The Board of Trustees assessed each of the Project 21 reports — which identified more than $1.5 billion in needs and opportunities — and focused on common themes, adopting the singular goal "to accelerate Washington University's ascent among the world's premier universities."

Goals exceeded — twice!

In September 1998, after a three-year leadership phase in which gifts and commitments of $541 million had been secured, the University publicly announced the campaign with an overall goal of $1 billion to be raised by June 30, 2004. By October 2000, with imminent achievement of that goal in sight, trustees raised the bar to $1.3 billion. By more closely approximating the 1995-projected cost of implementing high priorities identified in Project 21, the original goal of $1 billion was surpassed in April 2001.

By December 2002, the increased goal of $1.2 billion had been exceeded. And by June 30, 2004, the campaign was concluded with gifts and commitments of $1,551,350,170. "Building a world-class university is an exciting challenge," Wrighton said, "and the success of our campaign will ensure Washington University's leadership in the 21st century."

"Thanks to extraordinary leadership provided by campaign chairs John McDonnell and Sam Fox and the generosity of the more than 95,000 alumni, parents and friends — including the many corporations, foundations, faculty and staff members and others — who contributed to this campaign, the University today is stronger than ever."

International network of leadership volunteers

The campaign was carried out under the direction of 25 local, national and international volunteer leaders, assisted by more than 5,000 volunteers.

John I. McDonnell, retired chairman of the board of Mc-Donnell Douglas Corp., was chairman of the University's Board of Trustees from June 1999 through 2004, chaired the leadership phase, Sam Fox, chairman and chief executive officer of Harbour Group Ltd. and a life trustee of Washington University, headed the public phase.

David T. Blasingame, executive vice chancellor for development programs, served as executive director of the campaign.

"Our is a university that exerts a powerful impact on people's lives — here in St. Louis, throughout Missouri and even across America," McDonnell said. "All of us who are associated with Washington University, who know what the University has accomplished and what it stands for, also know the tremendous potential it has to contribute even more to the frontiers of science and knowledge."

I am confident this unprecedented investment in Washington University will result in even greater benefits for society and will create a significant realization in what our faculty and students can accomplish. By participating..."

WUSTL is awarded full research accreditation, a select distinction

The Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs (AAHRPP) recently awarded a full research accreditation to the University, one of a very select group of organizations in the nation to earn this recognition.

The AAHRPP, a nonprofit organization, works to protect the rights and welfare of research participants by fostering and advancing ethical and professional conduct of scientists and organizations that engage in clinical research.

"The safety and protection of human research participants has always been at the forefront of patient care at Washington University," said Cicero, Ph.D., vice chancellor for research. "The AAHRPP accreditation is another example of our faculty and staff's unwavering commitment to protect our research participants."

"We are very proud that Washington University is one of only 14 organizations awarded accreditation by AAHRPP."
WUSTL ranked 12th in best value by U.S. News

By NEIL SCHÖNHERR

Washington University—consistently ranked among America's 20 best national universities—is now ranked 12th in the best value category, titled "Great Schools, great prices," an increase of two spots from last year, according to new undergraduate rankings released by U.S. News & World Report magazine.

The University is tied with Northwestern University for 11th place in undergraduate programs among the nation's 176 national universities rated by U.S. News. The U.S. News undergraduate rankings are derived from peer assessments by university chief executive officers, president and admissions deans, as well as from data gathered from each institution. This data is broken down into categories and assigned a weight reflecting the magazine's judgment about which measures of quality matter most.

This year's results, published in the weekly edition of U.S. News & World Report College guide, rank WUSTL fourth in financial resources, sixth in faculty resources, an increase of five spots, eighth in selectivity, an increase of one spot; and ninth in alumni giving.

A complete list of the rankings is posted on the publication's Web site, usnews.com.

The formula used to determine which schools offer the best values relates a school's academic quality, as indicated by its U.S. News ranking, to the net cost of attendance for a student who receives the average level of financial aid. The higher the quality of the program and the lower the cost, the better the school's value.

"I believe we are a better university than we were a year ago," Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton said. "We have improved dramatically in all those areas, and we are working hard to continue that improvement."

The Olin School of Business is ranked as the 11th-best business school among national universities, tied with Indiana University and the University of Illinois. It is an increase from the Olin School's ranking of 14th a year ago. The business school also ranked 17th in finance.

