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Timmy Eads (left) hugs Colson Glover, the newly announced 2020-21 Mountaineer mascot, Saturday at the men's basketball game against Baylor.

Glover gets the musket

Lewisburg native to be 2020-21 Mountaineer

BY RAEANNE BECKNER
ASSISTANT CULTURE EDITOR

For West Virginia native Colson Glover, the WVU Mountaineer has been a source of inspiration since childhood.

"Growing up, ever since I can remember, I attended WVU sports and games, and you know I just truly idolized the Mountaineer since I was little," Glover, a sophomore neuroscience student, said. "Ever since I was little, it was something I wished I could achieve; I dreamed of representing the people of my state and being a figure for the University that I love very much."

Glover's childhood dream turned into a reality Saturday when he was named the 67th Mountaineer at the men's basketball game against Baylor.

Although Glover knew he wanted a chance to become the role model he always admired, he also has aspirations to go to medical school, which affected his decision on when to apply for the position.

He went through the entire application process last year, but did not submit the application after ultimately deciding to hold off on applying for a year.

"Last year I had so much passion, and I had talked about being it, but I also had other dreams of going to medical school and things like that, and I just didn't feel like I was ready and I was at a point in my undergraduate career that I thought I could handle it," he said.

Glover now feels he has taken the time to prepare himself to be the best Mountaineer he can possibly be.

"I do have an ultimate dream of going to medical school and being a practicing physician within my state, so academics still have to be key," he said. "However, the past two years, I have done a lot of extracurriculars, and I have been doing a lot of things outside of class, so I am truly confident [being the Mountaineer] is something I will be able to handle with ease."

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PHOTO BY JAMES KNABLE

Glover celebrates being announced as the next Mountaineer.

WVU launches new coronavirus website

STAFF REPORT

To keep students informed about coronavirus, WVU launched a website that details the virus and how to respond in the event of illness.

The site contains information such as what coronavirus is, who to contact if you feel ill and other public health resources.

The site also features daily news updates to keep students informed about local updates about the virus and provides updates on what the University is doing to prepare.

Along with the website launch, Ruby Memorial Hospital implemented a phone number for those who may be showing symptoms and do not want to risk infecting others by visiting the hospital. It can be reached by calling 304-598-6000 and dialing option 4.

The symptoms of the coronavirus include fever, cough and shortness of breath. Reported cases have ranged from mild to serious, but a complete picture of the overall seriousness of the disease is not yet fully understood. The situation is evolving, and the site assures readers that information will be updated as it becomes available.

The disease spreads from person-to-person, and symptoms may occur in as few as two or as many as 14 days after exposure, according to the website. Although it may be possible to spread the disease before showing symptoms, this is not thought to be the way the virus spreads.

Currently there are no reported cases of the coronavirus in West Virginia. For the general public throughout the United States, the risk posed by the coronavirus is considered low at this time.

Morgantown residents can also contact their primary care providers or call WVU Medicine.

If residents become aware of a reportable disease requiring immediate reporting, they may reach out to the Monongalia County Health Department at 304-680-4357. Reportable diseases are diseases considered to be of great public health importance.

In addition to the website, resources can also be found through the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, WVU Medicine J.W. Ruby Memorial Hospital, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, World Health Organization and National Institutes of Health.

The website can be found at coronavirus.wvu.edu.

The best way to avoid illness is to avoid exposure to the virus. Actions can be taken to prevent its spread, including:

- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
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Due to the large number of questions the Daily Athenaeum received for last week's panel with WVU President E. Gordon, the questions and subsequent answers sent to the Daily Athenaeum that were not asked during the panel itself will be published in Thursday's issue instead of this one.

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- **Avoid handshakes and hugs.** Instead, just say hi or give an elbow bump.
- **Wash your hands** for 20 seconds, often with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub.
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Arts Walk celebrates Women's History Month

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On March 6, Downtown Morgantown hosted the secondArts Walk of the year in celebration of Women's History Month. The event focused on women-owned businesses and featured female artists in the community.

According to Main Street Morgantown there were more than 24 participating businesses that held public events and activities, such as live music, arts exhibitions and pop-up shops. The city of Morgantown, Morgantown Police Department, Monongalia County Commission and WVU promoted the event, too.

The next Arts Walk will be held Friday, April 6.

Stephanie Swaim's local artisan shop, Hoot and Howl, is one of several women-owned businesses in the downtown area. The shop carries work from local West Virginia artists, and all products are made in the U.S. Swaim said about a quarter of businesses in the historic and downtown area are owned by women.

