

TRANSMITTAL AND ABSTRACT OF SENATE REPORT

Date Presented to the Senate:

Presenter: Willie L. Brown – Human Relations Committee

Subject of Report: Prayer at Commencement

Senate Document Number: 07-08-34

**Voting: (a) on resolutions or recommendations one by one, or
(b) in a single vote
(c) to endorse entire report**

A. Statement of Issue:

Discontinuance of Prayer at University Commencement Ceremony.

B. Recommendations:

In an effort to be more sensitive to believers and non-believers in attendance at the university's commencement ceremony, the committee recommends that the current practice of an invocation be discontinued in the campus wide ceremony.

C. Committee Work:

The issue of Prayer at Commencement was first raised in the 2005 session of the Human Relations Committee and was a carryover into the 2006 session as unfinished business. The Human Relations Committee worked on the issue over the course of the next two years and brought it before the Senate Executive Committee (see attachments) with HR committee recommendation to have a moment of silence in addition to the invocation. This was thought to be a compromise that would allow non-believers to contemplate whatever it was they wanted to contemplate, without the mention of a deity. After much debate, the SEC returned the proposal to the committee.

In the last round of addressing this issue, the committee met with Diane Krejsa of the President's Office of Legal Affairs to get a legal viewpoint about the practice at the University. Much to the committee's chagrin, there is no clear stance from the Supreme Court in regards to higher education on this issue. Additionally the committee did a review of our peer institutions (Berkeley, Illinois, Michigan, North Carolina and UCLA) and found that none of the peers have prayer at commencement.

In the past three years the University of Maryland has not performed a benediction. Only the invocation has been done since May of 2006. This has not been a policy but has become an acceptable practice. The committee discussed in depth as to what does the University, faculty, and students want in terms of Prayer at Commencement and should this become a policy for all institutions at the university? It was decided that the individual institutions would continue to make that decision on their own.

D. Alternatives:

Leave the university commencement as is with two minutes devoted to Invocations.

E. Risks:

This is a topic that is as old as time and there is no perfect solution. Therefore this proposal will not be met with the approval of everyone and someone will find offense. There are no other risks.

F: Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications

Meeting Minutes for the Human Relations Committee
Meeting on Oct. 14, 2008

Members Present: Chandra Bisnath (Ex-Officio-VP SA Rep), Willie Brown (Chair), Roberta Donley (Staff), William Fourney (Faculty), Robert Hayes (Undergraduate), John Lea-Cox (Faculty), Valerie Orlando (Faculty), David Rieger (Ex-Officio-VP AA Rep), Kenneth Tanaka (Faculty), Marsha Turner-Botts (Staff), Susan Warren (Ex-Officio-VP SA Rep), Robert Waters (Ex-Officio-Prov Rep), Dave Miles

Member Excused: Cordell Black (Ex-Officio-Prov Rep), Gloria Bouis (Ex-Officio-Dir Hum Rel Rep), Tarandeep Kalra (Graduate Student), David Kwon (Undergraduate), Pamela Lanford (Faculty), Carol Pearson (Faculty), James Sandlin (Undergraduate), Zhan Shi (Graduate Student), Brandie Simons (Undergraduate), Audrey Stewart (Staff).

Guest: Diane Krejsa, University Council, Office of Legal Affairs.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Chair Brown opening the meeting and took a vote on the approval of last meeting's minutes. All were in favor of approval.

Chair Brown introduced Diane Krejsa. Ms. Krejsa is the legal representative who is giving a presentation on the Supreme Court rulings on the matter of prayer at convocations.

Ms. Krejsa mentioned that the Supreme Court is not clear on this issue as it affects higher institutions of learning. A 'Lemon Law' is usually applied to determine if a particular invocation is in violation of the fourteenth amendment. The Fourteenth amendment states that the United States or the states shall not make a ruling or statute establishing religion. This 'Lemon Law' states that the purpose of the invocation can only be secular in nature, must not advance or inhibit religion and cannot cause excessive entanglement by the state.

In the case of elementary or middle schools the case is clear. The students would be compelled to attend a school function, their age of discernment is in question, the solemnity of the occasion was suspect and the function would be held on state property thus calling into question the state's endorsement of a particular religion.

At higher institutions, the solemnity of the occasion would be a factor in determining whether or not a particular invocation of a religious nature could be used. No one would be compelled to attend, and all the participants are above the age of discernment.

A recent Supreme Court ruling concerning the prayer at common mess at VMI states that the students were compelled to attend and the form of prayer was predescribed by the governing authority thus violating the 'Lemon Law'.

Another case involved the display of the Ten Commandments by a Kentucky courthouse as part and parcel of other state legal documents. This was denied. The case where the Ten Commandments were to be displayed as a monument along with other monuments was deemed acceptable as it amounted to a passive display and did not promote religion.

The moment of silence option was discussed but because it was normally given by the rotation of chaplains it was deemed by some to be invoking a religious endorsement.

A member mentioned that we should either have a prayer or not have it.

A member made reference to convocations as not really being a solemn occasion thereby not meriting any invocation.

A member brought up the issue of legal risk in not including prayer but voiced concern about being uncomfortable with this part of the convocation ceremony.

Another issue concerned a guest speaker's mention of prayer or religion, but this was not considered to be indoctrination but only a small part of the whole ceremony.

A member asked whether or not the right to religion exists.

Two members were of the opinion that it did not.

A member was concerned about offending the chaplains by not inviting them to perform the invocation.

Chair Brown ended the meeting at 11:00 a.m. stating that more work needed to be done and that we would have to start from scratch. The purpose of today's meeting was to get the legal perspective. He will make an attempt to find out what the elements and structure of the ceremony were for the last ten years and then try to get a consensus of opinion at the next meeting.

Submitted by: Dave Miles

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A. Statement of Issue:

Introduction of a moment of silence at the commencement ceremony to facilitate inclusiveness of believers and non-believers

B. Recommendations:

In an effort to be more inclusive of believers and non-believers in the university's commencement ceremony, the committee recommends that the two minute invocation be replaced by a moment of silence for one minute and one minute of spoken word.

It is further recommended that any future alterations to the commencement ceremony invocation and moment of reflection will be subject to further conversation between the chaplains and the appropriate university senate committee.

C. Committee Work:

The issue of Prayer at Commencement was first raised in the 2005 session of the Human Relations Committee and was a carryover into the 2006 session as unfinished business.

The 2006 committee started the discussions of the subject at their October 19, 2006 meetings and decided to move forward with it. There were members who felt that prayer should not be part of the commencement ceremony, some felt the ceremony was not inclusive enough and others felt that it was their right to have prayer at commencement. It was agreed that since the practice is already taking place, we do not have the authority to stop the practice and therefore we will

concentrate our efforts on making it more inclusive with the understanding that there is no 'perfect' solution.

Over the course of the next two months, the committee met with Father William Bryne in November and Rabbi Ari Israel in December of 2006, to further our understanding of processes and procedures for the chaplains' role in commencement ceremonies. Additionally we inquired as to the funding of the chaplaincies and the structural relationship with the university. To summarize:

1. The operating budgets for the chaplaincies are provided by their sponsoring faith organization e.g., the Archdiocese of Washington. Chaplain's salaries are not paid for by the state. Each chaplaincy organizes itself and is funded in various ways depending upon the governing body. This certifies one's presence. It is more of a matter of the University providing space for what it perceives as a need or desire for the wish of the students. There are no organizations that are funded by the University.
2. For the university commencement, the chaplains rotate on an annual basis. There is an occasional specific request but not often.
3. There is a very strict policy on the brevity for two minutes or less.
4. There is an offer made each year to the commencement committees of the individual colleges/schools by the Coordinator of the Memorial Chapel. It is the option of the college to accept. Some do and some do not.
5. There is a rigorous approval process for the recognition of chaplains by the University. There is a period of application and those materials are reviewed by the Vice President of Student Affairs and her staff. Among the criteria that are reviewed are the presence of a national organizing group, the funding necessary to support a chaplain and his/her programs, and of great importance, the presence of a large body of students that have requested this denomination or faith community.
6. In addition, the university requires the chaplains to have a board that oversees their work, and we require the chaplain have educational credentials (including ordination if that is normal for the faith group). The process for recognizing chaplains is rigorous because the University has limited resources to support the chaplaincies and we want to make sure we are placing those resources (financial, space, time, etc.) where the need is most critical.

At the December 2006 meeting, Rabbi Israel met with the committee and proposed that in order to be more inclusive, the chaplains would offer an introductory statement of a moment of silence for one minute and one minute of spoken words (the moment of silence was later changed to a moment of reflection and will be used from this point on). The committee agreed that this was a proposal that merits further consideration and asked the Rabbi to have the chaplains' work on a generic concept for the introductory statement for the moment of reflection.

The committee met in February 2007 and endorsed the proposal of having both a “moment of reflection” and an “Invocation”. The moment of reflection is not intended to give students a chance to pray in silence, but rather to be used by everyone for whatever it is they want to reflect upon, be that prayer, thankfulness for their graduation, the health of their dog, the new job they are starting. It is a way to be inclusive to believers and non-believers alike.

