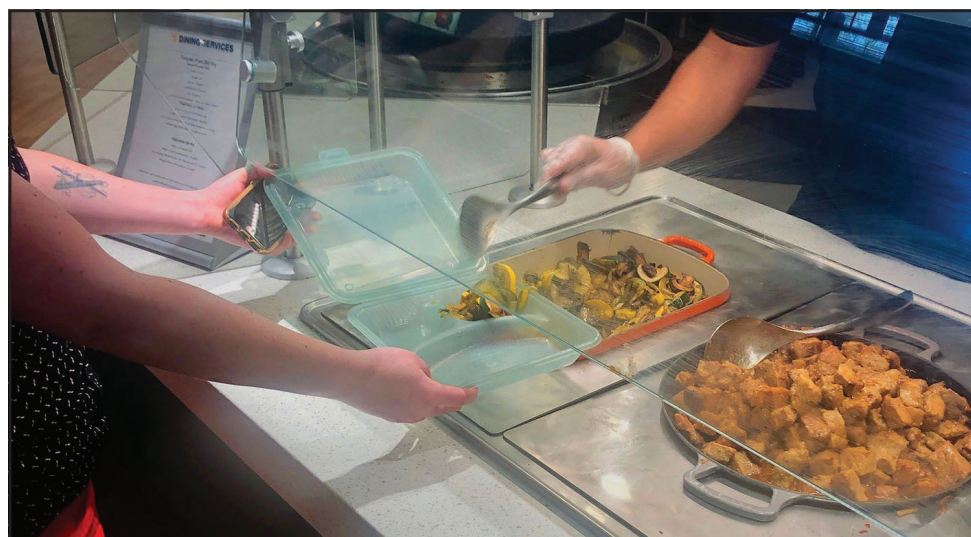
BY LUKE MORGAN
OPINION EDITOR

It is no shocker that the WVU campus dining halls do not serve the best food, but one would think that the meals provided would at least be edible and safe.

The Daily Athenaeum reported that Monongalia Health Department inspectors found dozens of health code violations in both Café Evansdale and the Summit Café. Meanwhile, Hatfields on the downtown campus has not had a health inspection this year.

The DA also reported on undercooked chicken being served at Café Evansdale, which could potentially cause serious illnesses like salmonella.

Students pay \$2,300 to \$2,800 dollars every semester to eat in the on campus dining halls. Individual meals range from \$9.92 for breakfast to \$13.22 for dinner.



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A diner takes food to go at Café Evansdale.

WVU requires all first year students to live in a dorm unless they have dependents, are married, live within 50 miles of campus, have one year of active military service or are over 21. Therefore, they must purchase a meal plan, ensuring that about one

fourth of the entire campus community is paying to eat in dining halls.

Even dorms with kitchens like Seneca still require meal plans.

The food preparation in WVU's dining halls has a spotty record on cleanliness

and safety.

Expired food was also found by inspectors in the Summit Café, which had a cooler sitting at 94 degrees, well below freezing temperatures.

WVU is requiring students to pay thousands of dollars

for that?

If any other eating establishment in Morgantown had repeated health violations, they would simply have no customers. Students living in dorms, however, do not have the luxury of being willing customers.

WVU dining halls are privately operated like restaurants everywhere. The University began its collaboration with Sodexo in 2018 and has extended its contract to 2033. WVU receives both a minimum guaranteed commission and a portion of the profits generated from catering and non-catering net sales.

The on-campus dining halls have a captive customer base with little to no competition, especially after a student's dining dollars run out. It follows that there is little incentive for a business to provide quality service if its customers have nowhere else to turn.

The easiest solution is to waive the requirement to purchase a meal plan for the students in the dorms.

That way, students are actually free to choose their eating options.

If some students truly want the convenience of an on-campus dining hall, then they should get that opportunity. However, forcing students to eat food they do not even want, especially at a time when numerous health violations were recorded, is ridiculous and unsafe. This policy simply increases profits for the University and Sodexo.

The best way to increase the quality of WVU dining halls is to increase competition by eliminating the requirement for meal plans. If the University wants to make money from student meal plans, they should at least invest in quality service and food.

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Huggins, Mountaineers face tough decisions amid late-season slump

BY CAMREN GANDEE
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

With the WVU men's basketball team falling to the No. 8 Baylor Bears on Monday, the Mountaineers have now lost a season-high six consecutive games. This ties the longest losing streak suffered by WVU in Bob Huggins' tenure.

With the struggles continuing and no end in sight, Huggins and the Mountaineers coaching staff have a number of pivotal decisions they must make if they hope to revive what was once a promising season.

