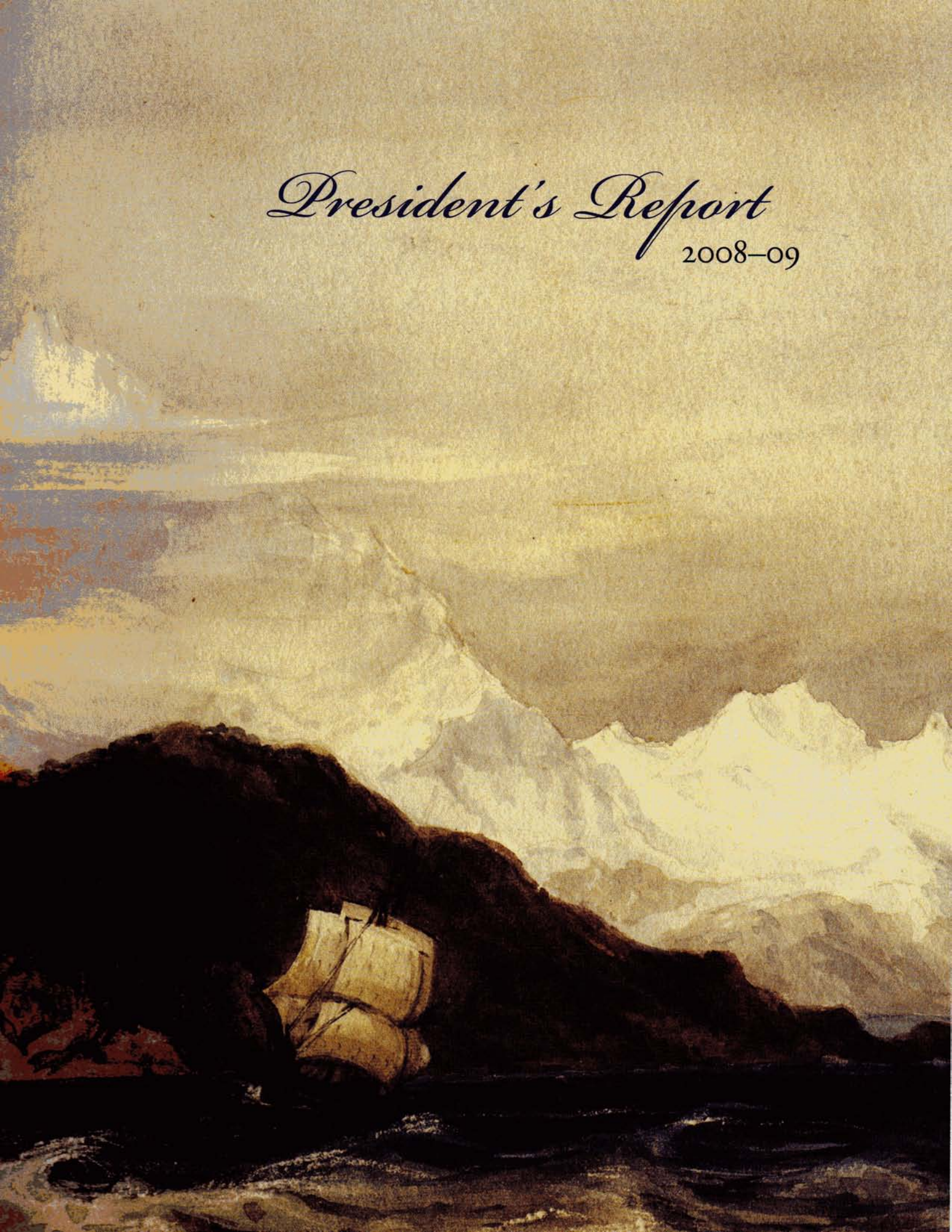


President's Report
2008-09



► John O. "Dubby" Wynne (Law '71) begins his term on the Board of Visitors as the University's fortieth rector, succeeding W. Heywood Fralin (College '85), who will remain on the board until 2012. Daniel R. Abramson (College '70), recently named vice rector, will succeed Mr. Wynne in 2011. Governor Timothy M. Kaine names Randal J. Kirk (Law '79) of Pulaski County to the board to replace Thomas F. Farrell II (College '76, Law '79) and appoints three current members to second terms: A Macdonald Caputo (College '63, Law '66) of Fairfield County, Connecticut; Alan A. Diamonstein (McIntire '55, Law '58) of Newport News; and Vincent Mastracco, Jr. (College '61), of Norfolk.



▲ Drama professor Michael Rasbury is selected to premier his musical about autism, "Max Understood," at the 2009 New York Musical Theatre Festival. Mr. Rasbury wrote and composed the pieces, inspired by his nine-year-old son, Max, who has autism, with director and actor Nancy Carlin of Berkeley, California.

August 2009

► The Semester at Sea Program departs on its 100th global voyage from Halifax, Nova Scotia. A new Web site featuring photos, interactive media, and alumni stories is produced as part of the celebration. See www.semesteratsea.org/our-100th-voyage/.

September 2009

► Husain Haqqani, Pakistan's ambassador to the United States, kicks off the University's Ambassador Forum Lecture Series for the 2009-10 academic year. The series brings the world to the Grounds and gives students direct exposure to global affairs.

► Using PrimaryAccess, a Web-based teaching tool developed at the Curry School's Center for Technology and Teacher Education, students can create documentaries on a new educational Web site, "Picturing the 1930s," launched September 2 by the Smithsonian Institution's American Art Museum. Visit http://americanart.si.edu/education/picturing_the_1930s. Visitors can select images, write text, and record narration in the style of a documentary filmmaker. They can then screen their video in a virtual theater. PrimaryAccess was recognized in July as one of twenty-five "Best Web Sites for Teaching and Learning."

President John T. Casteen III



President John T. Casteen III announces that he will step down on August 1, 2010, after twenty years as president. Now sixty-five, he arrived at the University at seventeen, earned three degrees here, and served as dean of admission before returning to U.Va. in 1990 as president. During his tenure, he has overseen major restructuring of administrative and governance structures; significant improvements in academic programs; two major fundraising campaigns; the creation of the University's groundbreaking financial aid program, AccessUVA; and expansions of physical facilities (some 132 buildings altogether, representing 41 percent of the University's total gross square footage, including major additions).

President Casteen is among the nation's longest-serving and most-respected university presidents. "These years have been all but magical for my family and me," he said. "We have had the pleasure of living and working among students, staff members, faculty members, alumni, other backers of the University, and the women and men of a community that we see as America's best. These have been years of working with legislators, board members, and others who care about the roles of universities in promoting and sustaining the common good, and of imagining with them how to cultivate a University capable of making Virginia's and the Republic's future worthy of their past."

The many past students and future generations of students are the beneficiaries of President Casteen's achievements over his two decades as president. The nearly 94,000 students who have earned degrees at the University during his presidency now represent nearly 48 percent of its total population of living alumni. The Board of Visitors begins a search for President Casteen's successor in late July.