



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

CARLTON 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 CONVOCAATION PROCESSION

Bradley Kent Carter, Chief 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 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.