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Convocation '80 will bring together faculty, students for new year

August marks the exciting opening of another semester at Covenant College, and a growing student body and four new full-time faculty members will be on hand to herald the new year.

It will begin Covenant's second quarter-century. The college's first convocation exercises took place in 1955.

The new full-time faculty members include Miss Donna Moore, Mrs. Elsbeth Codington, Mr. Hadley Mitchell and Mr. David Fortosis.

Miss Moore and Mr. Mitchell will take positions in the accounting, business administration and economics departments. They will bolster the faculty in this, Covenant's fastest growing program.

Miss Moore is a graduate of Samford University in Alabama, and earned a master's degree in accounting at the University of Alabama. Mr. Mitchell holds a



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B.A. degree from Houghton College in New York and the M.B.A. degree in finance from the University of Colorado in Boulder.

Mrs. Codington will function as an instructor in chemistry. She is a 1978 graduate of Covenant and has since gained professional experience as a chemist at DuPont and Company in Delaware.

Mr. Fortosis, who comes to Covenant from Wheaton College in Illinois, will serve as physical education instructor, athletic director and soccer coach. He earned the B.A. degree at Wheaton and the M.S. degree from Northeastern University in Boston and he is a Ph.D. candidate at Northwestern University.

An increased student body enrollment is expected when the fall term begins. Dr. Gordon Clark, Professor of Philosophy at Covenant will speak at the convocation, which is set for August 29 at 10 a.m. The public is invited.

1979-80 challenge program provides great encouragement

When the books were closed on the gifts and grants for last year, it was very clear again that the Lord had blessed Covenant College. With all endowment and operating gifts tallied, the Lord had made possible the receipt of the 25th Anniversary Challenge Grant of \$250,000.

With the deadline of June 30 drawing closer by the day, gifts for the silver anniversary year began mounting in a miraculous way. The \$510,000 gifts and grants goal reached \$530,000 and the \$250,000 goal for endowment was met in the final hours.

But what made the year so outstanding were other gifts throughout 1979-80 which were over and above the challenge program goals. These included a large donation of land, gifts in kind, and gifts designated specifically for the renovation of Carter Hall.

The people of the Covenant family stood in awe of the Lord's power to provide abundantly more than they had asked, or even thought!



Chancellor Barnes and President Essenburg share the good news about the challenge grant.

Phase I of Carter Hall renovation now to be completed

Two major grants totaling \$400,000, given in mid-July, will make possible the completion of the first phase of the renovation of Carter Hall, the college's 50-year-old landmark building.

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The grants will be used to finish the exterior and interior of the building's tower, in addition to the exteriors of the west wing dining facility and the north wing residence halls.

These first phase projects of the renovation are slated for completion by Spring, 1981.



The grants came in the midst of the two-year first phase of renovation which had been halted by spiraling inflation and the inherent structural surprises which an older building holds. The \$400,000 will allow the full completion of all first phase projects.

The new exterior wall of the building will produce an energy savings in reducing heat loss by some 60%. In addition, new single frame windows throughout the building will add to the energy efficiency and eye-appeal of the newly renovated structure.

Did you know...

■ That the college grounds and equipment department is in need of a small tractor? The current one is in disrepair and most parts are no longer available.

The college desires a diesel tractor with power take-off (2-speed live, 30-40 h.p.), hydraulics, turf tires and power steering, to be used for lawn care, light grading and snow removal. Perhaps you have a tractor which you could give to the college, or you may know of one somewhere which is available. Would you let us know? Write Mr. Reece Rogers, Grounds and Equipment, Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, Tennessee 37350.

■ That a course entitled "Presidential Elections" will be taught by Dr. Kenneth Austin in an off-campus situation this coming fall? The course, worth 2 hours credit, is geared to involve community people, and is set to run in the evening from early September through the week following the November presidential election.

■ That Paul Hesselink, English professor at Covenant, recently completed his work for the Ph.D. at the University of Chicago?

■ That 350 were on campus for the annual Presbyterian Church in America family conference? Dr. O. Palmer Robertson of Covenant Theological Seminary, Dr. Jay Adams, counseling specialist and author, and Rev. Terry Gyger, Miami, Florida were featured speakers.