

GoverNews

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Weekly Activities

Dog On It: The Radford Canine Crisis

By Emily Vaughan

Radford University boasts a lovely campus, intimate class size, and strong academic programs that will challenge its pupils. However, in the past few weeks the students of Governor's School have noticed another wonderful point of Radford, its dogs. Every day, labradors, shepherds, and pugs descend on the school. One student eloquently explained when asked how she felt about the dogs:

“I love seeing the dogs on campus!” - Young In Seo

However, there is one major drawback to these adorable and fuzzy creatures trotting around the quad, students are not allowed to touch them. This rule may sound like a non issue, but it comes at the agony of many dog lovers at camp who just want to pet the array of dog breeds they see every day. For now though, students bide their time, waiting for when they themselves can go home and give their own pets some much needed love. On the bright side, there is one pooch at Governor's School that is not off limits. His name is Ralph, the nine year old basset hound at the hippie shop in town. The animal equivalent of jello, Ralph never fails to bring a smile to many happy campers faces.

Radford Farmer's Market

By Olivia Tilson

Many of the students at Governor's School prefer to spend their Saturday mornings at Radford's local Farmer's Market. This market is filled with produce, baked goods, plants, and homemade jewelry and clothing. All of the vendors are unbelievably friendly and happy to let overexcited students rush around from stand to stand examining and buying products. The students love it and one of the favorite stands serves hot breakfast. Some of the available breakfast items include “egg in basket,” breakfast burrito, and a student favorite the veggie quesadilla. Another preferred stand is filled with baked goods such as 50 cent muffins or banana bread and homemade fudge. Aside from the delicious pastries plenty of healthy fruits and vegetables are purchased as well. Peaches, blueberries, and watermelon are bought in large quantities and taken back to the dorms for snacks throughout the week. Over-all the Farmer's Market combines two great things: friendly people and good food.



It's The Great Debate Charlie Brown

By Emily Vaughan

Saturday at Radford marked a special occasion at the university. It was finally time for the main keynote speakers of the program to partake in a long awaited debate. Rich Lowry, a well versed conservative, and Jeff Cohen, a to the point liberal, squared off in front of a crowd of nearly 400 students. Both had been involved in the 2016 election for some months before they arrived at the school. Lowry had gotten himself into hot water with Donald Trump after making a few below the belt jokes about him on television



while Cohen actually knew Bernie Sanders and had clearly been closely following his friend's campaign. Each party gave his opening address with Cohen speaking out against corporate media and Lowry avidly defending it. Although most of the speakers' opinions were polar opposites of each other, there was one idea that they both seemed to share. The politicians concurred that the emergence of independent media in this political climate was beneficial and should be encouraged moving forward. They urged kids and faculty in the auditorium that night to pay attention to these smaller periodicals which offered many different opinions and perspectives, suggesting that listening to all of these different voices could give people a better understanding of what is happening with public affairs.

College Fair

By Mila Harinandan

On Monday night, students had the opportunity to attend a college fair held on campus. Various colleges across the east coast visited to talk to students about the application process and student life on campus. Colleges such as University of Virginia, William and Mary, and University of Maryland visited and were open to answering any question that students had. Students also had the opportunity to pick up information packets to take with them for further consideration of schools. With the opportunity to look at colleges one more time before the vigorous application process starts, the college fair was the perfect event for Governor's School students.



Pokemon GO!

By Kevin Shaw

Pokemon Go is a trend that has spread like wildfire throughout the campus and the nation. Students can be found between classes or in their free time on the hunt for Pokemon, and some counselors have even scheduled group searches for them. It is a lot of fun, and the thrill of catching and training Pokemon is like no other. There has also been a great amount of competition between Teams Instinct(yellow), Mystic(blue), and Valor(red). Anybody who has the game can choose a team and battle for control of the gyms. There are three gyms on campus. Who will emerge on top?



