



EIGHTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL  
OPENING CONVOCATION  
SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

WEDNESDAY EVENING  
THE TWENTY-SECOND OF AUGUST  
TWO THOUSAND AND ONE  
AT SEVEN-THIRTY O'CLOCK  
MCFARLIN MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM

*CARILLON CONCERT AND CALL TO CONVOCATION*  
Lorn L. Howard, Professor *Emeritus* of Electrical Engineering, Chief Marshal *Emeritus*  
Fondren Science Tower, 6:30 p.m.

***CONVOCATION PROGRAM***

Ross C Murfin, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Presiding

*THE PROCESSIONAL*  
*Jubilo (1998)* Dan Locklair  
Larry Palmer, Professor of Harpsichord and Organ and University Organist

*FANFARE*  
SMU Trumpet Ensemble  
David Kehler, Director of the Mustang Band

*INVOCATION*  
William M. Finnin, Jr., Chaplain to the University

*WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS*  
Provost Murfin

*REMARKS*  
Jodi Warmbrod, President of Students' Association  
Caroline Brettell, President of the Faculty Senate  
Ruth Sharp Altshuler, Chair of the Board of Trustees

*GREETINGS AND PRESENTATION OF THE SPEAKER*  
R. Gerald Turner, President of the University

*ADDRESS*  
"Parables"  
Joseph Kobylka, Associate Professor of Political Science

*PRESENTATION OF THE ENTERING CLASS OF 2001*  
Jasper Neel, Dean of Dedman College and Vice Provost of the University

*CHARGE TO THE ENTERING CLASS OF 2001*  
President Turner

*BENEDICTION*  
Chaplain Finnin

*THE RECESSIONAL*  
*The Stars and Stripes Forever* John Philip Sousa  
(Arranged for Organ by E. Power Biggs)

*THE CONVOCATION PROCESSION*

*MARSHALS*

Bradley Kent Carter, *Chief Marshal*  
Maurice G. A. Elton, *Procession Marshal*  
Eric Kartchner, *Associate Procession Marshal*  
Michael Lusztig, *Marshal Precentor*  
James G. Dunham, Thomas B. Fomby, David B. Johnson,  
Barbara W. Kincaid and Zoe G. Urbanek, *Marshals*

*ENTERING CLASS OF 2001*

*THE FLAG BEARERS*

Benjamin A. Petty, *Marshal*  
*THE ALUMNI MARSHALS*

Richard K. Williams, *Marshal*  
*FACULTIES OF THE UNIVERSITY*

Barbara Hill Moore, *Marshal*  
*OFFICE OF THE PROVOST*  
*CORPORATE OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY*

Nathan Montoya, *Marshal*  
*PLATFORM PARTY*

Ruth Sharp Altshuler, *Chair of the Board of Trustees*  
John B. Attanasio, *Dean of the Dedman School of Law*  
U. Narayan Bhat, *Dean of Research and Graduate Studies*  
Carole Brandt, *Dean of Meadows School of the Arts*  
Caroline Brettell, *President of the Faculty Senate*  
William M. Finnin, Jr., *Chaplain to the University*  
Joseph Kobylka, *Associate Professor of Political Science*  
Robin W. Lovin, *Dean of Perkins School of Theology*  
Gillian McCombs, *Director of Central University Libraries*  
Ross C Murfin, *Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*  
Jasper Neel, *Dean of Dedman College and Vice Provost*  
Albert W. Niemi, Jr., *Dean of Edwin L. Cox School of Business*  
Robert A. Patterson, *Dean of Extended and Continuing Studies*  
Stephen Szygenda, *Dean of School of Engineering*  
R. Gerald Turner, *President of the University*  
Jodi Warmbrod, *Students' Association President*

*Welcome to S.M.U.*

*This evening you have become a part of our community. The Rotunda Processional symbolizes this transformation. You were assembled by faculty. Your march was heralded by the SMU Trumpet Ensemble. You were led by Peruna, living icon of the school. You marched through Dallas Hall, our oldest building. You were guided by alumni, alumni whose presence links you with our past and demonstrates love and devotion to their alma mater.*

*At the conclusion of Convocation we will lower the historic Ovilla Curtain to signify the completion of your initiation. Here is the story of that curtain. During the 1830s, the parents of Robert McFarlin, for whom this auditorium was named, lived in Ovilla, Texas. There was no Methodist Church in the area; instead, the Methodists were served by a circuit rider. The McFarlins gave the circuit rider the land and money to build the Ovilla Methodist Church, pictured on the curtain, which Robert McFarlin attended.*

*In four years you will leave McFarlin Auditorium in the Rotunda Recessional, marching back through Dallas Hall, again led by alumni, alumni whose ranks you will enter the next day.*

#### *UNIVERSITY HYMN*

*“Oh we see the Varsity, Varsity, Varsity  
As she towers o’er the hill over there  
And our hearts are filled with joy, SMU, SMU  
Alma Mater, we’ll be true forever!”*

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