



EIGHTY-NINTH ANNUAL
OPENING CONVOCATION
SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

WEDNESDAY EVENING
THE TWENTIETH OF AUGUST
TWO THOUSAND AND THREE
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

Allegro assai from Sonata in D minor, opus 42 Alexandre Guilman
Larry Palmer, Professor of Harpsichord and Organ and University Organist

FANFARE

SMU Trumpet Ensemble led by Nathan Cooksey

INVOCATION

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

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Provost Murfin

REMARKS

Gerald J. Ford, Chair of the Board of Trustees
Norman Wick, President of the Faculty Senate
Thomas Kincaid, President of the Students' Association

GREETINGS AND

PRESENTATION OF THE SPEAKER

R. Gerald Turner, President of the University

CONVOCATION ADDRESS

G. William Barnard, Associate Professor of Religious Studies

PRESENTATION OF THE ENTERING CLASS OF 2003

Jasper Neel, Dean of Dedman College and Vice Provost of the University

CHARGE TO THE ENTERING CLASS OF 2003

President Turner

UNIVERSITY HYMN

"Varsity"

BENEDICTION

Chaplain Finnin

THE RECESSIONAL

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

THE CONVOCATION PROCESSION

Bradley Kent Carter, *Chief Marshal*
Eric Kartchner, *Procession Marshal*
Stephen H. A. Shepherd, *Assisting Procession Marshal*
Joseph Kobylka, *Marshal Precentor*
Richard Bozorth, James G. Dunham, David B. Johnson,
Barbara W. Kincaid, and Zoe G. Urbanek, *Guild of Marshals*

ENTERING CLASS OF 2003

Thomas B. Fomby, *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 the Dedman School of Law*
U. Narayan Bhat, *Dean of Research and Graduate Studies*
Carole Brandt, *Dean of Meadows School of the Arts*
William M. Finnin, Jr., *Chaplain to the University*
Gerald J. Ford, *Chair of the Board of Trustees*
Thomas Kincaid, *Students' Association President*
William Lawrence, *Dean of Perkins School of Theology*
Gillian McCombs, *Dean and 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 the Division of Education and Lifelong Learning*
Stephen Szygenda, *Dean of the School of Engineering*
R. Gerald Turner, *President of the University*
Norman Wick, *President of the Faculty Senate*

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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