Five Afghan refugees find new homes in West Virginia

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Six months ago, Benafsha Ayeen was forced to leave her family and home behind when Kabul, Afghanistan, fell to the Taliban. She and 150 other female students were evacuated to the United States by their university.

“We have to leave Afghanistan to have our freedom and the way that we want to live,” she said. “It’s not the way that it was before, my homeland.”

Today she and four other Afghan refugees — all former students of the Asian University for Women — have transferred to WVU and resettled in Morgantown. They are the only five Afghan refugees who have been resettled in West Virginia.

As the country fell to the Taliban, tens of thousands of Afghan refugees were evacuated to the United States. 14,000 are still on military bases, waiting for their cases to be taken up by overloaded resettlement agencies.

West Virginia received zero refugees in the initial allotment and has only resettled five refugees while surrounding states have taken in hundreds.

“West Virginia has been unable to resettle as many Afghan refugees as nonprofit resettlement organizations are underfunded and understaffed,” Barazi said. “Resettlement organizations rely on donations and must meet certain funding and staffing requirements before they can be approved by the U.S. State Department to receive federal funds and begin resettling refugees.”

“Everybody knows that the state of West Virginia is in dire need for young bodies to work,” said Ibtesam Barazi, president of the West Virginia Interfaith Refugee Ministry. “There are help wanted signs everywhere for every type of industry, and this is a good workforce for us in West Virginia to use — that will help improve our economy and our diversity.”

Barazi said resettlement organizations need funding to furnish apartments, which depends greatly on the size of the family being resettled. Other expenses include picking up families at an airport, getting them accustomed to a new culture, providing English lessons and even getting them work permits.

“Everything is specified in the State Department’s guidelines for what is required for an organization to resettle refugees,” Barazi said. “So, quite frankly, it takes a lot of money.”

The Department of Health and Human Services decided this past year that West Virginia would receive $50,000, the minimum for refugee support. For resettlement organizations to receive these funds, they must be approved by the State Department.

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West Virginia University paused Title IX training for employees on Friday due to the discovery of “factual errors” in its content.

Training has since resumed after corrections were made to follow federal guidelines outlined by Title IX.

The training had previously insinuated that employees should “conduct their own investigations into inappropriate behavior.” Instead, they are instructed to submit a complaint form to the University’s Title IX Coordinator, James Goins, as outlined in federal regulations.

“Instead of following the actual investigation, the training made employees think it was a national collection. The original training did not include a source for the data used.”

In addition, the module referred to a term “mandatory reporter” from “responsible employee.”

According to the Board of Governors’ Code of Conduct Rule 1.6, a responsible employee is defined as an employee in a leadership or supervisory position, or who has significant responsibility for the welfare of students or employees.

This definition includes the following employees: Title IX Coordinators, University police officers, Senior Administrators (in Residence Life, Student Life, and Athletics), University Senior Administrators (including Senior Administrators within each College or School), resident assistants, faculty, and athletic team coaches and their staff.

Another error in the training included a link to the “WVU Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy,” there is no policy at WVU by this name which caused confusion among training participants.

The final error that was found in the original employee training involved improper terminology related to “conduct associated with harassment and discrimination.” The original module referred to these behaviors as “illegal” though they may not constitute a crime.

“Although harassment and discrimination, as discussed in the context of this training, are inappropriate and is conduct that is not permitted on our campus, they are not typically crimes without additional facts present, which the original training did not distinguish,” the University said.

Additional resources on discrimination and harassment prevention can be at safety.wvu.edu.
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WVU leaders say Black history is more than just a single month

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Black History Month is a time of the year set aside to honor Black history and its impacts on broader society. According to two WVU staff members, there is still more we could be doing.

Marjorie Fuller, the director of the WVU Center for Black Culture and Research and Sheena Harris, the coordinator for the Africana Studies program, both spoke on the topic.

“What I really believe is that what we need to happen is that Black history be regarded more as an integral part of American history,” Fuller said in an interview. “That it be taught in schools as American history.”

Harris also spoke on the idea of emphasizing the importance of Black history outside of Black History Month.

“And I think that we should stop placing so many restrictions on Black history and the truth of lived experiences,” Harris said in an interview. “We need to understand why it’s uncomfortable, that that is uncomfortable, that that is uncomfortable.”

Fuller spoke on how society should continue to grow and do more to acknowledge Black history.

“So do we do great things? Yes. I believe that we do,” Fuller said. “And do we do more than we used to do? Absolutely. We do. Should we do more? And should we start earlier? Yes, I think that if Black history is uncomfortable, that that is something that we as a nation should sit with and really understand why it’s uncomfortable as opposed to avoiding it and saying that we should just place it within a box that feels good.”

