### **Honor Roll**

Blair '52 with lab. **-**Hart '48 humanities gift.

# **News from The Campaign for Agnes Scott College**

The new Science Center allows us to fuse the best qualities of two approaches to science bedagogy: our traditional strength in the liberal arts classroom and laboratory and the research focus of a large university. This synergy is a powerful force to help transform Agnes Scott women into future science leaders.

John Pilger, professor of biology



### Leading Science

eeking to bring Agnes Scott to the forefront of academic innovation in the sciences, the College has announced a Campaign initiative to fulfill the unmet needs of the departments of biology, psychology, physics and chemistry.

The new Science Center is the top funding priority of the initiative. The College seeks \$11 million to contribute to the cost of the \$36.5 million facility and its academic programs.

'The College hopes to recognize our donors' gifts through many available naming opportunities throughout the Science Center," said Susan Carter, director of development.

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The campus community examines student research exhibits during the Spring Annual Research Conference in the Science Center.

### Who Benefits from a Gift To The Sciences at Agnes Scott?

Almost our entire student body uses the new Science Center facilities and programs.

 Total enrollment in biology, chemistry, psychology, physics and astronomy courses this academic year: 731
• Students with declared majors in the sciences: 118

## Initiative

For more information, contact Susan Carter, director of development, at 404 471-6295 or scarter@agnesscott.edu.

# Campaign Surpasses \$60 Million

our extraordinary reunion gifts were announced by President Mary Brown Bullock '66 during Alumnae Weekend. The gifts push Bold Aspirations past the \$60 million mark and come from alumnae, sons and brothers—spanning 40 class years.

A \$1 million gift from Elizabeth "Libby" Rhett Jones '73 and her husband, Gary T. Jones, was announced to the alumnae on Saturday. On Friday, Mary Lillias Garretson '33 provided documentation of a generous planned gift to Agnes Scott.

The College also received two gifts in honor of reunion alumnae: a \$500,000 commitment for the chapel gardens from Jim and Donna Philips in honor of Davison and Katherine Wright Philips '43, and a \$250,000 gift from Madeline and Howell Adams Ir. to establish the Dabney Adams Hart Distinguished Visiting Humanities Professorship in honor of Hart '48.

'These marvelous contributions combined with the gifts of so many show the remarkable commitment of the alumnae to Agnes Scott College," said JoAnn Sawyer Delafield '58, who co-chairs the Campaign with Frances Bailey Graves '63. "If we can sustain this momentum, we will raise twice what the College has ever

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### NATIONAL CAMPAIGN STEERING COMMITTEE

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### **Giving News**

Jane Gaines Johnson '55 rekindled her fondness for her alma mater on an 1989 Alumnae Association trip to the Galapagos Islands.

The experience led the retired supervising microbiologist with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to give a Campaign gift of \$20,000 for collaborative research in biology. Boeing Co., her husband's employer, matched her gift with an additional \$5,240.

After earning her biology degree at Agnes Scott, Johnson earned a master's degree in microbiology and worked for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Massachusetts General Hospital before leaving the workplace to raise two children.

It took "guts" for the Fairfax, Va., resident to return to the workplace after 30 years. She credits Agnes Scott for instilling in her "an inner strength and an 'I can't fail attitude.' That's part of why I gave," Johnson said.

In her three years with the Annual Fund's student calling program, Kelly Williams '03 has secured more than

\$50,000 for Agnes Scott in alumnae gifts and pledges.

"I like talking to alumnae, hearing what they thought about teachers and the school and how they met their beaus," Williams said.



Williams '03

The English major, who aspires to a career in public relations, credits her brevity, directness and professional demeanor as keys to her successful fund raising. In the process, the Memphis native networked for job leads and created impressive fund-rais-

Jane Gaines Johnson '55 (top row, third from left) and fellow alumnae pose for John Pilger, professor of biology, during an inspirational trip to the Galapagos Islands in 1989.

ing experience for her resume.

"It's good training for my future career," said Williams, who began working with the program as a sophomore and continued into her last semester.

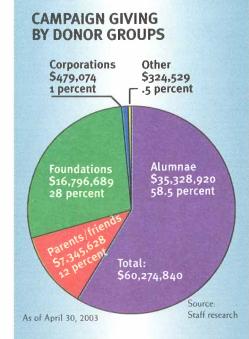
Angie Rushing Hoyt '75 always has contributed to her alma mater but it wasn't until her daughter began college elsewhere that Hoyt returned to campus and decided to give more.

