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Featured stories



Photo courtesy of furiousmind.org

Halloween approaches campus.

Explore Radford Halloween coverage in our Insights section.

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Volleyball beats Charleston Southern.

The team was down 4-8 in the final game and came back to win by two points.

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Campus Numbers

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the cost in dollars for

a ticket to this semester's concert, **Hellogoodbye**, with **RU ID**. The concert will be held on **Nov. 5** in the **Bondurant Auditorium** at **Preston Hall**. General public and tickets the day of the show will cost **\$20**.

"Sin bravely...We will never have all the facts to make a perfect judgement, but with the aid of basic experience we must leap bravely into the future."
-Russell R. McIntyre

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Check out The Tartan Web site for more information.

Emergency experience



GEORGE WINTERS | The Tartan
Two hospital workers escort a RU "victim."



AARON MCDOWELL | The Tartan
The simulated chemicals leaving a train tanker.



GEORGE WINTERS | The Tartan
A student victim acts out his role during the drill.



GEORGE WINTERS | The Tartan
Victims were attended to at the hazmat tent.

Last Wednesday, members of the Radford community saw first-hand how the City of Radford would respond to a real incident, as the Radford University campus, along with three local hospitals, became a testing ground for emergency procedure.

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Sirens rang. Emergency messages were sent out. Buildings were evacuated. Radford University's campus was anything but normal for a period of time on Wednesday, Oct. 22, as the City of Radford staged an emergency exercise.

At approximately 10 a.m., police, the fire department and members of the media gathered near the train tracks in Radford for a simulated train wreck and toxin release. The made-up chemical, which was said to spread to RU's part of the exercise, was methane chloride.

Emergency personnel and the fire department were avidly going through

their drills on how to contain the simulated train disaster.

At this time, emergency messages were relayed to all students, faculty and staff signed up for the RU Alert system.

Meanwhile, nearly 50 students had signed up in advance to act as victims during the exercise, and were preparing their fake wounds and scars using theatre makeup in Moffett Hall. When word of the simulated train wreck reached campus, these volunteers were tended to by emergency personnel – some for train-related injuries and some for chemical burns.

As emergency medical services and fire and rescue staff reached Moffett

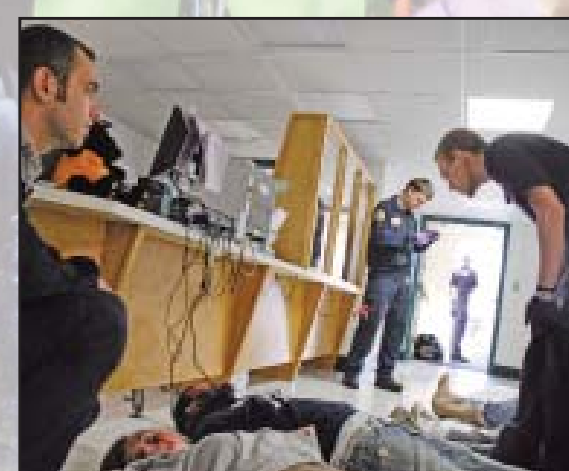
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"I was carted down and around the hospital... at one point I was forgotten about for a long period of time."

- Chelsey Hall | RU Senior played victim during drill



AARON MCDOWELL | The Tartan
A press conference was held at the fire station.



AARON MCDOWELL | The Tartan
Emergency medical services checks on victims.

Virginia may change election

Election Day has been on the mind of many young voters in recent weeks, and it seems that Virginia may go either way -- signifying that its 13 electoral votes may potentially change the outcome of the 2008 presidential election.

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On Nov. 4, many citizens registered to vote will make their choice on who will be the next President of the United States. That important date is rapidly approaching. As Election Day draws closer, many voters are wondering how close the vote is actually going to be.

The state of Virginia is one of 10 states known as a swing state. Many believe that since Virginia is one of these states it is imperative that its voting equipment and processes are completely flawless.

The organizations "Common Cause" and "The Century Foundation" conducted research on how well the swing states are prepared for the upcoming election. According to the research, Virginia has not im-

proved as much as the others evaluated. Those other states consist of Florida, Georgia, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Colorado and New Mexico.

There are many areas that are looked at during the preparedness assessment of each states voting process. One of the areas in which each state is assessed is voter registration.

It is important to have all citizens who plan to vote in the given election registered and each individual's registration information accurate. If the information is not accurately entered into a county's system, then not only will the people affected be denied voting capabilities by not receiving confirmation, but they will be contacted about the possibility of registration fraud.

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Seats for sale at RU

New Covington Center auditorium seats can be bought and dedicated to a loved one.

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The brand new Douglas and Beatrice Covington Center for Visual and Performing Arts wants the Radford community to take part and put their signature in the new building. On the seats that is.

Radford University's seat naming campaign will allow students, their families, faculty, Alumni and the Radford Community to give a gift and purchase a seat in the new Covington Center auditorium.

To buy one seat a person would have to donate a gift pledge of \$1,000, for two seats it would cost \$1,750. The total amount is payable over two years with an initial gift of \$100.

Plaques can be engraved with three lines of writing

with a maximum of 20 letters per line. They are then placed on the seat after the gift pledge has been fulfilled.

All the money and proceeds that will result from the seat naming campaign will be used on furnishings, equipment and other enhancements to the Covington Center.

Not only will the donor have a plaque on a seat, but they will become a member of the Radford Society, which is a group of committed alumni, parents and friends who are recognized for their impact on students' lives.

However, some people think that the price is a little much.

"I think that it's stupid to put that much money into a seat," said senior Anncleire

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