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‘It was fuzzy’: WVU students, parents report unclean conditions in Summit Hall

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Shortly after moving into Summit Hall this year, freshman Ayla Elmore noticed a strange discoloration in the corners of her dorm room.

She then contacted university health officials concerned it was mold because it continued to increase in size each day.

“It was fuzzy,” Elmore said.

“It was just right above my head like where I’m sleeping at night.”

She is not the first to share concerns like these.

In fact, several WVU students and parents have lodged complaints alleging mold or mildew growth and dirty conditions in Summit Hall within the past year. Some parents shared their concerns in a Facebook group named “Parents of Summit Hall.”

The Daily Athenaeum spoke with 10 students living at Summit Hall about their concerns over reported mold or mildew.

“Especially being like an out-of-state student, I’m paying a lot more and it’s kind of just like, not what I was expecting for a living,” Zack Cummings, a freshman international business and marketing major, said.

“You know, you want to live somewhere clean,” Elmore said.

Although some students and parents voiced health concerns, citing poor air quality and high moisture in dorm rooms, university and county health officials haven’t confirmed any of these reports.

In an email to Summit Hall residents in October, WVU Housing Executive Director Chris MacDonald said health officials found no “significant or widespread mold issues” in the facility last year.

“Most of the time, our investigation found dirt combined with high moisture (e.g., condensation on a dusty air vent) and not mold,” he said. “In those few instances where mold or mildew was discovered, we believe it was the result of increased outside airflow in buildings as part of COVID-19 safety protocols coupled with high-humidity weather over the course of several successive days or instances where mold or mildew developed after students placed furniture in front of an

air system return vent, tampered with the HVAC equipment in the room, left windows open for prolonged periods or placed wet or damp clothing or towels on the floor, bathroom or closet of the residence.”

MacDonald added that the Monongalia County Health Department recently inspected Summit Hall and did not “find or suspect any systemic mold problems.”

Following each mold or mildew complaint, WVU Environmental Health and Safety conducts air quality tests after the reported areas are cleaned by facilities management.

Elmore’s room was cleaned and tested on Sept. 28, according to an email she received from a university health and safety specialist.

“They did the air quality tests, and they kind of just wiped it down with some spray cleaner and called it a day,” said Elmore, who was in the room during the inspection.

A school health and safety specialist emailed Elmore the next day, reporting her room was within “target parameters for indoor air quality.”

But a week later, Elmore said the discolored substance returned.

Although some traces of mold or mildew were discovered in Summit Hall last year, Natalie Carvasos, associate director for Environmental Health and Safety, said humidity levels at the residence hall returned to a “normal range” this semester.

“Last year, the most common thing we found was high humidity level,” she said. “So, we were having some staining on the ceilings right at the register, where the air is coming out because it was coming out moist.”

Multiple water leaks have occurred in Summit Hall in recent years as well. Last month, several students were displaced due to a burst water line, and health officials say they didn’t find evidence of mold as a result of the flooding.

But it can be difficult for students to distinguish mold from dust buildup, or “discoloration,” said Eric Jeppesen, executive director of WVU Environmental Health and Safety. “It’s really hard to tell exactly what it is.”

“When we say discoloration, it could be anything from it’s really dusty, really hard to tell from appearance



West Virginia University's Summit Hall, a dorm for freshman, on Nov. 11, 2022.

PHOTO BY SOPHIA VALACHOVIC

what it is to mildew — which is still a fungi — but it’s completely separate from mold,” Eric Jeppesen, executive director of WVU Environmental Health and Safety, said. “It’s really hard to tell exactly what it is.”

Carvasos said anything that appears to be mold is cleaned with fungicide and is followed up with an air quality test by Environmental Health and Safety.

“We treat everything the same,” she said. “If we see discoloration, we treat it as that could potentially be mold, and we take care of it immediately.”

But to identify potential mold, she said a sample would need to be sent to a laboratory for testing, which could take weeks.

The DA has requested air quality tests for Summit Hall this semester from WVU Environmental Health and Safety under the Freedom of Information Act. These documents detail specific findings and humidity levels found in spaces on campus.

“Especially being like an out-of-state student, I’m paying a lot more and it’s kind of just like, not what I was expecting for a living,”

-Zack Cummings, freshman international business and marketing major

In the meantime, students like Elmore say they want the University to find a more long-lasting solution to the issue.

“I want them to fix it and get rid of it and do whatever the means are. Obviously, they can’t just like do that in one day,” Elmore said. “You’re probably not gonna be able to be here for them to genuinely

tackle the issue. But for future classes, I would want them to genuinely get rid of it.”

Students who have concerns about mold or mildew in their dorm are encouraged to submit a work order with Environmental Health and Safety.

WVU Housing can be contacted by email at WVUhousing@mail.wvu.edu or by phone at 304-293-4491.

How to report mold or mildew

- Submit a work order to Environmental Health and Safety by visiting apps.wvu.edu/fsd/
- Contact your front desk or WVU housing at WVUhousing@mail.wvu.edu or 304-293-4491
- Visual inspection of residence halls tests the air quality for 5-micron and 10-micron particles along with other assessments to ensure the air quality falls within standard parameters.

Students will be charged housing fee for breaking first-year requirements

BY ASHLEY CUMPSTON
CORRESPONDENT

For years, West Virginia University has enforced a requirement for first-year students to live on campus with few exceptions.