"We are delighted at this recognition from U.S. News," said Stuart I. Greenbaum, Ph.D., dean of the Olin School and Bob of America Professor of Managerial Leadership. "Our program has improved from year to year and is among the most distinguished in the nation. This is a product of our outstanding students and faculty and a commitment to excellence that is unwavering."

The School of Engineering & Applied Science is ranked 36th, tied with seven other schools, including Brown University in overall quality and facilities, and Rice University in selectivity, an increase of five spots;

The Department of Accounting is ranked 35th, tied with four other schools, including the University of Notre Dame, a tie with Michigan State University.

U.S. News rankings

Undergraduate programs:
1. (tie) Harvard University
2. Princeton University
3. Yale University
4. University of Pennsylvania
5. (tie) Massachusetts Institute of Technology
6. Duke University
7. Stanford University
8. California Institute of Technology
9. (tie) Columbia University
10. Dartmouth College
11. (tie) Washington University
12. Northwestern University
13. Brown University
14. (tie) Cornell University
15. Johns Hopkins University
16. University of Chicago
17. Rice University
18. (tie) University of Notre Dame
19. Vanderbilt University
20. Emory University

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Orientation welcomes new students

By NEIL SCHÖNHERR

The Class of 2008 has arrived! Orientation 2004, Aug. 26-31, will introduce new students to campus, their professors and their classmates. It will feature open houses, entrance exams, meetings with deans and several special programs.

The highlight again this year will be the Faculty Perspectives Program. Started last year, the program invites the opportunity to engage in a lively discussion with a faculty member about a book, or common readings each freshman received this summer.

This year's book, Freedom, includes the Declaration of Independence and other famous essays, speeches and documents on the topic of freedom. Each section of the book includes questions that students are encouraged to consider and present in writing during the Faculty Perspectives session from 7-8:30 p.m. Aug. 30.

"We are excited about this program," said Karen Levin Cohen, assistant vice chancellor and dean of students for student life. "It is a wonderful way for students to begin thinking about the college experience before they arrive, and it also gives them a chance to meet with a professor in an informal setting."

Orientation 2004 will also include more focus on transfer students, featuring a formal welcome and social event today, and the new Transfer Transitions Program from 7-8:30 p.m. Aug. 28. Orientation officially kicked off the evening of Aug. 26, with residence hall floor meetings, followed by convocations—Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton's opportunity to welcome all new students and parents to campus. A celebration in Brookings Quadrangle was planned to conclude the day's events.

An array of departmental open houses is scheduled for today. These give students an opportunity to meet with representatives from the faculty and staff to learn more about the curriculum.

Various placement exams, financial aid meetings and campus ministry dinners will also take place today. The closing event is the Club 40 Dance at 10 p.m. in the South 40 Clock Tower. Aug. 28 will feature meetings...
**School of Medicine Update**

**Powell to direct Department of Radiation Oncology**

**BY MICHAEL G. PURDY**

Simon Powell, M.B.B.S., a radiation oncology scientist from Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard University, has been appointed head of the Department of Radiation Oncology and professor of radiation oncology. He will join the University Oct. 1.

"Simon is a talented research scientist, someone who can revolutionize the molecular mechanisms that allow normal tissues and cancer cells to repair their DNA after exposure to ionizing radiation," said Larry J. Shapiro, M.D., dean of the medical school and executive vice chancellor for medical affairs.

"He possesses the leadership skills and vision to move our Department of Radiation Oncology forward in a continued effort to achieve excellence in all of its missions."

Powell is a leader in research into HBCAI and HBCAC2 genes that can sharply increase a woman's risk of developing breast cancer.

Among other accomplishments, Powell has developed an assay for a class of proteins that let doctors interpret former medical records results from tumors, perhaps leading to the risk-enhancing forms of breast cancer.

Powell, who is originally from England, was head of the Breast Cancer Service and clinical director of the Gallerie Women's Cancer Center Program at Massachusetts General, which is affiliated with Harvard Medical School.

He received both his M.B.B.S., the British equivalent to the M.D. and a Ph.D. in cell and molecular biology from the University of London.

