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# **CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC CONVOCATION**

**On the Occasion**

**of**

**Founders Day**

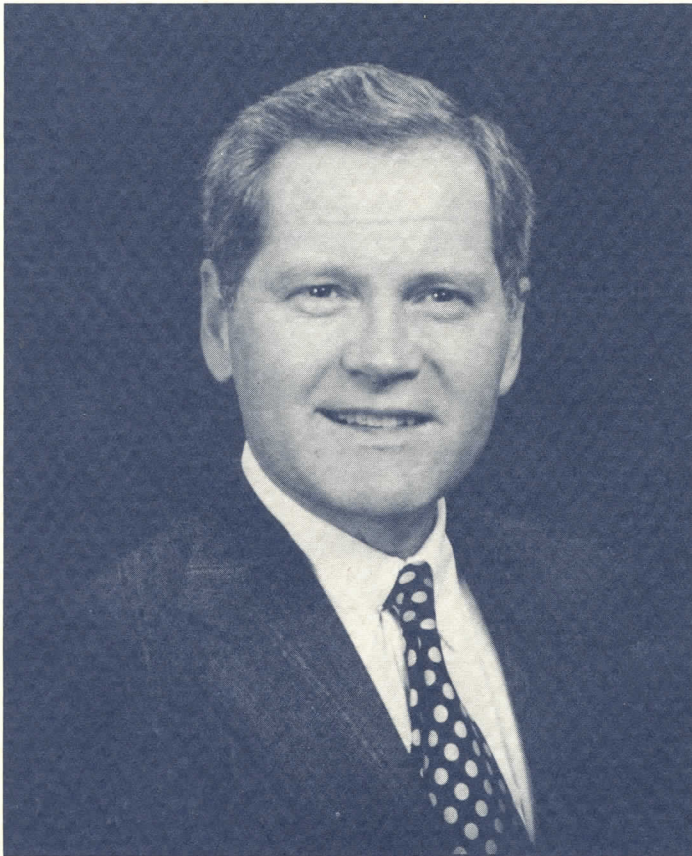


**Monday, The Eighteenth Of September  
Nineteen Hundred Ninety-Five**

**Ten-Thirty O'Clock**

**The Great Lawn  
Christopher Newport University  
Newport News, Virginia**





*Donald N. Patten, Esq.*



he Board of Visitors of Christopher Newport University takes great pride and pleasure in welcoming Newport News attorney Donald N. Patten as the keynote speaker for today's academic convocation.

Mr. Patten is a partner with the law firm of Patten, Wornom, & Watkins, L.C, Attorneys at Law in Newport News. Attorney Patten holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Richmond in 1964 and a Bachelor of Law degree from the University of Virginia in 1967.

After graduating, Mr. Patten joined the law firm of Patten & Wornom, which consisted of his father, Neal Patten, and his partner, I. Leake Wornom. There he established a general practice with an emphasis on civil litigation, real estate, partnership, and corporate law; trusts and estates; and criminal defense.

In 1970, Mr. Patten became a partner in the firm and managed a branch office in Denbigh. Since 1975, the attorney has been involved in asbestos-related products liability litigation. He has represented more than 4,000 clients in the prosecution of legal claims against asbestos manufacturers.

Mr. Patten has also been active in lobbying efforts on behalf of asbestos victims. In 1985, he was instrumental in convincing the Virginia state legislature to adopt a discovery statute for asbestos-related injuries.

At Christopher Newport University, Mr. Patten served as the chairman of CNU's Educational Foundation from 1993-94. Prior to that appointment, he helped to establish the President's Council, a group of individuals and organizations who contribute a thousand dollars or more to the school on an annual basis.

In 1994, Attorney Patten became a member of Virginia's State Council of Higher Education. Since last year he has worked to acquire more state funding for higher education and Christopher Newport University in particular. This spring, Mr. Patten established the Bettye J. Patten Scholarship Endowment, in memory of his mother, which will award a scholarship to a student at CNU, on an annual basis.

Prior to becoming involved in educational issues at the local and state level, Mr. Patten served on Newport News City Council from 1978-1990 and the Newport News Planning Commission from 1972-1978. Attorney Patten was vice mayor of the city council from 1982-1984 and chairman of the planning commission from 1975-1978.

During his service to the city of Newport News, Mr. Patten helped to develop land use plans for Richneck and Denbigh, and played a key role in the development of infrastructure.

Mr. Patten also played an instrumental role in the construction of the new Mary Immaculate Hospital in Newport News in 1980. He served on the hospital's board of advisors until a board of trustees was formed, and he served as president from 1976-1980.

Mr. Patten is currently a member of several professional organizations, including the Newport News NOW Committee, Newport News, Virginia, the American Bar Association; the Virginia State Bar, and the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association.