There was a vote by the committee on there being a moment of reflection and a Invocation and the vote was passed 6 to 1

In April, the chaplains sent a few options for the committee's consideration:

Moment of Reflection:

We believe (?) in the benefits and responsibilities of having a college education and for this we are grateful, let us take a moment of silent reflection etc...

Or “Today we are celebrating a terrific and well earned accomplishment of a college graduation, let us join in a moment of silent reflection together with all of those who have helped us through this time to show our gratitude for being here today....”

INVOCATION:

Let us join together in a moment of silent reflection, in gratitude for the opportunity we have had to study at this university... ..

.... (the moment of reflection was concluded with this thanksgiving :)

We give thanks for the gifts and opportunities bestowed upon us here at Maryland. For our teachers and mentors, for our daily food and those who prepared it, for our families, classmates, friends and employers. And for the strength to take what we have learned into the world.

We give thanks this night. We give thanks!

AMEN

At the April meeting, the committee agreed that the wording was fine with the exception of the word "Amen". The chaplains have agreed to remove the word.

Comments:

The chaplain system exists so that the University maintains control in a public forum of the people who are representing religion in a way that is responsible and sensitive versus having no control and not knowing what you get.

Unregulated entities around campus can be very confusing for students.

Religious life is a very important part of a desire that the students themselves have and there is a demand and desire on the behalf of the students. Roughly 1,000 students are going to Catholic mass on campus every Sunday. We have the existence of religious life meeting the needs for students. A perfect example is September 11, 2001 commonly referred to as 9/11. When 9/11 happened, there was organization on the mall and since religion played a part in that tragedy it was very valuable for students to see religion presented in a peaceful unified way.

The chaplains believe and it is the belief of the majority of the committee that the students are sensitive to diversity on this campus. Lack of diversity and sensitivity is not a major issue that the University faces in terms of religious life. Since there is an open and closing word at commencement it would be easy to replace one of those with a moment of silence and then replace the other with a more organized meditation or thought.

Final point, the university has done research on campus that suggests that spirituality and faith are important to students (both in terms of their identity and in terms of salient items of discussion). The more recent research that used Alexander Astin's survey instrument from UCLA with our students at the University of Maryland would support the conclusion that students --- by majority-- have a positive regard for faith/spirituality.

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May 22, 2008 • Comcast Center • 7:00 p.m.

Presiding

Dr. C. D. Mote, Jr.
President, University of Maryland

Master of Ceremonies

Mr. James N. Newton
Commencement Committee

Processional

University of Maryland Concert Band
Dr. L. Richmond Sparks, Conductor

Invocation

Dr. Elizabeth A. Platz, Chaplain
Lutheran Campus Ministry

National Anthem

Professor Linda Mabbs, Soprano

Greetings

Dr. Patricia S. Florestano
University System of Maryland
Board of Regents

Senior Class Gift Presentation

Mr. Ryan J. Ples
Senior Council

Presentation of University Medal

Dr. Mote

Remarks to the Graduates

Ms. Natalie V. Prizel

Musical Selection

"Carnival of Venice"
arranged by Del Staigers
Mr. J. Daniel Puckett, flute, bass clarinet, clarinet,
soprano saxophone and alto saxophone

Introduction of Speaker

Mr. Robert L. Toll
Chair, Commencement
Speaker Selection Committee

Address

Mr. Carl Bernstein
Pulitzer Prize-winning Journalist
and Author

Conferring of Honorary Degree

Dr. Mote

Alumni Association Induction

Mr. Charles "Chip" Sollins '82
President
Maryland Alumni Association Board of Governors

Message to the Graduates

Dr. Mote

Presentation of Colleges and Schools

Deans

**Conferring of Doctoral, Master's and
Bachelor's Degrees**

Dr. Mote

Alma Mater

Professor Mabbs

Recessional

University of Maryland Concert Band

December 19, 2007 • Comcast Center • 7 p.m.

Presiding

Dr. C. D. Mote, Jr.
President

Master of Ceremonies

Mr. James N. Newton
Commencement Committee

Processional

University of Maryland
Concert Band
Dr. L. Richmond Sparks
Conductor

Invocation

Rev. Holly R. Ulmer, Chaplain
United Campus Ministry

National Anthem

Ms. Brittany Baratz

Greetings

Mr. Robert L. Pevenstein
University System of Maryland
Board of Regents

Senior Class Gift Presentation

Mr. Ryan Ples
Senior Council

Remarks to the Graduates

Mr. Andres Garcia
Graduating Senior

Musical Selection

"Welcome the Rain"
Music by Zina Goldrich
Lyrics by Marcy Heisler
Ms. Brittany Baratz, soloist
Ms. Catherine Mann, guitar
Mr. Loren Westbrook-Fritts, cello

Introduction of Speaker

Mr. Robert L. Toll
Chair, Commencement
Speaker Selection Committee

Address

Tim Kurkjian
Senior Writer, *ESPN The Magazine* and *ESPN.com*
Analyst/reporter ESPN TV

University of Maryland

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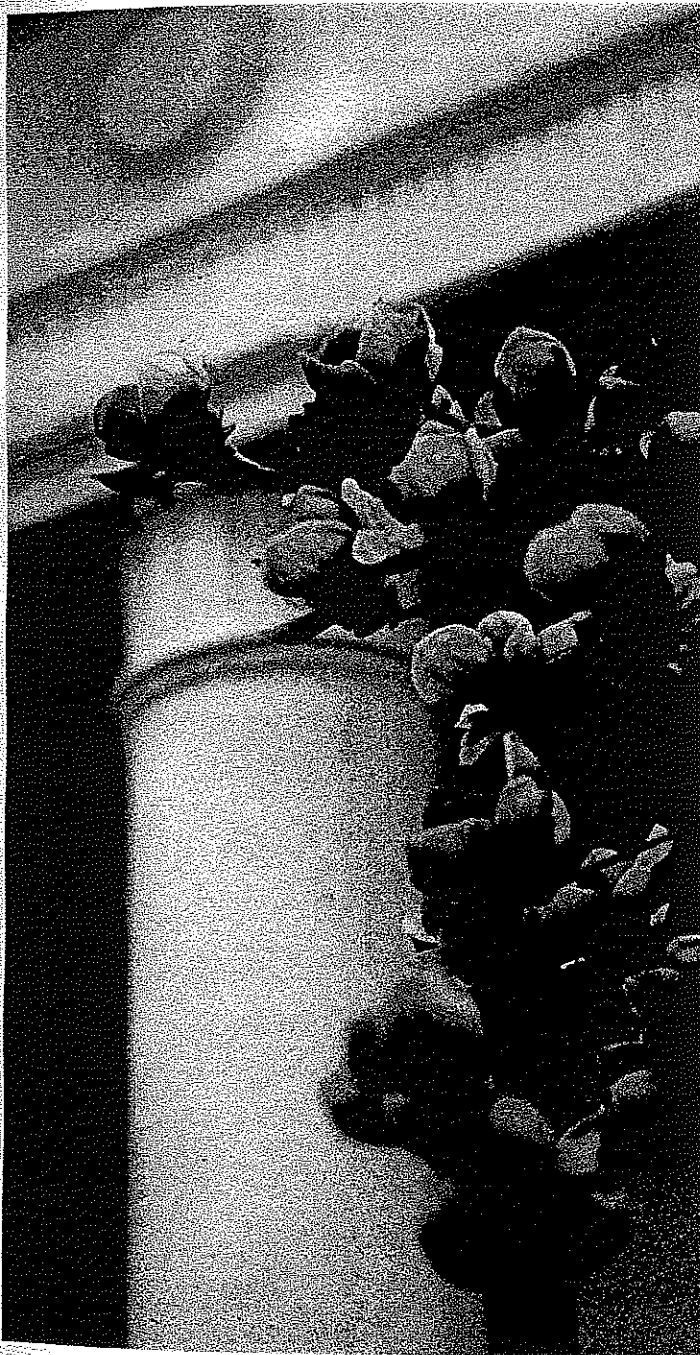
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Alma Mater

Ms. Brittany Baratz

Recessional

University of Maryland
Concert Band



May 20, 2007 • Comcast Center • 7 p.m.

