

SUMMERTIME AT COVENANT

JUNE 1979

Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, Tennessee

74 Receive Diplomas

In many ways, it was the ideal Saturday morning on Lookout Mountain. As the clouds rolled across campus, Wayne Partin (1977) led the class of 1979 with his bagpipe through the newly-landscaped plaza between Carter Hall and the Dora Maclellan Brown Memorial Chapel and Fine Arts Building.

As the graduates and faculty filed into the packed chapel and fine arts building, a long standing tradition came to an end—no longer would the Great Hall be used for commencement exercises. A new tradition was begun as the Class of 1979 became the first to graduate from the new chapel complex.

After singing "Come, Thou Almighty King," the large audience heard a word of greeting from Dr. Richard C. Chewning and the Board of Trustees and Lois Semenyé's senior testimony. Mrs. Diana Notaro,

Adding further, Dr. Barker noted that "Each one of us knows, at least in his mind, that his life could end at any moment. You may have a very little time. However little time we may have, there is certainly too little time for small minds."

Warning against the evils of small-mindedness, the Dean of Faculty added, "Apparently the good fight of faith is to be fought not small-mindedly but with magnanimity, courtesy, and grace.

"If we insist on small-minded adherence to human traditions, are we not liable to become the Pharisees of the twentieth century? There is too little time for minds that small.

"The only radical cure for our small minds is the mind of Christ," he concluded. Dr. Barker closed by encouraging the graduates to learn obedience even as Christ had done.

Keeping in step with this theme, the hymn "Take My Life" was sung, followed by James Drexler's senior testimony. Finally, Dr. Donovan Graham gave a charge to the graduates before the degrees were awarded. The program concluded with the singing of the college hymn before the graduates were greeted with clear skies and sunshine on the plaza in front of the chapel.



Eve Debardeleben receives diploma.

a senior mezzo-soprano, followed with a beautiful presentation of "Though With the Tongues of Men and Holy Angels."

The senior class' choice for commencement speaker, Dr. Nicholas P. Barker, spoke to the graduates about "Little Time, Small Minds." Pointing to the cynicism of the times, he began by observing that "it seems that today more and more people, at a younger and younger age, are more and more frequently persuaded that human life is not just finite but a bitter joke."



Mr. Rudolph Schmidt with Leland Stewart.

Of the 74 seniors, 7 graduated with honors:

Sharon Elizabeth Duffeny, cum laude

Stephen Knox Morton, cum laude

Douglas Wayne Porter, cum laude

Dennis Lee Reiter*, cum laude

David Lee Rogers, cum laude

Robert Dale Snarrenberg, summa cum laude

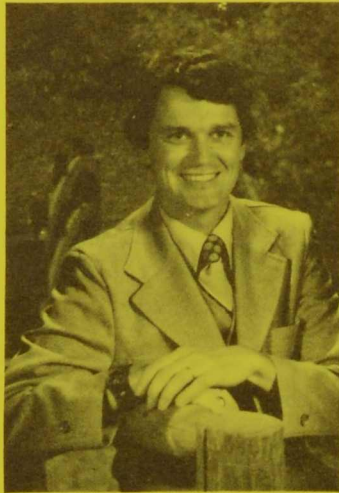
Timothy Lou Voskuil, cum laude

*indicates double major

New faculty for the fall

The one new confirmed faculty member at Covenant for the fall is Dr. Timothy C. Ewearitt of North Pekin, Illinois, in the Education Department. In addition, Dr. Barker is currently conducting interviews for positions in Business Administration, English, and part-time in Sociology.

Dr. Ewearitt was born on July 3, 1942, in Toledo, Ohio. He is married (Sharon) and has three children: Sarah (10), Shonda (7), and Tad (4). The Ewearitts will be moving to the mountain sometime this summer.



Dr. Ewearitt received a B.A. in religion from Ft. Wayne Bible College in 1965 and an M.A. in Biblical Studies (cum laude) from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in 1972. He also received an M.A. in Educational Administration from Illinois State University in 1975—the same school from which he received his doctorate last month. 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. Ewearitt has had part-time pastoral experience as well as nearly ten years of teaching and administrative work. He also worked for three years with InterVarsity Fellowship on such campuses as Bradley, Ohio State, Illinois State, University of Illinois, and Southern Illinois.

A busy summer ahead

For Carter Hall, there is no summer vacation. As most Covenanters were driving and flying home for the long-awaited break, 250 members of the Fellowship of Christian Airline Personnel were making their way to Covenant for a week-long conference.

Led by Captain Joe Ivey, their president and founder, the international and interdenominational organization had as their featured speaker Mr. Stuart Briscoe. It was the fourth year in a row that the conference was held at Covenant.

Captain Ivey sees the Fellowship as having a dual task of edification and evangelism. "What we try to do is reach our fellow employees. We do the job where we are."

The airline conference was the first of many this summer. The following is just a sampling of the upcoming conferences and speakers:

- For five weeks in June and July, 60 children from eight European countries will be on campus for the Children's International Summer Village.
- The Rift Valley Academy, a missionary school in Kenya, will hold its ten-year class reunion at Covenant.

—Evie Tornquist will be performing in conjunction with the Believers Bible Conference in July.

—The National Presbyterian and Reformed Congress will hold one of its week-long seminars at Covenant featuring speakers like Edmund Clowney, Lawrence Crabb, Andy Jumper, Anthony Hoekma, Robert Rayburn, and Robert Reymond.

Challenge grant deadline nears

With a month to go before the June 30 deadline, there was still about \$110,000 to raise before the college could claim the \$210,000 challenge grant. Please continue to pray for this important project and the development personnel who are responsible for seeing the challenge met.

All in a day's work

For most graduating seniors, the commencement exercises on Saturday morning provided more than enough excitement for one day—but not for all. For Shelba Witmer and Ron DeMaster, the day was just beginning. After they received their diplomas in music education, they drove down the mountain for another type of ceremony. May 5, 1979, was also their wedding day! The DeMasters will live in Tampa, Florida, where both will be teaching in a Christian school.

Weddings

Shelba Witmer to Ronald DeMaster in St. Elmo on May 5.

Kathy Armes to John Lesondack in St. Elmo on May 19.

Carolyn Scott to Craig Duvolas in St. Elmo on May 19.

Laurie Spinsby to Paul Durgin in St. Louis on May 19.

Laura Pobst to Ric Correll in Bristol, Tennessee on May 26.

Linda Jo Lee to Thomas May in Snellville, Georgia on June 2.

Debby Tumey to Dave Westenberger in Indianapolis on June 2.

Ellen Smartt to Joe Manning in St. Elmo on June 9.

New Arrivals

Lisa Ann (7 lbs. 8 oz.) born to Beverly and Dennis Luce on May 8.

Aubree Faye (7 lbs. 6 oz.) born to Carol and John Pribyl on May 10.

Joshua Stancil (6 lbs. 12 oz.) born to Susan and Mark Kramer on May 12.

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