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\* *The degree candidates listed in this program were applicants for degrees as of May 11, 2007. The deans of the University's schools will make any needed changes in awarding the diplomas. The August 2006 and January 2007 degree recipients precede the listing of the May 2007 degree candidates in each section.*

## Finals Speaker

### John Grisham

Novelist John Grisham is the acknowledged master of the legal thriller. After publishing *A Time to Kill* in 1987, he wrote *The Firm*, which became the best-selling novel of 1991 and was followed by *The Pelican Brief*, *The Client*, and more than a dozen other best-sellers. In all, he has written 18 novels, nine of which have been turned into films. More than 225 million John Grisham books are in print, and they have been translated into 46 languages. In 2006, he published his first work of non-fiction, *The Innocent Man: Murder and Injustice in a Small Town*, which tells the story of a man wrongfully convicted of murder in Oklahoma.

Born in Jonesboro, Arkansas, Mr. Grisham attended Mississippi State University before graduating from law school at the University of Mississippi. For almost a decade he practiced law in Southaven, Mississippi, specializing in criminal defense and personal injury litigation. He served in the Mississippi State Legislature from 1983 to 1990. In addition to writing, Mr. Grisham has devoted time to charitable causes, including most recently his Rebuild The Coast Fund, which raised \$8.8 million for Gulf Coast relief in the months following Hurricane Katrina.

Mr. Grisham and his wife Renee split their time between their farm in Mississippi and a home near Charlottesville. The Grishams have two children, Ty (a 2005 University graduate) and Shea.

# Finals Program

*Sunday, May 20, 2007*

*Ten o'clock in the morning*

## Academic Procession

*Charles R. Tolbert, Grand Marshal*

Degree Candidates

Faculty

President's Party

## The Pledge of Allegiance

The National Anthem, performed by the Fort Lee Army Band

## Welcome

*John T. Casteen III, President of the University of Virginia*

## Introduction of Finals Speaker

*Thomas F. Farrell II, Rector of the University of Virginia*

## Finals Address

*John Grisham*

## Greetings from the Alumni Association

*Richard B. Payne, Jr., Chair of the University of Virginia's Alumni Association Board of Managers*

## Conferring of Degrees, Mr. Casteen

School of Medicine, *Vice President and Dean Arthur Garson, Jr., M.D., M.P.H.*

School of Law, *Dean John C. Jeffries, Jr.*

School of Engineering and Applied Science, *Dean James H. Aylor*

Curry School of Education, *Dean David W. Breneman*

Darden Graduate School of Business Administration, *Dean Robert F. Bruner*

School of Architecture, *Acting Dean A. Bruce Dotson*

School of Nursing, *Dean Jeanette Lancaster*

McIntire School of Commerce, *Dean Carl P. Zeithaml*

School of Continuing and Professional Studies, *Dean Sondra F. Stallard*

College and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, *Dean Edward L. Ayers*

## Final Words to the Class, Mr. Casteen

## Academic Recession, *The Good Old Song*

*We request that the audience remain in place until the academic recession has passed. The presentation of diplomas will follow at the locations noted in this program. Degree candidates who do not receive their diplomas at school or departmental ceremonies may receive them at the Office of the University Registrar in Carruthers Hall after 2 p.m., Monday, May 21.*

# A History of Final Exercises at the University of Virginia

by Raymond C. Bice, *Professor Emeritus*

So astute was Mr. Jefferson in determining the basic educational policy for the University of Virginia that the policy has seen very little change in the University's 188-year history. The colorful ceremony you will see today, however, would not have been held under Thomas Jefferson's original plan, which did not provide for degrees and diplomas. Although the early students of the University were highly respected for their knowledge, some of them petitioned the Board of Visitors for diplomas to improve their opportunities for employment.

Out of deference to the founder, the board took no action on these requests during Jefferson's lifetime, but fifteen months after his death, it changed the policy and directed that plans be laid for the first "Public Day" (commencement). In July 1829, the first Public Day was held in the Dome Room of the Rotunda. The program was very long, and it included orations by students. By 1848, the program began with a procession led by students and involved a single address by a prominent person.

Public Day was held in the Dome Room until the Rotunda annex was completed in 1853. It was then held in the public hall of the annex until the Rotunda and the annex burned in 1895. When Cabell Hall was completed in 1898, the Public Day programs were held in its auditorium. President Alderman's inauguration in 1905 brought about the more formal procession as seen today. It is now led by a faculty grand marshal.

When the McIntire Amphitheatre was completed in 1921, it became the site for the final exercises. A sudden drenching rainstorm disrupted the 1949 ceremony, sending the soaked graduates and guests into any shelter they could find. The threat of sudden storms and the increased number of graduates caused President Colgate Darden to declare that the 1952 ceremony would be the last to be held in the amphitheatre. Since then, Finals have been held on the Lawn except in bad weather.

Even when the ceremonies were held in the amphitheatre, the participants marched from the Rotunda, down the Lawn to the site of the ceremony. Students have long considered it a high privilege to have the opportunity to walk down the Lawn at Finals, and today's students place an even greater importance on this privilege. So important to many of them is the ceremonial walk down the Lawn, that a number of students, cheated out of a ceremony on the Lawn by bad weather, "confirm" their graduation by processing down the Lawn after Finals.

Through 1961, the president conferred the degrees and handed each recipient a diploma. By this time, graduates numbered in the thousands. The ceremony had become much too lengthy and the logistics too complex. Beginning in 1962 and continuing today, degrees are conferred in a main ceremony by the president. Degree recipients and their guests then reassemble later in "diploma ceremonies," where the diplomas are presented to the graduates by the deans.

# The Academic Procession

## The Procession

The academic procession is led by the grand marshal of the University bearing the official silver and ebony mace. Most of the processioners wear the academic costume accepted by a majority of the principal institutions of higher learning in the United States, though certain academic officials, such as the rector of the University, wear particular costumes indicative of current office. The processional order is listed below.

## The Gown

The processional gown is usually black; the design of the sleeves denotes the type of degree being conferred. The bachelor's sleeve is long and pointed. The master's sleeve has squared ends, with the arc of a circle near the bottom and a slit for the arm near the elbow. The doctoral sleeve is bell-shaped with three velvet bars. The doctoral robe has full-length velvet panels in front, either black or a color that symbolizes the wearer's field of learning.

## The Hood

A separate ornamental fold hangs down the back of the gown, and its lining carries the colors of the college or university granting the degree (for the University of Virginia, orange and blue). An outside band of velvet varies in width according to the degree: two inches for bachelor's degree, three for the master's, and five for the doctorate. The color of the band and other velvet on the doctoral hood symbolizes the field of learning (such as dark blue for philosophy). The length of the hood also varies with the level of the degree: bachelor's, three feet; master's, three and one-half feet; and doctorate, four feet. Bachelor's and master's degree candidates often do not wear their hoods.

## The Cap

The cap is usually the black mortarboard, decorated with a tassel. Gold tassels may be worn by holders of doctoral degrees, and some master's tassels are white. Generally, the colors of the tassels represent the principal fields of learning and are described below.

### Processional Order of Degree Candidates

Schools	Color of Mortarboard Tassel & Banner
Darden Graduate School	
of Business Administration .....	Tan
School of Medicine .....	Green
School of Law.....	Purple
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. ....	Black
McIntire School of Commerce .....	Tan
School of Engineering and Applied Science .....	Deep Orange
School of Architecture .....	Blue Violet
Curry School of Education .....	Light Blue
School of Continuing and Professional Studies.....	White
School of Nursing .....	Light Orange
College of Arts and Sciences.....	Black

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