Film Producer Anthony Waldron

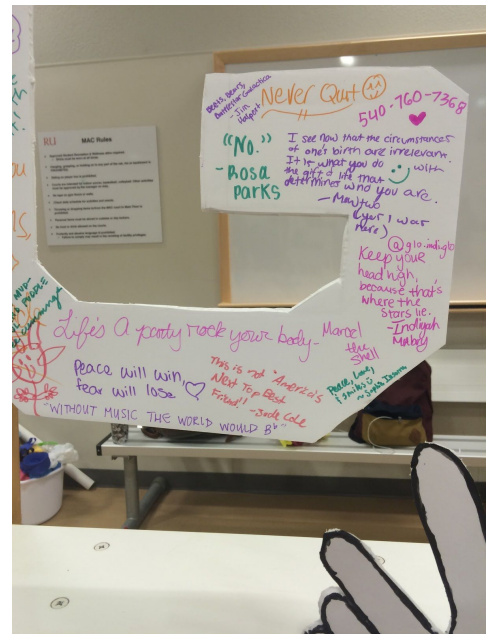
The students at the Governor's School all got to attend a wonderful lecture by BAFTA winning producer and director, Anthony Waldron. He is from Great Britain, and has had a very distinguished career thus far despite some very high obstacles. Coming from humbling beginnings, he worked his way all the way up the ladder to get to where he is now. He currently is in New York looking for new opportunities to direct and make films, moving to the American market from the British market. Mr. Waldron gave wonderful advice on how to make it in this world, and insight into how the world really works. It was a wonderful experience listening to someone so distinguished explaining what it really takes to make it in this world, and inspiring us young students to never settle for less than our dreams.



GovStock

By Claire Nelson

This past Friday, Governor's School held its annual GovStock festival. Advertised as, "Like Woodstock with 100% less drugs and nudity," it was a fun night of community and performance. The event was almost entirely student created and run. The main stage was emceed by the very funny Alyssa and Mikael and featured countless talented acts including dance, music, and poetry. The counselors even performed their rendition of "All You Need is Love" showcasing their vocal and instrumental talent. There were fun tables which included henna, flower crowns, hair braiding, friendship bracelets, and even a table where you could get your name written in different languages. In addition the various service projects from throughout the month each had tables and gave short presentation on the stage. Everyone was in the spirit and dressed up in their interpretations of the hippie spirit.



Mountain Lake

This past weekend students and staff embarked on an adventure at Mountain Lake. Mountain Lake is located in Pembroke, VA which is an hour drive from Radford University. When you get there is plenty things for one to do such an aerial ropes course, archery, and big hamster balls you can get inside to knock people around. Overall, it was an exciting trip for people due to the bravery the Rope Course required. On an arrival there were gear on the ground that we just a simple set of a harness and helmet. The instructors were very helpful to make sure everything was on safely before beginning the aerial course. Those who did not want to participate in the course simply chose to learn archery and bump people in hamster balls. The interesting part is that some people chose to try something new. After all the whole experience of Gov school is new to us as well. So being 10-25ft. in air was nothing to our Governor's school friends.



Art Spotlight



Art by Kyren Strakovsky

GovEats

Benny Nicola's

By Claire Nelson

Although the dining hall fare is quite tasty, students enjoy getting the chance to go off campus and eat with their counselors. One popular option is Benny Nicola's, home of the Virginia Slice. Benny's serves up enormous, New York style pizza for five dollars a slice. The restaurant has a very relaxed atmosphere with pictures of many customers and their giant slices covering the wall. Benny's offers classic flavors like cheese, pepperoni, sausage, and monthly specials such as Bacon Cheeseburger and Spinach Feta.



The Dalton

By Kevin Shaw

Dalton is the dining hall that students may eat at 2-3 times a day. The course options vary by meal and day of the week, with there being a great variety of food available. Alongside the meals that vary by day, each day there is an opportunity to eat pizza, salad, fix a sandwich, or prepare an omelet, wrap, or waffle. The dessert section is loaded with fresh cookies, cakes, brownies, and ice cream. Overall, the food is pretty wonderful, and the cafeteria staff definitely do their very best to keep all of us students satisfied.



Nagoya

By Shyloh-Symone Bailey

Here in the hilly terrain of Radford and the fast moving Choo choo trains alongside the New River there's a restaurant providing Mongolian, Japanese, and Chinese dishes by the name of Nagoya. Nagoya is located on E. Main Street near Radford University, many groups at Governor's school took group trips to dine out there. The great thing about Nagoya is that it has a broad choice of East Asian dishes. From the Dynamite sushi rolls to the Shrimp Egg Foo Young, there were classic dishes from China and Mongolia with the sushi being



inspiration from the island of Japan. In respect to Nagoya, the food was rated decent to superb among Governor's school students.

