President Laine Speaks On Changes

With the Sunday afternoon sun shedding warmth on those assembled for the first annual Convocation of the Catonsville Community College on October 31, the Autumn wind whistled playfully through the microphone placed in front of the new building.

The program included the Dedication of the Student and Science Building, with the placing of the cornerstone as the climax of the ceremonies.

After the invocation was given by the Rev. Jentry McDonald of the Morning Star Baptist Church, Catonsville, Dr. Paul L. Johnson, Dean of the College, presided. Those who presented greetings were Thomas J. Finan, Attorney General of Maryland, and County Executive Spiro T. Agnew.

Dr. Oliver H. Laine, President of the College, made the principal address, "The College in a World of Change."

"As a college," he said, "we recognize that change is a force in our society. As an instrument of society, we must help our students to cope with the conditions and circumstances that not only will be different from anything known today, but also will be unpredictable as to character, form and permanence tomorrow. In other words, as a college we must help our students to learn to change, and indeed to create a new culture in the span of their own lifetime. At the same time, we must not let them lose sight of understanding of the enduring values in the history of man.

"As we dedicate this first new segment of our campus," he continued, "I should like to point out the ways in which the buildings, the site, and this ceremony dramatize the college's philosophy toward change. I believe they exemplify our regard for all that is good in the old as well as our willingness to use the best of the new that is available to us. For example, as you view the buildings and the wall before you, you will note that the architect has designed the new construction so that the materials blend and harmonize with the rublestone masonry of another era... Although this high ground position flanked here by the stone wall rifle slits, originally afforded a first line of defense against physical attack, it now becomes a citadel for the lasting defense against the forces of ignorance."

The strong message of the president was considered further as the voice of Louis C. Orndorff, Assoc. Professor of Art and Music, began the musical selection, "The Lord's Prayer."

T. Bayard Williams, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Trustees delivered the Message of Dedication, followed by the Faculty a written history of the Knapp Estate by Jeann Walsh, with photographs of historic estate buildings, presented by the Advisory Council; and a microfilm of student publications given by the Student Council.

A reception was held in the student lounge on the lower level of the former stone bank building. The first building with major improvement and new construction on the campus was in use!

Response given by Dr. Robert Sawyer and the Student Response by Paul Horichs, president of the Student Government Ass'n.

After the architect Henry Powell Hopkins told of the history of cornerstones, Dr. Johnson enumerated the cornerstone's capsule contents and donors. Among the many items was a copy of the deed to the College campus presented by the Board of Trustees.

Photographs by Robert Murray Storm. Pictured at the college's Convocation and Dedication ceremony on October 31 are (L to R): Howard H. Walsh, President of the Advisory Council; Graham Vinzant, Dean of Student Personnel; T. Bayard Williams, Jr., Chairman, Board of Trustees; Paul Horichs, President, Student Council; Dr. Oliver H. Laine, President of the College; (standing at the lectern) Dr. Robert L. Sawyer, Head of Division of Natural Sciences; Thomas J. Finan, Attorney General of Md.; Henry Powell Hopkins, Architect; Spiro T. Agnew, Baltimore County Executive; Joseph Murray, Business Officer; the Rev. Jentry McDonald; Dr. Paul L. Johnson, Dean of the college; Louis C. Orndorff, Assoc. Professor of Art and Music.