## ORDER OF EXERCISES

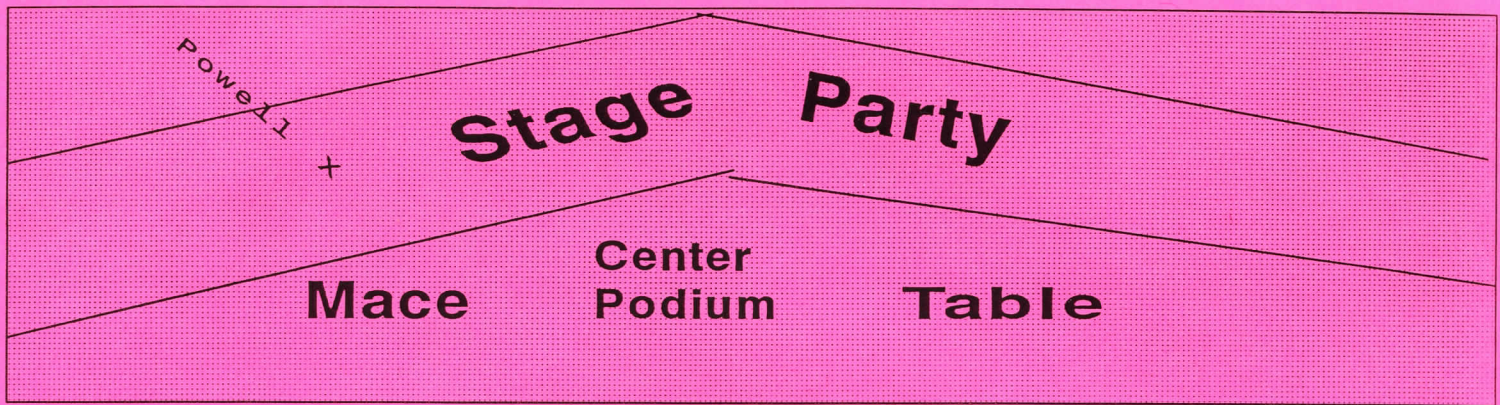
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| Processional* .....                            | <i>Sine Nomine</i><br>CNU Symphonic Band                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Posting of Colors .....                        | University Army ROTC Color Guard                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| The National Anthem .....                      | CNU Symphonic Band                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Invocation .....                               | The Reverend Cheryl Harrison-Davidson<br>Campus Minister                                                                                                                                                             |
| Investiture of the Mace .....                  | Professor L. Barron Wood, Jr.                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Welcome .....                                  | Dr. Anthony R. Santoro<br>President of the University                                                                                                                                                                |
| Founders Mace Society Induction .....          | Mr. Harrol A. Brauer, Jr.<br>Chairman, Founders Mace Society                                                                                                                                                         |
| Keynote Address .....                          | Donald N. Patten, Esq.                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Musical Selection .....                        | <i>University Alma Mater</i><br>CNU Chamber Singers<br><i>Amazing Grace</i><br>CNU Symphonic Band                                                                                                                    |
| Greetings to the<br>University Community ..... | Mr. David L. Peebles<br>Rector, Board of Visitors<br>Dr. Robert Doane<br>President, Faculty Senate<br>Miss Brooke McKee<br>President, Student Government Association<br>Mrs. Karen Levy<br>President, Alumni Society |
| Divestiture of the Mace .....                  | Professor L. Barron Wood, Jr.                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Benediction .....                              | The Reverend Cheryl Harrison-Davidson                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Recessional .....                              | <i>Marche Lorraine</i><br>CNU Symphonic Band                                                                                                                                                                         |

\*The audience is requested to stand and remain standing for the playing of the National Anthem and for the Invocation.

The CNU Symphonic Band is under the direction of Professor Mark U. Reimer.

*Following the Academic Convocation will be the Dedication of The Carol K. and Anthony R. Santoro Residence Hall and a picnic on the Great Lawn.*

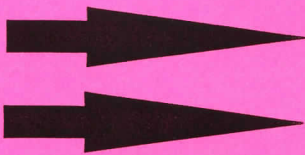




**BAND**

### Campus Lawn Seating

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| Row 1  | Board of Visitors |  | Guests.....   | 1  | Row |
| Row 2  | Purtle.....X      |  | X.....Webb    | 2  | Row |
| Row 3  | ...Faculty...     |  | ...Faculty... | 3  | Row |
| Row 4  | ...Faculty...     |  | ...Faculty... | 4  | Row |
| Row 5  | ...Faculty...     |  | ...Faculty... | 5  | Row |
| Row 6  | ...Faculty...     |  | ...Faculty... | 6  | Row |
| Row 7  | ...Faculty...     |  | ...Faculty... | 7  | Row |
| Row 8  | ...Faculty...     |  | ...Faculty... | 8  | Row |
| Row 9  | ...Students..     |  | ...Students.. | 9  | Row |
| Row 10 | ...Students..     |  | ...Students.. | 10 | Row |
| Row 11 | ...Open.....      |  | ...Open.....  | 11 | Row |



**Procession:** The left column will be led by Dean Purtle followed by 14 faculty members. They will be seated in the left-hand side of Row 2. Dean Webb will lead the right-hand column, followed by 14 faculty members. They will seat themselves in the right-hand side of Row 2. The remaining faculty in the left and right columns will seat themselves in an orderly fashion, 15 to a row, until all faculty are seated on the right and left-hand sides of rows 2 through 8.

**Recession:** The faculty members sitting in the right and left aisle seats of Row 2 (marked with an "X") will lead the faculty recession. Faculty will fall in behind in two columns in the FIFO order of rows 2, 3, 4, ..., 8.