

Agnes Scott

NEWSLETTER

November, 1972

President Alston To Retire, 1973

During the summer Dr. Wallace M. Alston informed the Agnes Scott Board of Trustees of his intention to retire as president of the college no later than November 1, 1973. The Trustees met on September 8 and reluctantly acceded to President Alston's wishes.

Nominating Committee

At this same meeting, the Board established a special presidential nominating committee to seek out and nominate the next president of Agnes Scott. Responsibility for electing the president resides solely in the Board of Trustees itself.

The following trustees were named to this presidential nominating committee: J. Davison Philips, Chairman, Neil O. Davis, Alex P. Gaines, Lawrence L. Gellerstedt, Jr., Ben S. Gilmer, Eugenia Slack (Mrs. C. W.) Morse, '41, and Suzella Burns (Mrs. J.D., Jr.) Newsome, '57. In addition, Hal L. Smith, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, is an ex officio member of this committee. Also, Miss Bertie Bond, '53, Secretary to the Trustees, will serve as secretary of the nominating committee.

Advisors

The Trustees also authorized the alumnae association, the faculty, and the students to name three advisory members each to counsel with the presidential nominating committee; however, it is emphasized that the ultimate selection of a nominee will be made by the Trustee committee alone.

The advisory representatives have been chosen: from the Alumnae Association: Dr. Eleanor N. Hutchens, '40, Dr. Mary Beth Thomas, '63, and Dr. Memye Curtis (Mrs. J.H.) Tucker, '56; from the faculty: Professor M. Kathryn Glick, Associate Professor Richard D. Parry, and Professor Margaret W. Pepperdene; from the students: Susan Celeste Freeman, '74, Leila Wheatley Kinney, '74, and Laura



Dr. Wallace M. Alston, President of
Agnes Scott, July 1, 1951 - 1973

Tinsley Swann, '73. For the students, the entire Representative Council will function as an advisory group to the presidential nominating committee, and the three students named will serve as liaison persons between Representative Council and the Board's nominating committee. In addition, the major administrative officers of the college have named Dean Julia T. Gary their advisor representative to the nominating committee.

Selection Criteria

The committee and its advisory members have met and formulated guidelines within which the search for a new president will be conducted. The committee is convinced that the overall controlling principle in their task is a recognition that the president of Agnes Scott personifies the ideals and purposes of the college. With this principle as a basic frame of reference, the committee has agreed on the following qualifications as requisites for a nominee: (1) academic achievement and administrative experience, (2) a background in the liberal arts, (3) a commitment to liberal arts education and a vision of the continuing importance, value, and role of this emphasis in higher education, (4) demonstrated qualities of leadership, (5) a strong, forceful personality, and (6) physical vigor such that a minimum of ten years service can be given to Agnes Scott.

Dr. Philips has stated that the nominating committee is eager to receive recommendations from anyone who cares to make one. These recommendations should be in writing and should contain biographical data about the person being recommended as well as the reasons why the recommender thinks his or her suggested person is qualified to be president of Agnes Scott. These recommendations should be sent directly to Dr. J. Davison Philips, Decatur Presbyterian Church, 205 Sycamore Street, Decatur, Georgia 30030.

Agnes Scott Sponsors a First

Agnes Scott will sponsor the first foreign language drama contest ever held for Georgia high school students, March 23 and 24, 1973.

The contest, initiated by Vladimir Volkoff, assistant professor of French and Russian, will be conducted in the Blackfriars Theater, Dana Fine Arts Building.

Two to five students from each of the public and private high schools participating in the contest will act out in French or Russian excerpts from published plays originally written in the contest languages. A minimum of props and costumes, and no stage sets, will be used. Actors will be judged on their pronunciation, fluency, acting, and interpretation, with awards going to individuals rather than to schools.

The jury members judging the actors will include Mr. Volkoff, Dr. Mary Virginia Allen, chairman of the French department, student French majors, and other faculty and students competent in the languages or in drama.

Professor Volkoff hopes enough schools will participate to make the language drama competition an annual event. Also, if interest is expressed, the contest may be extended to other languages in future years.

Mr. Volkoff encourages the use of acting as a teaching method in languages to enable students to act naturally in the cultural situations peculiar to a particular society.

Alumna Funds Scholarship

Recently Ruth Pringle (Mrs. W.B.) Pipkin, '31, of Reidsville, N.C., made a gift of over \$10,000.00 to Agnes Scott to establish a scholarship fund honoring Dr. Emily S. Dexter, associate professor of philosophy and education emeritus. The terms of this gift state that the "Emily S. Dexter Scholarship Fund is being established . . . to recognize and honor Miss Dexter for her significant service as a teacher of Psychology at Agnes Scott from 1923 to 1955." Each year the Department of Psychology will make nominations for this award from members of the rising senior class taking advanced psychology courses, the final selection of the award recipient to be made by the Administrative Awards Committee. The donor has further stipulated that "excellence in scholarship" and "leadership in the college" are to be the criteria in selecting the student to receive the Emily S. Dexter Scholarship.