Presiding

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President, University of Maryland

Master of Ceremonies

Mr. James N. Newton
Commencement Committee

Processional

University of Maryland
Concert Band
Dr. L. Richmond Sparks
Conductor

Invocation

Rabbi Eli Backman
Director, Chabad Jewish
Student Center

National Anthem

Professor Linda Mabbs, Soprano

Greetings

Mr. R. Michael Gill
University System of Maryland
Board of Regents

Senior Class Gift Presentation

Mr. Derek Standarowski
Senior Council

**Presentation of
University Medal**

Dr. Mote

Remarks to the Graduates

Mr. Ryan Cooper
Graduating Senior

Musical Selection

"Introduction and Samba"
by Maurice Whitney
Ms. Sarah Hughes, Soloist
University of Maryland
Concert Band

Introduction of Speaker

Mr. Jesse David Fox
Chair, Commencement Speaker
Selection Committee

Address

The Honorable Steny Hoyer '63
U.S. House of Representatives

University of Maryland

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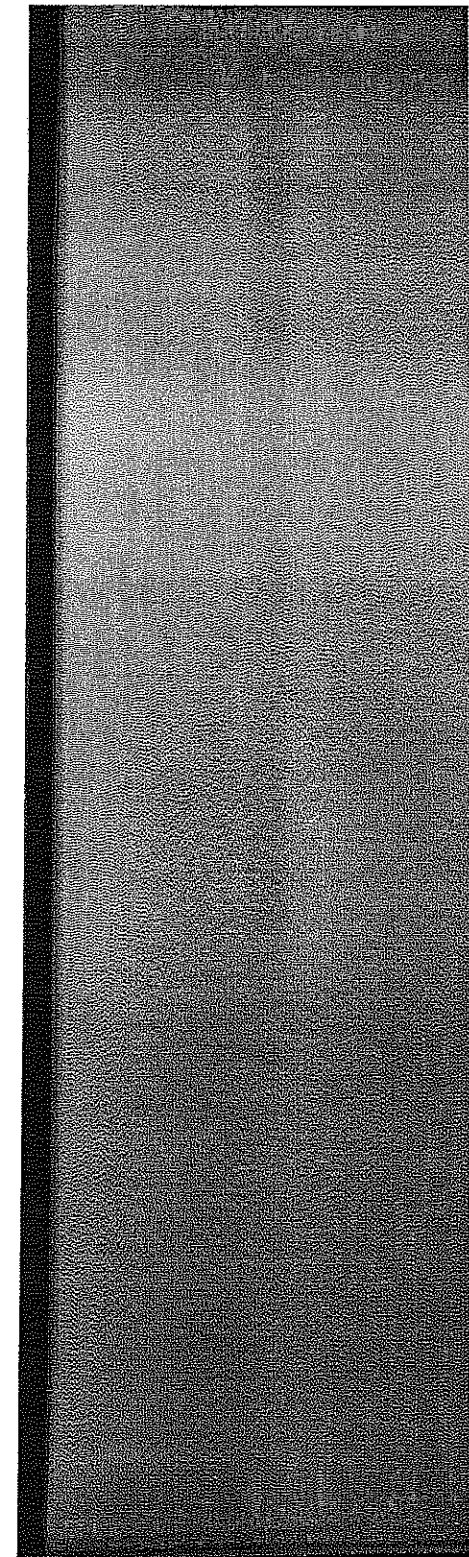
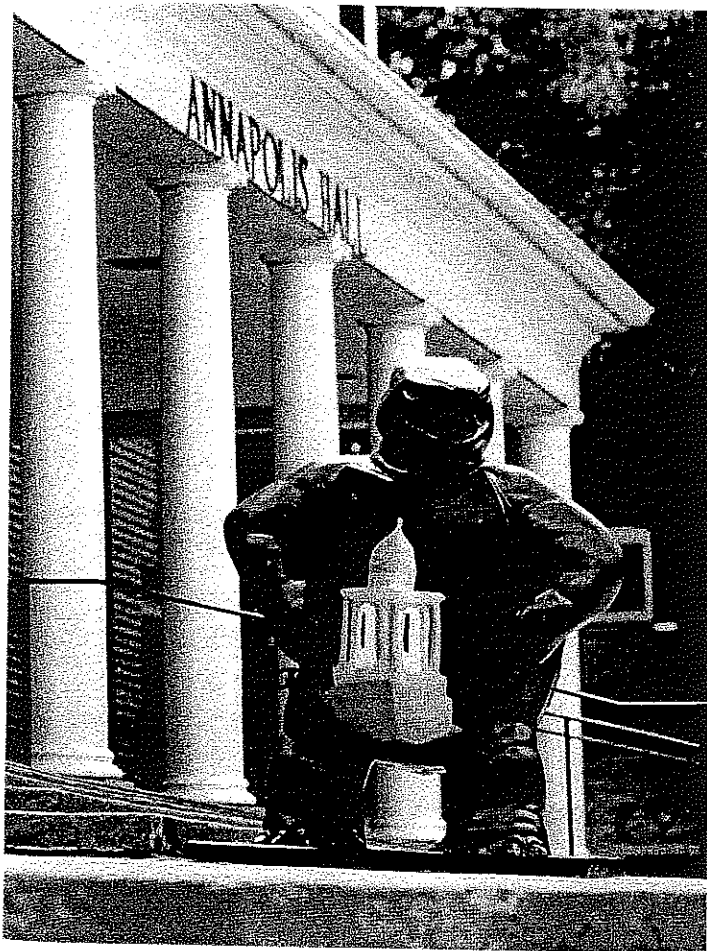
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Alma Mater

Professor Mabbs

Recessional

University of Maryland
Concert Band



Dec. 20, 2006 • Comcast Center • 7:00 p.m.

Alma Mater

Hail! Alma Mater
 Hail to thee, Maryland!
 Steadfast in loyalty;
 For thee, we stand,
 Love for the Black and Gold
 Deep in our hearts we hold,
 Singing thy praise forever,
 Throughout the land.

Presiding

Dr. C. D. Mote, Jr.
 President

Master of Ceremonies

Mr. James N. Newton
 Commencement Committee

Processional

University of Maryland
 Concert Band
 Dr. L. Richmond Sparks
 Conductor

Invocation

Rev. Dr. Peter M. Antoci
 University Chaplain
 Episcopal/Anglican Campus
 Ministry

The National Anthem

Prof. Linda Mabbs, Soprano

Greetings

Dr. William E. Kirwan
 Chancellor
 University System of Maryland

Mr. A. Dwight Pettit

University System of Maryland
 Board of Regents

Senior Class Gift Presentation

Mr. Patrick Wu
 Senior Council

Remarks to the Graduates

Ms. Ashleigh Butler
 Graduating Senior

Musical Selection

"For Good"
 by Stephen Schwartz
 Lindsay Roberts and Heather
 Aldrich, soloists
 University of Maryland
 Concert Band

Introduction of Speaker

Mr. Matthew R. Hirsch
 Chair, Commencement
 Speaker Selection Committee

Address

Mr. Brian Gallagher
 President and CEO
 United Way of America

University of Maryland

Alumni Association Induction

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 President-elect, University of
 Maryland Alumni Association

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Benediction

Rev. Dr. Antoci

Recessional

University of Maryland
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Floor Seating Arrangement
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MARSHALS

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 PHYSICAL SCIENCES
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FACULTY

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 CHEMICAL AND
 LIFE SCIENCES

Sunday, May 21, 2006 • Comcast Center • 7:00 p.m.

Alma Mater

Hail! Alma Mater
 Hail to thee, Maryland!
 Steadfast in loyalty,
 For thee, we stand,
 Love for the Black and Gold
 Deep in our hearts we hold,
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 Throughout the land.

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| INFORMATION STUDIES | JOURNALISM | INDIVIDUAL STUDIES | EDUCATION |
| | PUBLIC POLICY | | ENGINEERING |

Presiding

Dr. C. D. Mote, Jr.
 President, University of Maryland

Master of Ceremonies

Mr. James N. Newton
 Undergraduate Studies

Processional

Symphonic Wind Ensemble
 Dr. L. Richmond Sparks,
 Conductor

Invocation

The Rev. Jeffrey Buffkin
 Baptist Chaplain

National Anthem

Prof. Linda Mabbs, Soprano

Greetings

Mr. Robert L. Pevenstein
 University System of Maryland
 Board of Regents

Senior Class Gift Presentation

Ms. Emily Dotter
 Senior Council

Presentation of University Medal

Dr. Mote

Remarks to the Graduates

Ms. Michelle Karkowsky
 Graduating Senior

Musical Selection

Stars & Stripes Forever
 by John Philip Sousa
 Symphonic Wind Ensemble

Introduction of Speaker

Ms. Mary Beth Hanley
 Ms. Nicole Foster
 Co-Chairs, Commencement
 Speaker Selection Committee

Address

The Honorable Paul Sarbanes
 U. S. Senate

University of Maryland

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 President, University of Maryland
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Processional
Symphonic Brass Ensemble
John Huling, Conductor

Invocation
The Rev. William Byrne
Catholic Chaplain

The National Anthem
Ms. Linda Mabbs, Soprano

Greetings
The Hon. James C. Rosapepe
University System of
Maryland Board of Regents

Senior Class Gift Presentation
Mr. William Claude Collins III
Senior Council

Remarks to the Graduates
Mr. Samy Bassam Muaddi
Graduating Senior

Musical Selection
"Summon the Heroes"
by John Williams
Douglas Fraley, Soloist
Symphonic Brass Ensemble

Address
Dr. John Splaine
Associate Professor Emeritus
University of Maryland
Amos B. Hostetter, Jr. Chair
University of Denver (ret.)