Fuller, as the director of the WVU Center for Black Culture and Research, oversees many events designed to educate people and build communities among Black students at WVU. Some of these are the Black Queer Student Coalition and the Brotherhood Coalition.

“Honoring Black history also requires that we look at the future,” Fuller said. “That we build relationships, that we work collaboratively with other offices and with other groups.”

Hart believes that although 2022 was a great year for Black history, there is still more as an integral part of American history.

“A month where all these Black things are sort of placed into one month. I think that that honoring and that, um, type of approach is fine. I don’t think that that’s sustainable,” Harris said. “I don’t think that we’re able to really embody all of the positive things of Black history and even some of the things that we’re uncomfortable with about Black history (in one month).”

Both Harris and Fuller emphasized the education system in their perspectives.

Fuller spoke on the need for Black history education before high school.

“I have students that come and take classes that I teach that have never been introduced to the material that I introduced them to,” Fuller said. “But the material that I teach is a big part of our history. So I really feel like you shouldn’t have to come to campus and take a course in the Black studies department for that to be your first introduction to that kind of material.”

Harris discussed some of the bans on information in various school systems that place Black history under the term “critical race theory.”

“The push to not have these ideas of critical thought around race, for whatever reasons, it’s not new, as a historian of African-American history,” Harris said. “And I don’t think that the approach to critical race theory is different from the approach that the struggle for Black folks to be seen and to be heard as first-class citizens.”

Ultimately, both Harris and Fuller agree that there is still struggle for Black folks to be seen and to be heard as first-class citizens.

Vintage Fest to return in the historic district of downtown Morgantown

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Gallery 304, a vintage clothing store in Morgantown, will be hosting its second Vintage Fest in the Hotel Morgan in downtown Morgantown on March 6.

Vintage Fest will feature vendors who specialize in vintage clothing on the first and second floor of Hotel Morgan.

The event will last from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. with free admission.

For Nathaniel Hart, the owner of Gallery 304, this is only the second time hosting an event like this.

“I think it was a lot easier this time, and I felt a lot less pressured as having done it before,” Hart explained regarding the process of developing his second event.

Just as the last Vintage Fest had, this year there will be a range of vendors who will be selling more affordable clothing, along with higher end vintage clothing items.

“There’s going to be vendors that have more affordable clothes like $5, $10 t-shirts. And then there are going to be vendors that have bigger ticket clothing. There’s men’s clothes, women’s clothes, like really any kind of stuff you’re looking for,” Hart explained.

Hart believes that although there is not a large selection of vintage shops in Morgantown, there is still a high demand for vintage products.

“I think, especially with the college students and everything, I think people have an appreciation and there’s a demand for this kind of stuff,” he said.

Hart decided to host the event at Hotel Morgan because of the historical aspect.

“I didn’t want to have it outside again in March because I thought it would probably be too cold. So I was looking for a place with enough space to hold vendors and a crowd of people and not be too crowded,” he explained. “Especially because it’s kind of like a historic hotel. So it kind of fits in with the vintage-y theme of everything.”

Because of the constraints of the building, Hart was only able to allow 20 vendors space in the event.

“There’s another place that I looked at that was bigger, but they were booked up. And Hotel Morgan had the perfect amount of space and also probably in the best location,” he said.

Due to the agreement between Hart and the Hotel Morgan, local food vendors will not be at this year’s Vintage Fest.

This, however, allows Hart to focus more on the clothing vendors. Hart mentioned that this will include most of the vendors that attended last year’s fest with the exception of one new one.

“A few of the vendors have actual storefronts, and then the rest of them sell online, through Instagram or whatever. So it’s a little bit of a mix,” he said.

Hart hopes that events like this can bring more people to Morgantown. He explained that because the vintage look is getting more attention, it is important to recognize that it is enjoyed by those within the Morgantown community.

“I feel like no one really looks at Morgantown like that, as being super stylish,” he explained. “So it’s cool to have people from other places come to Morgantown and see that.”

To find more information on Vintage Fest, check out the events Instagram account @wvvintagefest.

Three things to do this weekend in Morgantown

BY LARA BONATESTA
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As we approach the last weekend in February and cope with the stress of midterms, take some time for yourself this weekend.

Whether you spend the time hanging out with friends or get in touch with your artistic side, you can do it all right here in Morgantown.

1 Billiards Club
If it has been a while since you’ve gone out, hit the town this weekend and check out the Metropolis Billiard Parlor. This spot features pool tables, games, drinks and more.

The Billiards club is located at 371 High Street, below the Metropolitan Theatre.