In multiple press conferences during the team's struggles, Huggins has suggested that roster moves and rotation changes are all but inevitable.

"I'm big on trust, and I trusted some guys who I probably shouldn't have trusted because they didn't get it done for us, and they haven't gotten it done for us," Huggins said after the loss to Arkansas on Jan. 29.

If the scoring woes continue to be an issue for this team, fans could expect to see some fresh faces out on the court, as Huggins has eluded. Guard Seth Wilson



BY GUS SCHLOMER
Head Coach Bob Huggins against Oklahoma at the WVU Coliseum on Jan. 26, 2022 in Morgantown, W. Va.

and forward Jamel King, two freshmen, are just a couple of the names that could become more involved in Huggins' game plan going forward.

Wilson had an opportunity to showcase his skillset in the loss to Baylor, when

he connected on two crucial three-pointers in limited play time.

"I just apologized to two freshmen that had a great week, and we didn't play them," Huggins said. "I'm not sure we would have been any

better with them in the game. We're probably going to find out here real quick."

During their six-game losing streak, WVU has been outrebounded by 53. Huggins discussed this margin, claiming it is an issue of ef-

fort and not scheme.

"You've got to want to do it, you've got to care," Huggins said. "Our bigs have to stop standing around and watching. If they're not going to rebound the ball, or at least attempt to rebound

the ball, get them out of the game."

Huggins has also cited a lack of communication in the team's struggles, saying there are times when the players do not run the plays he designs. He spoke more in depth on this issue following the team's loss to Texas Tech.

"The message basically was, you're going to run what I tell you to run and what we practiced, or you're going to sit on the bench and watch," Huggins said.

Huggins revisited the issue after the team's loss to the Oklahoma Sooners on Jan. 26, putting more of the blame on himself.

"We have to run offense. We don't know how to run offense," he said. "We tried to put some [past play designs] in. Reality is, they didn't run that either."

As the Mountaineers continue to drop in the Big 12 standings, Huggins and the WVU staff will have to make some crucial changes to play time and rotations.

WVU men's hoops will look to snap out of their slump on Saturday, Feb. 5 when they host Texas Tech. Tip off is slated for 2 p.m.

Former WVU offensive lineman to make start in Super Bowl LVI

BY ZACH ANDERSON
SPORTS EDITOR

A former starter in a deadly WVU offense will be making his first ever Super Bowl as a member of the Cincinnati Bengals on Feb. 13 in Super Bowl LVI.

The West Virginia alumnus is offensive lineman Quinton Spain, who has been playing for the Bengals since 2020 and will be starting on the offensive line for Cincinnati's first Super Bowl appearance since 1989.

Spain played offensive line for West Virginia from 2010 to 2013, providing protection for one of the most prolific offenses in that time span. Spain contributed to the offensive success in 2011 spe-

cifically, led by quarterback Geno Smith and wide receivers Tavon Austin and Stedman Bailey.

The 2011 season saw Spain play as a rotational lineman for the Mountaineers, blocking for an offense that averaged 346.8 passing yards per game and 122.7 yards on the ground per game. The Mountaineers also went 10-3 that season, defeating the Clemson Tigers in dominant fashion in the Orange Bowl.

2012 was Spain's most successful season as a player, where he started all 13 games and chipped in 57.5 knock-downs. Spain also started for an offense that averaged 330.2 yards per game through the air and 171.8 yards rushing.

Across his career, Spain contributed 72.5 knock-downs, with most of his production coming in 2012 and 2013.

Spain's pro career on the other hand, hasn't been too eventful up until now. Spain entered his name into the 2015 NFL Draft, but wasn't selected, cementing his self-proclaimed nickname "Mr. Undrafted."

Spain following the draft, did however sign an undrafted free agent deal with Tennessee Titans, where he played from 2015-2018 appearing in 50 games, and starting 48 games for the Titans.

In 2019, Spain moved on to the Buffalo Bills, where he played one full season before



STAFF PHOTO
West Virginia offensive line coach Bill Bedenbaugh, right, instructs Quinton Spain, left, and Curtis Feigt, center, during practice.

being traded to Cincinnati in 2020. Since this move, Spain has started all 25 games that he's played with the Bengals, and has become an anchor of

their offensive line in this Super Bowl run.

Look for Spain on Super Bowl Sunday to be making a big impact in the trenches for

Cincinnati. The game against the Los Angeles Rams will be on Feb. 13, at 6:30 p.m., being televised on NBC.