However, starting next fall, students who do not abide by the policy may see an extra charge on their bill.

Beginning in fall 2023, first-year students and first-year transfer students who do not file for an exemption in the housing portal will be charged a standard double-room fee to their account.

According to the Housing and Residence Life website, as of the 2022-23 academic year, the range of a double room is anywhere from \$3,178 and \$4,432.

Eric O'Hara, associate di-

rector of WVU Housing Operations, said that the new policy is for students who do not follow the first-year live on requirement.

"This year was changed as students don't abide by the policy, then we would assess charges when they go on students' accounts in July," O'Hara said. "Our hope is that nobody's in that situation and that everybody applies early or goes through the exemption process to be considered. That way nobody will have any charges posted on their accounts."

Carlee Milik, an alum of WVU who graduated in May of 2022, commuted to campus all four years of her undergraduate education. She is from Morgantown and said the cost of the residence halls influenced her decision to commute.

"Money was the biggest thing," Milik said. "I think my tuition without staying on campus was like \$700, and if I had lived in the dorms, it would have been like \$10,000."

Milik said that it took her about 15 minutes to commute downtown and 25 minutes to Evansdale.

There are several factors in determining whether a first-year student is eligible for a housing exemption.

Students who reside or can prove residency in a list of surrounding counties in West Virginia or Pennsylvania are eligible for an exemption, a change from the previous requirement of living within a 50-mile radius.

Qualifying counties include Harrison, Marion, Monongalia, Preston, Taylor and Wetzel in West Virginia as well as Fayette and Greene counties

in Pennsylvania.

"We moved away from a 50-mile radius, which was confusing for students and families because they were asking, 'Fifty miles from what? Which building,'" O'Hara said.

Students may still apply for an exemption if they do not reside in the listed counties and will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Students requiring special exemptions due to medical reasons must go through the Office of Accessibility Services.

"There is a process where students can submit documentation and submit a request to be considered for an exemption from the first year live on requirement and that exemption is considered by the housing review committee. And students, if they were denied by the committee, would also have the abil-

ity to appeal that decision to the executive director of housing," O'Hara said.

According to the housing website, first-year transfer students at WVU must have at least 24 transferable credit hours that were not earned in high school or which fall under a specific set of requirements to qualify for a housing exemption.

"Students that are married, custodial parents of child and military veterans with one year of consecutive active-duty military service (not to include basic training and military occupational specialty training)," may also qualify for an exemption, according to the housing website.

Upon filling out the application in the housing portal, students will be asked if they are seeking an exemption from the first-year live on require-

ment. All students wishing to be exempt must fill out the entire housing application in addition to the exemption form.

"If they say 'yes,' it's going to check to see if they meet any of those automatic exemptions such as commuter status, if they live in a contiguous county or it's going to check their age as well," O'Hara said.

Non-traditional students, or students age 21 or older, are not required to live in residence halls.

"We've always wanted students to fully engage in that mountaineer experience and live in the residence halls," O'Hara said. "We're always seeking feedback from students and families. We want to make this policy work for students and we want it to be in the best interest of the students as well."

New student food pantry opens on Evansdale

BY ASHLEY CUMPSTON
CORRESPONDENT

West Virginia University's new food pantry, The Snack Rack, an extension of The Rack, officially opened last week at the Student Recreation Center, making it the first on Evansdale.

The University now has two food pantries on its Morgantown campuses, with the other located downtown on the ground level of Morgan House.

However, according to Sydney Vega, program assistant for WVU's Student Engagement and Leadership, The Snack Rack is not a fully functioning pantry like its counterpart downtown.

"The offerings are less at the Snack Rack than they are at The Rack student food pantry downtown," she said.

The Rack receives most of its food from the Mountaineer Food Bank, a traveling food pantry that serves people across West Virginia. Additionally, The Rack has an Amazon wishlist and a monetary donation portal.

"We [The Rack] have perishable and non-perishable goods that students are able to come and get as well as snacks while The Snack Rack is solely snacks and some wellness items," Vega said.

The wellness items are provided in partnership with WELLWVU and include texture stickers, self-care calendars, earplugs and herbal tea.

Another difference between The Rack downtown and The Snack Rack on Evansdale is that The Rack offers fresh food on Monday between 11 a.m. and 4:45 p.m., which allows each student to take up to five

produce items.

According to Vega, there was a lot of curiosity when The Snack Rack opened surrounding the services that both it and The Rack provides.

"There's no financial requirements or criteria they need to meet to utilize the service so all students are welcome to utilize the pantry and The Snack Rack as long as they are enrolled in at least one course at WVU," Vega said.

Upon entering the Rec Center, students can walk up to the window counter at The Snack Rack and be assisted by workers and volunteers. There is a display that shows everything that is available to students.

Before going to The Rack or The Snack Rack, students must complete an online student intake form found on WVU Engage, which requires students to be signed into their WVU

account.

Students must also have the WVU Engage Event Pass open on their phone to scan their profile barcode which verifies that they are an active student.

Gina Wood, WVU extension specialist, works to provide nutrition education and obesity prevention outreach to low income families across West Virginia and believes college students are often forgotten when considering food-insecure populations.

