

## **Chuck Taylor Retires from WTJU and the University of Virginia January 1, 2010**

*Note: The WTJU General Manager job posting is at <http://www.hrs.virginia.edu/employment.html>.*

Listeners and donors; WTJU staff, volunteers and alumni; members of the Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs and the Office of Public Affairs and all my friends and mentors at the University of Virginia, I write to announce my retirement from WTJU and from the University of Virginia on January 1, 2010.

Over the last 30 years, since I began as a volunteer, I have had the pleasure of engaging several thousand volunteers including music announcers, public affairs hosts and writers, news staff, producers, engineers, webmasters and many behind the scenes helpers. I also met many musicians, interviewees and other special guests from around the world. Thanks to all of them for making my job extremely fulfilling and fun.

You, the listeners, are the recipients of great programming brought by the volunteers and staff of WTJU. What we do is ALL for YOU. And I am sometimes speechless in appreciation at the content of your letters, emails and on-the-street support for the mission of WTJU. I thank you for that and for the many generous donations.

I moved to Charlottesville in 1974 after graduating college. While working for the County of Albemarle, I started volunteering at WTJU during the summer of 1979. My volunteer participation ultimately included several different radio shows, a position as program director and a position on the WTJU Board of Directors from the mid-to-late 1980s. After 16 years at the county, I was hired to my dream job as general manager of WTJU in August 1993.

Over those years, I have received outstanding support from many individuals at the University. Ron Stump (former associate dean of students, who hired me); Bernard Mayes (former chair of the Department of Rhetoric and Communication Studies, who assisted with our first strategic plan); Kate Borland (key member since the beginning, of the Committee for WTJU advisory group); Robert Canevari (former dean of students); John Garland (former associate general counsel, executive assistant to the president and associate vice provost for intellectual property); William Harmon (former vice president of student affairs); Patricia Lampkin (current vice president and chief student affairs officer); Christina Morell (assistant VP of student affairs); Carol Wood (assistant VP for public affairs and my

current supervisor); and President John T. Casteen III. There are many, many others - too many to list here - who have supported me or come with me on this journey. Thanks to all who have made the trip worthwhile.

It is my firm belief that the station will be reinvigorated by a new manager. I ask that you, the listeners, continue to support WTJU and direct your opinions and donations to the station, particularly during the transition. As it approaches its 53rd birthday, WTJU can continue to thrive only through your dedication to our mission.

Thank you again for all your support. I'll see you on the other side of the radio!

Chuck Taylor  
General Manager, WTJU