KK Deans to miss remainder of season with knee injury

BY CAMREN GANDEE
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The WVU women's basketball team suffered a major blow on Tuesday, after head coach Mike Carey announced that junior guard KK Deans will miss the remainder of the 2021-22 season due to a knee injury.

Deans has been the Mountaineers leading scorer this season, putting up 14.5 points per game. She has scored 20 or more points three times, and has reached double-digits in scoring 15 times in the 18 games she has played this year.

Deans sustained the injury in the team's most recent game, a loss to the Baylor Bears on Saturday, Jan. 29. The guard will be missed not only for her scoring prowess, but for the physical presence she brought on defense.

Coach Carey spoke about the impact Deans has on both sides of the floor following the loss to Baylor.

"She guards the best player, and she's our scorer,"



BY GUS SCHLOMER

West Virginia's KK Deans (3) makes a pass to the corner against TCU at the WVU Coliseum on Jan. 25, 2022, in Morgantown, W.Va.

he said. "It changes a lot [losing her]."

With Deans out for the foreseeable future, WVU (10-8, 3-5 Big 12) will have their work cut out for them down the stretch with a gaunt-

let of highly ranked Big 12 opponents.

The West Virginia women's hoops will be back in action on Wednesday, Feb. 2 when they travel to face TCU. Tip off is set for 7:30 p.m.

Rifle beats Akron, Morehead State

BY JAKE HOWARD
SPORTS WRITER

The West Virginia Mountaineers rifle team continued their undefeated season as they picked up a pair of wins against the Akron Zips and the Morehead State Eagles on Saturday.

The Mountaineers (12-0, 7-0 GARC), finished first out of three teams in the smallbore and air rifle sections, scoring 2347 and 2379 for an aggregate score of 4726, winning by 56 points over second-place Akron.

The Mountaineers had the top seven best individual aggregate scores and eight of the top nine.

Sophomore Tal Engler and Junior Calista Smoyer both came in first with 1182 aggregate points.

Then it was a four-way tie for third place, as freshman Natalie Perrin, junior Aki-hito Shimizu and seniors Jared Eddy and Zerena Zaisberger all scored 1880 aggregate points.

Sophomore Becca Lamb scored 582 smallbore points and 594 air rifle points for an aggregate score of 1176.

Sophomore Molly McGhin



PHOTO BY DAVID MALECKI

Members of the West Virginia rifle team compete against Memphis at the Shell Building in Morgantown, W.Va., on Oct. 10, 2021.

scored 579 smallbore points and 593 air rifle points for an aggregate score of 1172.

West Virginia head coach Jon Hammond was pleased with the team's performance.

"Another solid overall performance from the team today, again smallbore was our stronger event and we know we can improve in air rifle," Hammond said.

"There was lots of consistency, which is good to see, over half the team with an 1180 aggregate score and lots of good things learned."

Hammond also added that

he's eager to face Kentucky two weeks from now.

"It will be good having an off weekend, and then we'll get ready for Kentucky," Hammond said.

"It's not every day you get to shoot against the Olympic champion, and UK is the defending NCAA champions, so it will be a really hard match, but I'm looking forward to seeing us compete in that environment."

The Mountaineers' next match will be against the Kentucky Wildcats at home on Feb. 12 at 10 a.m.

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Busy weekend for WVU wrestling ends with losses to South Dakota State and North Dakota State

BY DAVID ROE
SPORTS WRITER

The West Virginia Mountaineers took a Midwest trip over the weekend for inter-conference matches against the South Dakota State Jackrabbits and the North Dakota State Bison, coming home winless as a team on Friday and Saturday.

In South Dakota, the No. 23 Jackrabbits outperformed the Mountaineers by a final score of 23-16 on Friday night.

West Virginia's ranked grapplers went 2-1 on the night, with 6th ranked-125 lb. wrestler Killian Cardinale starting competition with a major decision win and No. 9 ranked-165 lb. wrestler Pe continuing his season-long domination by pinning Tanner Cook, who is ranked No. 30 in the weight class.

WVU's Michael Wolfgram, the No. 21 ranked heavyweight fighter, fell to South Dakota State's AJ Nevills, who is ranked just behind him at No. 22 in the nation.

Other West Virginia wins included a sudden victory decision in the 133 lb. class, where Garrett Lautzenheiser defeated SDSU's Gabriel Tagg by a score of 14-12, and a victory by decision in the 157 lb. class, where Alex Hornfeck shut out South Dakota's Kenny O'Neill, 4-0.

