Ninety-Second Annual
Opening Convocation
Southern Methodist University

Wednesday Evening
The Sixteenth of August
Two Thousand and Six
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
  Simple Gifts, Traditional
  Three Pieces, Ludwig Maurer
  Rigaudon, Andre Campra
  Trumpet Voluntary, Henry Purcell
  THE IMPERIAL BRASS

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

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
Thomas W. Tunks, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs ad interim

REMARKS
Rhonda Blair, President of the Faculty Senate
Taylor Russ, President of the Students’ Association

SPECIAL MUSIC
  “Scherzo,” John Cheetham
  THE IMPERIAL BRASS
  Richard Harris, Trumpet; Adam Miller, Trumpet; Susan Frazier, Horn;
  Simon Willats, Trombone; Nathan Frazier, Tuba

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

ADDRESS
  “Hermeneutics: Learning to Change the World”
  Dean José Antonio Bowen

PRESENTATION OF THE ENTERING STUDENTS OF 2006
Ron Moss, Dean of Undergraduate Admissions and Executive Director of Enrollment Services

CHARGE TO THE ENTERING STUDENTS OF 2006
President Turner

UNIVERSITY HYMN
  “Varsity”
  Erick A. Reich, Precentor

BENEDICTION
Judy Henneberger, Assistant Chaplain to the University
THE RECESSIONAL
Trumpet Tune, Henry Purcell

THE CONVOCATION PROCESSION
Bradley Kent Carter, Chief Marshal
Thomas B. Fomby, Procession Marshal
Kenneth Hamilton, Procession Marshal
Joseph Kobylka, Marshal Precentor
Jeffery L. Kennington, Barbara W. Kincaid, Thomas Osang, and William J. Pulte, Guild of Marshals

ENTERING CLASS OF 2006
Thomas B. Fomby, Marshal
THE FLAG BEARERS
Mary Vernon, Marshal
THE ALUMNI MARSHALS
John M. Lewis 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
U. Narayan Bhat, Dean ad interim of the School of Education and Human Development
Rhonda Blair, President of the Faculty Senate
José Antonio Bowen, Dean of Meadows School of the Arts
Caroline Brettell, Dean ad interim of Dedman College
William M. Finnin, Jr., Chaplain to the University
Judy Henneberger, Assistant Chaplain to the University
Tiffany Jenson, President of the Staff Association
William Lawrence, Dean of Perkins School of Theology
Gillian M. McCombs, Dean and Director of Central University Libraries
Ron Moss, Dean of Undergraduate Admissions and Executive Director of Enrollment Services
Albert W. Niemi, Jr., Dean of Edwin L. Cox School of Business
Geoffrey C. Orsak, Dean of School of Engineering
Erick A. Reich, Precentor
Taylor Russ, President of the Students’ Association
Thomas W. Tunks, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs ad interim
R. Gerald Turner, President of the University
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. 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!

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