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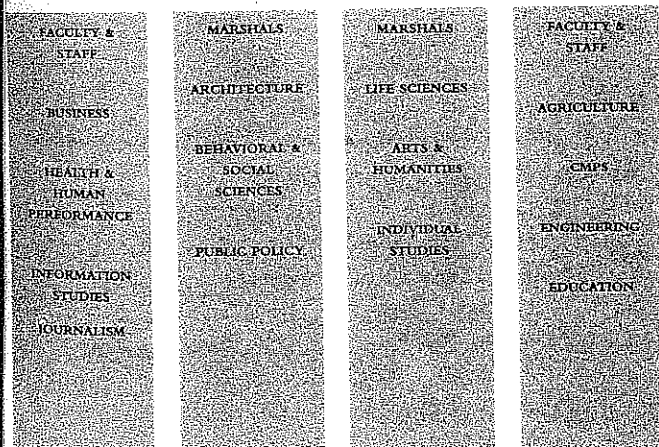
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Processional
 Symphonic Wind Ensemble
 Prof. John E. Wakefield
 Conductor

Invocation
 Chaplain Elizabeth Platz
 Lutheran Campus Ministry

National Anthem
 Prof. Linda Mabbs, Soprano

Greetings
 The Honorable
 Joseph D. Tydings '51
 University System of
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Senior Class Gift Presentation
 Mr. Brad Hersh
 Ms. Julie Lowe
 Senior Council

**Presentation of
 University Medal**
 Dr. Mote

Remarks to the Graduates
 Mr. Fernando Balderrama
 Graduating Senior

Musical Selection
 "Bugler's Holiday"
 by Leroy Anderson
 Symphonic Wind Ensemble
 Prof. Wakefield, Conductor

Introduction of Speaker
 Ms. Maura A. Iezzi
 Ms. Christine Delargy
 Ms. Jessica Bowser
 Co-Chairs, Commencement
 Speaker Selection Committee

Address
 Ms. Andrea Mitchell
 Chief Foreign
 Affairs Correspondent
 NBC News

**University of Maryland
 Alumni Association Induction**
 Charles G. Carr '85
 President, University of Maryland
 Alumni Association

Message to the Graduates
 Dr. Mote

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Benediction
 The Rev. Platz

Alma Mater
 Ms. Mabbs

Recessional
 Symphonic Wind Ensemble

*Flowers grown in the university greenhouse
 by the Department of Natural Resource
 Sciences and Landscape Architecture.*

Saturday, Dec. 18, 2004 • Comcast Center • 7:00 p.m.

Presiding

Dr. C. D. Mote, Jr.
President, University of Maryland

Master of Ceremonies

Mr. James N. Newton
Undergraduate Studies

Processional

Symphonic Brass Ensemble
Dr. Milton Stevens, Conductor

Invocation

The Rev. Kim Capps
United Methodist Chaplain

The National Anthem

Ms. Carmen Balthrop, Soprano

Greetings

Dr. Patricia Florestano
University System of
Maryland Board of Regents

Senior Class Gift Presentation

Senior Council Representative

Remarks to the Graduates

Ms. Renee Sihvola
Graduating Senior

Musical Selection

"Summon the Heroes" by
Mr. John Williams
Symphonic Brass Ensemble

Address

The Hon. Chris Van Hollen
U.S. House of Representatives

University of Maryland

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| | LIFE SCIENCES |

December 20, 2003 • Comcast Center • 7:00 p.m.

Presiding

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President, University of Maryland

Master of Ceremonies

Mr. James N. Newton
Undergraduate Studies

Processional

Symphonic Brass Ensemble
Dr. Milton Stevens, Conductor

Invocation

Rev. Jeffrey Buffkin
Baptist Chaplain

The National Anthem

Mr. Jason Kaminski, Baritone

Greetings

Dr. William E. Kirwan
Chancellor
University System of Maryland

Mr. Orlan M. Johnson
University System of Maryland
Board of Regents

Senior Class Gift Presentation

Ms. Sarah Barnhart
Senior Council

Remarks to the Graduates

Ms. Robyn Ellyn Sanderson
Graduating Senior

Musical Selection

"Summon the Heros,"
by Mr. John Williams
Symphonic Brass Ensemble

Address

Mr. Sergey Brin '93

University of Maryland

Alumni Association Induction
Mr. Alan Cason '80
President, University of Maryland
Alumni Association

Message to the Graduates

Dr. Mote

**Conferring of Doctoral,
Master's and Bachelor's Degrees**

Dr. Mote

**Presentation of Colleges
and Schools**

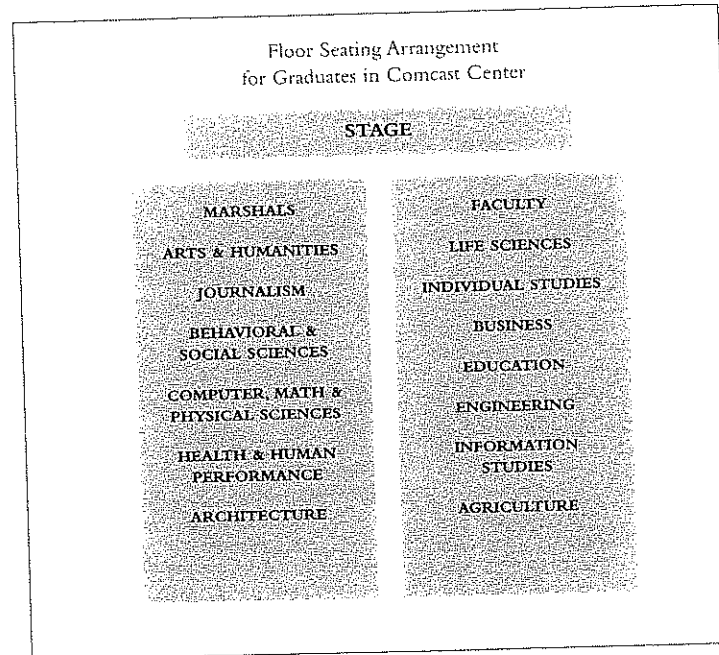
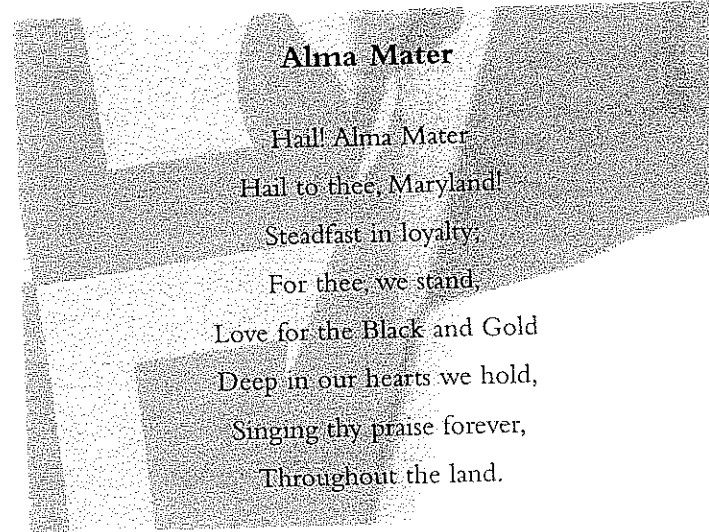
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Benediction

Rev. Buffkin

Recessional

Symphonic Brass Ensemble



Thursday, May 22, 2003 • Comcast Center • 6:30 p.m.

Presiding

Dr. C. D. Mote, Jr.
President, University of Maryland

Master of Ceremonies

Mr. James N. Newton
Undergraduate Studies

Processional

Symphonic Wind Ensemble
Mr. John E. Wakefield
Conductor

Invocation

The Rev. Kiran Sankhla
Hindu Chaplain

The National Anthem

Ms. Linda Mabbs, Soprano

Greetings

Mr. Thomas B. Finan, Jr.
University System of Maryland
Board of Regents

Senior Class Gift Presentation

Mr. Adam Chepenik
Mr. Saj Popat
Senior Council

Presentation of University Medal

Dr. Mote

Remarks to the Graduates

Ms. Rebecca Ariel Hoffberg
Graduating Senior

Musical Selection

America the Beautiful
Ms. Linda Mabbs,
soprano soloist with
The Symphonic Wind Ensemble
Mr. Wakefield, Conductor

Address

Mr. Franklin D. Raines
Chairman and Chief
Executive Officer
Fannie Mae

Conferring of Honorary Degrees

Dr. Mote

University of Maryland Alumni Association Induction

Ms. Cynthia Flanders
'82, M.B.A. '88
President, University of Maryland
Alumni Association

