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91 Year Old Man Hiked the Appalachian Trail

By RYLEE LYONS

Thru-hiking the Appalachian Trail is a huge feat for any hiker, but for 91-year-old Dale Sanders, it was one seen around the world. Sanders, also known by his Trail name, **Grey Beard, completed his 2,193-mile hike on August 31st and is the oldest to ever do so.**

Sanders first hiked the Trail at 82 years old, setting his first age-based record on the Appalachian Trail. But that record was broken by an 83-year-old friend and fellow hiker a few years later. Last September, he set out to reclaim the title of oldest to-

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Virginia Lt. Gov. Ghazala Hashmi to Visit Campus Next Week for Lecture


Lt. Governor Hashmi at a an election watch party (Stephanie Scarbrough/AP)

By RYLEE MEADOWS

Next week, Radford University will welcome Virginia Lieutenant Governor Ghazala F. Hashmi to campus, where she will give a lecture on Appalachian literature, folklore, and government.

Lt. Gov. Hashmi is Virginia's 43rd lieutenant governor. The constitutional duties of her position include serving as president of the Senate of Virginia and presiding over the senate. The lieutenant governor is also first in the line of succession to the governor of Virginia.

The office of the lieutenant governor showcases the goals and values of access to education, addressing healthcare shortages, and support for families in Virginia.

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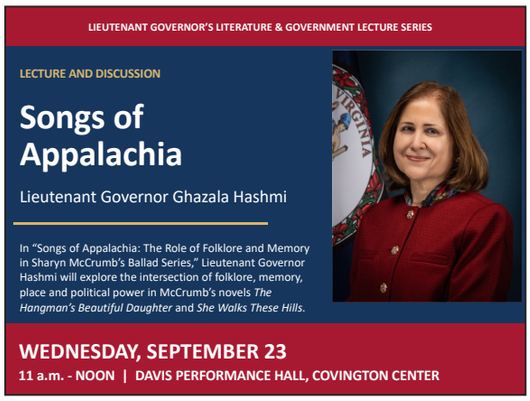

Getting to Know RU Outdoors

By ABIGAIL STEPP

In the lower level of the Student Recreation and Wellness Center, students can find all sorts of exercise equipment, sporting courts, and other facilities available for their benefit.

In the northern corner of the SRWC is the Outdoor Programs office, where students, faculty, and staff can rent outdoors equipment & sign up for affordable outdoor trips and recreational education opportunities all semester.

Last Tuesday, the Tartan had the opportunity to speak-

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Upcoming Events:

R-SPaCE Executive Applications are open until Sept. 25

R-SPaCE is looking for students to join their executive team. If you have ideas, love planning events, or just want to get more involved on campus, they would love to hear from you. Scan the QR code to apply.

University Performance Series: The Jason Carter Band

Sept. 19, 7:30 p.m.
Main Stage Theatre - Artis Center

Three-time Grammy winner and six-time IBMA Fiddle Player of the Year, Jason Carter, brings The Jason Carter Band to the Main Stage Theatre in the Artis Center

Family and Friends Weekend

Friday, Sept. 18 - Sunday, Sept. 20

You can find more information at radford.edu/family-and-friends-weekend.

Club Updates:

Radford NABA Chapter Voted for First Mr. and Ms. NABA

The National Association of Black Accountants chapter here at Radford held voting for ambassadors who best represent the values of NABA. The mission of NABA is to "engage, empower and educate underserved business leaders" and includes over 32,000 members across the country.

The students voted to name Isaiah Kigwe the inaugural Mr. NABA at Radford. Kigwe shared his thoughts on the vote and NABA overall. "It feels great. Im just very thankful for the people who supported me. ... to me, NABA means a place of networking, community and just a great way-

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91 Year Old Man Hiked the Appalachian Trail Appalachian Trail

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hike the Trail – but the hike means more to Sanders than just that. **"When I'm in the woods, and the sun is shining, I'm in my best mood,"** Sanders told the New York Times during a mid-hike interview.

Assumably, it isn't easy to hike more than 2,000 miles at age 91. From steep climbs to rocky terrain, the Appalachian Trail offers some physically demanding challenges, but that didn't stop Sanders, nor did any of the 71 times he fell during his journey.

But even after a brief hospitalization from a particularly hard fall, he decided to complete the thru-hike in under a year, like he originally planned. He celebrated his finish at the summit of Mount Katahdin in Maine with almost a week to spare.

Grey Beard was surrounded by a support team of "trail angels" who planned the logistics of his hike, and was constantly being cheered on by family, friends, and many fellow hikers on the Trail.



