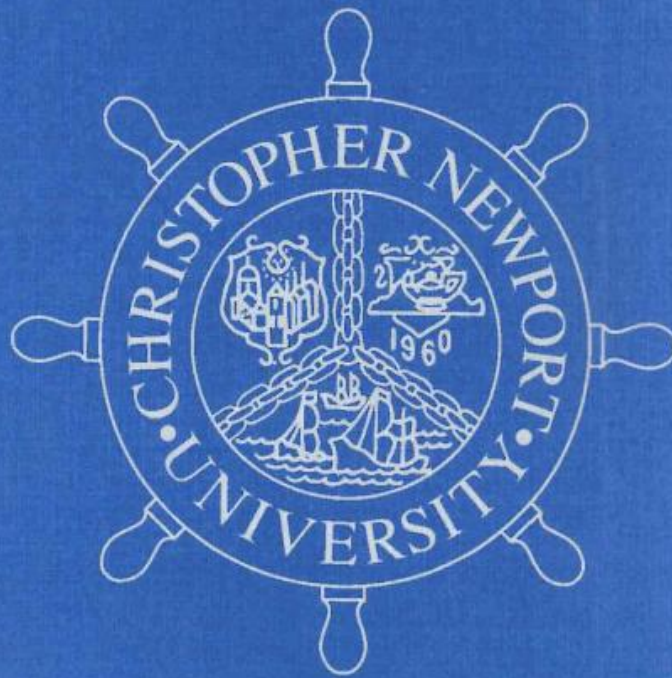


The Seventy-First
**COMMENCEMENT
EXERCISES**

December 15, 2001



**General Information &
Calendar of Events**

Thursday, December 13

9 - 9:45 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

The Freeman Center

CNU's Alumni Society invites degree candidates for complimentary coffee, juice, and assorted Danish pastry and muffins.

10 - 11:30 a.m.

Commencement Rehearsal

The Freeman Center

All December 15, 2001 degree candidates must attend this informative rehearsal. For questions call the Office of Student Life (757) 594-7260.

Saturday, December 15

7:30 - 9 a.m.

Alumni Society Commencement Breakfast

Harbor Lights

Degree candidates and their guests are invited to enjoy this hearty breakfast buffet. Children 13 and older and adults, \$5.50 each, children 6-12, \$3.50. Children under 5, free. See enclosed registration information.

9:15 a.m.

Degree Candidates Assemble (with cap and gown)

The Freeman Center

All degree candidates must be in The Freeman Center arena, in cap and gown, promptly at 9:15 a.m. For questions call the Office of Student Life (757) 594-7260.

9:45 a.m.

The Freeman Center

Doors to The Freeman Center open at 8:00 a.m.

Family and friends should be in their seats by 9:45 a.m. in order to watch the processional. Early arrival guarantees the best seating. No tickets are needed.

10 a.m Commencement Exercises

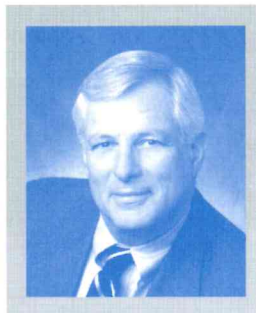
The Freeman Center

Mr. Charles (Charlie) A. Banks will deliver the keynote address for CNU's 71st Commencement ceremony on Saturday, December 15, 2001.

Acclaimed business leader and Group Executive Officer of Wolseley plc, Droitwich, England, Mr. Banks combines a global business perspective with a passion for education and leadership.

The Wolseley group is the world's largest specialist trade distributor of heating and plumbing products. Wolseley is also a leading distributor of building materials, lumber products and industrial pipes, valves and fittings.

Mr. Banks, a graduate of Brown University, was President and Chief Executive Officer of Ferguson Enterprises, Inc. of Newport News - a subsidiary of Wolseley plc. During Mr. Bank's tenure, Ferguson achieved outstanding growth with sales growing from \$600 million to over \$3 billion and the number of branches increasing from 162 to 479.



Charlie Banks

Following Commencement:

Diplomas

Following the commencement ceremony, new

graduates may pick up diplomas in the Administration Building, Anderson Auditorium. For questions call the Registrar's Office (757) 594-7155.

Receptions for our new alumni

Check with your academic department to confirm a particular reception time and location.

Guest Information: The Freeman Center

Seating

Early arrival guarantees the best seating.

Special Needs Seating

Limited seating is reserved for elderly and physically-challenged guests who are unable to climb steps or who need wheelchair accessibility. Because seating in this area is limited, only one individual may sit with the guest who has special needs.

Written requests for the special seating must be sent to: Ms. Brenda Giles

The Freeman Center
Christopher Newport University
1 University Place
Newport News, Virginia 23606
bgiles@cnu.edu

Special needs seating requests must be received by **December 10, 2001.**

Parking

Free parking is available in any of the parking areas on campus. Parking attendants on duty will direct you to the closest available space. Remember, car pooling saves energy and helps alleviate traffic congestion. www.cnu.edu/information/ctour/map.html

Special Needs Parking

A limited number of handicapped-designated parking spaces are available for cars identified with Department of Motor Vehicles handicapped license plates and temporary decals.

Photographs

Guests may take pictures from their seats. A professional photographer will be taking photos of each graduate receiving his/her diploma. Within two weeks after graduation, a proof and all ordering information will be sent to the graduate's permanent address on file at the University.

Christopher Newport University Bookstore Commencement Week Hours

Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Bookstore telephone - (757) 599-5170.

Dates & deadlines to remember

- Nov. 15** Last day for special orders for commencement announcements
Dec. 10 Deadline for special needs seating requests.
Dec. 13 Commencement Rehearsal-Freeman Center
Dec. 15 Last day for Bachelor's candidate to arrange for the purchase of gown, hood, cap and tassel for \$39.95 plus tax.

Christopher Newport Information:
(757) 594-7000

CNU Web address: www.cnu.edu

Campus map and directions

www.cnu.edu/information/ctour/map.html

Go Captains

Fight for CNU our Captains
Fight for the University!
Our pride and loyalty are with you
Lead us on to victory!

With passion for our alma mater
We fight for the silver and the blue!
So lead us on to greater glories
Fight, fight, fight for CNU!

- Arr. A. R. Forte

Accommodations

Comfort Inn (757/249-0200)

12330 Jefferson Ave., Newport News, VA
Approximate distance = 5.5 miles
CNU Rate = \$64 plus tax per night

Days Inn (757/874-0201)

14747 Warwick Blvd., Newport News, VA
Approximate distance = 5.5 miles
\$42 = Single
\$48 = Double
* per night, plus tax

Extended Stay America (757/873-2266)

11708 Jefferson Ave., Newport News, VA
Approximate distance = 1.7 miles
\$45 = Queen: 1 person
\$50 = Queen: 2 person
\$55 = 2 twins
* per night, plus tax

Omni Hotel (757/873-6664)

1000 Omni Blvd., Newport News, VA
Approximate distance = 3.1 miles
\$109 = King or Double bed/s
* per night, plus tax

Suburban Lodge (757/881-9670)

12015 Jefferson Ave., Newport News, VA
Approximate distance = 2 miles
\$65.99 + tax = Full or 2 Twin beds
\$70.99 + tax = Queen or 2 Full beds
Includes kitchen, cable, e-mail and laundry
*per night, plus tax