Presidential nominating committee: (front, l. to r.) Mrs. Chester W. Morse, Hal L. Smith, Mrs. James D. Newsome; (back, l. to r.) Ben S. Gilmer, Alex P. Gaines, J. Davison Philips, Lawrence L. Gellerstedt, Jr.; (not pictured: Neil O. Davis).

Faculty News

Announcement has been made of the engagement of **Dr. Mary L. Boney**, professor of Bible and religion, and **Mr. Francois Sheats**. The couple plan to be married during the Christmas season. They will live in Decatur, and Professor Boney will continue in her position as chairman of the Department of Bible and Religion.

Last August **Mr. David W. Robson**, assistant professor of history, married Miss Mary Hart, '69.

Miss Carrie Scandrett, '24, dean of students emeritus, has recently purchased a house adjacent to the campus and will return to Decatur to make her home.

Dr. Lee B. Copple, associate professor of psychology, returned to Agnes Scott this fall after a year's leave of absence which he and his family spent in Oxford, England.

Dr. Margret G. Trotter, professor of English, resumed her teaching responsibilities this fall following a leave of absence during spring quarter of last session.

FACULTY APPOINTMENTS 1972-73

ECONOMICS AND SOCIOLOGY: Janice Runde Lieberman (B.A. University of Iowa, M.A. University of Wisconsin, currently candidate for Ph.D. State University of New York at Albany), instructor of sociology (fall and winter quarters); **William B. Marxsen** (B.A. Georgia State University, currently candidate for Ph.D. Georgia State University), visiting instructor in economics (fall quarter); **Paul R. Mills, Jr.** (B.A. Trinity College, B.D. Philadelphia Lutheran Theological Seminary, M.S.S. Bryn Mawr College, Ph.D. Florida State University), associate professor of sociology. (Continued back page)

New Program

Semester in Washington

Beginning September, 1973, Agnes Scott students will be able to participate in a program for studying American national government firsthand. The 25-year-old study program, The American University's Washington Semester, brings students from all over the nation to The American University, Washington, D.C., for one college semester to observe government in action and to pursue pertinent studies concurrently. Presently, 138 institutions send students to the program.

Juniors and seniors, regardless of their major field of study, are eligible to apply for the Washington Semester Program, provided they have had a course in American national government. Two participants each year will be selected by the Agnes Scott Department of History and Political Science.

The three major fields of study within the Washington Program are the American political system, governmental policy-making in urban affairs, and diplomacy and American foreign policy. Each Agnes Scott student will choose one of the three fields to study during the fall semester.

The most important activity of the Washington Semester will be meetings approximately four times a week with public officials, political figures, lobbyists, and others active in American national government. These meetings, supplemented and interpreted through lectures and discussions led by American University instructors, will bring the students into intimate contact with a broad range of governmental and political activity.

In addition to meeting with governmental figures, students will undertake individual research into a problem defined in consultation with their Agnes Scott instructors. Each student will also take a course chosen from the regular political science, history, and social sciences curriculum of The American University.

In addition to offering students field study of national government through the Washington Program, Agnes Scott already provides its students the opportunity to observe state government operations through internships in the Georgia state capitol.

Students Are Registered Voters

During a voter registration drive on campus, Sept. 18, a poll of the student body revealed that at least 74.7% of the students are registered to vote in their hometowns, DeKalb County, or Decatur. Of the 474 students polled, 97.0% were already registered or registered that day on campus.

Academic Honors Given

Agnes Scott's annual Honors Day Convocation, held October 4, recognized the high academic achievement of 67 students. Outstanding among the honors announced were the Stukes Scholars, students who ranked first in their respective classes for the last session. These three students are Rose Ann Cleveland of Greensboro, N.C.; Leila Wheatley Kinney of Baton Rouge, La.; and Laura Tinsley Swann of Dalton, Ga.

The Rich Prize, given for distinctive academic work in the freshman class, was awarded on the basis of work in the 1971-72 session to India Elizabeth Culpepper of Camilla, Ga.

Awarded this year for the first time was the George P. Hayes Fellowship for graduate study in English. The recipient of this fellowship is Joy Angela Farmer, Class of 1972. Miss Farmer is currently a graduate student at the University of Virginia.