Photo Credit: pbs.org

Now, his story serves as an inspiration to people everywhere. He told CNN, **"Right now, what's the most important thing - and it's one of the things that surprised me – is that people are motivated and given encouragement by my efforts."**

Virginia Lt. Governor Hashmi Will Visit Campus Next Week for Lecture Event

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"Songs of Appalachia" lecture and discussion is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 23 from 11 a.m.- 12 p.m. in Davis Performance Hall, Covington Center, which is located next to the Student Recreation and Wellness Center. Admission is free, but **advance registration is required to attend.** Following the lecture in the Scartelli Atrium, there will be a meet-and-greet with light refreshments.

The lecture will provide an opportunity for students, faculty, and community members of Radford to listen and discuss as Lt. Gov. Hashmi makes a connection through her background and experience in American literature about the Appalachian novels in Sharyn McCrumb's Ballad Series, to politics and government through her position in the Capitol of Virginia.

Features

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Malcolm Todd "Do That Again" Tour Coming to D.C.

By LACEY BANKS
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This upcoming weekend, Malcolm Todd is playing at The Anthem in D.C., and I am so ecstatic to see him!

If you don't know, Malcolm Todd is an American singer/songwriter and musician who focuses on alternative/indie music. His top song on Spotify is 'Earrings" with over 650 million streams. **Here are the songs I am most excited to hear.**

I wanted to limit the honorable mentions to only two, but I couldn't. My three honorable mentions are **"Walk to Class", "Mr. Incorrect", and "Roommates"**.

My number three is "Obsessica," mainly for the guitar solo at the end. Hearing it on TikTok has gotten me so excited, especially since the solo isn't even in the Spotify version.

I already know hearing it live is going to be overjoyous. I am also very excited for the part where he lists different girl names, but I have already spoiled it for myself by realizing that my name is not there.

My number two is "Cheer Me On," mostly because of his raw voice during the bridge. The "lying makes me sick" bridge sounds so different live than it does on Spotify. He's actually singing it without all the other sounds covering his voice like in the recorded version.

There's always such a big difference between hearing a song on Spotify and hearing them perform it in person, and I feel like this is going to be one of those moments that really changes how I listen and sing along to the song after the concert.

My number one is "Make Me a Better Man," which is already one of my favorite songs. His live vocals add something to the song that is not as noticeable in the original Spotify version. After hearing a clip on TikTok, I started noticing his background vocals in the recorded version as well. I even made my own shirt for the concert relating to the song title. I am especially looking forward to hearing him perform this song because I know it will be the highlight of the concert for me. Overall, I think this concert will be a great experience because Malcolm Todd is currently one of my favorite artists.



Photo Credit: news.pollstar.com

I really like that the setlist includes songs from different albums instead of focusing only on Do That Again. Although I am curious why "Lonely Song" is the only song from that album that is not on the setlist. Nonetheless, being able to hear these songs live and experience the energy in person is something I am really looking forward to.

Review of Soko Cantina: New Restaurant on Tyler Avenue

By BRANDON WHITAKER

For students who may be unaware, Soko Cantina, the restaurant on the corner of Tyler Ave where Moe's used to be, is now open for business. I recently sat down to see what this new restaurant was like and had an amazing time. The atmosphere in the building is great, the space really thrives as more of a traditional sit-down restaurant rather than fast food. I went the basic route and got the chicken and rice and it was very good, but the highlight of the experience was the mixed drinks they served. I didn't even get one myself but our whole party was marveling at the creative designs. On the-

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Getting to Know RU Outdoors

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with **Connor Russell, the Assistant Director for Outdoor Programs** here at Radford. A Radford graduate from the Recreation, Parks, and Tourism department, Connor shared how he found his place here with the RUO office as a student employee. "I basically dove right into it. I gained a lot of confidence, and those leadership skills were really invaluable… this space and the outdoors in general is a great space for community, and I developed a lot of strong relationships through RU Outdoors."

His role as assistant director includes things like handling administrative tasks, schedules, equipment, and certifications. **A big part of Connor's job is managing and training student staff members as part of the office's Leadership Development Program,** through which they can gain invaluable interpersonal and technical skills that will allow them to lead adventure trips across the New River Valley and Blue Ridge Mountains.

These outdoor opportunities are part of why **Radford has won the title of Blue Ridge Magazine's Top Adventure College for the past two years**, something Connor touched on in the interview.

"A lot of that success I attribute to the student population and the students who work here. I feel fortunate to be a part of it… I've been really excited to see how we have been recognized as a great school for the outdoors."

In the interest of keeping that momentum going, RUO is looking to continue growing. Currently this focus is mainly centered on Higher Ground, Radford's outdoor adventure orientation program. Other than that, Connor reports that getting the word out about RUO and all they offer at campus events is helping to bring in more students. "My goal is just to try to share the experiences that I had and what helped me fall in love with Radford and the area… Once one student has an experience here the hope is that they can share it with the next two people and so on."

