FULL BOARD OF VISITORS
MEETING
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
APRIL 1, 2005
FULL BOARD MEETING

Friday, April 1, 2005
3:30 – 4:00 p.m.
Dome Room, The Rotunda

AGENDA

• REPORT ON NAMINGS (Mr. Casteen)
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NAMINGS – The Board of Visitors approves the naming of buildings, streets, and the like, but not rooms or other portions of buildings; the naming of the latter is based on recommendations made by the University Committee on Names and then approved by the President. These namings are then reported to the Board as a matter of record.

There are two such namings to be reported to the Board at this meeting, the Barry Parkhill Practice Court and the Byrd Seminar Room. There is a third report on the naming of a number of streets and roads in 1994, not previously referred to the Board, which will be listed on the Minutes of this meeting as a matter of record.

I. THE BARRY PARKHILL PRACTICE COURT

The Barry Parkhill Practice Court is the men’s practice court in the new John Paul Jones Arena, on the lower level and at the east end. Its naming, recommended by the University Names Committee and approved by the President, honors Barry L. Parkhill (B.S.’73), one of the greatest all-purpose guards in A.C.C. basketball history and truly a Virginia “basketball legend.”

Barry Parkhill was twice an All-American and his jersey, number 40, was only the second to be retired in the history of University of Virginia basketball. He was drafted in the first-round by both the Virginia Squires of the ABA and the Portland Trail Blazers of the NBA. After three seasons as a professional player, he returned to the University as a graduate assistant coach under Terry Holland. From here, he went on to coach at several institutions and was head coach at both the College of William and Mary and St. Michael’s College.
Mr. Parkhill returned to the University in 1992 as a development officer and is now the Director of Athletic Development. He is one of the most effective fundraisers at the University and is known and admired by a large portion of the alumni population.

A group of these alumni friends have made gifts and pledges toward the Barry Parkhill Practice Court.

II. **BYRD SEMINAR ROOM**

The Byrd Seminar Room is, as its name suggests, a seminar and meeting room; it is on the top floor of the Mary and David Harrison Institute for American History, Literature, and Culture and the Albert and Shirley Small Special Collections Library. The name honors the Byrd family of Winchester, who have made extraordinary contributions to the life of Virginia and the nation.

Harry F. Byrd, Jr., United States Senator from Virginia from 1965 to 1983, made a generous gift toward the construction of the new library; he also has given funds to create the Harry F. Byrd, Jr. Library Fund, which is dedicated to the preservation of political collections in the Library, and toward making them more accessible to scholars and students. Senator Byrd also has given the Library a large collection of his own political papers.

Senator Byrd went to VMI and the University.

The elder Harry Byrd served in the General Assembly and subsequently was Governor of Virginia from 1926 to 1930 and United States Senator from 1933 to 1965; he clearly was the most important political figure in Virginia in the 20th century and he made a lasting effect on the life of the Commonwealth. Five years after his death, Senator Byrd, Jr., and his two brothers gave their father’s papers to the University.

An additional benefaction of Senator Byrd, Jr., to the University is the Senator Harry F. Byrd, Jr., Leadership Award, which he established in 1994. The Award, which he administers with the Office of Admission, is given to outstanding Virginia high school students.
III. Ex-Post Facto Report on Street and Road Namings

In 1994, improvements to the Charlottesville-Albemarle 911 system made it necessary to assign names to unnamed roads and streets on the University Grounds. Names were assigned arbitrarily from a general list of names suggested—as future reference—for streets on the Grounds by the University Names Committee. Some 36 roads were named en-masse, and the necessity for moving quickly to fulfill an urgent requirement meant that the people doing the namings did not follow all of the procedures the University has for such things.

This report is not meant to be a bureaucratic chiding for this action, but rather a bureaucratic device for ensuring that these names are a matter of permanent and official record. Namings, in some cases, are approved by the Board and in all cases are reported to the Board, so these namings will be entered on the Minutes of this meeting of the Board of Visitors, which should make it relatively easy for someone in years to come to figure why such-and-such road was named Nash Drive and who on earth Nash was.

I have omitted one street from this listing: Darden School Boulevard on the 1994 list was renamed Duffy Boulevard by the Board of Visitors in June, 2004, and thus is already on the Minutes of the Board.

The roads are as follows:

Hereford Drive – Named for Frank L. Hereford, Jr., fifth President of the University. It serves Hereford College from the end of Stadium Road.

Floyd Drive – Named for Edwin Floyd, Professor of Mathematics, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and Provost of the University. It serves the Gooch/Dillard dormitory complex and is a loop road, with one end in Alderman Road and the other in Stadium Road.

University Gardens Drive – Named for University Gardens, the married student apartment complex on Emmet Street, opposite the John Paul Jones Arena. It is the road into the complex.
Buckler Drive – Named for the late Leslie Hepburn Buckler, who was a Professor of Law. It is in the Copeley II area, which is to say the law student dormitories across the road from the Law School, and Buckler Drive enters the precinct from Arlington Boulevard.

Golf Course Drive – Golf Course Drive connects the Birdwood Golf Course Clubhouse with the Ivy Road (US250 West).

Birdwood Drive – Birdwood Drive is the old driveway from the Ivy Road to the main house at Birdwood.

Chemistry Drive – Chemistry Drive runs between the Chemistry and Mechanical Engineering Buildings, between Whitehead Road and McCormick Road.

Faulkner Drive – Faulkner Drive runs from the Miller Center (the main building of the Miller Center is Faulkner House) to the adjacent Faulkner dormitory complex. Faulkner House, and thus Faulkner Drive, was named for the novelist William Faulkner, several times Writer-in-Residence at the University. Faulkner House is an historic building, much modified since the original portion was built before the Civil War, and has no connection with William Faulkner other than the name.

