

## FROM THE CHANCELLOR

*It is wonderful to be back in Virginia! My wife, Merry Lu, and I spent several years in Charlottesville in the early '70s as I completed my graduate studies at the University of Virginia. Since then, we have often thought about those exciting days in Charlottesville. In July, we had the pleasure of returning to Virginia to join the wonderful UVa-Wise community.*

*As I have gotten to know many of you – faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends – I have been impressed by your passion for UVa-Wise and its mission. You have shared with me your hopes and dreams for the*

*College, as well as many stories of how this institution has profoundly shaped your lives. As the chancellors who have come before me recognized, I know that I lead an institution that is cherished by countless employees, alumni and friends. I want you to know I am committed to leading UVa-Wise as we enhance our high-quality learning environment.*

*Many exciting opportunities are just ahead, including new facilities, expanding enrollment and innovative outreach programs. Working together, we will continue honoring the UVa-Wise traditions while charting our course toward new heights of service and distinction.*

*Best wishes to you and yours in 2006.*

*Sincerely,*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DJP", written over a horizontal line.

*David J. Prior  
Chancellor*