The Metropolitan Billiard Parlor is open Sunday through Thursday from 5 to 11 p.m. as well as Friday and Saturday from 5 to 12 p.m.

2 We Run for Chili
Add some spice to your weekend and celebrate National Chili Day on Sunday Feb. 24, at 5:45 p.m. downtown and attend WE Run! Morgantown’s We Run for Chili event. After the run head to the Art Bar for, you guessed it, chili!

More information is available on Facebook, under the We Run for Chili event page.

3 Appreciate the Arts
Head to Evansdale and visit the Art Museum and the CAC. The Art Museum is currently featuring Exhibits titled. “From the Mountains: Malcolm Davis and the Art of Shinos” and “True Colors: Picturing Identity.”

Admission to the Art museum is free.

You can also check out the School of Theatre and Dance’s newest production “Indecent.” This show will run from Friday, Feb. 25 to Sunday, March 6.

More information about “Indecent” is available online on the WVU Events Calendar.
BY CHRIS PENA

Adult diagnosis is hard, and it is even harder when you are in college. However, this diagnosis means that you can now request accommodations as needed. For many, this is a turn around for grades, social life and a boost in confidence. Unless, that is, you are a student at WVU—even more so if you are autistic.

Earlier this year, I advocated for my own psychological testing and was diagnosed with ADHD. I was able to successfully get the bare minimum accommodations for my diagnosis. The process was deplorable, and they were unwilling to provide specific treatments. Instead, you were generalized and would receive the same accommodations as everyone else. Still, it helped some.

However, when I was diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), I found my self in a downhill spiral. A quick discussion with my caseworker with the Office of Accessibility simply told me: “There wasn’t much other than what they had given me.” At this point, I began to realize that WVU did not care about their autistic students. Most of their accommodations are designated for students with ADHD, hearing impairments or visual impairments. The school could do more to help their autistic students adjust to the wave of negative sensory input, problem-solving difficulties, and socialization issues that often come with college.

By not implementing more programs, WVU continues to postulate the concept that college is made of neurotypical people and neurotypical people only. Worse of all, I found that WVU supports Autism Speaks, an organization bent on finding a “cure” for autism and advocating for the dependency of people with autism. This group is one of the biggest enemies of self-advocacy for individuals with autism.

I scoured the internet for resources, desperately searching for anything that could help me. A holy grail for autistics is the Mind Fit tutor program. The tools that were available were crushed. The tools that were so important for the success of many students with autism sat behind a paywall.

Despite WVU being so “informed” about autism, they continue to make students pay for equality and accessibility. The university does not aim to help their disabled students. Instead, WVU aims to drain their bank accounts for a glimmer of hope.

This school needs to become aware. They need to understand the basics behind autism and that it is not ADHD, needing separate accommodations. Even more so, not every ASD student is the same and often requires specific accommodations. Similar to Autism Speaks, WVU enforces the idea of making the student dependent on them for any type of accommodation.

To support the removal of Autism Speaks from WVU Center for Excellence in Disabilities and WVU websites, sign this petition.

Chris Pena is a sophomore forensic science student at WVU.

BY DUNCAN SLADE AND TYLER SPEENCE

Student media is indispensable to the community it serves, and the rights of student journalists must be protected.

Their work informs students, parents, faculty, alumni and administrators about news and issues that will impact their daily lives at the institution they care about.

As Marshall University searched for a new president this past fall, The Parthenon provided reporting and coverage during the search. Their work informed the campus of crucial details, covering the protests and resolutions from Marshall’s Student Government Association as Brad D. Smith was selected to be Marshall’s new university president.

Student journalists also hold institutions accountable. In recent weeks, the Daily Athenaeum reported on a student who was served raw chicken from a WVU dining hall and dozens of health code violations at the same facilities. Last week, leadership from WVU’s food contractor Sodexo faced tough questions about the incident from the university Board of Governors who directly cited the work of student journalists. Sodexo executives promised they would improve food safety at WVU dining halls because of reporting from student journalists.

Earlier this semester, The DA also reported on WVU’s decision to stop reporting cases of COVID-19 on campus. After the story, administrators changed university policy and started reporting cases again.

Student journalists are a specialized form of local media that exists to serve a niche audience; however, they are too often relegated to a second class status in the eyes of the law and of public perception.

The rights of student journalists and their advisors should be protected, and their organizations should be allowed to operate without fear of retaliation and censorship from the schools they serve. Current laws give schools sweeping authority to censor student media in arbitrary and subjective manners. Not only is this a violation of the rights of student journalists, but it is a tremendous disservice to the communities these journalists serve.