The Class Scholarship Trophy, established by the Mortar Board Chapter of 1956-57, is awarded to the class having earned during the past session an academic average that is the highest in relation to the three preceding classes of that level. This year the Class of 1975 (present sophomore class) won the trophy on the basis of their academic records as freshmen. The average this group achieved has never been exceeded by a freshman class.

The guest speaker at the Convocation was President Henry King Stanford of the University of Miami, who spoke on "Equality and Excellence in the Land of Opportunity." His wife, who accompanied him to the campus, is Laura Ruth King, formerly of Atlanta, and an Agnes Scott alumna.

Honors Day: Dean Julia T. Gary presents to Sophomore Class President Roberta Nance Goodall of Gallatin, Tenn., the Class Scholarship Trophy, awarded the Class of 1975 for its academic standing during the 1971-72 session.



Challenge Grant Announced

President Wallace M. Alston has announced that an anonymous foundation has offered Agnes Scott a challenge grant of \$500,000 for its Endowment Fund. To claim this grant Agnes Scott must secure an equal amount in gifts for capital purposes such as equipment, building improvements, or endowed scholarships.

The foundation's offer has prompted Agnes Scott to seek \$1,500,000 in gifts this year. This amount includes both the challenge offer and the \$500,000 needed to claim it. The remaining \$500,000 in gifts will be for the college's 1972-73 operating budget.

Agnes Scott's \$1,500,000 goal can be summarized briefly as follows:

Financial Assistance to	
Current Students	\$200,000
Endowed Scholarships	100,000
Academic Program	200,000
New Equipment	100,000
Library	
Modernization	400,000
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This total of gifts	\$1,000,000
will qualify Agnes Scott	
for the Foundation's	
grant of	500,000
TOTAL GOAL FOR	
1972-73	\$1,500,000

"In the Black"

The completed audit for the 1971-72 year reveals that Agnes Scott is continuing its long-time practice of operating without a deficit. This gratifying circumstance is the result of the generosity of alumnae, parents, and other friends who contribute to the college's Annual Giving Program. Agnes Scott thanks these loyal contributors.

Trustees Elected

The Agnes Scott Board of Trustees at its annual meeting last spring elected four new members: **G. Scott Candler, Jr.**, **Eugenia Slack (Mrs. C.W.) Morse, '41**, **E. Lee Stoffel**, and **John C. Wilson**. Mr. Candler, a Decatur attorney, is the husband of Betty Jeanne Ellison, '49. He is also the great grandson of George Washington Scott, the founder of the college. Mrs. Morse is the immediate past president of the Agnes Scott Alumnae Association. Dr. Stoffel is the pastor of the Riverside Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville, Florida, and is married to the former Betty C. Williams, '44. Mr. Wilson, a business leader of Atlanta, is the president of Horne-Wilson, Inc.

1972 Election Symposium

Professor Angus Campbell, director of the Survey Research Center at the University of Michigan and authority on American voting behavior, conducted an election symposium on campus October 30-31. He met with classes on Monday, October 30, and that evening delivered a public lecture on "The 1972 Election: Revolution or Reaction." The following evening he was a member of a question-answer panel discussion on the 1972 elections and implications for the future of American politics. Other members of the answer panel were Hal Gulliver, associate editor, **The Atlanta Constitution**; Zell Miller, executive secretary, Democratic Party of Georgia; and Newt Gingridge, director of college activities, Republican Party of Georgia.

The panel of five questioners were Mrs. Ann Avant Crichton, Decatur City Commissioner and 1961 graduate of Agnes Scott; Miss Lynn Lassiter, Agnes Scott senior and chairman of the Agnes Scott Committee to Re-elect the President; Celeste Wallner, Agnes Scott senior and chairman of the Agnes Scott Committee for McGovern; and one student each from Emory University and the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Faculty Appointments (Continued)

GERMAN: Dewey Weiss Kramer (B.A. Vassar college, M.A. University of Texas at Austin, currently candidate for Ph.D. University of Texas at Austin), instructor.

PSYCHOLOGY: Betsy Berk Kahan (B.A. University of Pennsylvania, M.A. Columbia University, currently candidate for Ph.D. Columbia University), assistant professor.

BIOLOGY: Thomas E. Simpson (B.S. Middle Tennessee State University, M.S. Louisiana State University, Ph.D. Florida State University), assistant professor.

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Faculty Wives

Raise \$1,500

The Agnes Scott Faculty Wives Fall Fair, held in the Hub during the first week of classes, took in more than \$1,500.00 from sales to students and staff. The entire sum was contributed to the college's Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Fund, a part of the financial aid available to black students attending Agnes Scott.

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