Dawson’s Row – Dawson’s Row is the modern name for a walkway in the area behind the McIntire Amphitheater once occupied by Dawson’s Row, a mid-19th century row of dormitories, remnants of which survived to the middle of the 20th century. The original Dawson’s Row was named for Martin Dawson of Albemarle County, an early benefactor of the University.

Lambeth Commons – Lambeth Commons is the central walk in the Lambeth Field dormitory complex; the dormitories are built on the site of the outfield of Lambeth Field, which was once the University’s football stadium, baseball park, track, and soccer and lacrosse fields, all in one. Lambeth Field was named for Dr. William Lambeth (M.D. 1892, Ph.D. 1901) who was Professor of Medicine, Chairman of the Department of Physical Education, and Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds.

Engineer’s Way – This is the walkway between Thornton Hall – the main building of the School of Engineering – and the Materials Engineering Building.

Amphitheater Way – Amphitheater Way is the walkway around the rim of the McIntire Amphitheater, in front of Minor, Maury, and Halsey Halls.
Leake Drive – Leake Drive is named for Herbert Leake and other members of the Leake family who were members of the Buildings and Ground – now Facilities Management – staff for many years. It is a service road, adjacent to Facilities Management and the Astronomy Building at the corner of Alderman and McCormick Roads.

Pratt Drive – Pratt Drive, also in the Facilities Management area, honors William A. Pratt, an early Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds.

Bayly Drive – Bayly Drive is the service road behind the old Bayly Museum – now the University of Virginia Art Museum, on Rugby Road. The Bayly Museum, built in the mid-1930s, was named after Thomas H. Bayly at the request of the principal donor, Mrs. Evelyn May Bayly Tiffany.

Gilmer Drive – This service road is behind Gilmer Hall, which houses the Biology and Psychology Departments and is located on McCormick Road, although Gilmer Drive runs off of Alderman Road just west of its intersection with McCormick Road. The building – the road takes its name from the building – was named for Francis Walker Gilmer of Albemarle County, who was sent to Europe by Jefferson to recruit the first faculty of the University.

Geldard Drive – This is a service Road adjacent to Gilmer Hall and the Chemistry Building and running off Whitehead Road on the east side of Scott Stadium. It honors Frank A. Geldard, who was a Chairman of the Psychology Department and, from 1960 to 1962, Dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

Tree House Drive – Another service road, Tree House Drive serves the Tree House, a snack bar adjacent to the Observatory Hill Dining Hall and the Alderman Road dormitory complex.

O-Hill Drive – O-Hill is an abbreviation, commonly in use at the University, for the Observatory Hill Dining Hall, at the intersection of McCormick and Alderman Roads. O-Hill Drive is a service road in the area.

Bice Drive – Bice Drive honors Raymond C. Bice, Jr., Professor of Psychology and Secretary to the Board of Visitors, 1969-1990. It is the service road behind Balz House in the Alderman Road dormitory complex.
Vaughan Drive – Vaughan Drive is adjacent to Vaughan House in Hereford College. Vaughan House – and thus Vaughan Drive – is named for the late Joseph L. Vaughan, Professor of English in the School of Engineering and the first Provost of the University.

South Newcomb Road – As its name would indicate, South Newcomb Road is the southern half of Newcomb Road, the service road behind Newcomb Hall. Newcomb Hall was named for John Lloyd Newcomb, second President of the University.

Lannigan Drive – Henry H. Lannigan, known as “Pop,” was a trainer and track and basketball coach for many years in the first third of the 20th century – he is credited, in fact, with having introduced basketball to the University. Lannigan Drive runs behind Lannigan Track and Davenport Field, the baseball park.

Nash Drive – Nash Drive, which is adjacent to the Law School, is named for the late Charles P. Nash, legendary Marine hero in World War I and beloved member of the Law School faculty for many years after. He was known to several generations of students as “Gummy” Nash.

West Lee Street – West Lee Street, the continuation of a city street, is a service road in the Medical Center complex.

McKim Drive – This is a service road behind McKim Hall, built in 1930-31 as the nurses’ dormitory and named for Dr. Randolph McKim, the donor. McKim Hall is now an administrative and classroom building for the School of Medicine.

Reed Lane – Reed Lane, named for Dr. Walter Reed, a member of the Medical Class of 1869 and the conqueror of yellow fever, is the entrance road (from US250 West, the Ivy Road) to the Kluge Children’s Rehabilitation Center.

Research Way and Incinerator Road are both in the Medical Center complex, and both are known as “support facility” roads.

Lane Road – Lane Road’s original name, “Perimeter Road,” describes its function: it runs around two sides of the Medical Center complex, from Jefferson Park Avenue to Lee Street. The name appears to have come from that of an existing city street, of which the University’s Lane Road is an extension.
The following roads are in the old Blue Ridge Hospital complex below Monticello; in 1994, elements of the Medical Center and the Medical School were located there:

Hart Road – Hart Road was the main entrance road to Blue Ridge.

Lyman Mansion Road – Lyman Mansion Road was the loop around Lyman Mansion, a building in the Blue Ridge complex.

Heating Plant Road – As its name would indicate, the road served the Blue Ridge Heating Plant.

Dairy Barn Road – Dairy Barn Road served the Dairy Barn at Blue Ridge.

Ray C. Hunt Drive

This name was not part of the 1994 list.

When the Fontaine Research Park was opened, the main road into the area was named Ray C. Hunt Drive without reference to the University’s procedures on namings. Ray Hunt succeeded Vincent Shea – and preceded Leonard Sandridge – as Vice President for Business and Finance (during the first Capital Campaign, 1981-84, he had the title Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer). When he retired as Vice President in 1990, he resumed teaching in the McIntire School, from which he is now retired.