

Sunday, May 11,
2008

GRADUATION PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

University of Houston
COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

College Commencement
2008

2:00 pm Hofheinz Pavilion

☺☺ BY RESERVATION ONLY ☺☺

SUMMER 2007, FALL 2007 ALUMNI and
SPRING 2008 "CONDITIONALLY APPROVED" applicants are eligible to
participate
(Spring 2008 graduate students must submit thesis/dissertation by April 28
to attend)

What you need to know about the NSM 2008 College Commencement

Reservations: Student participation is by reservation only. Participants will be checked against a list of reservations to confirm eligibility to participate. ☺☺

Tickets: Tickets are not required for guests to attend the NSM College Commencement ceremony. Please bring as many guests as you like! You will still need to turn in your reservation form (in person) to the NSM Dean's Office (room 214, SR1) in order to be eligible to attend.

Commencement Invitations: Questions may be directed to bookstore personnel at 713/748-0923. NSM cannot be held responsible for Announcements ordered through the UH Bookstore.

Regalia: All participating graduates must wear academic regalia (caps and gowns.)

Questions about regalia may be directed to bookstore personnel at 713/748-0923.

Due to the solemnity of the occasion, we ask that you refrain from adding extra touches to this academic wardrobe.

Graduate students must also bring with them the proper hood (to be draped over your left arm, **unbuttoned**, until you are officially "hooded" on-stage by the Dean and Associate Dean).

Gold Honors cords are available in a limited quantity at the Bookstore for purchase by those graduating with academic honors.

Guests: All guests should be seated in Hofheinz Pavilion by 1:45 p.m., as the processional begins promptly at 2:00 p.m. **No guest will be permitted to stand in the aisles or on the main floor of the Pavilion.** Students or guests who have disabilities attending Commencement activities can request reasonable accommodations through the (CSD) at (713) 743-5400, TDD: (713) 749-1527 or uhcsd@mail.uh.edu. Please give 7 Business Days prior notice to arrange accommodations.

As a courtesy to others present, we ask that guests make every effort to avoid standing in the line of vision of other guests. Graduation Day is meant to be a day of celebration for everyone present--please be courteous to others.

Due to Fire Marshall regulations, all aisles, the main floor, and all exits of Hofheinz Pavilion must be kept clear at all times during the ceremony.

Beepers and Cell Phones: As a courtesy to our graduates, we ask that all participants and guests turn off beepers and cell phones.

Parking: All parking is free. For your convenience, a map of the campus is attached. The closest available parking for the NSM College Commencement Ceremony is Lot 15D across Holman Street from Hofheinz Pavilion.

Photography: A professional photographer will be at the ceremony. Each graduate will be contacted individually by this company after the ceremony through the address provided on the reservation form should you wish to take advantage of this service.

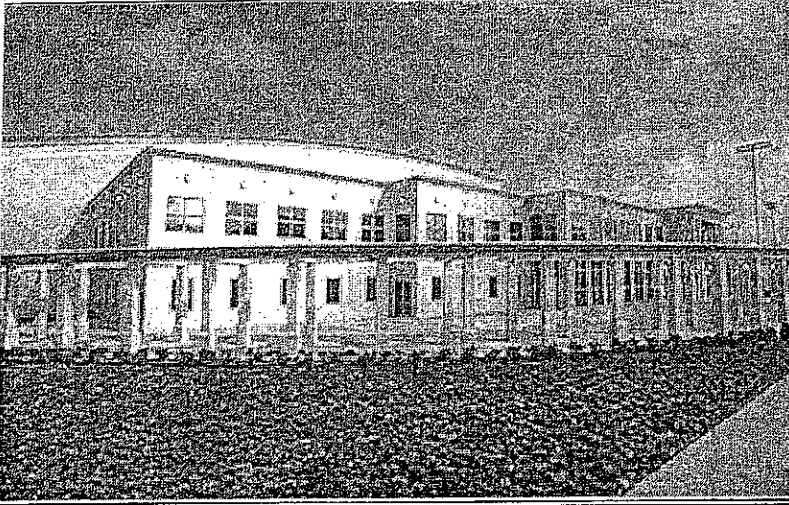
Guests with tripod cameras are not permitted to block aisles or exits and will be asked to move.

Diplomas: Diplomas are mailed to the address you provided on your application to graduate. Final audits are completed about two months after semester close (May 9, 2008). If your diploma becomes overdue, call the Graduation Office at 713/743-1010.

