



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!