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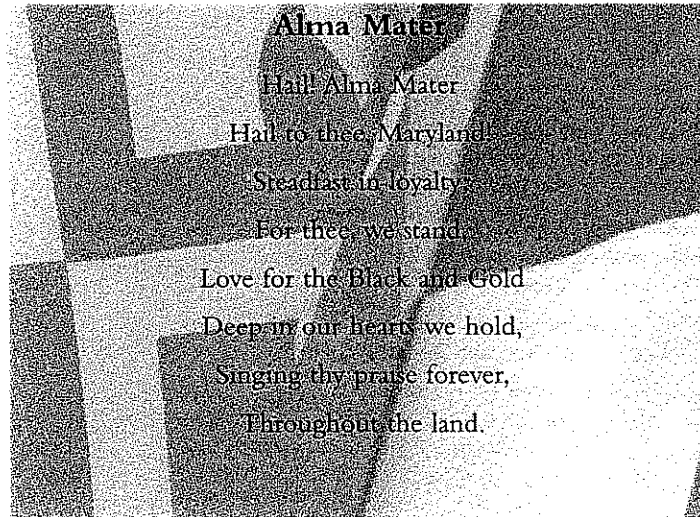
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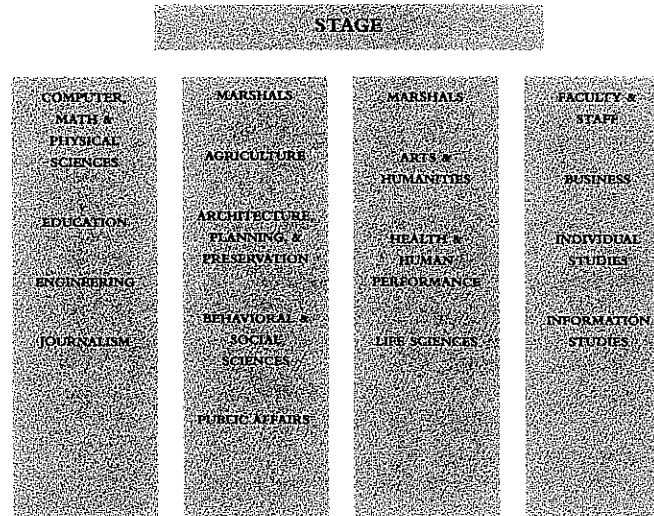
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Recessional

Symphonic Wind Ensemble



Floor Seating Arrangement
for Graduates in Comcast Center



Flowers grown in the university greenhouse by the Department of Natural Resource Sciences and Landscape Architecture.

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Master of Ceremonies
James N. Newton
Undergraduate Studies

Processional
Symphonic Brass Ensemble
Dr. Milton Stevens, Conductor

Invocation
Rabbi Eli Backman
Chabad Jewish Center

The National Anthem

Greetings
William E. Kirwan
Chancellor
University System of Maryland

William T. Wood
University System of Maryland
Board of Regents

Senior Class Gift Presentation
Kit Tam
Michael Demb
Senior Council

Remarks to the Graduates
Kirsten Ehrenspeck
Graduating Senior

Musical Selection
"Summon the Heros,"
by John Williams
Symphonic Brass Ensemble

Address
Dr. Dorothy Height

Conferring of Honorary Degree
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Cynthia Flanders '82, M.B.A. '88
President, University of Maryland Alumni Association

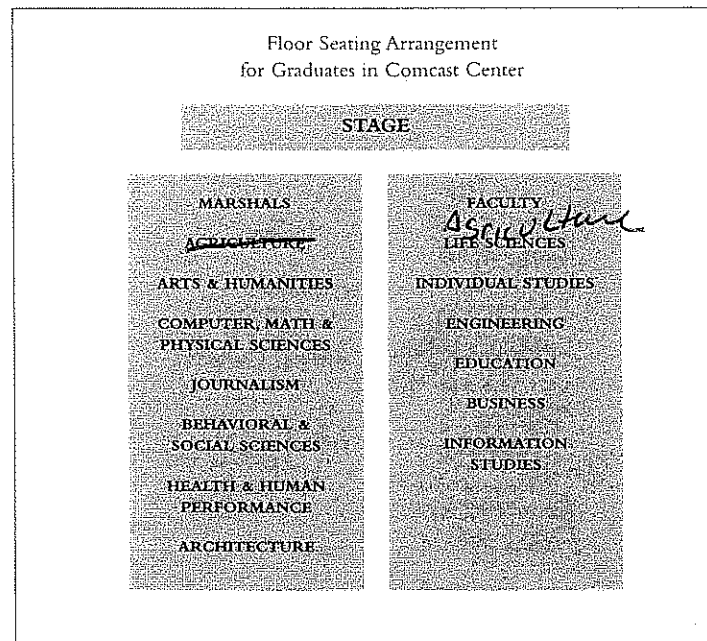
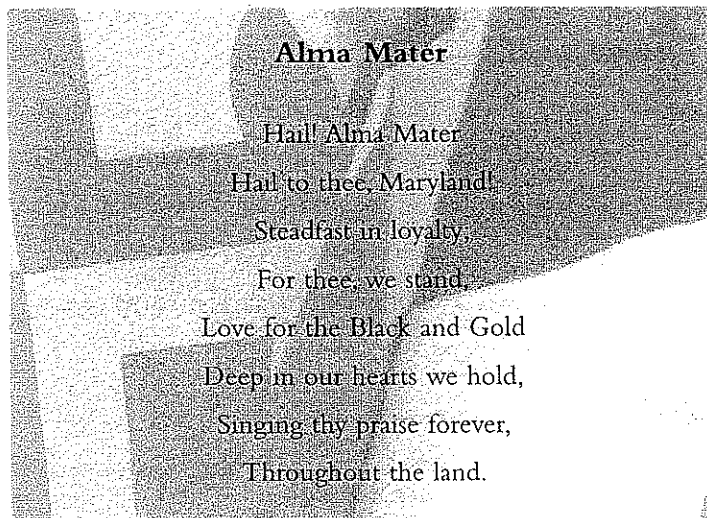
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Deans

Benediction
Rabbi Backman

Recessional
Symphonic Brass Ensemble



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Dr. C. D. Mote, Jr.
President, University of Maryland

Master of Ceremonies
Mr. James N. Newton
Undergraduate Studies

Processional
Symphonic Wind Ensemble
Mr. John E. Wakefield
Conductor

Invocation
Dr. Ali Darwish
Muslim Chaplain

The National Anthem
Ms. Linda Mabbs, Soprano

Greetings
Mr. Joseph Vivona
Interim Chancellor,
University System of Maryland

Mr. Nathan A. Chapman
University System of Maryland
Board of Regents

Senior Class Gift Presentation
Sammy Popat
Adam Wexler
Senior Council

**Presentation of
University Medal**
Dr. Mote

Remarks to the Graduates
Zachary Bookman
Graduating Senior

Musical Selection
The Battle Hymn of the Republic
Linda Mabbs, soprano soloist with
The Symphonic Wind Ensemble
Mr. Wakefield, Conductor

Address
Mr. William K. Marimow
Editor and Senior Vice President
The [Baltimore] Sun

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Alumni Association Induction**
Mr. J. Paul Carey '82
President, University of Maryland
Alumni Association

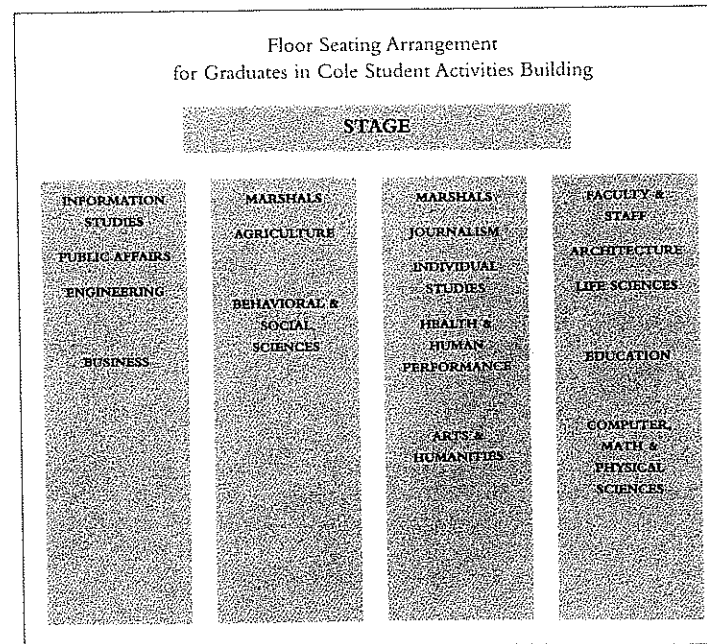
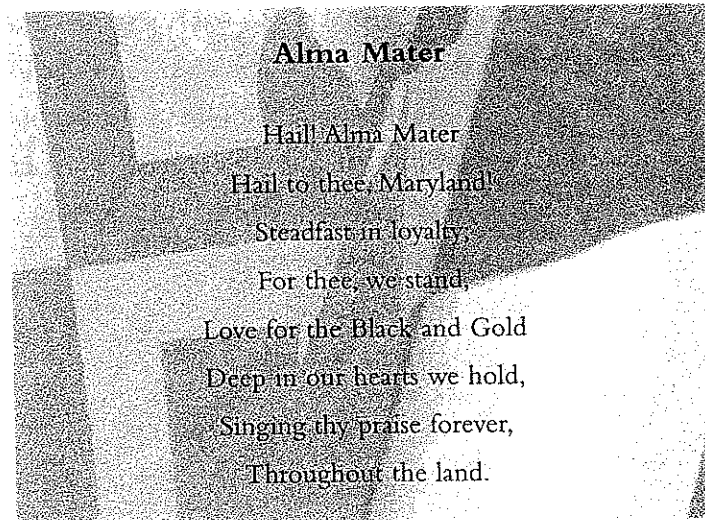
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Master's and Bachelor's Degrees**
Dr. Mote

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and Schools**
Deans

Benediction
Dr. Darwish

Recessional
Symphonic Wind Ensemble



May 24, 2001 • Cole Student Activities Building • 9:00 a.m.

