

Agnes Scott

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Advancement Program, 1965-1975

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES in May, 1965, launched Agnes Scott on a decade of advance designed to culminate in 1975 with the addition of \$13,350,000.00 to the capital assets of the college. This action of the Trustees was recommended by a long-range planning committee which worked for a year with President Wallace M. Alston in studying and assessing Agnes Scott's educational role in the years ahead. The goal of \$13,350,000.00 is the largest one in Agnes Scott's history, but the leadership of the college is convinced that it can be achieved.

As in the Seventy-fifth Anniversary Development Program, which was successfully concluded in 1964, approximately two-thirds of this new objective will be earmarked for endowment. The remaining third will be for greatly needed physical facilities. Among the new buildings projected for this ten-year advancement program are two dormitories, a physical education building, and a student center. There will also be many renovations in and additions to facilities already in use.

Trustees Establish Ellen Douglass Leyburn Professorship

THE AGNES SCOTT Board of Trustees at its fall meeting in November established the Ellen Douglass Leyburn Professorship of English in memory of the late chairman of the department of English.

Dr. Leyburn, an Agnes Scott graduate in the class of 1927, joined the Agnes Scott faculty in 1934, after earning her master's degree at Radcliffe and her Ph.D. degree at Yale. Her special field of interest was 18th century literature, but her knowledge of the whole realm of English writings and her skill as a teacher inspired numberless Agnes Scott students during her thirty-two years on the faculty.

Professor Leyburn was a productive scholar as well as a great teacher. She was the author of over forty articles in periodicals and journals. Her book *Satiric Allegory: Mirror of Man* was published by the Yale University Press

in 1956. At the time of her death last spring, she had completed for publication a book on Henry James.

President Wallace M. Alston, commenting on the action of the Agnes Scott Trustees, said: "Ellen Douglass Leyburn was a rare person and an excellent teacher. In fact, in all my experience I have never known a more effective or inspiring teacher than she was. In my judgment the professorship which has been established in her memory is most fitting. She gave over half her life to teaching at Agnes Scott, and this memorial perpetuates her work and influence in the college to which she completely committed herself."

This professorship will become a special open-ended fund within the college's endowment portfolio. Any alumna or friend who wishes to contribute to this memorial for Miss Leyburn is cordially invited to do so.

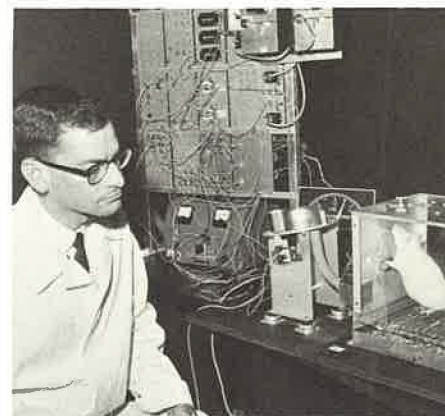


Miss Julie Haydon, who created the role of Laura in the original Broadway production of Tennessee Williams' *The Glass Menagerie*, advises Paige Dotson, who recently played the same role when the Agnes Scott Blackfriars presented this play.

Agnes Scott Participates In Grant from Time, Inc.

Agnes Scott College is the recipient of a recent grant of \$10,000.00 from Time, Inc. The college is the only institution in the seven southeastern states to be selected for inclusion in this program in which Time, Inc. is giving \$250,000.00 to twenty-five selected women's colleges throughout the United States. These colleges were chosen for their "leadership, outstanding academic qualifications and the incidence of their graduates on the Time, Inc. staff." The grant to Agnes Scott is unrestricted.

The colleges, in addition to Agnes Scott, that are included in this grant are Barnard (N.Y.), Bennington (Vt.), Bryn Mawr (Pa.), Chatham (Pa.), Connecticut (Conn.), Goucher (Md.), Hollins (Va.), Manhattanville (N.Y.), Mount Holyoke (Mass.), Mills (Calif.), New Rochelle (N.Y.), Newcomb (La.), Pembroke (R.I.), Radcliffe (Mass.), Randolph-Macon (Va.), Sarah Lawrence (N.Y.), Scripps (Calif.), Skidmore (N.Y.), Smith (Mass.), Sweet Briar (Va.), Vassar (N.Y.), Wellesley (Mass.), Wells (N.Y.), and Wheaton (Mass.).



Dr. Thomas Hogan, assistant professor of psychology, uses a Skinner Box to experiment with learning processes in rats, in the expanded psychology laboratory.

General Motors Scholarship

General Motors has just announced Agnes Scott's participation in the General Motors Scholarship Plan for 1967-1968 with the award of a scholarship to a freshman entering next fall. The recipient will be selected by the college's scholarship committee; her stipend will be from \$200 to \$2,000 per year, depending on financial need.

What's New?

An \$11,600.00 grant from the National Science Foundation has converted the basement of Campbell Hall from a storage area to modern experimental laboratories for the psychology department.

The new facilities include a large classroom for all stages of both experimental psychology and statistics, seven smaller experimental rooms, and an electronic programming room. Equipment already in operation includes apparatus for the study of sensation, perception, and learning in human beings and animals. Plans call for the installation of devices to measure brain waves and electrical skin resistance.