Anna Himelstein, owner of Mountain Mama Pottery, showcased her ceramic work at Robin Dallis' Silver Pennies Jewelry. Dallis said her brand was "inspired by the idea that jewelry, like poetry, can evoke a special memory or emotion."

At the Neighborhood Kombuchery on Pleasant Street, the WVU Print Club showcased recent designs, such as posters, t-shirts and stickers. Not only do members create personal works, they print or make designs for other organizations on campus.

Native West Virginian Connie Mae showcased her oil paintings at Spencer and Kuehn Fine Jewelry Studio on High Street. The state's natural beauty serves as Mae's inspiration for her work.

TK's Fruit Produce and Bubble Tea hosted Bombay "Chaat Night" with music by Duncan Lorimer. Lorimer currently works as the associate dean for external research for the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences.

The Monongalia Arts Center hosted local artist Derek Reynoso's (right) art exhibit, "Blooming," during Morgantown's Arts Walk on March 6. Reynoso is a senior ceramic student at WVU. The exhibition will be open to the public until March 28. According to the MAC, Reynoso's work "discusses and explores sexuality and beauty through flowers." He draws influence from the role of gender in society, as well.

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Faculty policy changes to be implemented

BY CRAIG WEIMER
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The WVU Board of Governors have proposed changes to WVU appointment, promotion, tenure, and dismissal for cause policy.

These changes would affect service-track faculty members by including them in reduction in force policies, which allows positions to be eliminated.

"This modification is important because as it currently stands, service professors are given yearly contracts, regardless of their performance or length of service to the institution." Said Melissa Latimer, Associate Provost for Faculty Development and Culture.

According to current policy, tenured, teaching-track or tenure-track faculty members could have their positions eliminated. This may be for financial reasons or as a result of a program reduction or program discontinuation.

The proposed changes would add service-track faculty to the rule by giving them longer contracts.

"When a faculty member has a contract that is granted yearly, they do not need to be covered by BOG 4.7, but once they receive longer contracts, they move into the same category as tenured, tenure-track and teaching faculty in terms of being affected by any faculty reductions in force," Latimer said.

Faculty reductions in force are subject to a number of steps.

According to the policy, in the event that WVU undergoes a reduction in force, efforts would be made to rehire affected faculty. Faculty members may also be reassigned to instructional or non-instructional duties fit for his or her training.

Latimer said the changes would give service-track faculty greater job security. The University currently offers one year contracts to service-track faculty members, regardless of how well they are doing their jobs or how long they have been doing them.

The changes would fix this issue, assuring that service-track faculty could be offered three, six and nine-year contracts.

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Active shooter preparation resources available at WVU through training programs

BY CRAIG WEIMER
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

To prepare students, faculty and staff for active shooter situations, resources are available on WVU's campus.

For those interested in gaining skills to protect themselves in these situations, the University Police Department offers an active shooter training program.

"We talk about why it's important to develop not only a situational awareness for the individual, but also building awareness for emergency escapes [and] areas of refuge," said Danny Camden, captain of the UPD.

Camden said two programs are offered. The first one, called flashpoint, tackles recognizing and taking action when someone's behavior indicates they are troubled or if a troubling event has occurred and how to report it. The second program, shots fired, deals specifically with traumatic events.

Camden said each program is about 20 minutes and includes a presentation and a Q&A.

He said programs have been held for groups as large as two or three hundred people to as little as one or two people.

"I'd always like to see more," he said.

Registration for the program can be found on WVU's website at safety.wvu.edu under the Active Shooter tab. On WVU's Safety and Wellness site, students can also review how to react in an active shooter situation.

Following two back-to-back shooting incidents that occurred at the end of February, WVU urged students to review safety precautions and resources available on campus.

Issabella Colegrande, a freshman at WVU, said she is not aware of the safest ways to react in dangerous situations.

"It's scary to say that it's only my first year of college, and this has been the third incident I've known of so far," Colegrande said. "I feel like they don't address it enough... I am not fully aware of all the procedures in this situation, to be honest."

Some may feel unsafe in light of these events; however, WVU staff said Morgantown is a safe community.

"What's happened is very unusual," said Dean of Students Corey Farris. "We are not immune to acts of violence that are occurring elsewhere in the country. Because we're not immune to that, people still need to be vigilant and pay attention, and if they notice something unusual, then they need to report it to the police."

WHY MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE?
Five students tell you what they love about MLS at WVU.

