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# THE PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER

## April, 1978



### IN MEMORIAM MARY WALLACE KIRK 1889 — 1978

The entire Agnes Scott family was saddened this winter by the death on January 30 of our senior trustee, Miss Mary Wallace Kirk. For sixty-one years, Miss Kirk was an active member of the Board of Trustees, serving her *alma mater* with characteristic energy and devotion. A woman of great gifts — in writing, painting, and etching — she combined pride in the past and its great traditions with a courageous and creative faith in the future. Her life exemplified her ideals and her breadth of interests: she read widely, but she also wrote; she was a patron of the arts but she herself was an accomplished artist; and she traveled to far places, but she always returned to her beloved "Locust Hill," her family's home in Tuscumbia, Alabama, where she died.

As President of the Agnes Scott Alumnae Association in the early 1920's, she led the campaign to build the Anna Young Alumnae House, the first on a southern woman's college campus.

From her graduation in 1911 through her last Board meeting on January 20, just ten days before her death, she was an active and generous supporter of Agnes Scott. Her impress upon the College has been marked, and it will continue for many years to come. We mourn her loss, but rejoice in her life and what it has meant — and will mean — to Agnes Scott.

### FOUNDER'S DAY 1978

Alumnae and friends of the College gathered with students, faculty and staff on February 22 to celebrate the birthday of Agnes Scott's founder, George Washington Scott. This year the occasion also celebrated the completion of the recent renovation of the McCain Library. It was appropriate, therefore, that the Founder's Day address was delivered by noted book collector and benefactor of libraries, Clifton Waller Barrett.

As a book collector, Mr. Barrett spoke about the value of owning rare books. His own collection of American literature, one of the world's finest, was presented to his *alma mater*, the University of Virginia, in 1958. As a long-time friend of Robert Frost, Mr. Barrett spoke also of aspects of the poet's life as reflected in his poetry. The "new" McCain Library, featuring an exhibit of items from Agnes Scott's Robert Frost Collection, was open to visitors throughout the day.

### A BRIDGE TO BUSINESS CAREERS

How can a liberal arts graduate prepare herself for that first job in the world of business?

More and more Agnes Scott students are asking this question as they explore the possibility of pursuing careers. Accordingly, the Faculty has recently approved a "Preparatory Program for Business" developed by a Faculty Task Force and the Curriculum Committee. This Preparatory Program for Business will be offered beginning in 1978-1979.

The Task Force surveyed influential corporate executives throughout the Southeast in developing the Preparatory Program for Business. These executives ranked Agnes Scott's courses as to their usefulness to the liberal arts graduate seeking employment in their businesses, which included banks, advertising agencies, newspaper publishers, insurance companies, manufacturers, utilities, and law firms.

Courses in the program represent a variety of academic disciplines ranging from economics and mathematics to English and theatre. Included in the program are courses in economics, accounting, marketing, management theory, English composition, voice and diction, statistics, calculus, computer programming, state and local government, and a psychology course in personality.

The Preparatory Program for Business is not a major, but it can be useful in choosing related elective hours required for graduation. Students who complete nine of the courses in the program will have on their College transcript the notation that they have completed the Preparatory Program for Business.

Although the program does not guarantee a student a job in the business sector, it should help her become familiar with basic skills and knowledge required for entry-level jobs in business.

### WRITERS' FESTIVAL, 1978

The annual Agnes Scott College Writers' Festival on April 13 and 14 will bring guest authors and poets to the campus to speak and meet with Georgia college students participating in the Writing Contest.

Prizes of \$100 each will be awarded for the best short story and the best poem submitted for the contest. Manuscripts selected in a preliminary judging will be published in the Writers' Festival issue of *Aurora*, the Agnes Scott

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student literary publication. The final winners will be selected by the guest professional writers.

Professional writers who will participate in the Festival will be novelist John Yount, poet Larry Rubin, and story writer and poet Josephine Jacobsen. Other guest writers who will meet in panel discussions with students are Nathalie F. Anderson, published poet and Agnes Scott alumna; David Barton, published poet and Agnes Scott English professor; Anne Warner, writing teacher at the Callanwolde Fine Arts Center; and Tom McHaney, Georgia State University English professor.

This is the seventh consecutive year the English Department has sponsored a writing contest and festival for Georgia college students.

#### SUMMER RESEARCH PROGRAM IN CHEMISTRY

The Chemistry Departments of Agnes Scott College and Georgia State University in Atlanta will offer their undergraduate chemistry majors the opportunity this summer to conduct research with faculty. This Undergraduate Research Participation Program is funded by a grant from the National Science Foundation. The grant provides, in addition to materials and overhead expenses, a \$900 stipend for each student for ten weeks.

