Board Actions

- The Trustees approved awarding Emeritus status to David Burhans, University Chaplain, upon his retirement to the University.

Academic Program Committee

- Faculty approved for sabbatical leave:
  - School of Arts and Sciences
    - Samuel Abrash, Associate Professor of Chemistry
    - Lewis Barnett, Associate Professor of Mathematics & Computer Science
    - Richard Becker, Associate Professor of Music
    - Thomas Bonfiglio, Professor of German
    - Raymond Dominey, Professor of Chemistry
    - Della Fenster, Associate Professor of Psychology
    - Jane Geaney, Associate Professor of Religion
    - Julie Hayes, Professor of French
    - John Hubbard, Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science
    - Roni Kingsley, Associate Professor of Biology
    - Van Nall, Associate Professor of Mathematics & Computer Science
    - Peter Smallwood, Associate Professor of Biology
    - Walter Stevenson, Associate Professor of Classical Studies
    - Ellis West, Professor of Political Science
  - School of Business
    - Carol Lawrence, Associate Professor of Accounting
    - Ray Slaughter, Associate Professor of Accounting
    - Jonathan Wight, Associate Professor of Economics & International Studies
  - School of Law
    - John P. Jones, Professor of Law
    - Daniel Murphy, Professor of Law
  - School of Leadership Studies
    - Joanne Ciulla, Professor of Leadership Studies
    - Fred Jablin, Professor of Leadership Studies

- School of Continuing Studies
  Board approved motion to award Emeritus status to two professors upon their retirement from the University: James E. Hendricks and Taylor B. Cousins.

- Highlights
  - 185 students are studying abroad this semester; all but three are participating in University of Richmond sponsored programs.
  - Joshua Walker, Jepson Class of 2003, was awarded a Fulbright student grant to study in Turkey for the 2003-04 academic year.
  - SCS received the largest gift in its history, an irrevocable trust in the amount of $558,000 to be used toward the School’s campaign goals.

Advancement Committee

- Campaign total is at $113 million toward $175 million goal; campaign kickoff scheduled for early in 2004;
- Overview Brochure (Curious Minds) now available for distribution; designed to help market the University to corporate, foundation, government and educational leaders
- 33 new Foundation or Government Grant proposals were submitted between June 1 and September 30, 2003; 21 were funded in that period and totaled $1,619,511

Business Management Committee

- Completed projects: Weinstein Hall, Boatwright Library Improvements (including a new coffee shop), South Court Renovation.
- Current projects: Gottwald Science Center, parking lot at Gottwald Science Center, former Reynolds Metals Headquarters and Pitt Field.

- Highlights
  - Introduced new meal plan options for both on and off campus students enabling students to use their meal options later in the evening and continuously through the day in the dining hall.
Implemented the USA Today’s Readership program where three different newspapers (NY Times, Washington Post and USA Today) are delivered in quantity to selected residence halls at no charge to the students.

University Facilities implemented storm preparation and recovery for Hurricane Isabel. Conducted preparation activities during 74-hours preceding the storm, endured 20 hours of storm duration and restored all critical campus services 38 hours after the storm.

University Police re-accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies in July 2003. The Police Department maintains the longest on-going accreditation of any university police department in the nation.

Spider Management Company
- Endowment as of September 30, 2003: $1,029,000
- Return on endowment for 2003 fiscal year was 2.8%. The S&P 500 over this time frame was 0.3%.

Student Affairs Committee
- New initiatives to help students become better connected with the campus and each other: Academic Advising, A First-Year Plan for Men, RC Xtreme, VOICES Programs, ongoing Diversity Training, Office of Undergraduate Student Housing, Academic Lounges, Spider Shuttle, The Hookup and Student Referendum.

Audit Committee
- University’s audit for 2002-03 by KPMG went smoothly with no findings of significance to report.

Information Services
- Highlights
  - Library has a new main service point for circulation and reference services, a renovated reading room and a coffeehouse.
  - Science Library has moved to Boatwright Library.
  - Upgraded the Blackboard Course management system.

Chaplaincy
- Highlights
  - Third Annual University of Richmond Community Service Day held in partnership with Huguenot High School and Thompson Model Middle School.
  - 25 new students were welcomed to the Bonner Class of 2007.
  - Grant awarded to engage in work aimed at preventing bias against Muslims, Arabs and South Asians in the Metro Richmond area.

Athletics
- Richmond Spiders won Atlantic 10 Commissioner’s Cup, awarded to the top performing institution
- Student-athlete graduation rate was 12th in country among Division I athletic programs