

Agnes Scott

NEWSLETTER

AGNES SCOTT COLLEGE
DECATUR, GEORGIA

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Faculty Members Receive Grants for Summer Study

TEN MEMBERS of the faculty have received grants for study this summer.

Five have been awarded funds from the special Faculty Summer Study Grant which the Danforth Foundation has made available to Agnes Scott. These five are Dr. Ellen Douglass Leyburn '27, professor of English, who is studying at the American School in Athens, Greece; Dr. Koenraad Swart, associate professor of history, who is doing research in the Bibliotheque Nationale in Paris; Miss Kate McKemie, assistant professor of physical education, who is working on her doctorate at the University of Colorado; and Miss Chloe Steel and Miss Frances Clark '51, both assistant professors of French, who are completing their doctoral dissertations at the University of Chicago and Yale University, respectively.

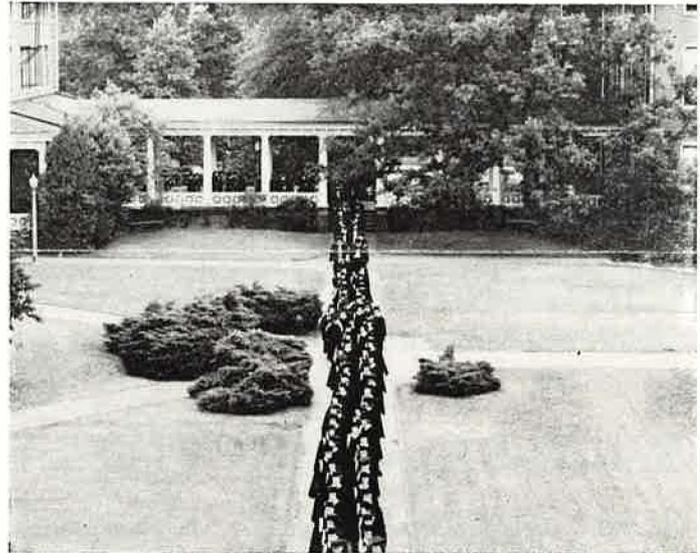
Three members of the faculty are the recipients of grants from the U. S. Presbyterian Board of Christian Education. These three are Dr. Walter B. Posey, chairman of the department of history and political science, who plans to continue his study of churches in the Old South; Dr. Anna Greene Smith, associate professor of economics and sociology, who is at the University of California studying population problems; and Mr. Raymond J. Martin, associate professor of music and college organist, who is starting work on his doctorate at Union Theological Seminary in New York.

Dr. Marie S. Huper, associate professor of art, has received a grant from the Southern Fellowships Fund to study architecture in Mexico City.

Dr. S. Leonard Doerpinghaus, assistant professor of biology, has been awarded a National Science Foundation grant to attend an institute conducted by the Botanical Society of America at Indiana University.

AGNES SCOTT'S INTENSIVE CAPITAL FUNDS CAMPAIGN

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Academic procession moves across the campus to Gaines Chapel.

College Awards 108 Degrees

DIPLOMAS were awarded to 108 seniors, and awards were presented for achievement in various academic areas at Commencement exercises June 8.

Dr. Kenneth I. Brown, executive director of the Danforth Foundation, St. Louis, delivered the Commencement address on Monday. His topic was "Some Exciting Moments from Education." Dr. James T. Cleland, dean of the chapel, Duke University, preached the Baccalaureate sermon, "On Having a Point of Reference," on Sunday, June 7.

Eight students were graduated with honor, and four with high honor, all selections being made on the basis of the four-year academic record. Gertrude Florrid, Atlanta; Nancy Trowell Leslie, Woodbury, N. J.; Donalyn Moore McTier, Atlanta; and Susie White, Winston-Salem, N. C., graduated with high honor. Those awarded honor recognition were Margaret Ward Abernethy, Charlotte, N. C.; Runita McCurdy, San Antonio, Tex.; Helen Smith Rogers, Decatur; Jean Salter, Selma, Ala.; Curtis Swords, Liberty, S. C.; Annette Teague, Laurens, S. C.; Edith Tritton, Atlanta; and Barbara Varner, Thomaston, Ga.

Three of the honor graduates are daughters of alumnae—Mrs. Leslie is the daughter of Amy Underwood Trowell '35; Miss Abernethy, Belle-Ward Stowe Abernethy '30; and Miss Varner, Josephine Pou Varner '29.