"I think we don't often think about college students being a hungry population or a nutrition-insecure population," Wood said. "There may be a stigma around accessing charitable food systems for college students. The campus, the University and the students could do a lot to reduce that stigma."

The Rack provides resources on their social media to explain how students who volunteer and donate to food pantries can help other students who are struggling with food insecurity meet their basic needs.

According to The Rack's Instagram, the donation event called "Stack The Rack Challenge" is a way to encourage student organizations to donate food to The Rack. For the month of October, the top three student organizations that donate the most food will win grants for their organization.

Some regular events include a monthly bingo game that rewards three students a \$50 grocery trip to Kroger, while others include cook-



PHOTO BY: ASHLEY CUMPSTON

The Snack Rack not only provides students with snacks, but they also provide wellness items in partnership with WellWVU.

ing tutorials over Zoom every other Monday.

The Rack also promotes the student pantries on social media in order to share its inclusive values.

"We just want to let everyone know that we are a service that provides free food to all students on campus," Vega said. "We encourage anyone who follows us on social media to post recipes or share recipes with us."

The Rack's Instagram, @wvu_therack, posts recipes that students can follow to make their own meals using

items they picked up at the pantry.

"I'm just happy to be able to provide students some comfort during times when they find themselves needing some extra support or they just need something more convenient than driving to a grocery store when they already have such a busy schedule," Vega said.

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Service, therapy and emotional support animals provide help to students living on campus

BY NICHOLAS JOHNSON
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Students aren't the only ones living on campus this semester. Twenty-four service, therapy and emotional support animals are staged in dorms across WVU's campuses.

These support animals can range from dogs to miniature horses.

Although each animal offers support in its own way, there are many differences between service and emotional support animals.

Service animals help people with physical disabilities, while emotional support and therapy animals provide people with mental health and psychological support.

WVU provides students with the opportunity to have these types of animals in the dorms, but it isn't easy to get one. The school restricts pets in every form possible on campus, and in order to get a service animal, one must contact the school and apply for it.

"A student can't just bring any random pet that they choose when they move in. Freshman, sophomore, junior or senior, doesn't matter who," said Chris MacDonald, executive director of university housing. "So, we do not allow pets. We do allow service



PHOTO BY ELLE COLBERT

Ryder, a Great Pyrenees and Lab mix and the Davis College's official therapy dog.

animals and emotional support animals."

The University has multiple guidelines if a student has an animal living with them in a dorm. Emotional support animals are not allowed in any other university buildings, but service animals are permitted anywhere on campus as well as therapy animals.

Through all the requirements to have a service, ther-

apy or emotional support animal living on campus, WVU works to make sure that help is there for the students who need it. Some colleges and schools within WVU have therapy dogs to help students, such as the Reed College of Media's Omega and the Davis College of Agriculture's Ryder.

"The best thing is going to get the service and the support that they need in order to be



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Lucas, the official therapy dog WVU's Health Sciences Center poses for a photo with friends.

successful navigating, whether it be in the residence halls or the rest of campus," MacDonald said. "That's the best thing that they have, a great relationship with your animal, the animal does exactly what it needs them to do, whether that be in service to help them with, you know, an illness or some other issue that would likely inhibit them from actively engaging in our community and being

successful on campus."

While an animal is in a dorm, they must be under complete control of the owner at all times, not be a threat to people or property, secured to a leash at all times and not to be left unattended. Any violation to the campus guidelines can result in removal of the animal.

Although having animals in the dorms can help stu-

dents, the university keeps a close eye on the downfalls of them. Emotional support animals are typically not as highly trained as service animals, therefore, sometimes it's harder for emotional support animals to navigate their way through living in a community environment.

MacDonald said his only worry of having emotional support animals in the dorm is issues with the community, but the housing department works well with the students and maintains their animals so issues like these never occur.

"They don't necessarily, at times, navigate a community living environment very well, and so I always believe the thing I ever worried about is if there were to be challenges in the community or living space with an emotional support animal," said MacDonald.

In order for a student to have an animal on campus residence, they must contact WVU and work with them through getting the best animal that fits their needs but also fitting all the criteria for being able to have an animal in a dorm.

To get an emotional support, service or therapy animal on campus, students can learn more at accessibility services or submit a request form using an online application through the office of accessibility services.

WVU Residence Hall Association brings quality to dorm life

BY SHRINIDHI
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The Residence Hall Association (RHA) at WVU is part of a national collegiate organization that helps to make residence life a well-rounded experience for students.

"It is one of the largest student-led organizations, if not the largest, nationally," said Emily Rexroad, the vice president of the association. "There is just a lot of respect for it."

The WVU Residence Hall Association focuses on promoting advocacy, philanthropy and programming. The association strives to create a community to navigate college experiences together.

"The purpose of the residence hall association is to provide students with an opportunity to have their voices

heard," Rhiannon Kristen, the president of the association, said.

A student does not have to hold a leadership position to get involved. Association membership can provide the opportunity to network with other students and housing administrators.

While it is not a requirement for membership, there are a lot of leadership opportunities provided, which allows for personal development within the university community.

"RHA provides the opportunity to take living in the residence into your own hands and make it a better experience for yourself," Lily Wagner, the secretary of the association, said.

Each residence hall has its community council. Students get elected for their positions on the executive board.

Representatives of each council come together to put forth initiatives.

"Every community council has the opportunity to fund program proposals. RHA pretty much funds their programs," Rexroad said.