Why did you pick the MLS major? Ben Talbott, Clinical Laboratory Science, Class of 2021
"I have always been interested in the medical field and have always wanted to help others. I found myself particularly liking my chemistry and biology courses. Therefore, when I started researching potential career paths. I became worried due to the heavy reliance on patient interactions, as I am not an extrovert and can sometimes find it awkward to talk to people I am unfamiliar with. Medical Laboratory Science provides me with an opportunity to help others while being able to operate largely behind the scenes. Another benefit to the degree is that it provides a great foundation to progress to medical school while also giving you job security if you decide that medical school is not for you."

What do you like about the HSC campus? Paige (Brooklyn) Stewart, Histotechnology, Class of 2021
"What I like about the Health Sciences Campus is the atmosphere. You have all different majors housed in the building, but everyone shares one common interest -- helping people. The faculty and staff are always willing to help in any way possible. I also like how the classes are a lot smaller and there is more time for one on one learning in small groups rather than sitting in a huge lecture hall. "

Describe a typical day in the MLS major. David Carvajal, Histotechnology, Class of 2021
"A typical day in the MLS program starts with biochemistry with Dr. Evans at 10 a.m. I always arrive an hour early and hang out in The Market with my friend, Ryan, and we talk about how to do our best in our classes and laugh about his TikTok fame. After class, we use our hour break to hang out in The Market again and get ready for physiology with Dr. Paternostro. He is very good at teaching the class and we always make sure to pay close attention. Once we're done with that class, the day is pretty much done, but I still have a class downtown for my Spanish minor. After that class, I catch my shuttle to get home by 4 p.m. and relax for a bit before doing some light studying and homework."

How is being a student on the Health Sciences Campus different from other campuses at WVU?
April Kessel, Histotechnology, Class of 2020
"Having the HSC attached to the hospital makes this campus unique and opens up more opportunities for relative experiences and allows you to interact with a diversity of people. Also, the HSC also has therapy dogs! Let's not forget this important fact."

What do you do between classes? Lindsay Wood, Clinical Laboratory Science, Class of 2020
"Between classes I will work on upcoming assignments or study for exams throughout the week. I enjoy going to the hospital cafeteria to grab food – it's so affordable! I also like going to The Market and having lunch while doing my schoolwork. "

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Meet Colson Glover, your new Mountaineer

BY COLE MCCLANAHAN AND RAEANNE BECKNER
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Colson Glover, a sophomore neuroscience student from Lewisburg, was announced as the Mountaineer mascot for the 2020-21 school year on Saturday. Glover spoke with the Daily Athenaeum about his experiences leading up to and during the announcement.

The following interview has been edited for length and clarity.

What was your reaction when you were named a finalist?

"It's funny because I was getting congratulated, and I was saying thank you, but I don't think it honestly started sinking in until I started getting messages from former mascots, and they were saying, 'Congratulations on being named No. 67; it's going to be an amazing ride.' Seeing my name next to the number 67, as far as the Mountaineer mascot 67, that's when it started to sink in, and I was like, 'Wow, dreams really do come true and I can do something that I have dreamed about forever.' It's truly becoming true, and it's no longer a dream. It is starting to become reality."

As one of the younger finalists, did you think the older students would possibly have a leg up?

"I wasn't really sure, but one thing about it, I just tried to put my best application possible out there, and I had full faith the mascot committee would select the best possible candidate to be the Mountaineer. I am only 19 years old, and I knew there were obviously older candidates there, but I didn't really think about it because, like I said, I wanted the best possible mascot to represent my University because regardless of who won, they would represent me as well being a Mountaineer student."

Is it important for the Mountaineer to have a presence in southern West Virginia?

"Unfortunately, a lot of people in the southern half of our state can't make it up to events at WVU as often simply because — for example, I live about three-and-a-half hours away from Morgantown, and unfortunately, a lot of people can't afford or make time to come up here. So, I think it's really important for the Mountaineer mascot to go to some of those southern counties and show the love and passion of the state and being a representative. There are so many people that love WVU that live far away from WVU, and I think it's important for the mascot to go and share his pride with them."

What's the story behind you being named after Colson Hall?

"The story I was told was that — like I said earlier, I was a third-generation Mountaineer — my family was all girls until I was born, and I was the first male in my family that would carry on the Glover name to the next generation. My mom wanted to name me something unique, and she always said she didn't want somebody else in my kindergarten class to have the same name as me, and my dad said Colson is a really unique name, and it has ties to the university that they love. The name stuck and I can say that I haven't ran across another Colson since. It was a unique name that they wanted to name me after, had ties to the university that they loved and had a passion. I'm really fortunate; I guess it's a pretty cool coincidence now that I get to be the mascot, and my name has ties to the University that I will be the mascot for."