Presiding

Dr. C. D. Mote, Jr.
President, University of Maryland

Master of Ceremonies

Mr. James N. Newton
Undergraduate Studies

Processional

Symphonic Wind Ensemble
Mr. John E. Wakefield
Conductor

Invocation

The Rev. Velma W. Brock
Episcopal/Anglican Ministry

The National Anthem

Ms. Linda Mabbs, Soprano

Greetings

Dr. Donald N. Langenberg
Chancellor
University System of Maryland

Mr. Nathan A. Chapman, Jr.
Chair
University System of Maryland
Board of Regents

Senior Class Gift Presentation

Ms. Rachael Polsky
Mr. Seth Rosenzweig
Senior Council

**Presentation of
University Medal**

Dr. Mote

Remarks to the Graduates

Mr. Mark D. Tosso
Graduating Senior

Musical Selection

The National Emblem March
by E. E. Bagley
The Symphonic Wind Ensemble
Mr. Wakefield, Conductor

Address

The Hon. Parris N. Glendening
Governor, State of Maryland

**Conferring of
Honorary Degree**

Dr. Mote

Response

Professor Charles H. Townes

**University of Maryland
Alumni Association Induction**

Dr. Jody K. Olsen '79
President, University of Maryland
Alumni Association

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Dr. Mote

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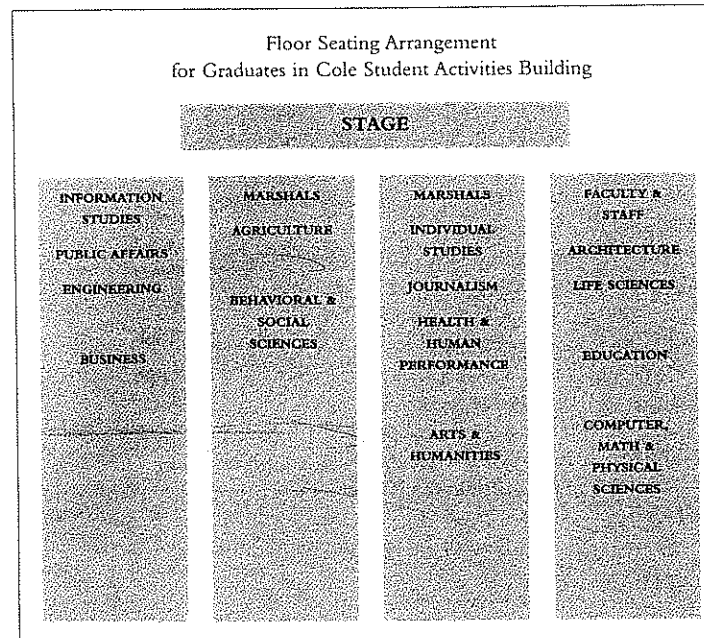
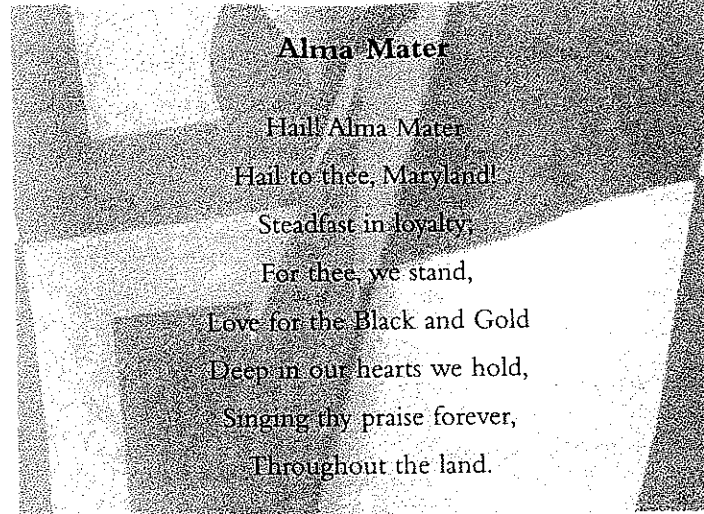
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Benediction

The Rev. Brock

Recessional

Symphonic Wind Ensemble



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Presiding
 Dr. C. D. Mote, Jr.
 President, University of Maryland

Master of Ceremonies
 James N. Newton
 Undergraduate Studies

Processional
 Symphonic Brass Ensemble
 Dr. Milton Stevens, Conductor

Invocation
 The Reverend Kim Capps, Chaplain
 United Methodist Ministry

The National Anthem
 Led by Linda Mabbs, Soprano

Greetings
 Dr. Donald N. Langenberg
 Chancellor
 University System of Maryland

Nathan A. Chapman, Jr.
 Chair, University System of
 Maryland Board of Regents

Senior Class Gift Presentation
 Betsy Bratek
 Steve Fox
 Senior Council

Remarks to the Graduates
 Sonia Kumar
 Graduating Senior

Musical Selection
 Symphonic Brass Ensemble
Olympic Fanfare and Theme
 by John Williams

Address
 Dr. David Satcher
 Surgeon General of the
 United States

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 Alumni Association Induction**
 J. Paul Carey, '82 M.B.A.
 President, University of Maryland
 Alumni Association

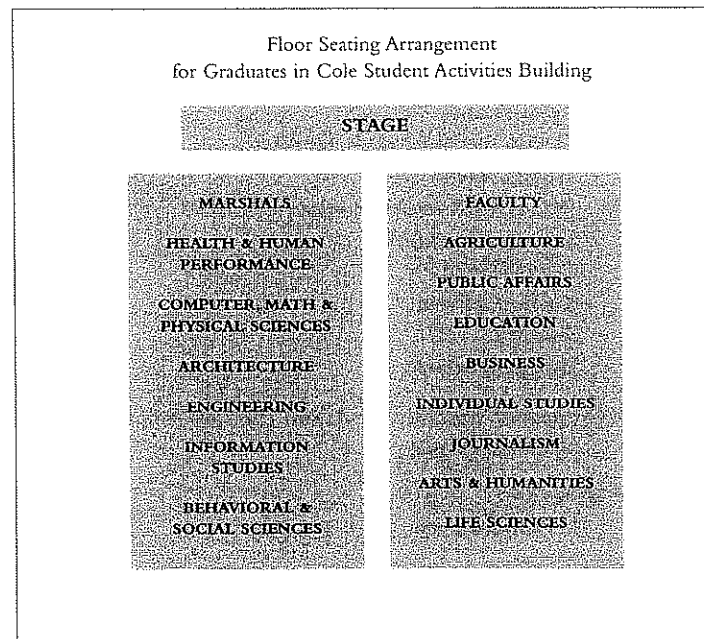
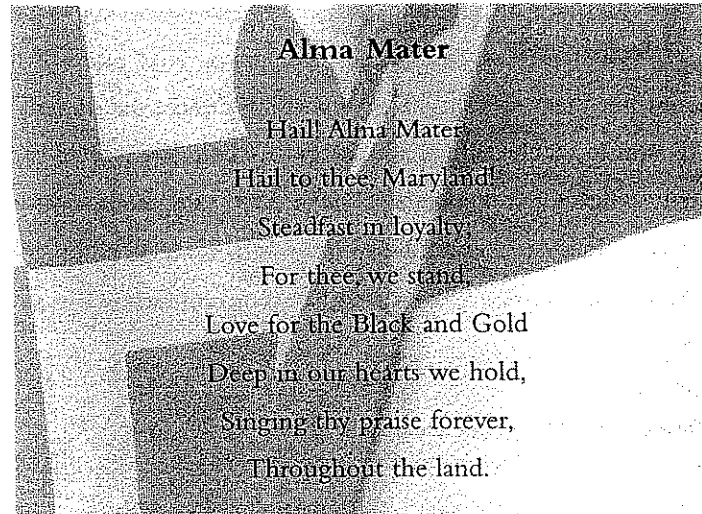
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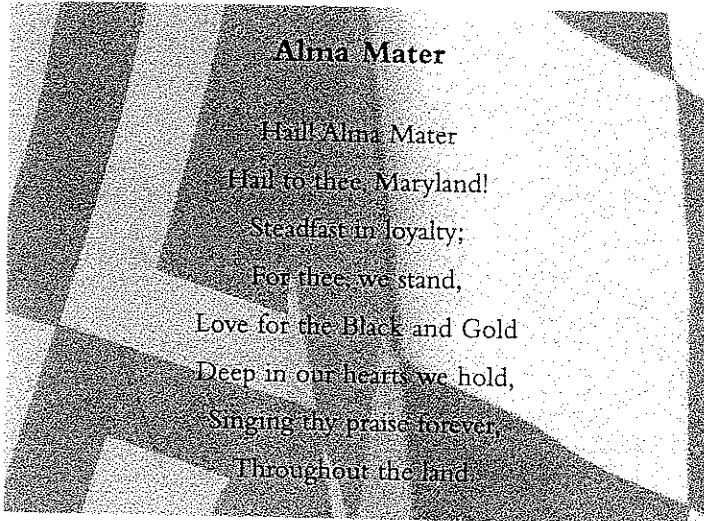
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Benediction
 The Rev. Capps

Recessional
 Symphonic Brass Ensemble



May 25, 2000 • Cole Student Activities Building • 9:00 a.m.