Students who check out the bulletin boards in the Hurlburt Student Center and other campus community spaces might notice RUO hiring flyers towards the beginning of each semester. While this fall's hiring period is coming to a close, the RU Outdoors office looks forward to welcoming new and returning applicants next spring semester. "It's a great opportunity if you have a desire to learn and a good work ethic…the important thing is that **if you have a love for the outdoors and you have just a strong sense of professionalism, then this is the space for you."**



The History of Radford Through Artifacts: *RAD* Talks Recap

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Since being established in 1910 Radford University has underwent numerous changes and faced many obstacles before becoming the university we know today. In the first RAD Talks event last week, Head of Archives Ashley Palazzo retold the story of Radford and showcased some of the artifacts that built this university.

Radford's inception started with Virginia House Bill no. 237, establishing the State Normal and Industrial School for Women in 1910. In 1911, John Preston McConnell was chosen to be the first President of the institution and the college opened it's doors to students in 1913. In 1914 the first yearbook was introduced to Radford called the Radnor, which eventually became the Beehive that we know today.

She displayed an artifact from the merger between Radford and Virginia Tech that lasted from 1944 to 1964 which was a drumhead labeling Radford as the Women's Division of V.P.I.

Later on Palazzo talked about desegregation at Radford University. She shared an artifact which was an application from an african american student in the 1950s and the admissions team underlined the applicants school in red ink, signaling that they attended a primarily black school and that was why they were denied. Radford was officially desegregated in 1963 but the archived student media available didn't feature any black students until 1966.

In 1972 Radford's fourth president Dr. Donald Dedmon announced in a press conference that Radford would now be accepting men and women. It was in 1979 that Radford

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Proposed "Trump Dividend" Creates Controversy

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In the past week President Donald Trump has offered to send every American above the age of 18 $5,000 if Republicans retain control of Congress in the midterm elections.

Recent polls have shown shifts in several competitive midterm races and some traditionally republican districts and states are trending blue. In an effort to swing them back to red seats, the president has proposed this idea. The president said during a speech on Sept. 9 at the Republican midterm convention



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"If the Republicans win, you win with us, and you get $5,000. It will be called the 'Trump dividend.'"

Many Democrats and Republicans have criticized the proposal citing concerns relating to the national debt. The president also said the money must be spent in America. Many see this as something that goes hand in hand with President Trump asking for state voter rolls earlier this year along with attempts to end mail in voting. Some Democrats have characterized the proposal as a way of buying the election, while some GOP members have questioned where the President will get the money. Others have questioned how the administration will ensure that the money is spent in the states.

The Club Corner Continued

Radford NABA Chapter Voted for First Mr. and Ms. NABA

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to help build yourself up as you advance through college." The inaugural Ms. NABA winner is **Tee Reed** who shared, "I am honored to have been voted the very first Ms. NABA at Radford University. The feeling is heavy in a good way. **I feel like students should join NABA because it's not just a family, it's a family that looks out for you.** The opportunities to develop and refine skills in this organization is endless and those who join will heavily benefit from it while also gaining connections they never would begin to think about."

Students can find more information about NABA's chapter on their Instagram, @naba.radford.



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Highlander Highlights

Women's Soccer

Highlanders Turn Toward Big South Play After ETSU Draw

By ANDREW MARCHETTI

For the Radford women's soccer team, Sunday night was less about what was left on the scoreboard and more about what the Highlanders can move forward with.

Radford and ETSU battled to a 1-1 draw at Cupp Stadium, giving the Highlanders a hard earned result in their final tune up before Big South Conference play.

The draw moves Radford to 2-5-1 on the season, ending a difficult stretch of non-conference play that has tested the Highlanders. More importantly, it gives a young Radford team something to build on heading into the part of the season that matters most.



Left to right Ciaira Anderson, Lexi Radvanyi and Brooke Pearson in previous matches Photo Credit: @rsimmonsphotographer on Instagram

For a program coming off a Big South regular season championship, the record may not resemble that of a reigning conference champion, but the Highlanders have shown enough to suggest that the record does not tell the entire story.

The Highlanders schedule was intentionally ambitious. They have been tested and head coach Ben Sohrabi knew that the early portion of the season would be about preparing for the pressure of Big South play.

The Highlanders opened the season with a convincing 3-0 victory over Concord and followed it with a 7-2 offensive explosion against Emory & Henry. In between those wins there were difficult contests against Charlotte, Tennessee Tech, UNC Greensboro, Navy and Richmond that led them to more early season woes than hype.

Players to Watch

If there is one reason for Radford fans to be optimistic, it is the number of different players capable of making something happen in the attack.

Through the first seven games, junior Ciaira Anderson and sophomore forward Brooke Pearson had each scored three goals, while Haley Blake has added two. Ava Kertgate contributed a goal and three assists, while Lilly Clayton had three assists of her own. If the early season losses have shown anything about the team in place, it's that the pieces are there. The challenge is making them work together for 90 minutes.

While the offense has provided plenty of reasons for optimism, goalkeeper Lexi Radvanyi-

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