What are you most looking forward to as the Mountaineer?

"I think meeting as many people as possible. Like [2019-20 Mountaineer] Timmy [Eads] said, I want to go to every county, I want to go to the various alumni chapters throughout the United States. There are so many people I want to meet and share my love and passion for my state and the University with others. The old gold and blue and Mountaineer pride runs deep in any fan or within their veins, and I think I can share that passion with anybody I meet. I'm super excited to go out and show them the love I have for my state and University."

Mountaineer

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As someone from southern West Virginia, Glover sees his position as the new Mountaineer mascot as a way to spread WVU pride around the state and to be the role model the Mountaineer was for him as a child.

Glover is a third-generation Mountaineer after his grandfather and father both attended the University, and one of the things he is most looking forward to is sharing his inherited gold and blue passion.

"I love WVU, and I know they [younger generations] look up to WVU," Glover said. "I can't wait to be a role model and represent the values of my University and show them what a true Mountaineer is and show them what it means to be a Mountaineer."

"Go First" is one of the Mountaineer values Glover finds most important because he believes Mountaineers take pride in being the first ones to search for the undiscovered and the first ones to be successful in making new discoveries and making achievements.

Ultimately, his passion for West Virginia is what Glover thinks pushed him into the success of achieving his dream of being the 67th Mountaineer.

"The love and the passion I have for my state and University is immense," Glover said. "The old gold and blue have always been in my blood, and I've always been a Mountaineer from heart since Day One."

PHOTO BY JAMES KNABLE

Colson Glover holds the musket high after being announced as the 2020-21 Mountaineer.

PHOTO BY HANNAH WILLIAMS

The selection of donuts at Peace, Love and Little Donuts.

Big flavors in small packages at Peace, Love and Little Donuts

BY RYAN MAIDEN
FOOD CRITIC

Donuts are an American staple and something that college students find themselves craving from time to time.

You might be satisfied with the boxes of Krispy Kreme you find near the Kroger checkout line, or you might want to try out something a little more gourmet, groovy even. At Peace, Love and Little Donuts, the art of the one-holed pastry has reached new heights.

While not a traditional restaurant, Peace, Love and Little Donuts focuses on creating the donuts we know and love. Plain, glazed and powdered sugar donuts are offered, but the real claim to fame comes from the establishment's Funkadelic category of donuts.

Oreo cheesecake, fruity pebbles, birthday cake and raspberry truffle are all options offered to you at this cute little shop in Suncrest Towne Center. Despite the varying flavors, each donut is offered in a very small package, explaining the "Little Donuts" part of the name. In terms of size, I would compare these donuts to being about twice the size of what we know of as donut holes.

Even still, big flavors come in small packages.

On my trip to this Pittsburgh-based restaurant, I enjoyed one of its half-dozen deals that offered me tastes from all three of the donut categories. In its regular category labeled "groovy," I enjoyed the maple sugar and powdered sugar donuts. While these two would go down in my books as average, the small size actually really improved the ratio of sugar to dough.

In the second category of "far-out!" donuts, of which there many uniquely-flavored iced donuts, I chose the banana and strawberry options. The strawberry was delicious and noticeably fruity without that "artificial" taste you often get from these kinds of things. On the other hand, the banana was disappointing with the flavor being somewhat grainy and not unlike those yellow Laffy Taffy candies we all used to refuse as a kid.

In the final category came the "Funkadelic" donuts. These were what I was referring to when I mentioned the gourmet aspect of the donuts. Even in such a small portion, these donuts were almost excessively dressed up in icing, cookies bits and beautiful toppings.

I had both the Oreo cheesecake and strawberry cheesecake selections, and I couldn't have been happier. The latter of the two was drizzled with strawberry sauce, and the soft blandness of the donut mixed deliciously with the sweet decadence of the toppings. The Oreos were similarly good, combining pieces of those famous cookies with creamy icing to make an entirely new combination of flavors.

Peace, Love and Little Donuts does go for the psychedelic vibe of the 1960s, but I wouldn't have pinned it for that. This place is the perfect place to go if you're holding a classier event that those 24-pack boxes of Dunkin' Donuts might not fit into well. Even if you're alone, you might just want to treat yourself.

Peace, Love and Little Donuts is located at 1078 Suncrest Towne Center Dr., and is open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday through Saturday, and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sundays.