Powell trained at the Royal Marsden Hospital and the Institute of Cancer Research in England before coming to the United States in 1991 as a clinical oncologist fellow at Harvard.

Powell will also become a professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology. As department head, he will succeed Carlos A. Perez, M.D., who served as the department's head since it was founded in September 2000.

"Replacing a colleague like Carlos Perez was not easy, but I think in Simon we are definitely fortunate to have someone with solid leadership capability and an endowing clinical research skills," said Timothy J. Eberlein, M.D., the Spencer T. and Ann W. Olits Professor and director of the Stem Cell Center.

Powell is principal investigator for six federal research grants, and he has served on various committees for the National Institutes of Health, including site visit committees that have reviewed major cancer-related grants at the University of Pennsylvania, the University of North Carolina and M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

He was associate editor for the International Journal of Cancer for eight years and serves on the editorial boards of the journals Radiation Research and Cancer Biology and Therapy.

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"We plan to encourage this attitude in the teaching of residents, recruitment of new faculty and in the development of clinical trials within the Stem Cell Center," Powell said.

"The opportunity clearly exists to make Washington University's Department of Radiation Oncology the premier radiation oncology department in the country."

**Tinnitus study needs volunteers**

**BY GILA Z. REICKES**

Millions of people with tinnitus currently have little hope for quick relief from the disorder, according to a team recruiting volunteers in St. Louis.

"We are recruiting volunteers for the first large study of the potential treatment," said lead author, James C. Cirillo, M.D., associate professor of medicine and otolaryngology.

But School of Medicine scientists suspect a drug already approved for the treatment of carpal tunnel syndrome or buzzing noises the disorder produces.

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"This is not a large study, but it is a very interesting study because we are studying a drug that may have direct impact on tinnitus," said principal investigator Jay V. Elovitz, M.D., professor of otolaryngology, head and facial plastic surgery.

The researchers are recruiting volunteers of the Class of 2008 with their white coats, long a symbol of the medical profession.

By Thomas Elovitz, M.D.

The University has received a $2.8 million grant from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health to help employers determine which employees are more likely to get carpal tunnel syndrome and other hand, wrist and elbow problems.

"We plan to encourage this attitude in the teaching of residents, recruitment of new faculty and in the development of clinical trials within the Stem Cell Center," Powell said.

Bradley A. Elovitz, M.D., the Sister Associate Professor of Occupational, Industrial and Environmental Medicine, is lead investigator of the study.

"Tinnitus has been a chronic progressive condition caused by compression of a key nerve in the wrist. Approximately two out of every 1,000 workers will experience carpal tunnel syndrome every year, leading to significant medical expenditures and lost time from work."

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### Campaign

**26 new buildings have been constructed** — from Page 1

in this campaign, each of us will be making a permanent mark on the University.

### Impact of the campaign

In fact, the impact of the campaign is already being felt across the Hilltop and Medical campuses, inside and outside the classrooms and laboratories. From the many new emphases in education and research, to construction and renovation, to new initiatives to enhance student life, the campaign is helping the University to better serve its students and the wider world.

For example, in the years since the counting period for the campaign started:

- 165 new endowed professorships, including 11 endowed faculty fellowships, were established, more than double the number in existence at the University prior to the start of the campaign. That added incentive helps the University attract more of the outstanding faculty it seeks, while retaining more of the great faculty already at the University.
- Five new endowed faculty fellowships, including the Charles F. Knight Executive Education Center in the Olin School of Business; the McDonnell Pediatric Research Building and the T. J. P. Newman Education Center in the School of Medicine; the Albert and Sarah S. smaller institutional buildings, constructed, including the Charles F. Knight Executive Education Center in the Olin School of Business; the McDonnell Pediatric Research Building and the T. J. P. Newman Education Center in the School of Medicine; the Albert and Sarah S. Laboratory Science Building and the Earth and Planetary Sciences Building in the Arts & Sciences.
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The BioMed 21 initiative, which was announced in 2003, will facilitate advances designed to address diseases' biggest questions.

- An unprecedented investment in campus life has reconfigured the residential areas, including the South 40 and The Village.
- The Village clusters for small-group living, channeled millions of dollars into new residential construction and renovation, broadened the landscape of health services available to students through the Habif Health and Wellness Initiative, and redefined the concepts of student housing.
- And on the 100th anniversary of the 1904 Olympic Games hosted by the University, Francis Field — the historic outdoor athletic facility — was renovated.

