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## **Evearitt, Kirms, Schoner join Covenant's faculty**

Dr. Timothy Evearitt from Illinois, Mr. Frederick Kirms of Indiana, and Dr. Alta Ada Schoner of Texas have joined the Covenant faculty this fall, providing teaching depth in the Education, Business Administration and English Departments.

Mr. Kirms comes to Covenant after four years at Taylor University in Upland, Indiana. He and his wife have three children.

Mr. Kirms received his B.S. in Engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy, his M.B.A. in Marketing Research from the State University of New York at Albany, and his B.D. in Theology from Reformed Episcopal Seminary.

At Taylor University, Mr. Kirms served as chairman of the Department of Business and Economics. He has had a wide range of work experience, including engineering, marketing, finance, purchasing, and administration, as well as teaching. At Covenant Mr. Kirms will handle the Management and Accounting courses.

Dr. Schoner, meanwhile, has recently concluded post-doctoral studies in England. She received her bachelor's, master's and doctor's degree from Texas Tech University, where she also taught. She most recently taught at Howard Payne University and under a research grant from there, spent two years at Oxford University in England.

Dr. Schoner has three children: Francy, Paul and Joseph.

At Howard Payne, Dr. Schoner organized sym-



Evearitt



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posiums on Katherine Anne Porter and Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn. At Covenant she will teach courses in Milton's poetry, the Romantic movement and freshmen composition.

Dr. Evearitt, who will join the Education Department at Covenant, received a B.A. in religion from Ft. Wayne Bible College and an M.A. in Biblical Studies from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. He also received an M.A. in Educational Administration from Illinois State University—the same school from which he received his doctorate. His dissertation was on the development of elementary and secondary fundamentalist-evangelical schools.

Coming from Rogers School in North Pekin, Illinois, where he served as principal for two years, Dr. Evearitt has had part-time pastoral experience as well as nearly ten years of teaching administrative work.

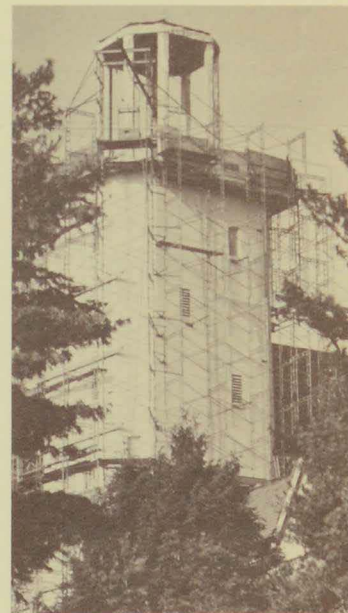
He and his wife, Sharon, have three children.

## **Energy crunch considered in renovation project**

The renovation of Carter Hall is now in full swing. With all of the scaffolding in place, the roofers are hard at work replacing the tile and old wood on Carter Hall's roof—a job which, hopefully, will be completed by late fall.

During the first phase of the renovation project, a major effort is being made to make the fifty-year old building more energy efficient.

When the "facelift" of the exterior and the roofing work is completed, the heat loss from the structure will be cut by 60-80%.



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## Covenant's president prods RP's

With a view toward increasing denominational involvement with Covenant College, President Martin Essenburg is urging the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod to take steps toward closer ties with the college.

He reminded the 1979 Synod that the college will lean more heavily on the student and financial support of the church in the near future.

Essenburg reiterated the need for a growing student enrollment and asked RP pastors to encourage their students to attend Covenant.

He also restated the goal for denominational financial support for the 1979-80 year. As approved by Synod, \$440,000 was set as a guideline for the year. This, Essenburg pointed out, is some \$350,000 more than was given last year, but still represents only about 5% of annual church budgets.

Specifically, the figure averages out to \$23.00 per communicant member per year and \$45.00 per family per year.

"Is there a blessing to be found in our financial predicament each year?" Essenburg asked. "Does it force us to complete reliance upon God? Dear friends, if that is a blessing, we would like to share it with you!" the president said.

"We ask of you prayer, brethren," he concluded. "If we are willing to work and to give as we pray, the Lord will meet our needs abundantly!"

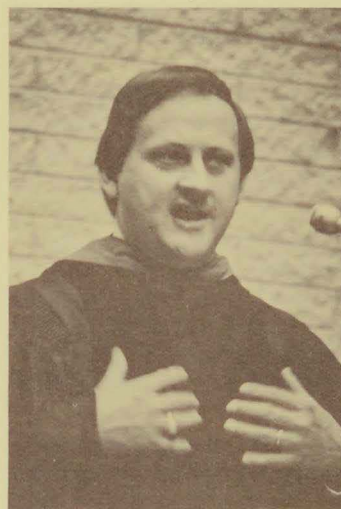
## Challenge success spurs college on to new year

Most have heard about the tremendous success of the 1979 challenge grant, but it bears repeating: 730 donors pledged their 2-year support—nearly 100 more than were required. In addition, the gifts and grants goal of \$475,000 was surpassed by \$10,000.

This marvelous outpouring of God's goodness propelled the college into the new year and into new challenges with a great deal of confidence and optimism. The Lord's goodness truly goes beyond our own expectations and capabilities!

## PCA leader opens new year

"You must develop an intelligent Christian mind," students, staff, faculty and administration were exhorted at the fall, 1979 opening exercises. "You must speak from an intelligent perspective as you face the political, ethical, religious and economic problems in our world today."



terian Church in America.

The speaker was Rev. Charles Dunahoo, a key figure in the Presbyterian Church in America, and guest speaker at the twenty-fifth Covenant convocation exercises.

Dunahoo is Coordinator of the Committee on Christian Education and Publications for the PCA. He is actively involved in efforts for joint governance of the college between the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod and the Presby-

## Did you know...

- That a friend of the college recently gave a collection of table furnishings to the college at an estimated value of \$5,000?
- That the Covenant soccer team went 5-1-2 in the early part of the season, knocking off arch-foe Bryan College in a 1-0 thriller?
- That applications for 1980-81 are ahead of what they were last year?
- That over \$1 million in financial aid (grants, scholarships, work-study or loans) is now available through the college? 400 students receive this at an average of over \$2,500 per student per year.