

CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT COLLEGE

GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY

MAY 11, 1978

- PRESIDENT:
1. Welcome
 2. Introduction of General Contractor and Architect
 3. Introduction of Rector

RECTOR: HONORED GUESTS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I JOIN WITH THE PRESIDENT IN WELCOMING YOU TO THIS VERY SPECIAL OCCASION IN THE LIFE OF THE COLLEGE. WE CELEBRATE TODAY THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ERA AT CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF OUR NEW TENNIS COURTS, FOR WHICH THE COLLEGE IS PAYING, WE HAVE NOT HAD FUNDS FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION ON THIS CAMPUS SINCE 1974, ALTHOUGH ADDITIONAL FACILITIES WERE DESPERATELY NEEDED. DURING THE NEXT FEW MONTHS FIVE (5) PROJECTS WILL GET UNDER WAY, PROJECTS WHICH WILL TRANSFORM THE APPEARANCE AND THE EFFICIENCY OF THIS CAMPUS. LET ME REMIND YOU OF WHAT THEY ARE:

1. THE FIRST IS AN ADDITION TO OUR LIBRARY.
FOR APPROXIMATELY \$1,000,000 WE WILL ADD 16,000
SQUARE FEET TO THE CAPTAIN JOHN SMITH LIBRARY.
THIS ADDITIONAL SPACE WAS NEEDED LONG AGO BY
OUR RAPIDLY GROWING STUDENT BODY.
2. A SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE BUILDING WILL ALSO
BE UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN THE NEAR FUTURE.
THIS FACILITY IS ONE WE HAVE SOUGHT FOR AT LEAST
TEN YEARS. IT WILL PROVIDE MAINTENANCE SHOPS,
AND ADEQUATE STORAGE SPACE WHICH WILL ALLOW THE
COLLEGE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SAVINGS
AVAILABLE WHEN SUPPLIES CAN BE PURCHASED IN
WHOLESALE LOTS. THIS BUILDING WILL COST \$425,000.

3. THE THIRD PROJECT IS A PARKING LOT AND NEW ENTRANCE ROAD OFF WARWICK BLVD. THE ADDITIONAL PARKING WILL PROVIDE RELIEF FROM OUR PRESENT CROWDED CONDITIONS, AND THE NEW ENTRANCE SHOULD DECREASE TRAFFIC CONGESTION ON SHOE LANE. THE COLLEGE WILL PAY APPROXIMATELY \$180,000 FOR THIS PROJECT.
4. THE FIRST FOUR-STORY BUILDING ON OUR CAMPUS WILL BE UNDER CONSTRUCTION BY AUGUST. THIS FACILITY, WHICH WILL COST ALMOST TWO AND A HALF MILLION DOLLARS, WILL ELEVATE OUR MOST PRESSING SPACE PROBLEM, INADEQUATE OFFICE FACILITIES FOR BOTH FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATION. THIS BUILDING, AND THE RENOVATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE WING OF THE LIBRARY, WILL ALLOW US TO REMOVE ALL OF THE TRAILERS FROM OUR CAMPUS. WHEN THIS DAY ARRIVES, I'M SURE THAT IT WILL BE ANOTHER OCCASION WORTHY OF CELEBRATION.
5. THE FIFTH PROJECT CONSISTS OF ADDITIONAL LIGHTING AND NEW SIDEWALKS THROUGHOUT THE CAMPUS AT A COST OF \$43,000.

WE ANTICIPATE THAT ALL THESE PROJECTS WILL BE UNDER WAY BY EARLY FALL. IN ADDITION, \$53,000 WAS APPROPRIATED FOR THE PLANNING OF A TWO MILLION DOLLAR ADDITION TO GOSNOLD HALL, OUR SCIENCE COMPLEX.

IN SUMMARY, FACILITIES WHICH WILL COST MORE THAN FIVE MILLION DOLLARS WILL BE CONSTRUCTED ON THIS CAMPUS DURING THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

WITH THIS GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY TODAY, WE CELEBRATE THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ERA OF SIGNIFICANT GROWTH IN THE LIFE OF CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT COLLEGE. BUT THIS OCCASION IS EVEN MORE SIGNIFICANT, IT SEEMS TO ME, FOR ANOTHER REASON. THE APPROPRIATION OF THESE FUNDS BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ATTESTS TO ITS COMMITMENT TO THIS COLLEGE AND TO THE CITIZENS OF THIS COMMUNITY WHICH IT SERVES.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING TIME TO BE WITH US ON THIS SIGNIFICANT
OCCASION IN THE LIFE OF THE COLLEGE.

(NOW MAY I ASK DR. WINDSOR AND MR. JORDAN TO JOIN ME IN THE GROUND BREAKING.)