

# A Guide to the Radford University Historical Clippings Collection, 1990-2007

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## Descriptive Summary

### Collection number

RU 8.1

### Language

English

### Abstract

This collection consists of photocopies of newspaper and magazine clippings related to the history of Radford University. Includes clippings from Radford University publications and various regional and local newspapers, as well as postcards, notepads, and other materials. For the full collection details see the [finding aid](#).

### Creator

Radford University

### Extent

1.5 Linear feet.

### Location

Located in locked compact shelving, level 1, shelf 18E.

### Repository

University Archives, McConnell Library, Radford University

## Administrative Information

## Access Restrictions

An appointment for research is required. Collection is open to research. No interlibrary loan.

## Use Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

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## Accruals

No additional accruals are expected at this time.

## Historical Information

The institution now known as Radford University was founded by the Virginia General Assembly in the spring of 1910. The State Normal and Industrial School for Women at Radford grew out of a late nineteenth-century effort to expand Virginia's public school system and prepare a sufficient number of teachers. The school was to be located on 33 acres in east Radford known as the Heth Grove. On October 3, 1911, Dr. John Preston McConnell was appointed president of the institution. With no dormitories, the school rented two nearby buildings for student housing, Heth House and La Belle Inn. Life on campus was very strict and required the ladies to be Southern Gentlewomen observing Victorian values and prudence.

In 1924, the school's name was changed to State Teachers College. In 1943 a merger was proposed between Radford and nearby Virginia Polytechnic Institute as part of a statewide effort to consolidate higher education institutions and give students the most adequate opportunity for a broad professional and technical education. As the Women's Division of V.P.I., Radford students would have the opportunity to pursue the same programs available to men and duplicate courses were eliminated between the two schools. To see a complete history of the University see the [Our History](#) page on the Radford University Website.

## Scope and Content

This collection consists of photocopies of newspaper and magazine clippings related to the history of Radford University. This two box collection includes assorted clippings, information on John Preston McConnell, the Global Village, a copy of Radford College Alumni magazine from Spring 1971 and the RU Organizational Life Cycle publication/report. Also included in this collection are information on minorities, the Joan of Arc Statue, President's Dedmon and Covington, and sororities and fraternities.

## Arrangement

### Box 1

Folder 1: Assorted clippings

Folder 2: Alumni gardens

Folder 3: Athletics

Folder 4: Buildings

Folder 5: The Bonnie

Folder 6: John Preston McConnell

Folder 7: May Day

Folder 8: Miscellaneous Material

Folder 9: Global Village

Folder 10: RU History Material from Dr. Bonnie Hurlburt

Folder 11: Overview Material

Folder 12: RU Organizational Life Cycle (publicaton / report)

Folder 13: Radford College Alumni Magazine, Spring 1971

Folder 14: Overview of General Trends in Various Decades (newspaper articles from Washington Post and other papers)

## **Box 2**

Folder 1: Resources on Radford History

Folder 2: Heth House

Folder 3: President Martin

Folder 4: Minorities

Folder 5: Joan of Arc Statue

Folder 6: Sources

Folder 7: Blanche Daniel

Folder 8: M'Ledge Moffett

Folder 9: Time Lines

Folder 10: Used clippings

Folder 11: President Covington

Folder 12: President Dedmon

Folder 13: SELU

Folder 14: Old Alum Clippings

Folder 15: Dr. Whitt

Folder 16: Redcoats

Folder 17: Assorted Faculty Materials

Folder 18: Sororities and Fraternities

Folder 19: Grapurchat and Beehive

Folder 20: President Peters

Folder 21: Historic RU Postcards from Dave Hayes

Folder 22: Powerpoint - College buildings by Aaron Spelbring (CD Rom and printout)