The predominant focus of these initiatives is advocacy and philanthropy through special events.

"We have a suite mates Olympics happening soon with the Honors Hall and they advocate for change," Kristen said. "And then philanthropy – the Lincoln Hall is doing a game in which in order to come to the game night, you have to donate a non-perishable item."

The residence hall association is currently working on developing a board of members for philanthropic actions. This committee would focus on raising funds for a partic-

ular cause.

Other association initiatives have to do with basic alterations to the resident halls. This allows students to lead a comfortable life on campus and gives them the ability to raise concerns about their day-to-day issues.

"Because the study lounges (at Boreman Hall) had the washers and dryers in them, so going into the study lounge, it was very difficult to want to work in there because it was constructively humid," Kristen said. "When I was a president of the community council at Boreman Hall, I advocated and signed petitions to put up air conditioning in our study lounges."

For more information about the residence hall association, visit rha.wvu.edu or @rha_wvu on Instagram.



PHOTO COURTESY WVU RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION

The Residence Hall Association holds a general body meeting, serving as their start to the academic year. This was taken in September 2021, their first in-person meeting since the onset of the pandemic.

OPINION

Where’s the best area to live in Morgantown?

BY THE DA STAFF

The many parts of Morgantown are geared towards different personality types. Each area has a unique lifestyle built around its geography.

For students who want to be walking distance to bars and downtown classes, living near High St. can be a great choice.

Meanwhile, Grant Ave. is known for its house parties. If that’s your scene, you may like the neighborhood.

Want a quieter community that still retains walkability? South Park might be the option for you.

Housing is not one size fits all, so students need to be aware of the benefits and drawbacks of the different regions of Morgantown.

Downtown

Living downtown is the choice for me because I don’t have a car. Having to travel only a short distance to all my classes is fantastic. Also, I can easily walk to High St., where I can shop for most of my groceries at Dollar General. And when I go out in the evenings,

I don’t have to worry about a designated driver. *-Luke Morgan, Opinion Editor*

Downtown is the best place to live on campus because it is extremely close to all of the restaurants and shops on High St. It is a short walk to the Mountainlair and the PRT. Additionally, it is an ideal location for having fun on the weekends because it is the social hub of WVU. *-Raeanne Beckner, Managing Editor*

Wiles Hill

Wiles Hill is perfect for students that want to live within walking distance from both campuses. The little residential neighborhood has beautiful views of downtown campus, yet it’s far enough from downtown campus and Sunnyside that it’s quiet at night. It offers a perfect balance for students looking for a walkable location and an escape from the hustle and bustle of downtown. *-Jules Ogden, News Editor*

Sunnyside

Sunnyside gives you the best of both Morgantown world’s. You are in between both campuses and near a PRT station. You are near



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Students walk on the downtown campus of West Virginia University with Woodburn in the background on a fall day in Morgantown.

some of the best house party streets and close enough to downtown that getting there isn’t a hassle but far enough away that you are not continuously tempted to go out every night. *-Sydney Wentz, Podcast Editor*

Sunnyside is the right place if you want to be close to campus but don’t want to be near

High St. The PRT is just a couple steps away from Sunnyside and there’s several bus stops in the area. You’re close to High St., but it’s still a quieter part of town, unless you live on Grant Ave. *-Ladimir Garcia, Social Media Manager*

University Town Center

Living in the University Town Center in Granville is

the best place to live in Morgantown for multiple reasons because of the beautiful views at Domain and Black Bear and easy access to multiple stores like Walmart, Target, and Dick’s but also in close proximity to Monongalia County Ballpark. It’s the best of all worlds. *-Zach Anderson, Sports Editor*

Evansdale

Living in Evansdale has its perks despite being far from the campus nightlife. There’s very little street noise, and there’s plenty of parking. Apartments on Evansdale are typically cheaper than downtown apartments, and they’re close to Milan Puskar Stadium. *-Christina Rufo, Breaking News Editor*

ALBUM REVIEW | Dissecting the mastermind behind Taylor Swift’s ‘Midnights’

BY LADIMIR GARCIA

In her newest album, Taylor Swift dives into her deepest insecurities. With thirteen different songs and seven bonus tracks that explore the labyrinth of her midnight thoughts, Swift takes a darker route compared to her two most recent albums, “Folklore” and “Evermore,” which have a more pop-like feeling.

“Midnights is a collage of intensity, highs and lows and ebbs and flows. Life can be dark, starry, cloudy, terrifying, electrifying, hot, cold, romantic or lonely. Just like Midnights,” Swift said on Twitter.

With songs like “Anti-Hero” and “You’re On Your Own Kid,” Swift takes a closer look into her personal experience as an artist and a person. She expresses a common feeling in which people might feel like the anti-hero that balances between the lines of good and bad or “daylight and midnight.”

The fifth track “You’re On

Your Own, Kid” is one of Swift’s more personal tracks from the album that takes on her relationship with herself over the course of time. Swift has been known to make the fifth track in her past albums, as the most personal and heart wrenching songs in her albums. The song explains experiences from her losing lovers and friends to gaining new ones but still realizing that “You’re on your own, kid.”

Although “Midnights” is a more personal album, Swift still takes on aspects of her love life, like she’s done with previous albums, with songs like “Midnight Rain,” “Question...?” and “Would’ve, Could’ve, Should’ve.”