The program gives students the opportunity to experience full-time research activity in the company of professional scientists. It is also an opportunity for students to discover whether or not they are truly interested in scientific research. Students will be encouraged to plan and conduct their own experiments on some aspect of research projects being conducted by faculty members.

Agnes Scott's Chemistry Department is one of a very few departments in Georgia that has been accepted for the National Science Foundation's Undergraduate Research Participation Program. This is the fifth time since 1971 that Agnes Scott's and Georgia State's Chemistry Departments have been awarded this particular grant.

#### NEW PRINTMAKING LABORATORY

Art students at Agnes Scott can now work in "one of the best equipped printmaking laboratories in a college in the Southeast," according to Professor Leland Staven, who teaches printmaking.

The newly renovated laboratory boasts three motorized presses, two vacuum-operated silk screen machines, a photography darkroom and numerous drying racks.

It is exceptional for a college to have as many as three presses for classes of our size. Most printmaking classes at Agnes Scott are limited to ten students.

In the printmaking courses, students learn basic etching and silk screening techniques. Now that the laboratory is equipped with a darkroom, students can also learn photography processes that can be used in combination with etching and silk screening techniques. Students interested in advanced printmaking can pursue this art form in courses of independent study or studio art.

#### COMMUNITY FILM SERIES

Agnes Scott is offering its students and friends in the community a series of eight film classics by internationally acclaimed directors. Dr. Steven Haworth of the Political Science Department and Dr. Claire Hubert of the French Department secured a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to enable the College to present these eight film classics at the admission price of \$.50 per movie.

The films include "Citizen Kane" by Orson Welles, "Fahrenheit 451" by Francois Truffaut, "The Seventh Seal" by Ingmar Bergman, and "La Strada" by Federico Fellini.

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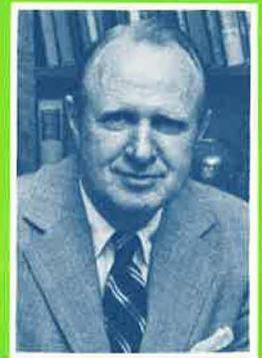


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## NEW TRUSTEES

Through this issue of the *Newsletter* I am happy to introduce five new Agnes Scott trustees, elected by the Board at its annual spring meeting last May. The Board is now at its full prescribed size of thirty-two. Our new trustees represent many diverse activities and fields of service. They bring valuable experience and fresh viewpoints to the leadership of the College.



**Louise Isaacson Bernard** graduated from Agnes Scott in 1946 with a major in economics and sociology. She then went to work in her parents' store, a women's apparel shop they had established in 1932. She worked first as a sales clerk, then as a buyer and manager. Today she owns the business. The store was originally in downtown Atlanta on the present site of the Peachtree Plaza Hotel. Today, Isaacson's is in Phipps Plaza on north Peachtree Road. Mrs. Bernard is married to Maurice J. Bernard. They have two children, a son who is an attorney in Atlanta and a daughter who is a social worker in Indiana. Mrs. Bernard is a member of the Council of Jewish Women, The Temple, Brandeis University Women, and the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce.

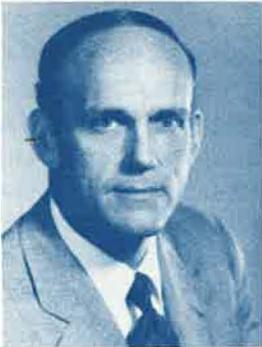


**Ann Avant Crichton**, a 1961 graduate of Agnes Scott, earned her degree in history. She is now Mayor of the City of Decatur, the first woman to hold this post, and is serving her fourth two-year term on the Decatur City Commission. A member of the DeKalb Democratic Party, she is a Governor's appointee to and vice chairman of Georgia's Board of Industry and Trade. She is chairman of the Community Development Committee of the National League of Cities and a director of the Georgia Municipal Association. She has participated in three Governor's Conferences on Education and the Governor's Conference on Career Education. She serves ex-officio on the Decatur Board of Education and as a member of the Emory University Board of Visitors. A member of numerous local civic and social service organizations, she is a regional vice president of the Mental Health Association of Georgia. Mrs. Crichton is married to Decatur attorney G. Thomas Crichton. They have two children. She and her family are members of the First United Methodist Church of Decatur. She helped to organize and served as the first chairman of the board of directors of the Decatur Cooperative Ministry.