Special Needs: Students or guests who have disabilities attending Commencement activities can request reasonable accommodations through the (CSD) at (713) 743-5400, TDD: (713) 749-1527 or uhcsd@mail.uh.edu. Please give 7 Business Days prior notice to arrange accommodations.

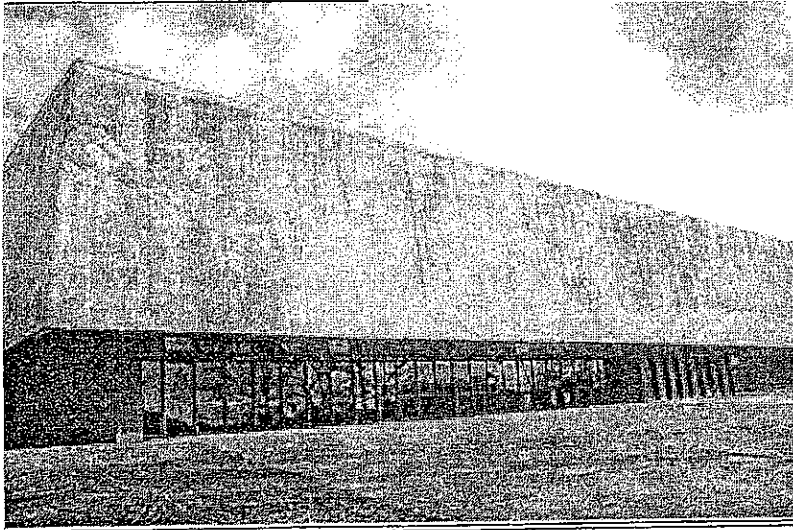
Questions: If you have any questions about the NSM College Commencement, please call the NSM Dean's Office at 713/743-2611. You may also access information via the web at <http://nsm.uh.edu/academics/commencement.htm> or go to the NSM home page, <http://nsm.uh.edu> and follow the link.

Athletics/Alumni Center—Yeoman Field House



Students Line Up HERE!

Hofheinz Pavilion



Ceremony Takes Place HERE!

Your Part on May 11th (please read this carefully)!

- ❖ Please assemble in Yeoman Field House (behind Hofheinz Pavilion) between 1:00 and 1:15 pm **SHARP!** You should enter through the front door of the Athletics/Alumni Center pass the Great Hall, and continue straight back until you reach Yeoman Field House.
- ❖ We must ask that you **leave all valuables with your guests as there will be no storage area available.** All guests should be directed to Hofheinz Pavilion immediately upon arrival to find their seats.
- ❖ **You must be dressed in academic regalia to participate.** Please refrain from adding extra touches to the academic wardrobe.
- ❖ Look for your Department sign, you will line up under your department sign. There will be plenty of staff on hand to assist you.
- ❖ You will be given a card that has the information from the **Reservation Form.** Stay in the order you are given and **do not lose this card.**
- ❖ **The Processional** into Hofheinz Pavilion will begin precisely at 2:00 p.m.--you simply need to follow the student in front of you. You will be directed to a seat.
- ❖ When you are seated it is important to remember that **you may not be returning to the same seat** when you return from stage. **Do not leave anything on your seat.**
- ❖ After the keynote speaker has completed his presentation you will be directed to line up to go across stage to be recognized. Your chairman steps to the podium then the card you are carrying will be taken and given to your chairman so that you may be recognized.
- ❖ You will process across stage to shake the hands of your Deans and have your picture taken.
- ❖ After you have come across stage, you will be directed back to a seat. When all students have been recognized and the **Benediction** has been completed you will follow your fellow students in the **Recessional.**
- ❖ **Leave your regalia in bins provided as you exit Hofheinz Pavilion.**
- ❖ **This ceremony will take approximately two hours...We'll see you on the 11th!!**

REMEMBER

- ❖ **Arrive no later than 1:15 pm and report to Yeoman Field House.**
- ❖ **You must be dressed in formal regalia to participate.**
- ❖ **Leave your valuables (purses) with your family/friends, there is no storage area.**
- ❖ **Hold onto the card that is given to you.**
- ❖ **Do not leave anything on your seat as you will not be returning to the same seat after you have gone across stage.**
- ❖ **Leave your regalia in the bins provided when you exit Hofheinz Pavilion.**

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