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Agnes Scott entertains Presbyterian General Assembly at informal picnic on athletic field.

Bluford Hesler

Faculty Summer Plans Include Study, Travel

MANY OF THE FACULTY will be away from the campus during the summer months.

Dr. Catherine S. Sims, professor of history and political science, has been appointed chairman of the International Relations Committee of the American Association of University Women for 1959-61, and in this capacity she will be a voting delegate for the Association at the 13th triennial conference of the International Federation of University Women in Helsinki, Finland in August.

Mr. Raymond J. Martin, associate professor of music, will serve for a period this summer as guest organist in the First Presbyterian Church of New York City.

Dr. William A. Calder, professor of physics and astronomy, is teaching astrophysics at Emory this summer in a program for high school students sponsored by the National Science Foundation.

Dr. Henry A. Robinson, professor of mathematics, is at Vanderbilt teaching high school and junior college teachers of mathematics in a summer program sponsored by the National Science Foundation.

Dr. Edward McNair, director of public relations and development, will teach in July for the fourth consecutive year in the Third Army Area Quartermaster School at Fort Lee, Va.

Dr. Roberta Winter '27, associate professor of speech and dramatic art, will be at Stratford, Conn., for a short course in Shakespeare productions.

Traveling in Europe this summer are Dr. Margaret T. Phythian '16, professor of French; Miss Leslie J. Gaylord, assistant professor of mathematics; Dr. Julia T. Gary, assistant professor of chemistry; and Miss Nancy Edwards '58, assistant director of public relations and development.

Miss Mollie Merrick '57, assistant to the dean of students, is studying at Union Theological Seminary in New York.

General Assembly Visits Agnes Scott

THE 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Presbyterian Church in the United States visited Agnes Scott on April 25. The commissioners, who were holding their annual five-day meeting in the Druid Hills Presbyterian Church of Atlanta, were the guests of the college for a picnic supper on the athletic field, followed by a service in Gaines Chapel.

The principal feature of the evening was the execution of a drawing by Mr. Warner E. Sallman, well-known artist whose religious paintings have been reproduced in millions of copies. As the assemblage watched, Mr. Sallman drew,

in about thirty-five minutes, his celebrated Head of Christ. The picture, which is a challenging representation, was presented to the college and has been framed and is available for all to see.

Following the service in Gaines, there was a reception in Rebekah Scott honoring Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Scott. Dr. Scott is retiring this summer after serving many years as Stated Clerk of the General Assembly.

COLLEGE AWARDS

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The Samuel Guerry Stukes Scholarships, awarded to the three students who rank first academically in the rising sophomore, junior, and senior classes, went to Caroline Askew, Scarborough, N. Y.; Anne Broad, Jackson, Miss.; and Martha Thomas, Asheville, N. C.

The Rich Prize for distinctive academic work in the freshman year was awarded to Carroll Rogers, Charlotte, N. C.; the Presser Scholarships in Music to Anne Eycler, Cookeville, Tenn., and Phyllis Cox, Galax, Va.; the Speech Scholarship to Elizabeth Bellune, Greenville, S. C.; the Arts Festival Scholarships to Nancy Batson, Knoxville, Tenn., and Paula Wilson, Savannah, Ga.; and the Laura Candler Prize in Mathematics to Helen Smith Rogers.

Lecture Association Announces Schedule

MADAME VIJAYA LAKSHI PANDIT will speak at Agnes Scott, Oct. 16. Sister of Prime Minister Nehru, she has served as India's ambassador to the United States, Mexico, and Russia, and has been a member of the Indian Parliament. She was president of the eighth session of the United Nations General Assembly.

Winter quarter will feature Robert Frost in his annual January visit, and The Canadian Players in a Shakespearean performance Feb. 22.

Lecture Association, under the direction of Dr. Mildred Mell and student chairman Sally Smith, Atlanta, is in charge.

ALUMNAE WEEK END

April 1-2, 1960

Reunion Classes:

'93, '94, '95, '96,
'12, '13, '14, '15,
'31, '32, '33, '34, '35
'50, '51, '52, '53, '59

1958-59 Alumnae Fund Reaches \$20,000 Mark

NOW COMES A JOYFUL MOMENT for the college, when it can say thank you to the 1,649 alumnae who have contributed \$20,089.00 through the 1958-59 Alumnae Fund.