“Would’ve, Could’ve, Should’ve,” hints at her relationship with John Mayer, something that she’s done in the past with her song “Dear John,” from her album, “Speak Now.” Mayer isn’t the only lover she references in the album, with clues of former boyfriend Tom Hiddleston being hinted at in her song, “Mid-

night Rain.” “Karma,” the eleventh track on the album, describes Swift’s relationship with the idea of karma. This track has a similar composition and message to some of the songs from her former 2017 album, “Reputation.” The track is a message to those who have wronged her in the past, in which she hopes karma is not so kind to them in their future.

“Midnights” is one of Swift’s most collaborative pieces that includes co-writers like Jack Antonoff, Zoë Kravitz, Lana Del Rey and Aaron Dessner. Both Antonoff and Dessner have co-wrote songs with Swift in the past, mostly in her recent albums “Folklore” and “Evermore.”

“Midnights” by Swift evokes a darker feeling of growth and acceptance that at times you’re the one pulling the strings and finally saying, “I’m the problem, it’s me.” With a combination of her best styles, “Midnights” stands as one of Swift’s best albums.

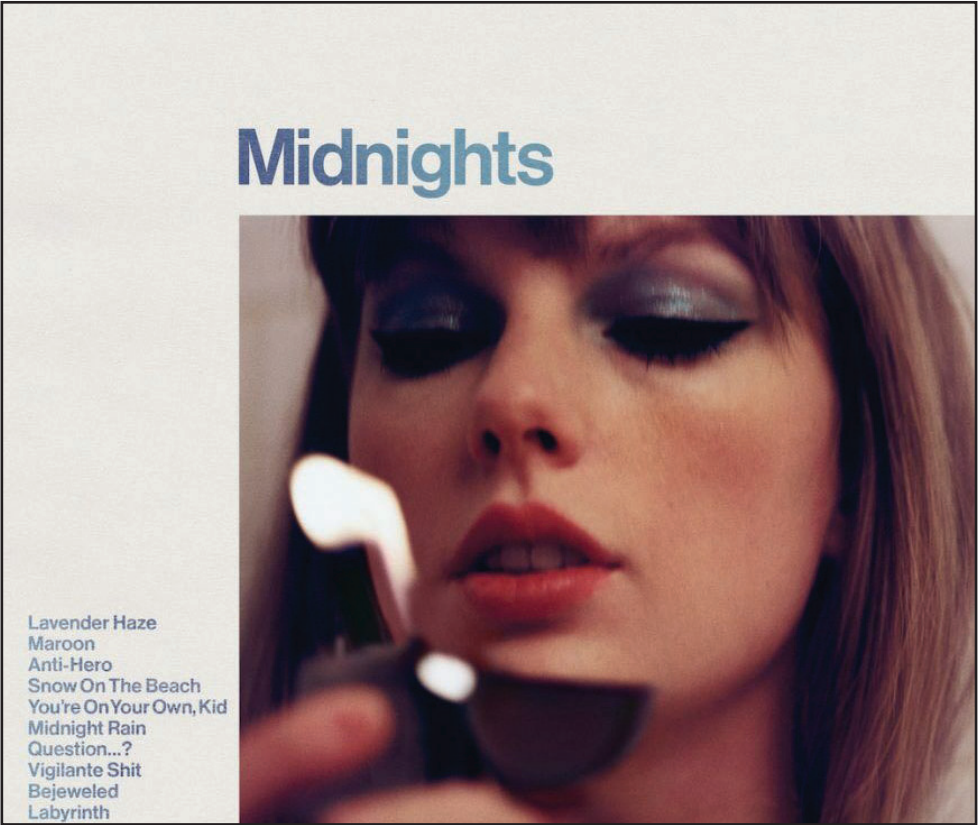


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WVU football to face Iowa State on the road after two straight losses

BY ZACH ANDERSON
SPORTS EDITOR

The West Virginia football team will be traveling next to Ames, Iowa, to face off against the Iowa State Hawkeyes, in what may be the most winnable game remaining on the Mountaineers' schedule.

WVU (3-5, 1-4 Big 12) lost in a high-scoring affair in Morgantown in their last game, falling just short in a very winnable game against the undefeated No. 7 TCU Horned Frogs. The defense couldn't string together stops and the offense stumbled at the inopportune time.

WVU's freshman running back CJ Donaldson scored two touchdowns and eclipsed the century mark with 104 rushing yards but the Mountaineer offense couldn't convert a first down in its last two drives.

TCU followed up their defensive success with a passing touchdown to put the game away, as it went up 10 points in a matchup that slipped away from the Mountaineers.

Although after a great performance through three quarters, an injury sidelined Donaldson from the fourth quarter of the TCU game and head coach Neal Brown announced on Tuesday that his injury will force him to miss the rest of the 2022 season.

"CJ Donaldson will not play. He's going to miss the rest of the season, he'll be out," Brown said. "He had surgery yesterday. Not a knee, not something that'll keep him out a really long time, but he'll miss the rest of the year."

The Cyclones (3-5, 0-5 Big 12) are still looking for their first Big 12 conference victory and they had a chance to take one in their close loss to the Oklahoma Sooners on Saturday, Oct. 29.

