Ninety-First Annual
Opening Convocation
Southern Methodist University

Wednesday Evening
The Seventeenth of August
Two Thousand and Five
At Five O’clock
McFarlin Memorial Auditorium
CARILLON CONCERT AND CALL TO CONVOCATION
Lorn L. Howard, Professor Emeritus of Electrical Engineering
Fondren Science Tower, 4 p.m.

CONVOCATION PROGRAM

THE PROCESSIONAL
Fanfare for Brass and Percussion, Karel Husa
Ceremonial Fanfare, Elaine Ross
Brass Fragments, Samuel Adler
Selections from Symphoniae Sacrae, Giovanni Gabrieli
Fanfare pour preceder “La Péri”, Paul Dukas
Meadows Brass Ensemble
Alan Wagner, Conductor

FANFARE
SMU Trumpet Ensemble
Dave Alexander Productions

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

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
Robert L. Blocker, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

REMARKS
Robert Van Kemper, President of the Faculty Senate
Liz Healy, President of the Students’ Association

CHORAL HYMN
“O Clap Your Hands”
Ralph Vaughan Williams
The Combined Choirs of Meadows School of the Arts
Directed by Alfred Calabrese, Associate Professor and Director of Choral Activities
Accompanied by Larry Palmer, Professor of Harpsichord and Organ
and University Organist

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

ADDRESS
“A New Chapter”
Provost Blocker

PRESENTATION OF THE ENTERING STUDENTS OF 2005
Jasper Neel, Dean of Dedman College and Vice Provost of the University

CHARGE TO THE ENTERING STUDENTS OF 2005
President Turner
UNIVERSITY HYMN
“Varsity”

Benediction
Judy Henneberger, Assistant Chaplain to the University

THE RECESSIONAL
_Canzon Septimi Octavi Toni a 12_, Giovanni Gabrieli

THE CONVOCATION PROCESSION
Bradley Kent Carter, Chief Marshal
Kenneth Hamilton, Procession Marshal
Joseph Kobylka, Marshal Precentor
Jeffery L. Kenninger, Barbara W. Kincaid, Thomas Osang,
and William J. Pulte, _Guild of Marshals_

ENTERING CLASS OF 2005
Patrick Schmidt, Marshal

THE FLAG BEARERS
Mary Vernon, Marshal

THE ALUMNI MARSHALS
Nathan S. Balke and Dennis M. Simon, Marshals

FACULTIES OF THE UNIVERSITY
Barbara Hill Moore, Marshal

OFFICE OF THE PROVOST
CORPORATE OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY
Nathan Montoya, Marshal

PLATFORM PARTY
John B. Attanasio, Dean of Dedman School of Law
Robert L. Blocker, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Carole Brandt, Dean of Meadows School of the Arts
William M. Finnin, Jr., Chaplain to the University
Liz Healy, President of Students’ Association
Judy Henneberger, Assistant Chaplain to the University
Robert Van Kemper, President of the Faculty Senate
William Lawrence, Dean of Perkins School of Theology
Gillian M. McCombs, Dean and Director of Central University Libraries
Jasper Neel, Dean of Dedman College and University Vice Provost
Albert W. Niemi, Jr., Dean of Edwin L. Cox School of Business
Geoffrey C. Orsak, Dean of School of Engineering
Robert A. Patterson, Dean of School of Education and Human Development
R. Gerald Turner, President of the University
R. Hal Williams, Dean of Research and Graduate Studies
WELCOME TO SMU

This afternoon 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 and animated by the SMU Alumni Band. You were led by Peruna, living symbol of the University. You marched through Dallas Hall, our oldest building. You were guided by alumni who also are parents of fellow entering students. These alumni represent the lifetime connection to SMU, a connection which you now share.

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.

Upon your graduation you will leave McFarlin Auditorium in the Rotunda Recessional, marching back through Dallas Hall, again led by alumni, alumni whose ranks you will join the next day following Commencement.

UNIVERSITY HYMN

“Varsity”

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!

The Office of Academic Ceremonies welcomes the appearance of the SMU Alumni Band.