A. What is your most memorable experience at U.Va.?
Hearing and meeting many regional, national and world leaders on the Grounds in venues such as the Rotunda, Cabell Hall, the Colonnade Club and Rouss Hall. These included William F. Buckley, James Schlesinger (Secretary of Defense), Vice President Spiro Agnew, the former U.S. Ambassador to South Vietnam, the Secretary of the Navy, etc. These were thought provoking, exciting and memorable for a young undergraduate!

B. What was your funniest experience at U.Va.?
The night we made a “road trip” to Hollins, Mary Baldwin and Sweet Briar, all in about 8 hours. One of the girls we visited at Sweetbriar early that evening (unbeknownst to us), randomly mentioned by phone to one of the girls we saw later that evening at Mary Baldwin, that we had been there, and had to leave to go back to Charlottesville to “study”. It turned out that they were cousins (and our name was MUD).

C. What was your favorite thing to do at U.Va. or where was your most favorite hangout?
Work hard/play hard.

D. What would you say to someone who is interested in attending U.Va.?
For many individuals, there is no better place to explore and pursue your interests, passions and dreams. There is an incredible multitude of activities and pursuits; you just have to take advantage of them.

E. What advice would you give to an incoming 1st year or current U.Va. student?
In this order: work hard, play hard. Make the most of it because it’s over quickly.
MICHAEL C. GUANZON  
Vice President, Communications Chair and Social Chair

A. What is your most memorable experience at U.Va.?
At the last minute, I interviewed legendary actor Gregory Peck for an article in The Cavalier Daily. After returning to my apartment after teaching a tennis class, I received a message that I had 30 minutes to begin a one-on-one interview Mr. Peck at the Boars Head Inn! Through some miracle, I took the fastest shower ever, found a clean enough suit and tie, secured a staff photographer and made it to my interview on time. Despite having to wing the interview, the interview went smoothly, and Mr. Peck even extended the interview.

B. What was your funniest experience at U.Va.?
During my first year, I managed to turn five pairs of jeans purple in the wash. Although everyone told me to separate dark clothes from light clothes, I somehow missed the advice that a new red flannel shirt should be washed separately from everything else. Apparently, word spread quickly, and on two separate occasions at the O-Hill cafeteria later that evening, an acquaintance asked me and my friends whether we heard the story about some guy who accidentally turned his blue jeans purple.

C. What was your favorite thing to do at U.Va. or where was your most favorite hangout?
One of my favorite things to do was to sit at the top of the Rotunda steps, take a quiet moment to absorb the ambiance of the Lawn, and become inspired to do something great one day.

D. What would you say to someone who is interested in attending U.Va.?
My college experience at U.Va. was simply the best. If you have been accepted, you will not regret it. Take a tour of the Grounds and you will fall in love with Mr. Jefferson’s Academical Village -- there is nothing like it. Talk to students and alumni, and you will find a recurring theme of academic excellence, leadership, service, honor and of course, a love for The University. However, if you have not yet applied, work hard for top grades, top SAT scores and leadership positions. U.Va. prides itself in having well-rounded students. Of course, if you are awaiting a decision from U.Va. Admissions, prayer may help.

E. What advice would you give to an incoming 1st year or current U.Va. student?
First, make time to take advantage of all that U.Va. has to offer – sign up for classes outside of your major and comfort zone; attend a guest lecture even if it is scheduled at an inconvenient time; pay attention to the U.Va. sport event you are attending; try one or more short courses, etc. Four years will pass quicker than you know it, and you do not want to have regrets. Second, study hard and
party hard! You should be an overachiever in both. Third, after your last exam in your third year, remember to make hotel and dinner reservations early for your graduation. Your parents and family will thank you for it. Lastly, make sure you learn all the rules about how to do laundry.

**F.  Why is U.Va. so special to you?**
James Hay, Jr.’s 1903 poem, “The Honor Men”, says it best, “… Remembering the purple shadows of the lawn, the majesty of the colonnades, and the dream of your youth, you may say in reverence and thankfulness: ‘I have worn the honors of honor, I graduated from Virginia.’”
A. What is your most memorable experience at U.Va.?
I will never forget the time that famed architect Phillip Johnson walked through the studios at the A-School. He couldn't help but critique the designs and models he saw as he walked among the students' desks. He stopped and looked at a scale model I had made of a small museum. I explained the nature of the project and he said, "I think this would make a fine museum." I almost fell off my stool. On the non-academic side, I will never forget Easters. The last official Easters Weekend was held during my first year and it was one to remember.

B. What was your funniest experience at U.Va.?
Playing fishball in our dorm. Some boys from the 1st floor of Hancock went fishing one Friday afternoon and brought their catch back to the dorm. For some reason, they decided to play "Fish Ball" outside the dorm. Fish Ball took the form of baseball but batting was a very messy operation. We thought it was hysterical until we had to live with the smell of fish for weeks!

C. What was your favorite thing to do at U.Va. or where was your most favorite hangout?
There is nothing that will compare to walking down the Lawn. It still takes my breath away!

D. What would you say to someone who is interested in attending U.Va.?
Take the toughest courses your school offers, focus on extra-curricular activities that you have a passion for, make sure the school is a good fit for you.

E. What advice would you give to an incoming 1st year or current U.Va. student?
Embrace the culture of the University. Learn about the quirky things that make U.Va. special -- the secret societies, Mr. Jefferson, The Corner, etc. Find one professor that you enjoy and take as many courses as you can from that professor -- you will build a strong relationship. Embrace friends from many different circles -- not just from your sorority or dorm or history class or club. You will be amazed at
number of people you meet at U.VA. who turn up in your life in the most interesting places.

F. Why is U.Va. so special to you?
U.Va. is special because it was a time in my life I can never duplicate. Possibilities were endless, time seemed abundant, responsibilities were manageable, friendships were intense. I am glad I had the opportunity to attend.
A. What is your most memorable experience at U.Va.?
Can’t pick one! Standing on the steps of the Rotunda looking out onto the Lawn at Graduation; the first day it’s warm enough to wear shorts in the spring; staying in Charlottesville for a summer and discovering a whole new world.

B. What was your funniest experience at U.Va.?
Raising my hand to ask a question in Norman Graebner’s last History Class in Cabell Hall my first year. Needless to say he never called on me and I finally got a clue and put my hand down.

C. What was your favorite thing to do at U.VAa or where was your most favorite hangout?
Different things each year … two-hour dinners with suitemates at O-Hill; spring formals; going to the Virginian; working at the Rotunda.

D. What would you say to someone who is interested in attending U.Va.?
There’s something for everyone and a lot of it. If you’re qualified academically, then you can get an awesome education, both in the books and well beyond.

E. What advice would you give to an incoming 1st year or current U.Va. student?
Get out of your comfort zone! Try new things.

F. Why is U.Va. so special to you?
It’s a beautiful setting with an awe-inspiring history. You swim in the stream of this for four years and are changed by the current.
BEVERLEY COLEMAN
Parent Ambassador

What advice would you give to an incoming 1st year or current U.Va. student?
College might be the most fun four years of your life. It also could be the most stressful. Academics are your priority but don't let them take over your life. Try to keep a balance between working hard and having fun. Also, like it or not, your parents are going to worry about you. Humor them and give a call every so often!