Presiding
Dr. C. D. Mote, Jr.
President, University of Maryland

Master of Ceremonies
James N. Newton
Undergraduate Studies

Processional
Symphonic Wind Ensemble
Dr. L. Richmond Sparks,
Conductor

Invocation
Mr. Robert Snyder
Advisor, Christian Science

The National Anthem

Greetings
Dr. Donald N. Langenburg,
Chancellor
University System of Maryland

Mr. David H. Nevins
University System of Maryland
Board of Regents

Senior Class Gift Presentation
Katie Doll
Vinit Patel
Senior Council

Presentation of University Medal
Dr. Mote

Remarks to the Graduates
Mona H. Siddiqui
Graduating Senior

Musical Selection
Dance of the Jesters
Peter I. Tchaikovsky
Transcribed by Ray E. Cramer
The Symphonic Wind Ensemble
Dr. Sparks, Conductor

Address
The Hon. Kweisi Mfume

Conferring of Honorary Degrees
Dr. Mote

University of Maryland Alumni Association Induction
Mr. Adrian Teel '64
President, University of Maryland Alumni Association

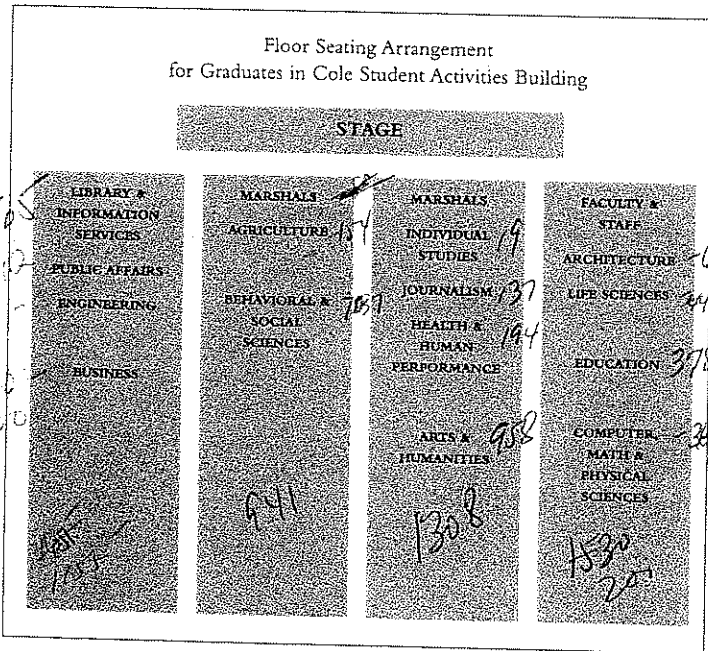
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Dr. Mote

Presentation of Colleges and Schools
Deans

Benediction
Mr. Snyder

Recessional
Symphonic Wind Ensemble



December 21, 2000 • Cole Student Activities Building • 9:00 a.m.

Presiding
 Dr. C. D. Mote, Jr.
 President, University of Maryland

Musical Selection
 Symphonic Brass Ensemble
Olympic Fanfare and Theme
 by John Williams

Master of Ceremonies
 James N. Newton
 Undergraduate Studies

Address
 John S. Hendricks

Processional
 Symphonic Brass Ensemble
 Dr. Milton Stevens, conductor

**University of Maryland
 Alumni Association Induction**
 Dr. Jody K. Olsen '79
 President, University of Maryland
 Alumni Association

Invocation
 The Reverend Holly Ulmer
 Chaplain, United Campus Ministry

Message to the Graduates
 Dr. Mote

The National Anthem
 Led by Linda Mabbs, Soprano

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 Degrees**
 Dr. Mote

Greetings
 Nathan A. Chapman, Jr.
 Chair, University System of
 Maryland Board of Regents

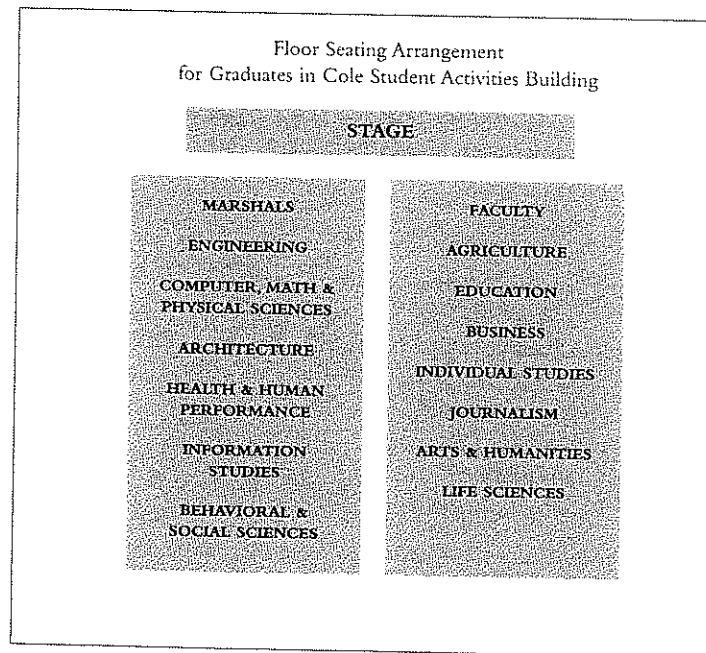
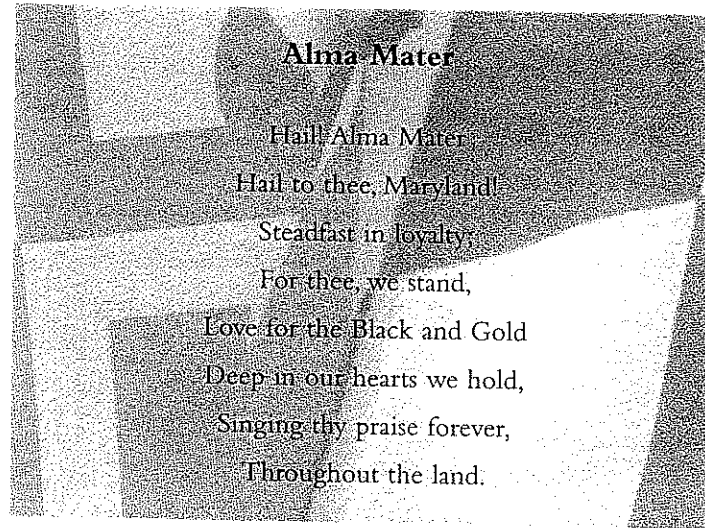
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Senior Class Gift Presentation
 Jared Stahl
 Senior Council

Benediction
 The Rev. Ulmer

Remarks to the Graduates
 Heather C. King
 Graduating Senior

Recessional
 Symphonic Brass Ensemble



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Presiding

Dr. C. D. Mote, Jr.
President, University of Maryland

Master of Ceremonies

James N. Newton
Undergraduate Studies

Processional

Symphonic Wind Ensemble
Mr. John E. Wakefield, Conductor

Musical Selection

"Fortuna Imperatrix Mundi" from
Carmina Burana
Carl Orff, Composer
The Maryland Chorus and
The Symphonic Wind Ensemble
Dr. Paul Traver, Conductor

Invocation

The Reverend Gerald Buckner

The National Anthem

Dr. Traver, Conductor

Greetings

Mr. Lance W. Billingsley, Chair
University System of Maryland
Board of Regents

Senior Class Gift Presentation

Meg Smith
George Perry
Senior Council

Remarks to the Graduates

Benjamin Lynerd
Graduating Senior

Musical Selection

A Maryland Salute
arr. Jerry Brubaker
The Maryland Chorus and
The Symphonic Wind Ensemble
Mr. Wakefield, Conductor

Address

James Carville and Mary Matalin

University of Maryland

Alumni Association Induction
Mr. Edwin R. Fry
President, University of Maryland
Alumni Association

