

## MISCELLANEOUS TIPS AND HINTS FOR COMMENCEMENT

- **Tassels** should be worn on the *right* side of your cap until the end of the Commencement ceremony, when you will turn them to the left. (Please note: *Graduate* students should wear tassels on the *left* side of your cap.)
- Women should leave **purses** with friends or relatives so you do not have to carry them with you during the ceremonies. You don't want to carry it across the stage with you.
- Please leave **cell phones** with friends or relatives or be sure to turn them off so they do not ring during the ceremonies.
- Pay attention to **weather** reports and plan to wear something cool underneath your robe if Commencement day is a hot one. The robes are *very warm* and graduates are seated in the sun.
- Please be **courteous**. Once you have marched and been seated, please do *not* get up and leave for any reason. Even after you have received your diploma tube, be considerate of those who are still waiting.

## PARKING FOR COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

The Chapel parking lot will be set aside for disabled persons in vehicles displaying valid disabled parking certification from the state of Illinois or another state. Drop off and pickup service is available in this lot upon arrival by request of the Public Safety Officer assigned to the parking lot.

Advance parking reservations cannot be accepted.

Please be aware that the Bogey Bus will be in operation for transport of persons from remote parking lots.

**Please note that traffic is very heavy around the University on Commencement morning. Plan to arrive early!!**

## NEWS RELEASES

To share news about your accomplishment with your hometown newspaper, go to the Current Students section of the McKendree Web site and follow the instructions under "Share Your News." We encourage you to include a photo of yourself when sending your hometown news release to your local paper. This will be beneficial to both you and McKendree as we further acknowledge your success.

## MAY GRADUATES DIPLOMAS and TRANSCRIPTS WITH YOUR DEGREE POSTED

Any transcript mailed before May 31 will **NOT** HAVE YOUR DEGREE POSTED ON IT BECAUSE YOU DO NOT OFFICIALLY GRADUATE UNTIL MAY 31. After May 31, your degree will be posted and a copy of your final unofficial transcript will be mailed to you *along with your diploma*.