

# Agnes Scott

## Summer Connection 2007

### BIG LIFESTYLE CHANGES IN CAMPUS CENTER

From the menu at Mollie's Grill to expansion of its wireless Internet, Alston Campus Center is getting a makeover. Some changes will be done in time for the start of classes, while others will fall into place over the next two years.

In Mollie's, the dean of students office is working to create a coffee-shop feel and more self-serve options—while providing healthy menu selections such as wraps, paninis, salads, fruit parfaits and yogurt. Soft, clustered seating will encourage students to stay a while. And in response to students' suggestions, more cardio-fitness equipment will become available, making Alston a central draw to meet and catch up during down time.

Also, improved access for casual computer use is planned by relocating computers throughout Alston, said Associate Dean of Students John Lucy, as part of the college's strategic plan to "build a more vibrant 24/7 campus culture." Expect updates to follow.

### KEY ORIENTATION DATES

#### Aug. 21

- New international Student move in

#### Aug. 24

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#### Aug. 25

- Honor Code Pledge signing and Honor Court reception

#### Aug. 26

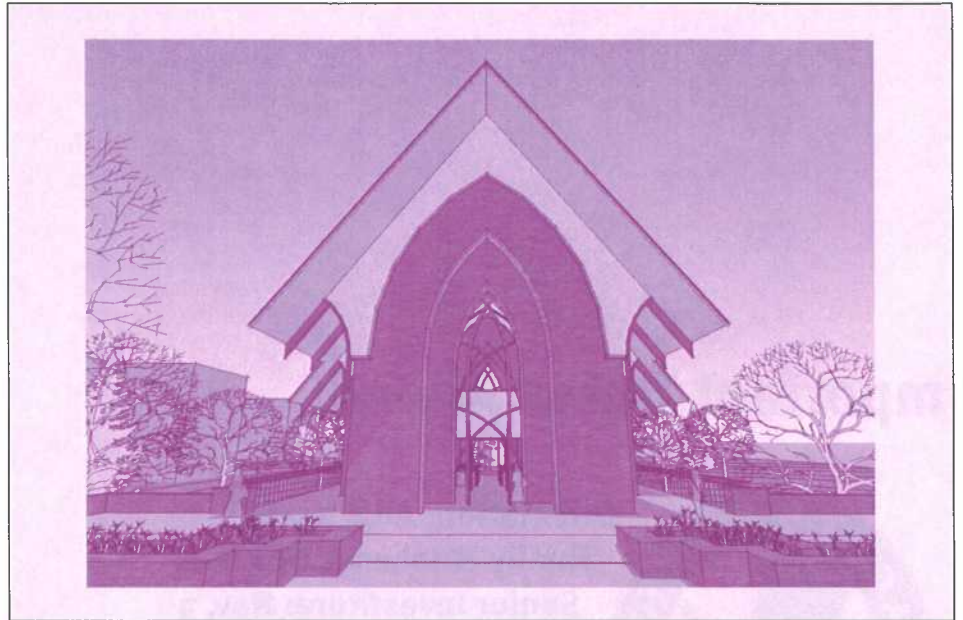
- First ASC 101 meeting

#### Aug. 27

- "George & Ramona" Reunion Party
- Hub Sing and dessert

#### Aug. 29

- First day of classes



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A groundbreaking ceremony was held on Founder's Day in February for Agnes Scott's first freestanding house of worship—the Julia Thompson Smith Chapel.

## Chapel Rising on the Dell

While the May Day Dell is now a construction site of cranes, rebar and concrete, the steel skeleton of the new Julia Thompson Smith Chapel will be rising when fall classes begin.

The bones of the chapel will give a clear idea of the how the brick-clad gothic arches will anchor the far end of the science quad. Now, the "front doors" are a plywood platform that allows workers to continue laying in a network of steel bars laid every nine feet. The front entry faces the brick sidewalk between Alston Campus Center and Bullock Science Center.

Some of the beams will be brick-clad and continue as a design element that pierces the interior of the church. The substantial overhang and sharply peaked roof blend well with the college's century-old collegiate Gothic architecture.

While some excavation was required, the dell retains its shadow and mild sense of remove, given the trees that remain and the site's gentle slope.

Progress is currently on target for the goal to open next spring, said John

Hegman, vice president for business and finance.

"Watching the chapel rise is exciting," he said. "It's going to be such a focal point for the whole campus."

The Julia Thompson Smith Chapel fulfills a longstanding wish for a freestanding place of worship. It will be a Christian chapel, welcoming to people of all faiths. The project has been shepherded for more than a decade by Gué Hudson, vice president for student life and community relations and dean of students. It is named for Julia Thompson Smith '31, wife of the late Hal Smith who joined the college's Board of Trustees in 1952 and served as chair for more than a decade. Their son, Trustee Emeritus John Smith II, was present during groundbreaking ceremonies held Feb. 21 on Founder's Day.

The chapel is designed by Maurice Jennings + David McKee Architects of Fayetteville, Ark. Jennings was a partner of the late architect Fay Jones, known worldwide for Thorncrown Chapel in Eureka Springs, Ark.

—Lisa Ashmore



## Important Dates Ahead!



**Orientation: Aug. 24-26**  
**Family Weekend: Nov. 2-4**  
**Senior Investiture: Nov. 3**  
**Sophomore Family Weekend  
 & Ring Ceremony: Feb. 22-24**  
**Baccalaureate: May 9**  
**Commencement: May 10**

### Fall Cultural Events

An eclectic assembly of literature, dance, films, theatre and artists' talks makes up this fall's Cultural Events series. The series kicks off with the pre-Labor Day weekend blast of Brazilian music and dance, "Beat the Donkey," led by Cyro Baptista, (Aug. 30) followed by writers Kinky Friedman (Aug. 31) and Charles Frazier (Sept. 1). The latter two events are held in connection with the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution/ Decatur Book Festival*, but are held on campus. See the events section of our Web site, [www.agnesscott.edu](http://www.agnesscott.edu), or phone 404 471-6430 for dates, times and ticket information for the series.

Susan, Sarah and Jack Mecholsky joined us last year for Family Weekend.



Please join your daughter and other Scottie families for a weekend full of activities. Highlights include the President's Reception and an Agnes Scott Family Fiesta. Featured speakers this year will be Amy Kim '97, one of the producers of the Oscar-winning short film, "West Bank Story;" Susan Hitchcock '67, a former BellSouth leader and consultant and writer on the advancement of women in the workplace; and Sara Laschever, co-author of *Women Don't Ask*. Other events planned for the weekend are a Legacy Brunch, Networking Luncheon and Senior Investiture and Dinner. Expect your brochure and registration form by mail in September. Updates may be found at: [www.agnesscott.edu/familyweekend](http://www.agnesscott.edu/familyweekend)  
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**Make Reservations for Family Weekend, Senior Investiture, Nov. 2-4**