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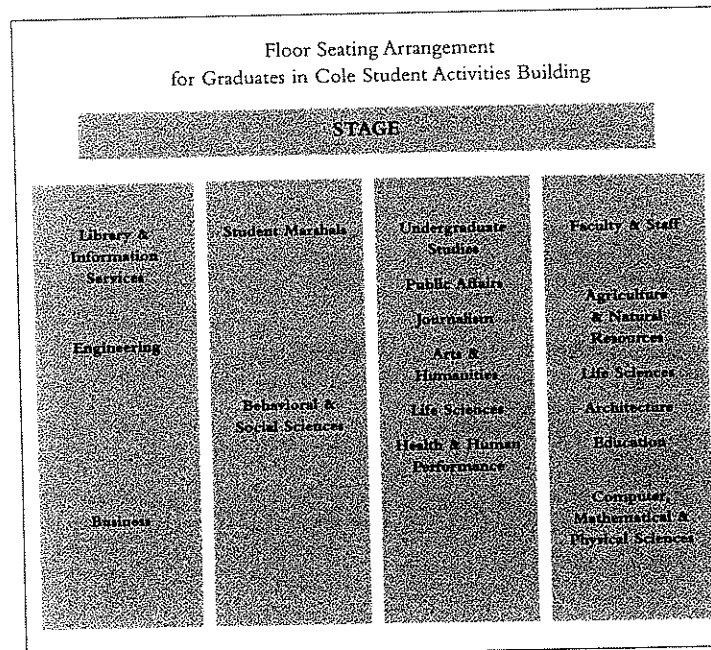
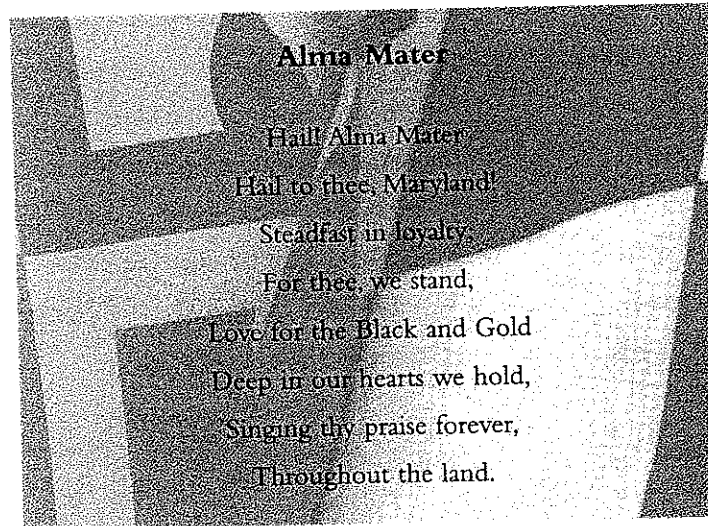
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Benediction

The Rev. Buckner

Recessional

Symphonic Wind Ensemble
Mr. Wakefield, Conductor



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President, University of Maryland

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James N. Newton
Undergraduate Studies

Processional
Symphonic Wind Ensemble
Mr. John E. Wakefield, conductor

Invocation
The Reverend William Byrne

The National Anthem

Greetings
Nathan A. Chapman, Jr.
Chair, University System of
Maryland Board of Regents

Senior Class Gift Presentation
Elissa Aaronson
Sohail Zandieh
Senior Council

Remarks to the Graduates
G. Scott Shaw
Graduating Senior

Musical Selection
A Sousa Spectacular
March Medley by John Philip
Sousa
Symphonic Wind Ensemble

Address
Boomer Esiason '84

**President's Distinguished
Alumnus Award Presentation**
Mr. Adrian Teel '64
President, University of Maryland
Alumni Association

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Alumni Association Induction**
Mr. Teel

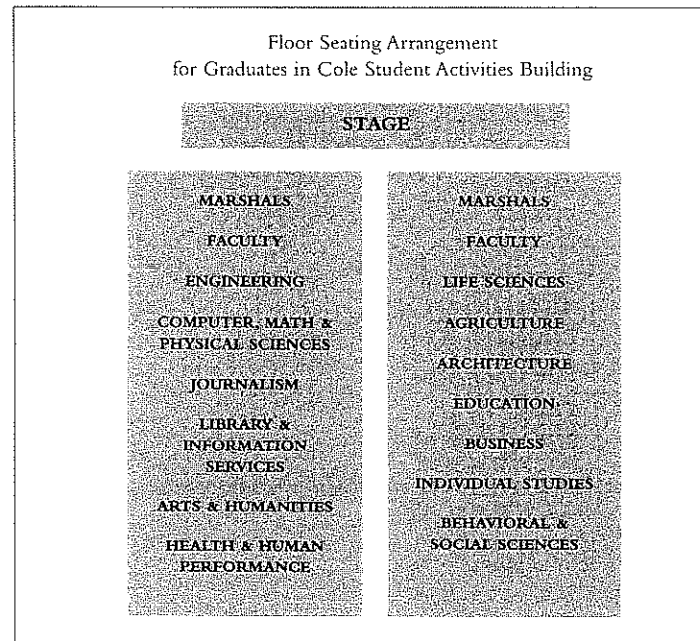
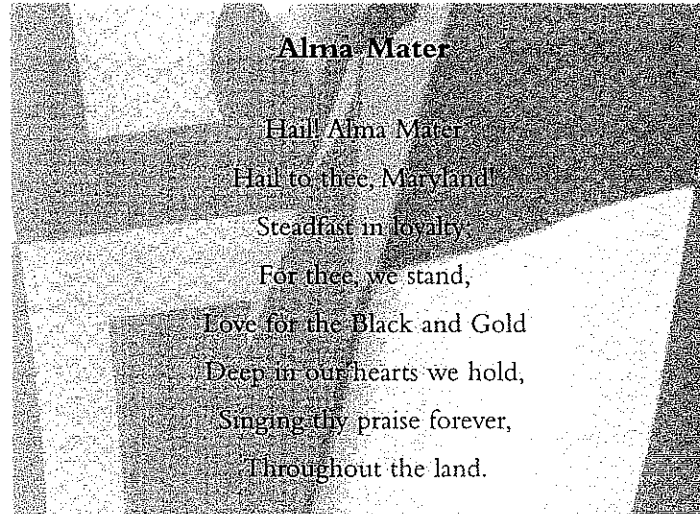
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Benediction
The Rev. Byrne

Recessional
Symphonic Wind Ensemble



Order of Commencement

May 22, 1998 • Cole Student Activities Building • 9:30 a.m.

Presiding

Dr. William E. Kirwan, President
University of Maryland, College Park

Master of Ceremonies

Mr. Mitchell P. Hebert
Department of Theatre

Processional

Symphonic Wind Ensemble
Mr. John E. Wakefield, Conductor

Musical Selection

The Maryland Salute
arr. Jerry Brubaker
The Maryland Chorus and
The Symphonic Wind Ensemble
Dr. Paul Traver, Conductor

Invocation

The Reverend Dr. Ruby Reese Moore
Chaplain, Black Ministries

The National Anthem

Dr. Traver, Conductor

Greetings

Dr. Donald N. Langenberg
Chancellor, University System of Maryland

Mr. Lance W. Billingsley, Chair
University System of Maryland
Board of Regents

Senior Class Gift Presentation

President's Distinguished Alumnus Award

Mr. Edwin R. Fry
President-Elect
University of Maryland Alumni Association

Remarks to the Graduates

Randall Dana Katz
Graduating Senior

Address

The Hon. Madeleine Korbel Albright
Secretary of State

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University of Maryland Alumni Association Induction

Mr. Fry

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Dr. Kirwan

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Musical Tribute

Ms. Linda Mabbs, soprano
Mr. Robert McCoy, piano

Benediction

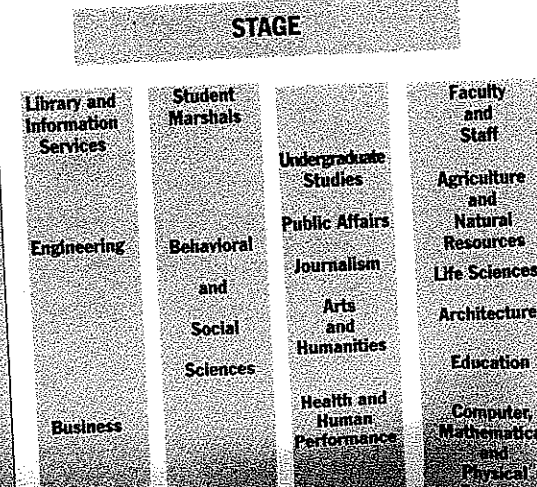
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Symphonic Wind Ensemble
Mr. Wakefield, Conductor

Alma Mater

Hail! Alma Mater;
Hail to thee, Maryland!
Steadfast in loyalty;
For thee we stand,
Love for the Black and Gold
Deep in our hearts we hold;
Singing thy praise forever
Throughout the land.

Floor Seating Arrangement for Graduates



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Presiding

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President, University of Maryland

Master of Ceremonies

Professor Adele Cabot
Department of Theatre

Processional

Symphonic Wind Ensemble
Mr. John E. Wakefield, conductor

Invocation

Dr. John Stephenson
Director, L.D.S. Institute of Religion
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day
Saints

The National Anthem

Greetings

Ms. Louise Michaux Gonzales
Member, University System of
Maryland Board of Regents

Senior Class Gift Presentation

Mr. Faiz Ahmad and
Ms. Lauren Mallon
Senior Council

Ms. Jane Henson '55

Remarks to the Graduates

Ms. Amy Melissa Schlom
Graduating Senior

Musical Selection

Ballad for Chris by Elliot Del Borgo
Mr. Chris Vadala, alto saxophone
soloist
Symphonic Wind Ensemble

Address

Captain Scott F. O'Grady

University of Maryland

Alumni Association Induction
Mr. Edwin R. Fry '69
President, University of Maryland
Alumni Association

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Dr. Stephenson

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