**Mary Duckworth Gellerstedt** comes on the Board of Trustees as the immediate past president of the Agnes Scott National Alumnae Association. She graduated from Agnes Scott in 1946 with a double major in history and political science and economics and sociology. As an alumna she has served as president of the Atlanta Agnes Scott Alumnae Club and as a regional vice president as well as president of the National Alumnae Association. In Atlanta she serves on the boards of the Piedmont Hospital Auxiliary, Literacy Action, and the Women's Association for the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. She is a member of Central Presbyterian Church, the Atlanta Historical Society, the Speech School Guild, and other civic and cultural organizations. Her husband, L. L. Gellerstedt, Jr., is vice chairman of the Agnes Scott Board of Trustees. The Gellerstedts have three children.

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**M. Lamar Oglesby** is vice president, director and southeastern regional manager of Kidder, Peabody & Co., Incorporated, international investment bankers. A 1950 graduate of the Georgia Institute of Technology, he earned his B.S. degree in industrial management. He is a trustee of the Student Aid Foundation and of Georgia Tech's National Alumni Association. He also serves on the management conference board of Emory University's School of Business. He is a director of Atlanta's United Way and of the Atlanta Union Mission. An elder in the Central Presbyterian Church, he is chairman of the Church's board of trustees of special funds. Mr. Oglesby is married to the former Jane Martin. They have three children.



**C. B. Rogers, Jr.**, of Atlanta, is a vice president of International Business Machines Corporation. He has been president of IBM's General Systems Division since its organization in 1969. He joined IBM in 1954 and has served in various capacities, including vice president of marketing for the Data Processing Division and as an assistant to the president of IBM. Listed in *Who's Who in America*, Mr. Rogers is a vice president of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce and member of the boards of the National Bank of Georgia, Equifax Inc., and IBM World Trade Americas/Far East Corporation. He is a trustee of the Georgia Council of Economic Education and a member of the Emory University Board of Visitors and the Gettysburg College Board of Fellows. A graduate of Gettysburg College, he received his M.B.A. degree from George Washington University and attended the Harvard Advanced Management Program. He is married to the former Sally Milner and they have four children.

### TRUSTEES EMERITI

Two valued trustees retired in May and were elected Trustees Emeriti: Ben S. Gilmer of Atlanta, a member of the Board since 1961; and James A. Minter, Jr., of Tyler, Alabama, a trustee since 1959. The College will miss their active service and counsel, but we shall hope to see them often at Board meetings.

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We were saddened this spring by the death on May 23 of beloved Trustee Emeritus Lawrence L. Gellerstedt, father of present trustee Lawrence Gellerstedt, Jr. Mr. Gellerstedt was 87 and was a highly respected member of the Atlanta business and civic community. He was a trustee of Agnes Scott from 1944 to 1970 and was most active and devoted in the service of the College.

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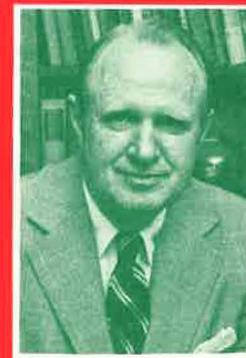


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With the approach of our sixth Christmas at Agnes Scott, Mrs. Perry and I send to all members of the College family, wherever you may be, our affectionate and grateful greetings. May the true significance of this holy season bring to your hearts and minds, in these busy days, the peace and joy and promise of Christmas. We are thankful for our many blessings and for the opportunity of living and working at Agnes Scott.

On behalf of the students, faculty, and staff, I send you warm greetings of the season and our hope that the love and joy of Christmas will be yours throughout the New Year.

## **THE CLASS OF 1982**

This year's entering class is larger than last year's, academically as well-qualified, and equally versatile in its range of interests and activities. It numbers more than 150 freshmen plus a dozen transfers and more than a score of new enrollees in the "Return to College" program. The new RTC's bring the total of this group throughout the College to more than 50 this year, of whom over half are degree candidates. They range in age from 25 to 55 and over half are receiving financial aid from the College.

The freshmen come from 21 states and a number of foreign countries; 40% are from Georgia; and at least 17 are alumnae daughters. Their aptitude test scores are far above national averages, and 85% of them ranked in the top quarter of their secondary school classes. The class contains more than a dozen high school valedictorians, six National Merit Scholars, and two Air Force ROTC scholars. Three-quarters are from public high schools, and more than two-thirds receive some form of financial aid, including those who receive grants from state and federal governments. The enthusiasm and high spirits of the class have been much in evidence throughout the fall.