Dr. Thomas Hogan, assistant professor of psychology and director of the project, claims that Agnes Scott is well equipped for offering experimental studies and general demonstrations. Student response to the program has been enthusiastic, with the number of psychology majors in 1965-66 and 1966-67 doubling those in the preceding two years.

Other new facilities this year are the revamping (new lighting, draperies, wall-to-wall carpeting) of two rooms in the McCain Library for special purposes. A second-floor room formerly used for seminars is now the Robert Frost Room, housing Agnes Scott's excellent collection of Frostiana. The room formerly used as a study by President Alston is now the Agnes Scott Room containing a vast reservoir of material about the college itself.

From the student standpoint, one of the most welcome innovations this year is the installation of telephone outlets in every room of the major housing units, permitting students who wish private telephones to make application for this service.

WINTER EVENTS AT THE COLLEGE, 1967

January 4	8:15 P.M. Lecture-Demonstration, Juana de Laban, expert in movement for dance and stage, Department of Dance, UCLA. Theatre, Dana Fine Arts Building
January 6	8:15 P.M. Piano Recital, Jay Fuller, Instructor in Piano, Agnes Scott College
January 11	8:15 P.M. Color Film: "Michelangelo—His Life and Works." Presented through the courtesy of the Atlanta Gas Light Company
January 13-14	20th Annual All-Southern Intercollegiate Debate Tournament
January 16-20	Religious Emphasis Week. Speaker: Harold A. Bosley, Christ Church Methodist, New York
January 26	8:15 P.M. Lecture on Latin Poetry, Peter Elder, Dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University; University Center Visiting Scholar in Classics
January 30-February 15	Display of drawings, prints, and paintings by CYRIL, nationally-known New York artist. Galleries, Dana Fine Arts Building
January 31	8:15 P.M. Lecture, Abraham I. Katsh, Director, Institute of Hebrew Studies, New York University; University Center Visiting Scholar in Bible and Religion
February 6	8:15 P.M. Concert, Baroque Chamber Players, Indiana University
February 9	7:30 and 8:45 P.M. Dolphin Club Water Show. Bucher Scott Gymnasium, Agnes Scott
February 10-12	Sophomore Parents' Week End
February 22	10:10 A.M. Founder's Day program. Speaker: Rufus C. Harris, President, Mercer University
February 25	Southeastern Undergraduate Philosophy Conference
March 2	8:15 P.M. Lecture, Michael Grant, Vice-Chancellor, The Queen's University, Belfast, Ireland
March 3	8:30 P.M. Moliere's play, <i>Les Femmes Savantes</i> , performed by Le Treteau de Paris. Tickets may be purchased through the Alliance Francaise of Atlanta.

Largest Enrollment In Agnes Scott's History

The seventy-eighth session opened with the largest enrollment in the history of the college. The student body numbers 754, including 224 freshmen. Of the freshman class, 87% are graduates of public high schools and 13% entered from independent schools. Ninety-six percent of the public school graduates ranked in the upper fifth of their high school classes, and 76% of this group were in the upper ten percent.

There are nineteen National Merit Scholars in this year's student body (eight in the freshman class) and one General Motors Scholar. The total number of Presidential Scholars enrolled in the college is four. In the freshman class, in addition to the eight National Merit Scholars, there are forty-one others who achieved finalist or commended status in the National Merit program. Nineteen percent of the class of 1970 were admitted on the Early Decision Plan. Thirty members of this class are the daughters of alumnae.

Twenty-six percent of this year's entering freshmen are from Georgia. Florida is second with 13%; North Carolina and South Carolina are tied for third position, and Tennessee and Virginia are in fourth and fifth places.



Tech Homecoming Queen

Nancy M. McLean '67, from Rocky Mount, N.C., was Georgia Tech's 1966-67 Homecoming Queen.



The Agnes Scott campus as it appeared in the spring of 1966

New Faculty Appointments for 1966-1967

"He arrives on the midnight flight from Portugal," was Mr. Vladimir Volkoff's introduction to the Agnes Scott faculty when he missed its first meeting last fall.

Such an entrance was in keeping with the colorful background and talents of this lecturer, translator, writer, and theatrical director who has come to Agnes Scott as instructor in French—his first teaching post in the United States. Born in Paris, Mr. Volkoff traces his lineage to an old Russian family. Tolstoy in writing his epic novel, *War and Peace*, used as one of his sources the private correspondence of one of Mr. Volkoff's relatives. Tchaikovsky is another relative Mr. Volkoff claims with pride.

Before coming to America, Mr. Volkoff achieved success in France for several psychological novels, and his book *Metro Pour L'Enfer* was awarded the Jules Verne prize for science fiction writing in 1963. He has authored a series of thrillers for children and has translated the *Pickwick Papers* and the Mary Poppins series into French. Currently he is working on a translation into French of an Alfred Hitchcock story. In Paris he wrote a weekly review for *La Nation Francaise* and directed a small theatrical group. Already at Agnes Scott he has staged a 15th century farce *Maitre Pathelin*.