Size of individual gifts ranged from \$1.00 to \$1,000, so it would not be quite cricket to strike an average and say, "The Agnes Scott alumna gives such-and-such an amount to her college each year." What this range does say is that alumnae are planning their contributions more wisely, each within her own financial framework, instead of just making a token gift.

We cannot say often enough that the amount of a contribution is not so important to the college as the number, or percentage, of alumnae who do support Agnes Scott financially each year. The late president of Kenyon College, Gordon K. Chalmers, said: "The very rock on which all other giving must rest is alumni giving. Gifts from outside the family depend largely—sometimes wholly—on the degree of alumni support."

During 1958-59, 40% of the graduates and 25% of the total alumnae body contributed to the Alumnae Fund.

It is interesting to note the percentages of giving by classes. These percentages are based on the number

of graduates in each class, and gifts from non-graduates within a class are a fringe benefit in figuring percentages. The Class of 1909, for instance, which celebrated its 50th anniversary this year, has eight graduates; five contributed, plus three non-graduates, so their percentage is 100.

Other classes which came up with high percentages this year are: 1906-07, 128%; 1910, 100%; 1912, 92%; 1954, 61%; 1956, 57%; 1954, 54%; 1929 and 1949, 53%; 1919, 50%. The other classes fell under 50%—the Class of 1955 almost made it, with 49%.

Two other percentage comparisons are of concern. One is with what Agnes Scott alumnae did last year, and the other is with other women's colleges across the nation. In 1957-58, 26.6% of alumnae contributed to the Agnes Scott Alumnae Fund, 43% of the graduates. National figures on alumnae giving for 1958-59 have not yet been compiled, but those for 1957-58 have been released since our last Fund Report. Among independent women's colleges, Agnes Scott pulled out of the cellar, from 56th place in percentage of alumnae contributing to 33rd place.

How far can we pull up in the 1959-60 Alumnae Fund?



Miss Kayanne Shoffner

New "Miss Georgia" Belongs to Agnes Scott

MISS GEORGIA, 1959, is Miss Kayanne Shoffner '62!

Kayanne took the state title in Columbus as Miss Gordon County. She won top score in the evening gown competition, and placed among the twelve talent finalists for her reading from "Our Town."

A native of Calhoun, Ga., Kayanne will compete in the Miss America contest in the fall.

College Recognizes Outstanding Students

ELEVEN SENIORS have been initiated into membership in the Beta Chapter of Georgia of Phi Beta Kappa. The formal banquet featured Dr. Roberta Winter '27 who spoke on women in the theatre.

The new members are Wardie Abernethy, Gertrude Florrid, Nancy Leslie, Runita McCurdy, Donalyn McTier, Helen Rogers, Jean Salter, Annette Teague, Edith Tritton, Barbara Varner, and Susie White.

Members of the 1959-60 chapter of Mortar Board are Janice Bowman, Crawford Feagin, Joanna Flowers, Louise Florance, Lillian Hart, Betty Lewis, Elizabeth Lunz, Helen Mabry, Carolyn Mason, Caroline Mikell, Eve Purdom, Mary H. Richardson, and Sybil Strupe. Mary Hart Richardson was tapped as president.

Eve Purdom was elected student body president for the coming session. Mary Jane Pickens will lead Christian Association; Nancy Duvall is president of Athletic Association; and Betty Lewis is Social Council's new head.

Recent Board Actions

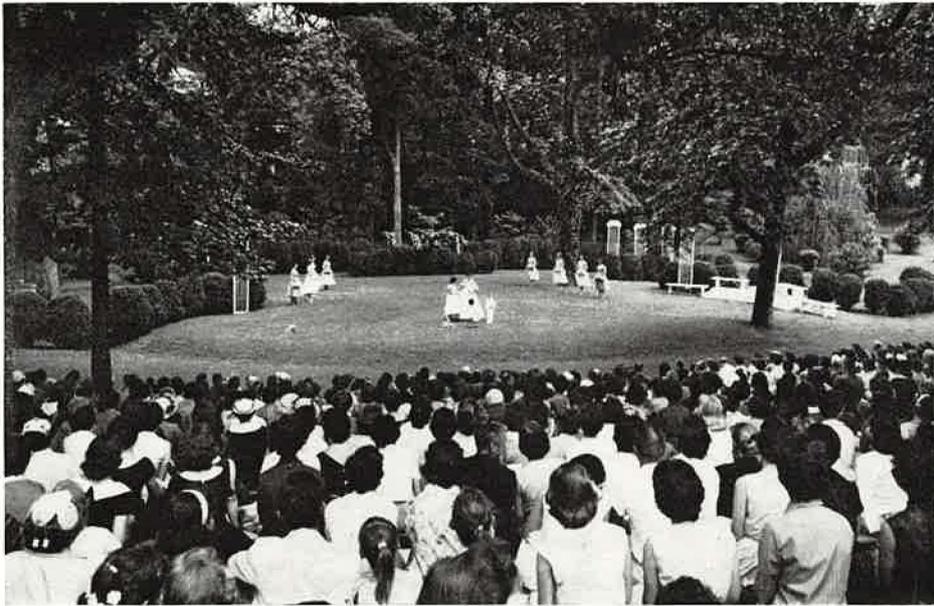
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, at the regular annual meeting, elected a new syndical trustee, and promoted six members of the faculty and staff.