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Staff Shorts

Staff Shorts are tidbit writings by our editorial board. They're mostly meant to be lighthearted, but we sometimes touch on more serious, important topics. They aim to express the many student voices of the University.

No one wants to hear about how messed up you got this weekend

WVU student largely celebrated St. Patrick's Day on Friday and Saturday night, since the actual holiday occurs over spring break.

Then comes Monday classes, when tired-looking students find energy only when bragging about how trashed they got the prior weekend. While such bragging isn't really unique to any Monday, it is especially loud following St. Patrick's Day.

And I just find it hard to care about how utterly, completely, absolutely blacked out you got this weekend. You shotgunned three beers? Ok. And then followed it with two White Claws.? Ok. You followed it with five shots? Oof. None of these facts are ones I'm particularly eager to know.

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PHOTO BY DAVID MALECKI

WVU students celebrate St. Patrick's Day 2020.

Please clean the beer cans from your yard

As it gets warmer and warmer, there will be more and more day drinking and late-night outdoor drinking. It's the truest sign of spring that exists on a college campus and in a college town.

After the party ends and people leave, those who host should clean up the litter as soon as possible. Whether it be at the crack of dawn or 3 a.m., that trash should be picked up before wind blows it away to pollute other areas or before others wake up and see the collegiate carnage.

At many Morgantown houses, this is not currently happening. Days can pass before a substantial portion of the crushed beer cans are picked up (and hopefully recycled). This makes not only you look back, but also puts the entire University community in a less positive light.

Don't be lazy. Pick up the trash from your party.

STAFF PHOTO

WVU students enjoy a few beers during pleasant weather.

Don't put gum beneath your desk

I doubt there are many classrooms on WVU's campus that don't have at least one desk with gum stuck beneath it.

When I first stared at WVU, this was surprising and appalling, as students are—or you THINK would be—adults. While such trivial, childish things are hopefully beyond the comprehension of most students on campus, there appears to be a minority that didn't retain the basic manners taught at early childhood.

When you're trying to focus on a lecture, little is worse than accidentally touching the gooey substance below your desk, knowing it came from the mouth of one of your peers—a mouth that could have touched far too many others for your liking.

Don't be a child. Don't put things that were in your mouth on or beneath your table.

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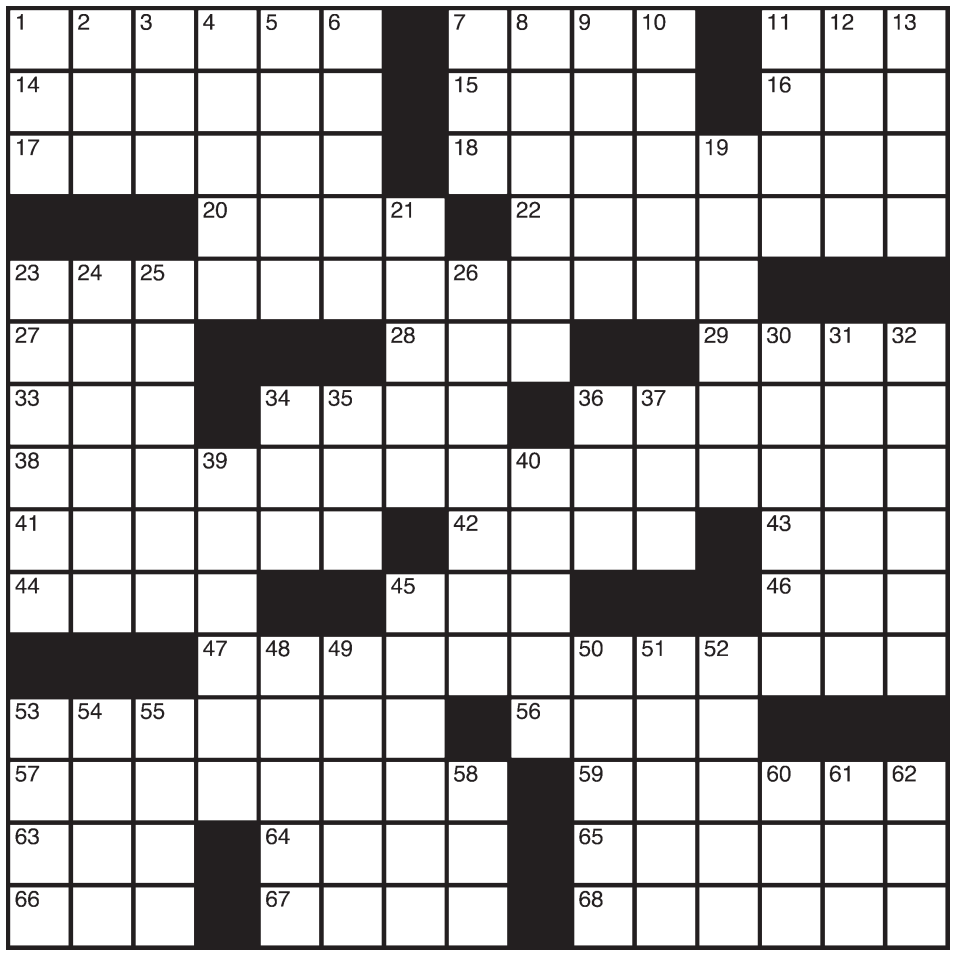