Two other new faculty members with international backgrounds are Dr. Gunther Bicknese, associate professor of German, and Miss Mercy Samuel, visiting instructor in biology. Dr. Bicknese, a native of Gutersloh, West Germany, received his doctor's degree from the University of Marburg. During the time that he was a graduate student, he spent two semesters at Duke University under the auspices of the United States State Department's Exchange Program. Immediately prior to coming to Agnes Scott,

Dr. Bicknese was director of the junior year abroad program for American students at the University of Marburg. Miss Samuel is teaching at Agnes Scott under the sponsorship of the United States—India Women's College Exchange Program. A native of Wanlesswadi, India, she received her master's degree from Annamalai University and is on leave of absence during 1966-1967 from her post as lecturer in zoology at the Woman's Christian College, Madras.

Others who have joined the faculty this year are Dr. Geraldine M. Meroney, associate professor of history; Dr. Constance S. Mazlish, associate professor of Spanish; Dr. Marion Perret, assistant professor of English; Dr. Dorothy S. Rutledge, assistant professor of mathematics; Dr. Renate Thimester, assistant profes-

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Capital Grant From Avalon Foundation

In late December Agnes Scott received notice that the Avalon Foundation of New York has made a grant of \$50,000 to the college.

Following the suggestion of the Foundation, Agnes Scott will use this grant "to provide the stimulus, both to faculty and to students," which can be derived from having distinguished visiting scholars visit the campus and participate in the college's work.

According to President Alston, the scholars and lecturers who visit Agnes Scott under the auspices of this grant will, through public lectures and other means, also enrich the cultural and intellectual life of the surrounding community.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

McCain Lectureship

Dr. Julia T. Gary, associate professor of chemistry and assistant dean of the faculty, is on leave of absence this year for post-doctoral study at the University of Illinois.

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Dr. Nancy P. Groseclose, associate professor of biology, is teaching during 1966-1967 at Miranda House, New Delhi, India, under the U.S.-India Women's College Exchange Program.

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The University of Kentucky Press recently published *Frontier Mission* by Walter B. Posey, chairman of Agnes Scott's department of history and political science. This is Dr. Posey's fifth book to be published.

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Dr. Theodore M. Greene, former master of Silliman College, Yale University, and the author of *Our Cultural Heritage* and numerous other books, returned to Agnes Scott at the beginning of the winter quarter as visiting professor of philosophy. During the fall quarter, Dr. Greene taught at Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine.

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Dr. Mary L. Rion, associate professor of English, is engaged to Dr. Haldor L. Hove,

associate professor of English at St. Olaf College. They plan to be married next summer and will make their home in Northfield, Minnesota.

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Dr. Marie H. Pepe, associate professor of art, recently exhibited in Agnes Scott's Dalton Galleries a group of water colors depicting scenes in north Georgia, where she and her husband maintain a home on Lake Burton.

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Miss Melissa A. Ciley, assistant professor of Spanish emeritus, has been named honorary president of Phi Lambda Phi, the Portuguese National Honorary Fraternity, in recognition of the major contributions she has made to Portuguese studies.

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Mr. Philip B. Reinhart, instructor in physics, has recently received a National Science Foundation Science Faculty Fellowship for a year's graduate study. Mr. Reinhart plans to use this fellowship to complete his doctorate.

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Mrs. Annie Mae F. Smith, who since 1938 served the college as supervisor of dormitories, retired on December 31, 1966. She will continue to live in Decatur.

NEW FACULTY APPOINTMENTS — (Continued)

Dr. Yves Illien, assistant professor of economics; Mrs. Yves Illien, assistant professor of French; Dr. William H. Denton, visiting assistant professor of education; Dr. Alice Jeanne Cunning-

ham, visiting assistant professor of chemistry; Mrs. Robert C. Petty (Mildred Love '61), instructor in history; Miss Karen S. McKinsey, instructor in German; and Mrs. E. W. Sadler, instructor in English. Dr. Charles B. Cousar of

The James Ross McCain Lectureship, established in the spring of 1966 in memory of the late President Emeritus of Agnes Scott, will become operative during the 1967-1968 academic session. As of December 1, 1966, a total of 434 donors had contributed \$21,368.00 to this Fund.

A special committee from the administration, the faculty, and the students will select the lecturer, who will be a person qualified to speak on some aspect of the liberal arts and sciences with reference to the religious dimensions of human life.

Distinguished Visitor

THE PRESENCE of a distinguished general and diplomat always creates a stir of excitement, but when General Maxwell D. Taylor arrived on campus on November 29 for a two-day visit, interest was keener than usual, and for a special reason: General Taylor, consultant to President Lyndon Johnson and former ambassador to South Viet Nam, is also the father-in-law of Agnes Scott graduate Priscilla Sheppard, '53.

Priscilla, who was Phi Beta Kappa, Mortar Board, and editor of the *Agnes Scott News*, met John Maxwell Taylor in Washington, D.C. after she returned from two years of study at London's School of Economics and Political Science on a Fulbright Fellowship.

Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur is teaching during this session in Agnes Scott's department of Bible, and Dr. Kermit E. McKenzie of Emory University was a visiting associate professor of history in the fall quarter.

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