Named to the Board for a term of four years is Mr. James A. Minter, Jr., of Tyler, Ala. An outstanding businessman and Presbyterian layman, Mr. Minter is the father of Margaret Minter '57.

The following promotions become effective with the 1959-60 session: Kwai Sing Chang, associate professor of philosophy and Bible; Margaret W. Pepperdene, associate professor of English; Merle G. Walker, assistant professor of English; Louise Harley '56, assistant registrar and director of admissions; Dorothy Weakley '56, assistant director of alumnae affairs; Nancy Ivey, resident nurse in charge of the infirmary.

Fall Events

- Sept. 16 Opening Convocation
- Oct. 7 Honors Day Convocation
- Oct. 10 Black Cat Day
- Nov. 7-8 Investiture
- Nov. 20 Blackfriars' Fall Production
- Dec. 13 Annual Christmas Carol Service



Miss Runita McCurdy is crowned Queen of May, 1959

Gabriel Benzur

Recent Study Rates Agnes Scott Program of Teacher Education

MUCH HAS BEEN in the press recently about the inferior academic quality of students enrolled in schools of education; however a study of a group at Agnes Scott revealed that those following the teacher education program here are equally as good students as those not planning to enter teaching.

The Agnes Scott study involved the Class of 1958. It was found that at the time this group entered college, the average score on the Scholastic Aptitude Test of those who later followed the teacher training program was slightly higher than that of the rest of the class.

The study further revealed that at graduation the 25% of the class in the teacher education program had done as well in their liberal arts subjects as in their professional training courses.

Although Agnes Scott does not offer a major in teacher training, the college believes that there is a real place in the context of a liberal arts college for a quality program in teacher education.

May Day Goes Greek

AN ADAPTATION of "Orpheus," written and directed by Mrs. Norman Berson of the physical education department, was presented during May Day festivities. Sylvia Ray, Bronxville, N. Y., was student chairman for the occasion. Anne Broad, Jackson, Miss., and Betsy Boyd Thomas, Atlanta, danced the lead roles.

Many guests attended the pageant, again a "traditional May Day," after being incorporated last year into the Fine Arts Festival.

News Briefs...

MISS JANEF NEWMAN PRESTON '21, assistant professor of English, recently received special recognition from the Poetry Society of Georgia for her poem "Ceremony" . . . Sophomore Parents' Week End again was held at the college, with nearly 250 guests participating . . . the Harvard-Agnes Scott Glee Clubs presented Brahms' "German Requiem" on campus in April . . . President Alston recently was elected chairman of the Advisory Council on Higher Education of the Presbyterian Church in the United States . . . Dr. Emma May Laney, professor of English, emeritus, visited Agnes Scott in April, en route back to Colorado from Florida . . . Miss Sarah Tucker '50, assistant dean of students

1954-59, and Dr. Timothy Miller, assistant professor of music, were married June 26 in Laurel, Miss. . . . *Harper's* magazine mentioned Agnes Scott in a study of small colleges, April issue . . . the vocational guidance committee of the Alumnae Association again sponsored in March a series of "Career Coffees," offering information to students about job opportunities . . . the McKinney Book Award for 1958-59 was given to Frances Broom, a senior from Goodwater, Ala. . . Judy Holloway, a freshman from Norfolk, Va., was named Georgia Tech's "Greek Goddess" during the annual I.F.C. dance climaxing Tech "Greek Week."