



AGNES
SCOTT
COLLEGE

DEDICATION CEREMONY
WALLACE McPHERSON ALSTON
CAMPUS CENTER
FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 1988 - 5:30 p.m.

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The Alston Campus Center consists of two buildings—the Scott Building and the Walters Building.

The Walters Building contains a faculty lounge area, student government offices, and meeting rooms for students.

The Scott Building is a three-story structure, each floor designed to meet different campus needs. Located on the first floor are the snack bar, various lounges, locker rooms for men and women, and a teaching area for tap dance. The second floor contains a ballet studio, aerobics room, recreation area with ping pong and pool tables, and three racquet ball courts. Offices for the student activities staff are also on this level. On the third floor are the chapel, a reception area, the chaplain's office, and the counselor's office. The chapel seats approximately seventy people, and the pews were hand-carved by members of the Amish community.

Invocation	Julia T. Gary Dean of the College, Emerita
Opening Remarks	Ruth Schmidt President, Agnes Scott College
“Wallace M. Alston and Agnes Scott”	L. L. Gellerstedt, Jr. Chairperson, Board of Trustees
“Wallace M. Alston and Students”	Bertie Bond, '53 Administrative Assistant to the President
Response from the Students	Sarah Jewett, '89 President, Student Government Association
Response from the Alumnae	Lucia Howard Sizemore, '65 Director of Alumnae Affairs
Response from the Family	Wallace M. Alston, Jr. Trustee
Dedicatory Prayer	J. Davison Philips Trustee, Emeritus

WALLACE McPHERSON ALSTON 1906 - 1987

In the year in which Agnes Scott College gained collegiate status and awarded its first degrees, Wallace McPherson Alston was born in Decatur. He grew to adulthood in a house adjacent to the Agnes Scott campus.

Wallace Alston received a bachelor's degree from Emory University in 1927, a master's in philosophy from Emory in 1929, a bachelor's degree in divinity from Columbia Theological Seminary in 1931, a master's in theology from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia in 1937, and a doctorate in theology from Union in 1943. He held as well honorary degrees from Hampden-Sydney College, Davis and Elkins College, and Emory University.

From 1931 to 1948, Dr. Alston was pastor of Presbyterian churches in Atlanta; Lexington, Kentucky; and Charleston, West Virginia. In addition, he was, from 1935 until 1938, Director of Young People's Work for the Presbyterian Church. He served as Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) during 1961-62.

Wallace Alston came to Agnes Scott from the pastorate of the Druid Hills Presbyterian Church in Atlanta in 1948, accepting appointment as Vice President and Professor of Philosophy. He became President in 1951, retiring from this position in 1973. During his presidency, the College's endowment increased twelvefold; the faculty increased from 57 to more than 85 members; and the number of students in 1973 was approximately 35 percent higher than in 1951.

During his time at Agnes Scott, Dr. Alston served as president of four educational organizations--the Southern Association of Colleges for Women, the Council of Presidents of the University Center in Georgia, the Georgia Foundation for Independent Colleges, and the Southern University Conference. Other memberships through the years included Phi Beta Kappa, Omicron Delta Kappa, Tau Kappa Alpha, Pi Delta Epsilon, Alpha Tau Omega, Rotary, the Ten Club, and Atlanta Presbytery. He was the author of three books: *The Throne Among the Shadows* and *Break Up the Night*, which are collections of his sermons, and *Mirrors of the Soul*, a collection of devotional studies of selected Psalms.

Upon his retirement from Agnes Scott, Dr. Alston was, by action of the Board of Trustees, named President Emeritus of the College. In addition, the Board established the Wallace McPherson Alston Professorship of Bible and Religion and directed that when a student center was built on the campus, it be named in his honor. The Wallace McPherson Alston Campus Center, long a dream, has, at last, become a reality.