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Seeding, matchups set for Big 12 men's basketball tournament

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Forwards Emmitt Matthews Jr. (right) and forward Gabe Osabuohien scream in celebration during Saturday's win over Baylor.

With the conclusion of the Big 12 regular season, the seeding and matchups for this week's Big 12 Championship have been set.

Kansas (28-3, 17-1 Big 12) won the Big 12 regular-season championship and secured the No. 1 seed for the tournament. The Jayhawks are paced by the Big 12's leading scorer, Devon Dotson, who averages 18.1 points per game and the Big 12's leading rebounder, Udoka Azubuike, who averages 10.5 rebounds. KU's only in-conference loss this season came at Baylor, 67-55.

Baylor (26-4, 15-3) earned the second seed in the tournament. The Bears lost three of their final five games to close the season. BU is led by Jared Butler, who averages 16 points while shooting 42.1% and 38.1% from three.

The Big 12 Championship will begin Wednesday with the first two, lower-seeded games.

The first game will be No. 8 Oklahoma State (17-14, 7-11) taking on No. 9 Iowa State (12-19, 5-13) at 7 p.m.

The Cowboys closed out their season by winning three-straight games. Senior forward Cameron McGriff is the team's leading scorer and rebounder, averaging 12.2 points and 6.6 rebounds per game. In OSU's final three wins, McGriff averaged 17.3 points per game.

The Cyclones won only two of their final eight games after losing Tyrese Haliburton to a season-ending wrist injury on Feb. 10. Haliburton was averaging 15.2 points, 5.9 rebounds and 6.5 assists at the time of his injury. ISU's next leading scorer is Rasir Bolton, who scores 14.7 points per game.

The Cyclones and Cowboys split this season, each winning at home. The winner of their game will play Kansas at 2:30 p.m. Thursday.

The second game on Wednesday will be No. 7 TCU (16-15, 7-11) vs No. 10 Kansas State (10-21, 3-15) at 9 p.m.

TCU lost three of its final four games, but upset then-No. 2 Baylor on Feb. 29. The Horned Frogs' leader is Desmond Bane, who averages 16.6 points, 6.3 rebounds and 3.9 assists per game. Bane is also the Big 12's best three-point shooter, with a 44.1 shooting percentage from deep.

The Wildcats had lost 10 games in a row before defeating Iowa State in their regular-season finale. KSU's three in conference wins came against Iowa State, West Virginia and Oklahoma. Xavier Sneed scored a game-high 31 points in the team's victory over ISU. He averaged 14.4 points per game this season.

TCU swept the Wildcats, winning 59-57 in Manhattan and 68-57 in Fort Worth. The winner of TCU and K-State will play Baylor at 7 p.m. Thursday.

The early game Thursday will be No. 4 Texas (19-12, 9-9) against No. 5 Texas Tech (18-13, 9-9) at 12:30 p.m.

The Longhorns started 4-8 in conference, but finished the season winning five of their final six games to secure the four seed in the tournament. UT's leading scorers are Matt Coleman III (12.7), Andrew Jones (11.5) and Courtney Ramey (10.9).

Texas Tech lost its final four games of the season, to Oklahoma, Texas, Baylor and Kansas. The Red Raiders are the best three-point shooting team in the Big 12, shooting 35.6%. They are lead on the perimeter by Jahmi'us Ramsey (42.6%) and Davide Moretti (38.3%).

The Red Raiders and Longhorns split this season, each winning on the road.

West Virginia (21-10, 9-9) secured the No. 6 seed by defeating Baylor Saturday and will play No. 3 Oklahoma (19-12, 9-9) in the late game Thursday at 9 p.m. EST.

