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First major gift by PCA given at October board meeting

A gift of land, valued at \$750,000, has been made to Covenant College and is the first major gift to apply to the \$5 million goal which the Presbyterian Church in America set for itself when it voted to take steps toward joint governance of the college with the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Smith, members of the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church of Knoxville, Tennessee, made the gift as a living memorial to Dr. Luder Whitlock of the Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi and to Dr. Marion D. Barnes, past president and now chancellor of Covenant. As



Dr. Richard Chewning, Chairman of Board; Dr. Martin Essenburg, President; Mr. Smith; Dr. Marion Barnes, Chancellor.

part of the PCA's \$5 million goal for capital or endowment funds, the gift was designated as an endowment for the operation of the new Dora Maclellan Brown Memorial Chapel and Fine Arts Building on campus. The building, Covenant's newest, was opened for use in January of this year.

Announced at the fall board meeting of the college trustees, the gift consists of 11 acres of commercial property near Knoxville. Mr. Smith serves on the Covenant Board of Trustees as one of six PCA members. He is a ruling elder in his Knoxville PCA church.

The Presbyterian Church in America must addi-

tionally supply equal numbers of students and equal dollar support per student with the RPC,ES before joint governance is achieved.

"He appealed to the little boy in all of us"

So spoke a Chattanooga minister in reference to the personality and lively character of Paul Burton Carter, entrepreneur and generous contributor to Covenant College.

Mr. Carter, a resident of Chattanooga, Tennessee for most of his life and a benefactor who gave Covenant College over 700 acres of mountain property between 1968 and 1978 died September 29 at the age of 91.

He was well-known for his business interest in and love for Lookout Mountain, which overlooks the city of Chattanooga, and was an active business man in several fields, including real estate and Coca-Cola bottling interests.

In 1968 Covenant College's main building was named for this generous philanthropist. Built by Mr. Carter in 1928 as a hotel, Carter Hall now houses the women's residence halls, classrooms, administrative offices, and the dining hall of Covenant. It is currently undergoing complete renovation.

Career guidance for PCA high schoolers now available

If you are a high school student and you attend a church in the Presbyterian Church in America, you may well have searched for something that Covenant College now makes available to you.

Through your local church's youth group, you may now become involved in a career guidance program that will help you better plan your life and career.



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It involves filling out four questionnaires, initially, and will eventually entail a book study of personal interests, values, attitudes and vocational abilities. More details are featured in the November *PCA Messenger Magazine*.

Randy Nabors is Alumnus of Year

Nearly 85 gathered for the 1979 Homecoming Banquet on September 29 when Rev. A. Randy Nabors was named Alumnus of the Year. Randy, a 1972 graduate of Covenant, is founder and pastor of New City Fellowship of downtown Chattanooga.

When he left Covenant in 1972, Randy enrolled at Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis, and was instrumental there, among other things, in starting the seminary's annual Urban Ministries Institute. Now he is a regular lecturer at that institute.

In addition to his work at New City Fellowship, he is director of Inner City Missions, a work aimed at the revitalization of black neighborhoods in Chattanooga. He is active in prison work and is a Captain in the Army National Guard.

He has a great love and concern for the people of his church and community, and for this he was named Covenant College's 1979 Alumnus of the Year.



25th Year, \$250,000

President Martin Essenburg recently announced a challenge gift which will help commemorate the 25-year anniversary of Covenant College. He also announced the appointment of a committee to organize the 25th year celebration.

The challenge gift is \$250,000 and can be obtained if the annual fund goal of \$510,000 is reached by June 30, 1980. In addition, \$250,000 in endowment must be received. Gifts pledged through last year's "Encore Program" and paid by June 30 of next year will be recognized as part of the \$510,000.

The 25th Anniversary Committee, meanwhile, will organize a series of Spring, 1980 events to help celebrate the 25th birthday. The committee includes Phyllis Crooks, '63; Jane Brooks Young, '57; Judy Slenker, '80; Andrew Belz, '77; E. Allen Duple, alumnus from '57 and now Vice President for Development at Covenant; Ray Dameron, physics and math professor since 1964; and Rudy Schmidt, Dean of Admissions and Records since the school was founded in 1955.

Did you know...

- That James Drexler and Stephen Lawton, both graduates of Covenant, have joined the college's admissions counseling staff? In addition, Sarah Zetterholm, has accepted the position of Director of Housing at Covenant. Mrs. Zetterholm holds the M.A. from Michigan State University.
- That some of art professor Edward Kellogg's paintings were featured at a Robert Wesleyan College (New York) art show in September?
- That book reviews by Professors A. Kenneth Austin and Charles W. Anderson were featured in the most recent issue of *Christian Scholar's Review*?
- Professor Gordon Clark's new devotional commentary on Colossians is now available through Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Company of Phillipsburg, New Jersey?