Teacher Profile

Richard Straw, Photographs That Changed the World

By Kevin Shaw

Q: How many years have you been teaching at Radford, and how many years have you been teaching at Gov School?

A: I just finished my 35th year at Radford, seems hard for me to believe, and this is my 5th year teaching at governor's school. I did it for 3 years in Richmond and 2 at Radford.

Q: What is your favorite part about Governor's School?

A: The students. They have such a curiosity and willingness to just jump right in to projects, as well as the willingness to talk and explore ideas. To me, I see it as school should really be. I see myself as playing a pretty minor role in the whole thing, and I see my job as putting ideas out there for the students to react to. They do a wonderful job at that.

Q: What do you feel makes photography so special?

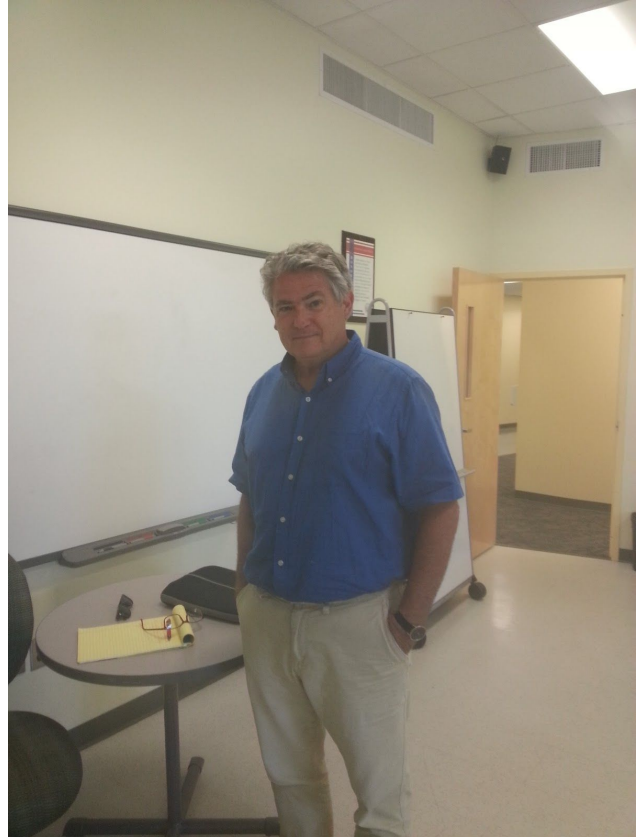
A: It's a way of capturing a moment in time. There's nothing else like it. You can manipulate it, but you can also have it so that it's real. For a lot of people, photographs are this real depiction of a moment in time that you can't have any other way.

Q: How do you believe that photography has impacted politics over time?

A: I think it's changed the way people think about political candidates and the way people think about issues. Photography has illuminated issues that for a lot of people, without photographs, wouldn't have as much awareness of these problems. For example, in the civil rights movement in the 1960s, examples of police brutality such as in Birmingham Alabama were huge revelations to many Americans in areas of the United States that had really never encountered many black people at all. People saw these photographs, as the same with Vietnam, and people saw things they had never seen before, which changed their perspective and became very real to them. Before photography, if you really think about it, people voted for candidates they had never really seen before, except maybe a drawing or engraving. Photographs created a familiarity with the candidates that you wouldn't have if you didn't have photographs.

Q: Who is your favorite actor or actress?

A: The old actor Humphrey Bogart was really just a special character to me. I also really like an actor from the 60s named Steve McQueen, he was fantastic. And I have also really liked Jack Nicholson.



Featured Counselor:

Kayla Curry



My name is Kayla Curry and I am from Hanover, Maryland.

Q: What are the steps to becoming a music therapist?

A: You have to take all the general classes a music major has to take then after you take your discipline classes. There are classes like music theory and in my case I took music therapy for piano and guitar. We have a clinical class, so in our sophomore year we observe and then our junior and senior we actually conduct music therapy sessions. In order to get your degree you have to finish all your requirements through your internship then you get your diploma.

Q: Why music therapy?

Well, I always wanted to study in psychology, but I always loved music so when I found out about music therapy I was like “This is great!”

Q: Did you ever think you would become a music therapist say at 12 or 13 years old?