The Mountaineers lost six of their final nine games but closed the season by defeating Iowa State and Baylor. WVU has the second-best field goal defense (39.1%) and the best three-point defense (28.8%). The Mountaineers are also the best rebounding team in the conference (40.5). WVU is led by big men Oscar Tshiebwe (11.2 points, 9.3 rebounds) and Derek Culver (10.4 points, 8.6 rebounds).

Oklahoma won three of its final four games, including a win over West Virginia in Morgantown. The Sooners are led by a big-three of Kristian Doolittle (15.8 points), Austin Reaves (14.7) and Brady Manek (14.4).

The Sooners swept WVU this season, defeating the Mountaineers 69-59 in Norman and 73-62 in Morgantown.

The semifinals will be at 7 and 8 p.m. on Friday, and the finals will be at 6 p.m. Saturday.

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Chase Harler embraces his fiancee Lindsey following WVU's win over Baylor on Saturday.

Harler gets engaged prior to upset win over Baylor

BY JARED SERRE
SPORTS EDITOR

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Chase Harler shares a hug with his new fiancee Lindsey as fans rush the court after the win against Baylor on Saturday.

While the West Virginia men's basketball team picked up an upset win over No. 4 Baylor on Saturday, it wasn't the day's only bright spot for senior guard Chase Harler.

Just prior to tipoff, Harler obtained something else: a fiancee.

Aided by WVU Coliseum public address announcer Bill Nevin, the senior dropped down on one knee during the team's Senior Day festivities and proposed to Lindsey Baker, his girlfriend since the eighth grade.

She said yes.

"She said 'Are you serious?' and I was like 'Yeah, I mean this isn't a joke,'" Harler said. "She was very surprised. I don't think she knew it was coming at all."

As a college student, Harler joked that it was tough to budget money for an engagement ring.

"I'm going to be eating ramen noodles for about two years," Harler said.

The Mountaineers came out and defeated No. 4 Baylor, 76-64 — the team's first win over a ranked opponent since defeating Texas Tech on Jan. 11.

"I was telling the guys I should get engaged before every game if we're going to come out and play like that," Harler said.

With the season still going on, and the Mountaineers jockeying for a top seed in the Big 12 Championship, Harler did not want to be a distraction for the team.

"He came in and asked me did I think it would be OK," WVU head coach Bob Huggins said. "He doesn't want to be disruptive or anything to his teammates or the team. I said I think it'd be great."

Huggins said he had one piece of advice for Harler.

"I think he's marrying up," Huggins said. "I thought he ought to grab it while he could."

QB competition? Fixing the run game?

Brown answers questions prior to spring practice

BY JARED SERRE
SPORTS EDITOR

As preparation for this fall's football season gets underway, there are many questions that people are asking with Week 1 still months away.

West Virginia football coach Neal Brown held a press conference Thursday, just prior to the beginning of spring football practice, to answer many of those questions.

How will the offense change with the recent hiring of Gerad Parker as co-offensive coordinator and wide receivers coach?

During the 2019 season, the Mountaineers featured the lowest scoring offense in the Big 12 Conference. WVU finished with a 5-7 record.

"We're going to tweak," Brown said. "Anytime you don't get the results that you want, I think the first thing you do is you go into self-reflection mode and in mode of how we can get better."

Brown is still expected to start the season calling plays, but he says he will try to bring the offense back to basics.

"The fundamental beliefs won't change," Brown said. "I think we're going to simplify some things that we're doing."

"I think last year we tried to cover up some deficiencies we had and, when we did that, we got away from some things that I think are really important, so we'll get back to that."

Will there be a competition to determine the starting quarterback?

Short answer: yes.

"Competition at every spot this spring," Brown said. "We don't have a depth chart."

Last season saw Austin Kendall begin the season under center, starting in nine games before Jarret Doege took over. Doege started the last three games for the Mountaineers — two wins and one loss.

"I thought both of them did some really good things," Brown said. "I think both of them, there's some big time improvements they can make."

Heading into this season, the pair will be competing for the head job going into the fall.

"They need to challenge each other better and really push each other to be better," Brown said. "That was kind of a demand that I asked of both of them, is just push each other because you'll get better in the process if you're pushing the other guy."

How does the team plan to improve on an abysmal rushing year in 2019?

Saying that the Mountaineers struggled to run the football during the 2019 season would be an understatement.

Averaging a meager 73 yards per game last season, the Mountaineers ranked last in the Big 12 in rushing offense. For comparison, Texas Tech, which ranked one spot ahead of WVU, averaged nearly double that.

