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From the Editors Notebook



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The university celebrated on March 1 its 124th anniversary with a formal 11 a.m. convocation in Cramton Auditorium. With President Franklyn G. Jenifer presiding, and remarks by the Board of Trustees Chairman John E. Jacob, the traditional yearly commemoration drew celebrants from the Howard community as well as from the Washington metropolitan area.

The convocation address was delivered by Clifton R. Wharton, an economist and chief executive officer of the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America and the College Retirement Equities Fund, based in New York. (See Commentary for excerpts.)

The university conferred the honorary Doctor of Laws degree on Wharton, who in his long career in the field of higher education has received 39 honorary degrees. Prior to his present position, he served as chancellor of the State University of New York System for nine years. Before that, he was president of Michigan State University for eight years.

For the first time in recent memory, both the Charter Day Convocation and the Charter Day Dinner were celebrated on the same day, instead of on two consecutive days. It was also the first under the presidency of Jenifer, who came on board a year ago in April.

At the dinner, which took place at the Washington Hilton and Towers, the university paid tribute to four alumni for distinguished post-graduate achievement. The 1991 Alumni Achievement Award recipients were: David N. Dinkins, mayor of New York City; Gwendolyn S. King, commissioner of the Social Security Administration; Ruby Grant Martin, Commonwealth of Virginia's secretary of administration; and Gerald D. Prothro, assistant general manager with IBM. □

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