South Dakota came back in the meet by winning the final four matches, including three featuring their own ranked grapplers. No. 8 Cade Devos put up a major decision in the 174 lb. class over Dennis Robin, Cade King won by decision over West Virginia's Anthony Carman, No. 22 Tanner Sloan pinned Jackson Moomau and won the 197 lb. contest, and the 3-point heavyweight victory by Nevills solidified the victory for the Jackrabbits.

Other results for the match include South Dakota victories in the 141 lb. contest, where No. 6 ranked Clay Carlson got a major decision win over Caleb Rea and the 149 lb. contest where Daniel Kimball defeated Jeffrey Boyd by a score of 3-1. A 133 lb. exhibition match at the end saw South Dakota's Caleb Gross defeat WVU's Michael Dolan

by a score of 1-0.

The North Dakota State match on Saturday afternoon looked much different but yielded the same result of a Mountaineer defeat, this time by a score of 39-9.

The Bison of North Dakota presented many challenges to the Mountaineers, most notably the five ranked grapplers that matched up against some of West Virginia's top wrestlers.

West Virginia nabbed just two victories in the meet, as No. 6 ranked Cardinale pulled a decision out of his contest with NDSU's Lucas Rodriguez, while No. 21 Wolfgram won the heavyweight battle against No. 18 Brandon Metz, where the sophomore grappler recorded his third pin of the season.

Sandwiched between the WVU wins were eight North Dakota State victories, including four involving their ranked fighters coming out on top.

Dylan Droegemueller (No. 21 in the 141 lb. class), Jared Franek (No. 7 in the 157 lb. class), Luke Weber (No. 13 in the 165 lb. class), and Owen Pentz (No. 21 in the 197 lb. class) all defeated their counterparts in Rea, Hornfeck, No. 9 Hall, and Jackson Moomau, respectively.

Other defeats came as Ryan Henningson pinned Garrett Lautzenheiser in the 133 lb. match, Gaven Sax defeated Jeffrey Boyd in the 149 lb. contest, Riley Habisch notched a sudden victory win over Robin in the 174 lb. match, and DJ Parker pinned Carman in the 184 lb. match.

In addition, a 174 lb. exhibition match saw NDSU's Michael Nelson defeat Scott Joll by a score of 7-1.

For West Virginia's ranked fighters, 125 lb. grappler Cardinale, currently 6th, swept his competition on the weekend to bring his undefeated record to 8-0.

No. 9 ranked 165 lb. grappler Hall went 1-1 on the weekend and lost just his second match of the season against North Dakota State, giving him an 18-2 on the season.

Heavyweight fighter Wolfgram, who sits in 21st, also went 1-1, and although his

record sits at 15-6, he has had some quality opponents throughout the season.

The Bison and Jackrabbits look to continue their surge in the NWCA coach's rankings. The first edition of the rankings came out on Monday, where South Dakota State ranked No. 23 and North Dakota State was on the outside looking in with two votes. West Virginia sits a bit further back and has some work to do for their future this season.

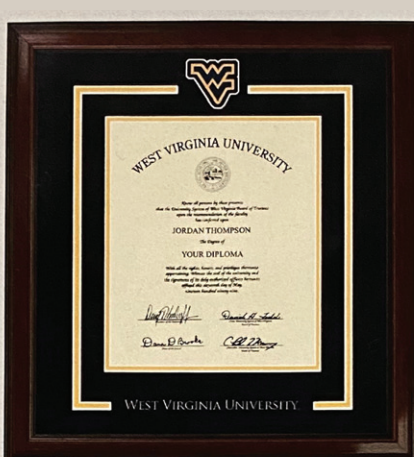
The Mountaineers head to Iowa to face off against No. 7 Iowa State Cyclones on Friday night at the Hilton Coliseum in Ames, then facing Northern Iowa the next day. Both matches are at 8 p.m. and will be broadcasted on the Big 12 Network.



Dec. 8, 2019. WVU head wrestling coach Tim Flynn observes a match.

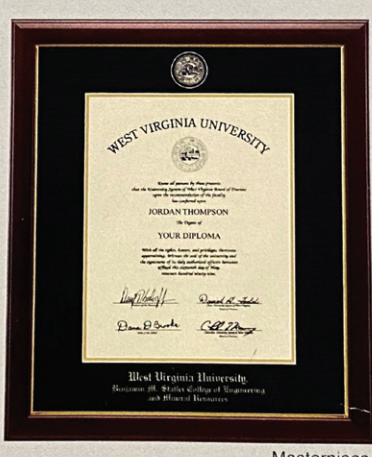
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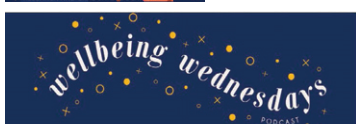
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