SB 216 would create the “Student Journalist Press Freedom Restoration Act” and allow for the censorship of student media only in specific circumstances. Administrators could censor material that is libelous or slanderous, invades privacy, violates state or federal law or would disrupt the orderly operation of the school.

It would put essential guardrails on the ability of administrators to censor student publications and protect student media advisors from retaliation if they refuse to censor protected speech.

Over a dozen states have already passed such laws and this proposal is backed by the American Bar Association and a myriad of prominent journalism associations. Student media is an essential part of any school. It can be a place that informs students, holds administrators accountable and, most importantly, differentiates fact from fiction in a world of social media rumors that spread like wildfire. This important work needs to be protected.

Tyler Spence is the executive editor of The Parthenon, the independent student newspaper of Marshall University. Duncan Slade is the editor-in-chief of The Daily Athenaeum, the independent student newspaper of West Virginia University.

WV lawmakers must protect student journalists’ rights

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Pauly’s Plates: Caribbean cuisine from men’s basketball player Pauly Paulicap

BY ZACH ANDERSON
SPORTS EDITOR

Forward Pauly Paulicap on the West Virginia men’s basketball team is taking the new name, image, and likeness rules to full advantage, opening his own line of Caribbean food that is delivered from his very own kitchen.

With the new NIL rules being announced this season in college athletics, athletes are now able to make money off of their name and likeness, allowing athletes like Paulicap and other Mountaineers to benefit from their Division I stardom and use it to further their brand.

Paulicap has taken the most unique approach to the new rules, delivering his homemade food from his own kitchen in Morgantown, bringing you the meal right to your door. According to Ethan Bock of West Virginia Sports Now, Paulicap was timely and the prices were reasonable.

West Virginia forward Pauly Paulicap (1) dunks against Bellarmine at the WVU Coliseum on Nov. 30, 2021, in Morgantown, W.Va.

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Comeback falls short as WVU baseball suffers first loss to Coastal Carolina, 9-7

BY ZACH ANDERSON
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The West Virginia baseball team finished up the Baseball at the Beach Invitational on Monday, breaking its undefeated start to the season in a loss to the Coastal Carolina Chanticleers, 9-7.

WVU’s struggles in the field and consistent hitting from the Chanticleers were the factors in front of the home crowd, with Coastal hitting 13-for-33 (.394 AVG) compared to only 6-for-33 (.182 AVG) hitting from the Mountaineers.

The Chanticleers made quick work of West Virginia’s first two batters in the top of the first inning, but Vic tor Scott II got the first hit for the Mountaineers on a single to left field.

The first runs of the day came off the bat of freshman Grant Hussey, homering to right field for his third home run of the season to elevate West Virginia (3-1) to a 3-0 lead in the top of the first.

A West Virginia error and then a quick hit through the left field gap puts Coastal Carolina (3-1) on the board with two runs.

Late in the top of the second, West Virginia scored in another run, but three strikeouts in the side from Coastal Carolina pitcher Elliot Carney ended the inning.

After a defensive third inning, the bottom of the fourth saw Coastal get five runners on base, leading to three runs and a one run advantage for the Chanticleers.

Matt McDermott drove two runs in with a single to left field for two RBIs and 1-for-3 hitting on the day.

Following the three-run spurt from Coastal, West Virginia went to the bullpen for pitcher Beau Lowery, replacing starting pitcher Zach Bravos.

Coastal Carolina also pulled out a new arm, putting in relief pitcher Jonathan Blackwell in the fifth.

In the bottom of the fifth, the Chanticleers added to their lead with a two-run homer from Chris Rowan Jr. to extend the lead to three at 7-4, which led to another WVU change on the mound with pitcher Chase Smith coming in for Lowery.

In the top of the sixth, West Virginia drove in two runs to bring the game within one off a long sacrifice fly by Austin Davis.

In the top of the seventh inning, a West Virginia run tied the game at seven, as closing pitcher Jacob Watters took the mound in the bottom.

In the bottom of the eighth, Coastal Carolina had a two-run surge from an Austin White single, putting the Chanticleers up 9-7, and giving them the final lead of the contest.

Scott II was West Virginia’s most efficient hitter, going 2-for-3 alongside Hussey hitting 1-for-4 with a homerun and three RBIs.

Rowan Jr. was the top hitter for Coastal Carolina, hitting 2-for-3 with three RBIs and one homerun. White also added in three RBIs on 1-for-4 hitting.

The Mountaineers will begin their next series in Charlotte, N.C., against the Charlotte 49ers. The first game is set to begin on Friday at 4 p.m. and will be streamed on ESPN+.
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