### Wide basis of support serves many needs

A breakdown of the $1.55 billion raised shows the following designations:

- $58.5 million for academic programs;
- $230.9 million for endowed faculty support and research;
- $185.1 million in new endowment for scholarships;
- $180.9 million for facilities;
- $114.6 million for the Annual Fund;
- $127.8 million for the Alvin J. Siteman Campaign ($62.3 million of which is included in other totals listed here), and;
- $216.1 million for unrestricted and other endowment purposes.

"This is a very significant sum of money, and we have the responsibility to deploy this sum wisely," Fox said. "When I accepted the job of chairing the public phase of the campaign, I told people this: Washington University is doing such great things, but it has the potential to do even more, to go further; not so that we can boast about how much we raised, not to move up on the list of universities with the largest endowments, but to do even more to make this a better country, a better society, and yes, a better world! And I tell people the same thing today: Washington University's potential is unlimited."

### Campaign for Washington University

Above: At the Project 21 planning retreat, volunteer leaders and University administrators came together to create the blueprint for the Campaign for Washington University. Right: Attending the Project 21 planning retreat were Chancellor Emeritus William D. Danforth (left) and Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton. Below: Campaign chairs Sam Fox (left) and John P. McDonnell share a lighter moment during the retreat. "When I accepted the job of chairing the public phase of the campaign," Fox says, "I told people this: Washington University is doing such great things, but it has the potential to do even more, to go further; not so that we can boast about how much we raised, not to move up on the list of universities with the largest endowments, but to do even more to make this a better country, a better society, and yes, a better world! And I tell people the same thing today: Washington University's potential is unlimited."
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- 26 new buildings have been constructed, major renovations have been completed on others, and ground has been broken for three more
- More than $300 million was raised in the regional campaigns, and each of the 22 regions achieved its campaign goal
- Parents donated $46 million
- Faculty and staff contributed $62.5 million

Campaign moments

Top: (From left) John F. McDonnell is joined by Larry J. Shapiro, M.D., and Philip Needleman, Ph.D., at the announcement of the BioMed 21 initiative. Above: Edith L. Wolff and Timothy J. Ley, M.D., pause at Ley’s installation as the Alan A. and Edith L. Wolff Professor in Medicine — one of a record 165 new professorships endowed during the campaign. Left: Marilyn and Sam Fox display characteristic aplomb during the groundbreaking of the Sam Fox Arts Center, one of more than two dozen construction endeavors aided by campaign gifts. Below: Andrew C. Taylor, a University trustee and chairman and chief executive officer of Enterprise Rent-A-Car Co., meets with two of the beneficiaries of the Enterprise Rent-A-Car Scholarships. The campaign raised $185.1 million in new endowment for scholarships — including $25 million from Enterprise, the largest designation for undergraduate scholarships in University history.

Blasingame promoted to executive vice chancellor

David T. Blasingame, vice chancellor for alumni and development programs, has been promoted to executive vice chancellor in recognition of his leadership and for his success in executing the Campaign for Washington University that secured more than $1.5 billion and much visibility for the University’s academic programs during the last nine years.

The announcement was made by Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton. “David Blasingame’s skillful management of our highly successful campaign deserves recognition, and I believe this promotion reflects our gratitude for a job extraordinarily well done,” Wrighton said. “He and his team have built an exceptional program of volunteer leaders and a record-setting number of donors whose support has provided the University with much-needed resources.

“Beyond his leadership of the campaign, David Blasingame is an invaluable future contributor to the advance of the University. He is a powerful advocate for the academic enterprise, and he is a key member of the University Council.”

Under his new title as executive vice chancellor, Blasingame will continue his current responsibilities for all development activities for all schools of the University, as well as for alumni and parent relations. He earned a bachelor’s degree from the University in psychology in Arts & Sciences in 1969 and then a master of business administration from the Olin School of Business in 1971. From 1971-73, he served as an officer in the U.S. Army.

Blasingame joined the University in 1974 as an associate director of alumni relations. In 1976, he was named associate director for alumni annual giving, and in 1978 he became director of development for the Sam Fox School and University College.