A: Not at all, it just happened. When I was younger I wanted to be a police officer, a lawyer, or a singer. In my junior year of high school I started visiting colleges. I visited Berklee in Boston and they spoke about music therapy and I wondered “What is that, it sounds like something I want to do.” I looked into then found Radford

Q: What do advise future music therapist?

A: Know that it takes a lot out of you physically and emotionally. So you have to be a very strong person. You have to be willing to get help for yourself because if you want to provide someone services to someone you must be willing to get help yourself.

Student Interview

Laura Tirpak, a Visual and Performing Arts student

By Olivia Tilson

Q: Why did you apply to Governor's School?

A: I went to the interest meeting at my school and realized, not only did the classes sound great but from looking around at the interested students, that I would be in an environment filled with intelligent, passionate, and kind people.

Q: When did you start dancing?

A: My mom put me in classes when I was three years old but I didn't seriously begin training until I was about 8 years old.

Q: What is your favorite class and why?

A: I liked all my classes but my favorite was the Partnering class because we could work together as dances and it involved a bit more improvisation.

Q: What is the best part of Governor's School?

A: I think it is the unique opportunity for a high school student to be in a community that shares a strong passion for Visual and Performing Arts as well as the Humanities. Here I am surrounded by people who genuinely want to learn.

Q: What do you miss most about home?

A: I'm not sure I have something I miss the most it's more that I've missed things at different stages. I missed my friends first and now I miss my parents and home...and my Grandma. I miss her so much.



Meet the Staff



From left Kevin Shaw, Claire Nelson, Mila Harinandan, Olivia Tilson, Shyloh-Symone Bailey, and Emily Vaughan

Mila Harinandan of Deep Creek High School

Having the opportunity to participate in not only Governor's School, but also *GoverNews* has been a great opportunity for me. Both have allowed me to immerse myself into my work while stepping outside of my comfort zone. For the past month, I have been surrounded by students that share the same interests as me as well as some that are the complete opposite. Being on the newsletter staff helped me explore both sides, finding the diversity and similarities among students. I have gained knowledge and experiences that I will remember and use for the rest of my life. I will never forget my amazing time here at Governor's School.

Emily Vaughan of Buckingham County High School

Being part of *GoverNews* for the last three weeks has been an amazing experience. There is no newsletter at my high school, so being able to write stories about the goings on at Governor's School was a completely new challenge for me. It was so fun trying out a new medium of writing and getting to think outside of the box in my reporting. Working with other people on this paper has

allowed me to meet some of the most creative and driven individuals who never shy away from work and are always quick to lend a hand. With the newsletter being independent of supervision I learned a lot about teamwork because at the end of the day there is no submission to send in without the collective effort of everyone working on the paper and I'm so happy I got to learn these lessons with the people I did.

Claire Nelson of Grafton High School

I thoroughly enjoyed being apart of the *GoverNews* committee these past three weeks. The process of creating this publication has taught me a lot about coordinating, teamwork, and writing. My co-writers in particular made this an enjoyable and educational experience with minimal stress thanks to their hard work and ideas. I am so thankful I had the opportunity to attend Governor's School. I have learned so much and met so many great people. I will treasure this experience.

Kevin Shaw of Matoaca High School

As our time at Radford comes to a close, I have found that this has been one of the best experiences of my entire life. To be around so many people of different backgrounds all pushing and encouraging one another has been inspiring and humbling. The opportunity to be able to think in new and different ways and to go outside of our comfort zones has definitely pushed us to our limits, something that I have enjoyed thoroughly. The program here definitely aspires for us to be the best we can be, and I feel that I have become a much more well rounded individual thanks to the Governor's School.

Shyloh-Symone Bailey of Salem High School

This newsletter was my way of going outside of the box. In my pursuit, I have found the every stretch creates a new level to come, to see, and conquer. Every level shows me yet another way I can become a more humble or well-rounded individual. I would like to thank all the people I worked with and the efforts that they put in. They are amazing in everything they do.

Olivia Tilson of Rockbridge County High School

I am incredibly grateful for the chance to go to Governor's School. It is an amazing program that offers opportunities that most students would otherwise not have. Getting to meet new people from all across Virginia and hear guest speakers from around the world made this one of the best experiences of my life. I feel this program allowed me to learn more about the world and more about myself. The classes here place a lot of emphasis on student initiative and creativity. Here I was able to explore new topics and actually create. This was a fantastic experience on all accounts.