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 are also 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 1830’s, 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.
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NINETY-THIRD ANNUAL
OPENING CONVOCATION

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

WEDNESDAY EVENING
THE TWENTY-SECOND OF AUGUST
TWO THOUSAND AND SEVEN
AT FIVE O’CLOCK
MCFARLIN MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM
CARILLON CONCERT AND CALL TO CONVOCATION
Lorn L. Howard, Professor Emeritus of Electrical Engineering
Fondren Science Tower, 4:00 p.m.

CONVOCATION PROGRAM

THE PROCESSIONAL

The Imperial Brass

Canon in D

Pachelbel/arr. Spencer

Cyrus the Great

K.L. King/arr. Frazier

Rigaudon

Andre Campra

Trumpet Voluntary

Henry Purcell

INVOCATION

William M. Finnin, Jr.
Chaplain to the University

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Paul W. Ludden
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

REMARKS

Richard Ware
Vice-Chair, Board of Trustees

Gary Evans
President of the Faculty Senate

Katherine M. Tullos
President of the Students’ Association

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Imperial Brass

Simple Gifts

Traditional/arr. Procter

GREETINGS AND PRESENTATION OF THE SPEAKER

R. Gerald Turner
President of the University

ADDRESS

“| Am A Stranger Here Myself”

Provost Paul W. Ludden

PRESENTATION OF THE ENTERING STUDENTS OF 2007

Ron Moss
Dean of Undergraduate Admissions and
Executive Director of Enrollment Services
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!

BENEDICTION

Judith Henneberger
Associate Chaplain to the University

THE RECESSIONAL

The Imperial Brass

Trumpet Tune

Henry Purcell

QUINTET

Adam Miller, trumpet
Tim Andersen, trumpet
Jason DeWater, horn
Simon Willats, trombone
Nathan Frazier, tuba

TRUMPET FANFARE:

Mike Attaway
Bill Carmichael
Dan Evans
John Holt
Keith Jourdan

Oscar Pasley
Larry Spencer
Jimmy Tullos
THE CONVOCAITION PROCESSION
Bradley Kent Carter, Chief Marshal
Thomas B. Fomby, Procession Marshal
Kenneth Hamilton, Assisting Procession Marshal
Joseph Kobylka, Marshal Precentor

GUILD OF MARSHALS
Jeffrey L. Kennington
Thomas Osang
William J. Pulte

THE PHI BETA KAPPA GREETERS
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THE FLAG BEARERS
Thomas B. Fomby, Marshal

THE ALUMNI MARSHALS
Mary Vernon, Marshal

FACULTIES OF THE UNIVERSITY
Benjamin H. Johnson, Marshal
Robert Van Kemper, Marshal
Linda Brewster Stearns, Marshal

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

PLATFORM PARTY
Dennis M. Simon, Marshal
John B. Attanasio
Dean of the Dedman School of Law
José Antonio Bowen
Dean of Meadows School of the Arts
Caroline Brettell
Dean ad interim of Dedman College

David J. Chard
Dean of the School of Education and Human Development
Eric Michael Czechowski
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