Iowa State ended up falling 27-13 to the Sooners, as they couldn't hold onto a 13-6 deficit going into the break and allowed OU to close the game out in the fourth quarter.

ISU is West Virginia's most winnable game remaining on the schedule and it will be one that the Mountaineers will need to take on the road against the turnover-prone Cyclones offense.

Kickoff time for Saturday's matchup from Jack Trice Stadium is set for 3:30 p.m. and



PHOTO BY TYLER PRUSINA

WVU's Bryce Ford-Wheaton (0) runs with the ball after making a catch against TCU on Oct. 29, 2022, at Milan Puskar Stadium in Morgantown, West Virginia.

the game will be streamed on ESPN+.

Now, here's a look at key players to watch during Saturday's matchup.

WVU Running Backs Justin Johnson Jr. and Tony Mathis Jr.: With WVU's leading rusher Donaldson out for the rest of the 2022 season, it will be up to sophomore running backs Justin Johnson Jr. and Tony Mathis Jr. to take over the backfield in Donaldson's relief.

Although the WVU running back room this season has been mostly shared by all three and the carries have been split between who has

the hottest hand, Mathis and Johnson will see the majority of snaps in the backfield on Saturday.

However, Mathis was out against TCU in WVU's last matchup, so if he can't return against the Cyclones it will be up to Johnson and freshman running back Jaylen Anderson to take the load.

Dante Stills, WVU Defensive Lineman: Against the Horned Frogs, four-year player and star defensive lineman Dante Stills broke WVU's all-time record for tackles for loss in a career, recording 48.5 to pass the former record holder Grant

Wiley.

Stills has made a huge impact on West Virginia's defense this season, recording 16 tackles, five tackles for loss which is second-most on the team and is tied for the team-high with 2.5 sacks. Stills will continue to be the leading force on the Mountaineer defense and he will need to make an impact against Iowa State.

Xavier Hutchinson, Iowa State Wide Receiver: The star wide receiver for a quiet Cyclones offense has been the 6-foot-3 senior receiver and former JUCO prospect Xavier Hutchinson. He has led Iowa State this year in every receiv-

ing category, with a staggering 77 catches, 830 yards, nearly 400 receiving yards ahead of the next closest player, along with five touchdowns.

Hutchinson is the big-play receiver for the Cyclones and will be a sure-handed target for quarterback Hunter Dekkers. The Mountaineers' defense will need to take a step forward in the secondary to stifle the Hutchinson and Dekkers connection and possibly create some takeaways in the passing game.

Jirehl Brock, Iowa State Running Back: Jirehl Brock has been the other aspect of the Cyclones offense that has

Donaldson out for rest of season

BY ZACH ANDERSON
SPORTS EDITOR

Following a severe injury against TCU on Saturday, Oct. 29, head football coach Neal Brown announced on Tuesday that star freshman running back CJ Donaldson will miss the rest of the 2022 season.

In his weekly press conference on Tuesday ahead of Saturday's matchup against Iowa State, Brown gave an update on Donaldson's injury and confirmed that he will miss the rest of the season.

"CJ Donaldson will not play. He's going to miss the rest of the season, he'll be out," Brown said. "He had surgery yesterday. Not a knee, not something that'll keep him out a really long time, but he'll miss the rest of the year."

Donaldson will finish his freshman campaign with 87 carries for 526 yards and eight rushing touchdowns. Donaldson also caught nine passes for 27 yards and blocked a punt.

performed well, but overall this season, Iowa State's rushing offense has been severely lacking behind the air attack.

Brock has accounted for 420 rushing yards and two scores on the ground, but the Cyclones only average 97.3 yards per game on the ground compared to 272.8 passing yards on average per game.

WVU's defense can't allow Brock to find consistency on the ground and it must dominate the Cyclones at the line of scrimmage to create defensive stops against an Iowa State team that is used to having successful rushing attacks in years past.

Plitzuweit to propel women's basketball back to winning ways in 2022 season

BY JONATHAN HAMILTON
SPORTS WRITER

The West Virginia women's basketball season is fast approaching, and the Mountaineers look to improve from last year's 15-15 overall finish and 7-11 Big 12 conference record, riding on first-year head coach Dawn Plitzuweit.

Plitzuweit comes to West Virginia after coaching at South Dakota for six seasons. She replaces long-time head coach Mike Carey, who is the program's all-time wins leader with 432 career victories, three conference coach of the year awards and 11 NCAA tournament appearances.

Plitzuweit now takes over a team that went .500 a year ago, after leading South Dakota to 158 wins in six seasons. She was also a three-time Summit League coach of the year, leading the Coyotes to three regular-season

titles, three conference tournament championships and four NCAA tournament appearances.

On a WVU squad that won 15 games last season, it only has six returning players from last year's team: redshirt sophomore forward Isis Beh, fifth-year guard Madisen Smith, junior guard Savannah Samuel, sophomore guard J.J. Quinnerly and senior guard Jayla Hemingway.

There are a few transfers new to the team this year, including fifth-year guard Sarah Bates, a transfer from Georgia Tech; forward Kylie Blacksten, a transfer from Colorado; and forward Tavy Diggs, a transfer from TCU.

The Mountaineers also brought in some young talent alongside more transfers with fifth-year guard Danni Nichols, who transferred from Western Illinois; redshirt sophomore Kyah Watson, transfer from South Dakota;

redshirt freshmen Messiah Hunter; Wynter Rogers and freshman Imarianah Russell filling out the roster.