In May 1985, he became executive director for schools alumni and development programs, and later that year he was promoted to assistant vice chancellor with the added responsibilities of alumni and parent relations. Two years later, he was promoted to associate vice chancellor and director of alumni and development programs, assuming responsibility for the offices of corporate and foundation relations, and planned giving. In 1990, he became vice chancellor for alumni and development programs.

For more on David Blasingame, see Washington People, Page 8.
Skandalakis
Gifts over the years have 'a direct impact' — From Page 1
at our University?"
Neal suggests, may be one of the
factors driving the surge in the student
interest in entrepreneurship. 
A year later, an additional $2 mil-
lion gift established the Skandal-
akis Entrepreneurship Fund.
This gift enabled the Olin School to add a complete set of
traditional courses in tandem with streamed and real-world
learning programs like the Hatch-
ery, thereby establish the selling
as a school in leader, entre-
preneurial education.
With these programs firmly in
place, the University was poised to take the next step: making
entrepreneurship education accessible to faculty and students
campus-wide.
In December 2003 the Univer-
sity was awarded a $3 million
grant from the Ewing Marion
Kauffman Foundation, an award
which is designed to make entre-
preneurship education available
to all the relationships between
mankind.
"The desire is to have this
research published in leading aca-
demic journals in the faculty's
member discipline area,"
McManis says.
Faculty or interdisciplinary
team members may propose diver-
sing such as art, economics,
political science, engineering,
social work, law, business,
the sciences may submit proposals.
CUE is particularly interested
research relating to the following areas:
• Innovation and/or productivity
  improvement, including: for-
  profit, non-profit, govern-
  ment and education types;
• Technology transfer; includ-
  ing all the relationships between
  scientific discovery, law and
  business;
• How entrepreneurs learn;
  • Women and minorities as
  entrepreneurs; and
• Economic development
  policy and how entrepreneurial
  activity affects growth, jobs
  and wealth.
"Collaboration of entre-
preneurship is broad and me-
tioned contains 3-4 years from
Applications must be e-mailed
by Sept. 30.
The process is continu-
ing.
Worship
Saturday, Sept. 4
9 a.m. to 9 a.m., St. Louis Basilica.
Kirkland Chapel.) Sponsored by
Church of the Holy Trinity.
1-4 p.m. Career Center Event.
OCRA Career Center.
935-9542.

On Stage
Thursday, Sept. 9
2-4 p.m. Science Center. To register:
935-4444.

The following incidents were reported to University Police
Aug. 11-24. Readers with information that could assist in
investigating these incidents are urged to call 935-5555.
This information is provided as a public service to promote
safety awareness and is available on the University Police Web site at police.wustl.edu.

Aug. 11
11:47 p.m. — A caller stated an unknown male climbed
onto her balcony and entered
her suite in Myers Residence
Hall, and left through the
front door. The investigation is
continuing.

Aug. 12
1:24 p.m. — A fire broke out in a microwave oven in
Merrill Residence Hall. The University Police responded
to the scene and extinguished the fire.

Aug. 17
12:18 p.m. — There was an
attempt to cash a counterfeit
Washington University payroll
check at Cash Express on
Grand Boulevard South.

Aug. 19
5:19 p.m. — A bike wheel was stolen from a bike locked to
the bike rack outside of Eblert
Residence Hall. The investigation
is continuing.

Aug. 22
2 p.m. — A person reported
that his iPod had been stolen
about two weeks ago from a
room in the Inman Family
Life. The theft is under
investigation.

Additional University Police
responded to one report each
of parking complaints and
unusual activity.
**Introducing new faculty members**

The following are among the new faculty members at the School of Medicine. Others will be introduced periodically.

**Timothy E. Haller, M.D.** joined the School of Medicine in 2002. Haller attended the University of Rochester School of Medicine and was a Fulbright Scholar in Germany.

**Sam B. Bhayani, M.D.** joined the Division of Urology as an assistant professor. Most recently, he served as a neurological instructor in urology and fellow in laparoscopy at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health. Bhayani completed his medical degree from Washington University in 1996, and completed a residency in urologic surgery at the University of Pennsylvania in 2002. His specialty areas include laparoscopic nephrectomy, laparoscopic prostatectomy, urologic and urologic spine surgery, and complex pelvic reconstructive surgery. Bhayani is currently active in teaching and research.