"A major area we've got to get better at is rushing the football," Brown said. "I think we've got a good plan for that. Time will tell; we won't know to that until we line up and play against Florida State [on Sept. 5], but we've got a plan on how we want to attack that."

Brown sees lots of potential among the athletes at the running back position.

On junior Leddie Brown: "I thought he did a nice job of winning one-on-ones, and we really struggled in that aspect last year, but I thought he did a good job."

On sophomore Tony Mathis: "He really showed up in our Monday night football. That's a big difference between doing that and then going to play Florida State, but I like his potential."

On junior Alec Sinkfield: "I'm really excited about watching him to see how much improvement he's made in the last three months."

Which players are limited participants as spring practice begins?

The Mountaineers currently have six players that will be taking things slow as spring practices get underway. Many of them missed time last season with injury, while others had surgery over the offseason.

"Most everyone will do some type of practice during spring," Brown said. "We don't have anybody that's just not doing anything, we just got some guys that won't be in full contact drills."

Those players include offensive lineman Chase Behrndt, safety Osman Kamara, defensive linemen Taijh Alston and Jordan Jefferson, and linebackers VanDarius Cowan and Josh Chandler.

"I think their activity will increase as we go through the spring," Brown said, "but they won't do all the full contact stuff."

What positions will WVU look to add before the fall?

The roster that the Mountaineers enter spring with is likely not complete.

"Our roster will continue to change," Brown said."I think that we need to continue to add to our offensive line room. Defensively, corner is a room that I think could value some experience."

Brown also emphasized the interior defensive line as another area of need.

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WVU head football coach Neal Brown held a press conference last week ahead of the beginning of spring practice.

Youth an early bright spot for Mazey, WVU

BY MICHAEL GRIFFITH
CORRESPONDENT

PHOTO BY LOGAN ADAMS

Victor Scott, a freshman outfielder, has filled the gap left by the departure of Brandon White, who turned professional following last season.

The West Virginia baseball team has seen early season success on both offense and defense. Young pitchers and hitters have combined to show promise for the Mountaineers thus far.

Coming off of one of its best seasons in school history, as well as the loss of a first-round MLB draft pick in pitcher Alek Manoah and other key players, head coach Randy Mazey has not had to worry about his team's youth.

Out of 34 total players on the roster, 25 of them are either freshmen or sophomores. Fourteen out of 17 pitchers total are either freshmen or sophomores.

In a game against Kent State on March 4, four WVU pitchers combined for a no-hitter against the Golden Flashes. Out of the four pitchers that made appearances that game, three were freshman, including starter Tyler Strechay. The early-career experience being gained by the young players is something Mazey feels good about.

"We got a pretty young staff so it teaches them. [Tyler] Strechay went out there and dominated the game with his fastball." Mazey said. "If you can command your fastball and keep it out of the middle of the plate and throw strikes with it, you'll always have success ... he [Strechay] showed people how to pitch."

Through 15 games, WVU has only allowed more than four runs twice. Coastal Carolina scored 14 runs on Feb. 20 and Canisius scored eight in a Mountaineer victory on Feb. 18.

Pitching is only one side of the story for Mazey's team, however. The Mountaineers have been getting it done at the plate as well. Through 15 games, the WVU offense is averaging nearly ten hits per game while averaging around six runs scored.

Redshirt senior Braden Zarbinsky has been the leader for the team so far, particularly in the batter's box. Zarbinsky leads the team in batting average, OPS, total hits, and runs scored.

The Marietta, Georgia native is batting 27-for-62 for a .435 average. He also is a threat running the bases as he has stolen 13 bases in 15 attempts, which has helped him lead the team in runs scored with 16.

Much like the pitching staff, the position players and batters are also mostly freshmen and sophomores. Despite the young age, WVU has greatly benefitted from these players.

Sophomore outfielder Austin Davis has started every game for Randy Mazey this season and is fourth on the team in hits with 16, with a .291 batting average. He has also stolen six bases so far and scored nine runs.

Although his batting is strong, Davis makes his impact in the field also. He is a perfect 42-for-42 in catch attempts with no errors through 15 games, and has used his speed to help him in the outfield.

As a team, WVU fields the ball at a rate of .978 with only 12 errors on the season.

The Mountaineers will hope that this team can continue being one that wins games on all sides of the ball. They will return home for a game against Liberty on Wednesday at 3 p.m.

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	Pilates	12-1pm | HSC South-G-278
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