## **SUMMER STUDY PROGRAMS**

Three Agnes Scott departments — Biology, Chemistry, and German — offered special credit programs this past summer. Dr. Harry Wistrand, Assistant Professor of Biology, led seven Agnes Scott students through the Sonoran and Chihuahuan Deserts of Arizona and Texas in a study of desert biology. Under the direction of Professor Marion Clark and Assistant Professor Alan White, two students conducted research in the Department of Chemistry under a grant from the National Science Foundation Undergraduate Research Participation Program. Dr. Gunther Bicknese, Professor of German, conducted a program for eight Agnes Scott language students at the University of Marburg in West Germany.

## **SPECIAL ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**

Four Agnes Scott students are enrolled this fall at the American University in Washington, D.C. as participants in the Washington Semester program that permits them to observe and study the federal government in operation. This is the sixth year that Agnes Scott students have studied under this program.

Six other students are studying abroad during their junior year in England, France, Germany, and Scotland. On the campus, foreign language students are enhancing their formal study of German and French in dormitory "language halls" supervised by native-speaking German and French assistants, Kirsten Niehuus of Hamburg, West Germany, and Emmanuelle Desquins of Paris, France.

Agnes Scott's first dual degree student, Carol Hedrick Howard, of Atlanta, is continuing her studies in chemical engineering at Georgia Tech. Upon completing her engineering work, she will be awarded the B.A. degree from Agnes Scott and the B.S. in engineering from Georgia Tech.

Two freshmen and a junior this past fall became the first Agnes Scott students to enroll in the ROTC programs at the Georgia Institute of Technology. Through a special cross-town arrangement, Agnes Scott students may participate in the Air Force and the Navy Reserve Officers Training Corps at Georgia Tech. This year Dorothea Enslow, a junior from Stone Mountain, Georgia, is receiving a full tuition scholarship to Agnes Scott from the Navy to participate in the last two years of the Navy ROTC program. Freshmen Amy Craddock, of Dunwoody, Georgia, and Christine Veal, of McDonough, Georgia, are enrolled in the Air Force ROTC program. Amy has a full tuition scholarship at Agnes Scott from the Air Force.

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## HONORS DAY

On October 4, at Agnes Scott's annual Honors Day Convocation, 56 honor roll students, six scholarship winners, and the Class of 1980 were recognized for their academic and leadership achievements during the 1977-78 session. The Convocation address was delivered by President Merrimon Cuninggim of Salem College, former head of the Danforth Foundation.

Stukes Scholarships, named in honor of former Dean Samuel Guerry Stukes, were awarded to three students who ranked first academically in the rising sophomore, junior, and senior classes: Julie Ann Daniel, '79, of Chamblee, Georgia; Kok-Weay Looi, '80, of Georgetown, Penang, Malaysia; and Ila Leola Burdette, '81, of Hogansville, Georgia. The Rich Prize, sponsored by Rich's department store of Atlanta and awarded for distinctive academic work in the freshman year, went to Susan Gail Kennedy of Newport News, Virginia. The Kathleen Hagood Gambrell Scholarship, given to a student planning a career in Christian education and ministry, was awarded to Krista Joy Wolter, '80, of Marietta, Georgia.

The Class Scholarship Trophy, established by the Mortar Board Chapter of 1956-57 and awarded each year to the class which has earned an academic average highest in relation to the three preceding classes of that level, was won by the Class of 1980.

## IN MEMORIAM

Marion Thomas Clark  
1917-1978

The Agnes Scott community was shocked and saddened by the untimely death, on September 9, of Professor Marion Thomas Clark, Chairman of the Department of Chemistry and William Rand Kenan, Jr. Professor of Chemistry. Dr. Clark suffered a fatal heart attack in the mountains of North Georgia, where he and his wife were visiting friends. A native of the Atlanta suburb of Hapeville, Marion Clark earned his B.A. and M.A. degrees in chemistry at Emory University and his Ph.D. at the University of Virginia. Before joining the Agnes Scott faculty in 1963, he served as an acting chairman at the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies, and taught at Birmingham Southern College and Emory University. During his busy career he was a visiting scholar in chemistry at Stanford University, president of the Georgia Academy of Science, and chairman of the Georgia Section of the American Chemical Society. His many honors included membership in Phi Beta Kappa, Omicron Delta Kappa, and Sigma Xi.

Recognized and beloved by colleagues and students alike, Marion Clark was a teacher devoted to his students and to his profession. In the words of the memorial read at the October faculty meeting by Associate Professor Alice Cunningham, who succeeded him as chairman, Marion Clark "was a loving and caring friend, a devoted husband and father, and a Christian man whose every action reflected his deep belief in God. We are grateful for his presence among us and shall treasure the legacy he has left to us."



*Marvin Perry*  
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