Last year, WVU depended on a lot of minutes from their guards, especially Smith. Smith had the most minutes on the team by far, with a staggering 1,059 minutes.

The second closest player, former WVU forward Esmery Martinez, had just 765. Smith also averaged 35.3 minutes per game, which also dwarfed the second-highest average from former guard K.K. Deans' 30.6 minutes per game last season.

Offensively, the Mountaineers were led by Deans last season, who averaged 14.5 points per game. However, Deans went down with a knee injury after 18 games and did not come back for the rest of the season. Martinez was second behind Deans, with 11.3 points per game.

Smith was third with 9.1 PPG. Martinez also tabulated

the most total points for the team, with 327. Smith was second with 274, and then the freshman Quinnerly with 264.

Martinez also was strong defensively, as she led West Virginia in offensive, defensive, and total rebounds. She also finished second behind Quinnerly in steals. Quinnerly had 68 steals, and Martinez had 46.

Both Deans (University of Florida) and Martinez (University of Arizona) transferred away once Carey retired and the season finished up, forcing WVU to replace its top two scoring threats from last season going into the 2022-2023 campaign.

West Virginia's official season opener is set for Nov. 10, when the Mountaineers take on the University of South Carolina Upstate. Tipoff is set for 7 p.m. from the WVU Coliseum.



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Women's basketball head coach Dawn Plitzuweit and athletic director Shane Lyons pose at the introductory press conference on April 5, 2022, at the WVU Coliseum in Morgantown, West Virginia.

Many transfers expected to make big impact on new season for West Virginia men's basketball

BY ZACH ANDERSON
SPORTS EDITOR

The West Virginia men's basketball team is back for another season after a disappointing campaign in 2021, with many new transfer athletes and freshmen looking to lead the way for a young Mountaineer squad.

Head coach Bob Huggins, who was recently inducted into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame, is back for his 15th season leading the Mountaineers with a 326-188 record during his tenure in Morgantown.

Huggins and the team will need to mesh and work together as one to improve on last season's performance, but the Mountaineers lost their leading scorer in guard Taz Sherman to graduation and will field a lot of new faces this season.

Forward Gabe Osabuohien also graduated and moved on from West Virginia, guard Sean McNeil transferred to Ohio State, forward Isaiah Cottrell transferred to UNLV and forward Jalen Bridges transferred away to Baylor.

Last season, West Virginia struggled to get things going during conference play after beginning the season 13-1. The Mountaineers finished with a 16-17 overall record and a 4-14 record in confer-



PHOTO BY TYLER PRUSINA

WVU's Emmitt Matthews Jr. (1) dribbles the ball against Bowling Green on Oct. 28, 2022 at the WVU Coliseum in Morgantown, West Virginia.

ence play, only winning two of their last 16 regular season games.

With many athletes leaving the program or graduating, this year's squad is made up of quite a few transfers, both from other Division I schools or from the junior college level.

Guard Erik Stevenson from South Carolina and guard Joe Toussaint from Iowa, were two of WVU's premier transfers and were key players for their

respective schools a year ago.

The Mountaineers also brought back forward Emmitt Matthews Jr., who played for West Virginia from 2018 to 2021 and spent last season with the Washington Huskies. Forward Tre Mitchell from Texas rounds out the group of Division I transfers, all of which will make an impact in the rotation and in the starting lineup this season.

WVU men's hoops has already been on the court this

season, competing in their annual charity exhibition and taking a 73-57 victory over Bowling Green on Friday, Oct. 28.

Stevenson recorded a double-double on the night, leading all Mountaineers in scoring with 18 points and also grabbing 10 rebounds and two steals. Matthews also made a big impact against the Falcons, with 14 points and six rebounds.

Sophomore forward James

Okonkwo also performed well on defense, recording a game-high three blocks and grabbing seven rebounds. Toussaint filled up the stat sheet as well in the exhibition, scoring seven points while recording four assists, four rebounds and a game-high three steals.

West Virginia will open up the regular season against Mount St. Mary's on Nov. 7 at the WVU Coliseum in Morgantown.

Also known as the Moun-

taineers, Mount St. Mary's went 14-16 a year ago and will return their leading scorer in guard Jalen Benjamin, who averaged 13.3 points per game last season.

WVU also has some other tough out of conference games on its schedule this season, starting off with the Phil Knight Legacy Tournament in Portland, Oregon, which will take place from Nov. 24 to 27.

The tournament will host a group of some of the nation's best, including Gonzaga, Duke, Florida, Purdue, Oregon State, Xavier and Portland State along with West Virginia.

In other challenging out of conference matchups, the Mountaineers will once again meet up with Pittsburgh on the road on Nov. 11 and will host the UAB Blazers, a team that won 27 games and made the NCAA tournament last season, on Dec. 10.

WVU splits two other challenging matchups on the road and at home this season, facing off against the Xavier Musketeers in Cincinnati, Ohio on Dec. 3 before hosting the Auburn Tigers on Jan. 28, the program that won the most games in the SEC a season ago.

Tip-off for the first game of the season and the home-opener against Mount St. Mary's is set for 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 7. The game will be streamed on ESPN+.

