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BOARD MEETING: September 30, 2005

COMMITTEE: Professorships and Naming

AGENDA ITEM: I.A. Establishment of Professorship: Approval to establish Professorship in the College and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

THE BUCKNER W. CLAY PROFESSORSHIP

BACKGROUND: The late Buckner W. Clay of Charleston, West Virginia, was a student at the University when the United States entered the Second World War. He left Charlottesville in 1942 to serve with the American Field Service in North Africa and in India. He returned to West Virginia after the war and joined the staff of the Charleston Daily Mail, one of the city's two daily newspapers. The Daily Mail subsequently became part of Clay Communications.

Mr. Clay was a generous philanthropist, who directed most of his gifts through the Clay Foundation, of which he was a co-founder. His main interests were education, the arts, and human services for the people of West Virginia. In 1995, Mr. Clay and his brother, Lyell B. Clay, honored their father, an alumnus of the School of Law, with support for a building at the Law School which was named for the senior Mr. Clay.

Buckner Clay's widow, Mrs. Hamilton Clay, has made a generous gift for a professorship to support the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. The chair is to be named for Mr. Clay.

DISCUSSION: The President will propose the establishment of the Buckner W. Clay Professorship to be designated for the Dean of the College and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

ACTION REQUIRED: Approval by the Board of Visitors
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BUCKNER W. CLAY PROFESSORSHIP

WHEREAS, the late Buckner W. Clay of Charleston, West Virginia, was a student at the University at the beginning of the Second World War; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clay left the University in 1942 to serve with the American Field Service in North Africa and India; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clay returned to Charleston after the War and subsequently was a co-founder of the Clay Foundation and a generous philanthropist in his native state; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clay's generous benefactions also supported the University of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hamilton Clay, Mr. Clay's widow, has made a very generous gift to create a professorship in support of the Dean of Arts and Sciences;

RESOLVED, the Board of Visitors creates the Buckner W. Clay Professorship, to be designated for the Dean of the College and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, and thanks Mrs. Clay for her generosity.
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BOARD OF VISITORS AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

BOARD MEETING: September 30, 2005

COMMITTEE: Professorships and Naming

AGENDA ITEM: I.B. Change in the Name of Professorship:
Approval to change the name of a Professorship in Nursing

CHANGE IN NAME OF THE CENTENNIAL DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORSHIP IN PEDIATRIC NURSING TO CENTENNIAL DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORSHIP IN NURSING

BACKGROUND: The Board of Visitors, recognizing the very generous gift of an anonymous donor, created the Centennial Distinguished Professorship in Pediatric Nursing in 2000. In the fall of 2004, however, the School told the donor that its efforts over several years to attract a distinguished specialist in pediatric nursing had been unsuccessful, and requested permission to broaden its recruitment efforts by removing "pediatrics" from the title.

The donor granted permission and the School proposes to rename the chair the Centennial Distinguished Professorship in Nursing.

DISCUSSION: The President will propose the Change in name of the Centennial Distinguished Professorship in Pediatric Nursing to Centennial Distinguished Professorship in Nursing.

ACTION REQUIRED: Approval by the Board of Visitors
APPROVAL TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE CENTENNIAL
DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORSHIP IN PEDIATRIC NURSING
TO THE CENTENNIAL DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORSHIP IN
NURSING

WHEREAS, the Board of Visitors in 2000 created the
Centennial Distinguished Professorship in Pediatric Nursing in
accordance with the wishes of a very generous anonymous donor; and

WHEREAS, the School of Nursing, with the agreement of the
donor, wishes to broaden the scope of the Professorship by
changing the name and charge;

RESOLVED, the Board of Visitors changes the Centennial
Distinguished Professorship in Pediatric Nursing to the
Centennial Distinguished Professorship in Nursing, to be held in
the School of Nursing, and once more expresses its gratitude for
the generosity of the donor.
NAMINGS – The Board of Visitors approves the naming of buildings, streets, and the like, but not rooms or other portions of buildings or certain other parts of the Grounds; 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.

LEWIS W. OEHMIG SHORT-GAME CENTER AT THE BIRDWOOD GOLF COURSE

The late Lewis W. Oehmig was well known as an alumnus of the University, as a respected citizen of Chattanooga, and as a champion golfer. Born in 1916, he took his B.A. from the University in 1939 and his LL.B. in 1942. As Captain of the Golf Team in 1937, he led the team to a semifinal finish at the National Intercollegiate Tournament and was a co-medalist at the same competition. He won the Tennessee State Amateur Championship eight times between 1937 and 1971 and was runner-up five times in the same period. He won the USGA senior amateur championship in 1972, 1976 and 1985 – the last win made him the oldest USGA Champion in history.

Mr. Oehmig was the 1976 International Senior Amateur Champion. He served as captain of the U.S. Walker Cup Team in 1977 and captain of the U.S. World Cup Team in 1982. He received the Bob Jones Award for distinguished sportsmanship in golf in 1994, the highest award given by the United States Golf Association.

He died in 2002. His son, King Oehmig, has observed, “I cannot think of a stronger love, apart from family and faith, that my father Lew Oehmig had than that for the University of Virginia.”
Friends, admirers, and members of Mr. Oehmig’s family have made generous gifts toward the creation of the Lewis W. Oehmig Short-Game Center at the Birdwood Golf Course. It is to be located between holes one, two and three; it will include a large putting area and four chipping/pitching/target greens from 165 yards and in.

The UVa Foundation, which owns Birdwood, has approved the naming. The Board thus need take no action, but the naming is reported here both for the Board’s information and as a matter of record.