**William G. Hawkins, M.D., M.P.H.** became chief of the Hipopatological Pathology Service as an assistant professor, following his residency and conducting research with postgraduate students. Hawkins completed his medical degree from the State University of New York-Stony Brook in 1995. His specialty areas include large bowel and prostate cancer, and urologic pathology.

**Bryan D. Matthews, M.D.** became an instructor in urology and fellow in pancreatic surgery at the University of Washington and was a resident in surgery at Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston. He completed his medical degree from Washington University in 1996, and completed a residency in urologic surgery at the University of Washington in 2002. His specialty areas include laparoscopic nephrectomy, laparoscopic prostatectomy, urologic and urologic spine surgery, and complex pelvic reconstructive surgery. Matthews is currently active in teaching and research.

**Stephanie F. Prasquier, M.D.** joined the Department of Urology at St. Louis University Hospital and was an attending radiologist. Prasquier completed her medical degree from the State University of New York at Stony Brook in 2002. Her specialty areas include laparoscopic nephrectomy, laparoscopic prostatectomy, urologic and urologic spine surgery, and complex pelvic reconstructive surgery. Prasquier is currently active in teaching and research.

**Gregory J. Gurtner, M.D., assistant professor of medicine in the Division of Gastroenterology, died of complications of melanoma at Barnes-Jewish Hospital on Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2004. Gurtner was 36 and was diagnosed with the disease 15 years ago.

**Leo Solomon, M.D.** joined the department of urology as associate professor and surgical chief. Solomon completed his medical degree from Boston University School of Medicine and was a resident in surgery at the University of California in Berkeley. Solomon is currently active in teaching and research.

**Saul Rosenzweig, Ph.D.** joined the department of urologic surgery as associate professor and surgical chief. Rosenzweig completed his medical degree from Cornell University Medical College in 1997. He is currently active in teaching and research.

**Brian R. Lowry, M.D.** joined the department of urologic surgery as associate professor and surgical chief. Lowry completed his medical degree from the University of California in 2000. He is currently active in teaching and research.
Returning the Favor

David T. Blasingame helps raise money to allow other students to follow his path

By Andy Crenshaw

It's fitting that a young man who grew up in rural Arkansas, with limited financial resources, would grow to become one of the top fund-raisers for the University.

After all, he's just giving back to the school that gave him an opportunity of a lifetime.

David T. Blasingame grew up in rural Arkansas, where his mother was a secretary. His father died when David was 2.

Blasingame moved to Little Rock when he was 12. He and his brother grew up with some friends' fathers going to school here. They were coming up here one weekend to visit, and I decided to tag along. I knew, really, that I didn't really know too much about the University.

That's when I started coming to Blasingame's rescue by offering him a full scholarship, including room and board. It's an act that has stayed with Blasingame his whole life.

"I couldn't have managed to attend Washington University without that," he said.

After graduating from the University with two degrees (B.A. in 1969; M.B.A. in 1971), he joined the Army for a couple of years, aided by a conditioned ROTC program he enrolled in while taking graduate classes.

Then came a moment every young man who is on campus at a crossroads in his or her life. "I was working for the Postal Service," Blasingame laughed. "The former dean of the business school had been on the board of governors, and he went to work for them as part of an exciting management program they had initiated around that time."

"However, I decided after a few months that I didn't want to pursue that career, and I just sat down and tried to think through what I wanted to do with my life," he said.

He kept returning to Washington University, the more and more he thought about things.

"I had a great experience here," he said. "I loved the University. I loved the professors and my classmates. They were some of the best years of my life.

I was also very grateful for the scholarship support and the professors who took an interest in me. I thought it was a great place and wanted to be a part of it so I could help do for others what had been done for me.

So, without leaving any particular job or position, he walked onto the campus and said he'd be interested in working here, and started asking about available jobs — with admirably no concept of what development was.

But a position was available in development — and he turned it down.

"I didn't think I'd be very good at it, but luckily they came back to me a couple of weeks later and asked me to reconsider," Blasingame said. "I thought I'd try it out for a couple of years, and I'm still here.

I've loved every minute of it." He started as associate director of alumni affairs in 1976.