Peyton Hall, WVU wrestling ready to take mat by storm in 2022

BY MATT ROSS
STAFF WRITER

The West Virginia wrestling team is set to make its return to the mat at the Southeast Open on Nov. 5, hosted by rival Virginia Tech. It's still unclear what's in store for the Mountaineers this upcoming season after a disappointing year.

The Mountaineers had a record of 6-8 last winter and were 1-6 in the Big 12 Conference. At home, they had a winning record of 4-2 but couldn't perform well on the road, going 2-6 on the year.

At the Big 12 Championships last season, the Mountaineers finished in seventh place but showed a great spark from underclassmen wrestlers and were led by strong performances from the upperclassmen.

Junior Peyton Hall was the star for the Mountaineers last year. Hall led the team with a record of 28-6 and had an outstanding record against ranked opponents going 9-6.

Hall became the first wrestler in WVU history to be an All-American at 165 pounds after placing eighth last year at the NCAA Division I National Championships. Going into the new season, Hall is currently ranked eighth.

Returning for his final year

is fifth-year Killian Cardinale, who was another key part of last year's team. Cardinale was ranked as one of the best in the 125-pound weight class, finishing first at the Big 12 Championships and was only one win away from becoming an All-American.

Cardinale finished the season with a record of 16-3 and led the team with the most wins against ranked opponents with 10.

Junior Michael Wolfram was another wrestler who took a major step in the right direction last season, with a record of 20-11, which was much better than his previous season's record of 10-6.

Wolfram was a national qualifier last year, being the No. 27 seed in the heavy-weight bracket. He led the team with 35 total takedowns and was constantly trying to score more points and help the team win.

The Mountaineers had a great pickup in the transfer portal this offseason as well, with standout Sam Hillegas transferring to WVU from Virginia Tech, where he saw limited mat time.

Hillegas was a nationally ranked recruit a couple years back in high school, where he had a record of 157-5 against loaded Pennsylvania compe-



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Junior Peyton Hall finished eighth at the NCAA Division I Championships in the 2021-22 season.

tion. Hillegas adds plenty of talent at the 141-pound spot and should have a great season ahead of him for the Mountaineers.

Another surprising stand out from last year was junior Dennis Robin, who took the mat by storm near the end of the season. Robin had knocked off two ranked opponents and pinned the No. 17 ranked Joel Devine of Iowa

State in only a minute. Robin had 13 wins a year ago and was a national qualifier at 174 pounds.

Freshman Jordan Titus is set to be the starter for the Mountaineers at 133 pounds, coming off a redshirt last year. However, Titus had a great season at open tournaments, going 20-7 at six different open tournaments.

Titus was one of the big-

gest signees WVU has had in recent years, coming in as a top high school wrestler in the 2021 class for his weight class. With high expectations, Cardinale, Titus and Hillegas are a great trio of threats for the Mountaineers this season in the lower weights.

The Mountaineers have a very promising team when you look at the lineup and the potential for young, strong per-

formers but the road won't be easy as the Big 12 opponents look better than ever.

This year's lineup of matches will prove challenging to Mountaineers with schools like Oklahoma State, Missouri, UNI and Iowa State.

West Virginia will open up a tough season slate against Virginia Tech, in the Southeast Open on Saturday, Nov. 5.

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WVU women's soccer advances to Big 12 semifinals with 2-1 victory over Oklahoma State

BY JAKE HOWARD
STAFF WRITER

The West Virginia Mountaineers women's soccer team won 2-1 in the first round of Big 12 Tournament against the Oklahoma State Cowgirls on Sunday, punching its ticket to the Big 12 Tournament semifinals.

After the victory over the Cowgirls in Round Rock, Texas, WVU will advance to the semifinals of the tournament to face the No. 17 Texas Longhorns, who are undefeated in conference play.

The Mountaineers (8-4-7, 4-1-4 Big 12) advanced on a pair of goals by fifth-year players, ensuring that each of them would play at least one more match.

West Virginia's lineup was unchanged from the regular season finale at home against Kansas State, with continuity helping the Mountaineers to their ninth match with a win or draw in the last 10 matches.

While the first half was scoreless, West Virginia was the better team, tallying six shots to Oklahoma State's one, forcing freshman OSU goalkeeper Jordan Nytes into

making three saves.

The Mountaineers finally found their way into the back of the net 19 minutes into the second half, as sophomore left winger Dilary Heredia-Bltran assisted fifth-year striker Lauren Segalla to put West Virginia up 1-0 in the 65th minute.

The WVU lead was doubled 18 minutes later, as fifth-year All-American centre back Jordan Brewster scored a penalty kick to make the score 2-0.

Oklahoma State's forward Olyvia Dowell scored the next minute, but it was not enough for the No. 5 seed Cowgirls, who exit the conference tournament after one match.

The scoreline may not have told the full story of West Virginia's dominance, as they led Oklahoma State in shots 11 to four and in shots on goal seven to four.

Substitute freshman forward Taylor White was a surprise performer for the Mountaineers, leading all players with two shots on goal.

The Mountaineers will stay in Round Rock, Texas ahead of the semifinals, as they face the No. 17 Texas Longhorns on Thursday, Nov. 3 at 5:30 p.m. The match will be streamed on ESPN+.



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WVU's Annika Leslie (13) passes the ball against Baylor on Oct. 16, 2022 at Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium in Morgantown, West Virginia.

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