In her early post-graduation years, Hoyt gave \$50. In subsequent years, she consistently gave \$300 to \$500, always matched by SunTrust Bank, her husband's employer.

Betsy Bilbro '97 invited Hoyt to campus so she could see how the College's facilities fared against campuses her daughter visited.

"The facilities were better at Agnes Scott than some of the others," Hoyt said. "You could see the College was really coming along."

Her tour of the old and the new Agnes Scott motivated Hoyt to up her giving to \$5,000, including matching SunTrust funds. — Leisa Hammett-Goad



### **Campaign Surpasses** \$60 Million Milestone

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"Much of our alumnae support has emerged through face-to-face meetings," Graves said.
"Next fall, we will continue to travel to where our alumnae live in hopes of meeting our goal of 75 percent participation."

Alumnae support of the Campaign has made a tremendous impact, expanding the endowment and helping the College complete funding of an ambitious building plan.

"We believe there are many other alumnae who will contribute by June 2004," said Joseph R. Gladden Jr., Campaign Steering Committee chair. "Critical objectives remain, including the needs to endow faculty chairs and provide additional support for the Campaign's academic initiatives."

### Quotable



Agnes Scott College produces honorable, courageous, intelligent and talented women who work to improve the world. Supporting the Campaign ensures Agnes Scott continues providing women the tools needed to make a difference."

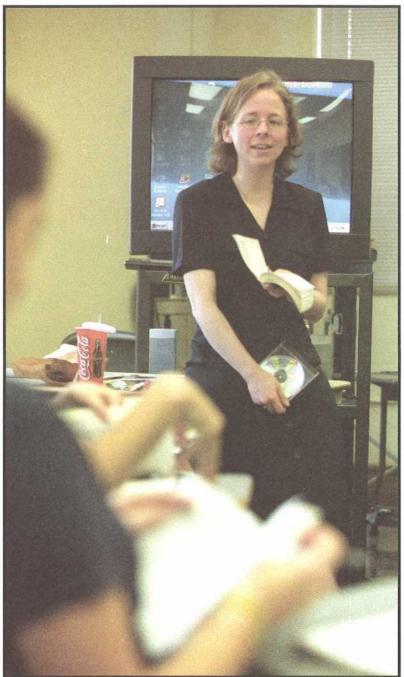
Barbara Byrd Gaines '77, president-elect of the Alumnae Association, directory content manager for BellSouth Advertising and Publishing, mother of Bevin Gaines '05



"How grateful I feel toward those alumnae who have contributed annually to the Annual Fund. These women have made it possible for me to pursue my dream of completing a first-rate education at Agnes Scott."

Emily Henderson '03, classics major, Colonnade Club member, Senior GIFT Campaign co-chair, student manager for Annual Fund Student Calling Program **Campaign Initiative** 

### **Academic Gifts Make Crucial Difference**



CAROLINE IOE PHOTOGRAPI

Tracey Laird, assistant professor of music, is one of several faculty members who have received research support this year to pursue academic interests. Campaign gifts to faculty research and development fuel new course preparation, professional development and scholarly publishing.

#### **LEARN MORE ONLINE**

To learn more about the academic and program initiatives of the Campaign, please go to:

www.agnesscott.edu/campaign/p\_campaigninitiatives.asp

ith an expanded campus, now is the time to expand Agnes Scott's academic horizons," charged Rosemary Lévy Zumwalt, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college.

The Campaign has identified thirteen academic and program initiatives, ranging from athletics and recreation to technology, as priority areas for student and faculty support.

Zumwalt cited the Ethics Program, which is in its final year of funding by the Jesse Ball duPont Fund and provides classes and lectures in applied ethics, analyzing specific issues such as capital punishment or world hunger.

"The Ethics Program is a wonderful course of study that would benefit immediately from additional support," Zumwalt said. "The recent Ethics & Animals lecture series was riveting, drawing one of the largest attendances from the campus and community of any academic offering this year."

Another priority is faculty research and development. A \$4,000 gift can provide course relief to a faculty member like Tracey Laird, assistant professor of music,

who has been given time to finalize a book based on her dissertation, Shreveport's KWKH: A City and Its Radio Station in the Evolution of Country Music and Rock-and-Roll.

"Our faculty members are both teachers and scholars," Zumwalt said. "They need time and resources to pursue academic interests, develop new material for their students and renew themselves intellectually."

Support for international education would immediately benefit many students. "Interest in global education is growing," said Zumwalt, "but many students cannot augment what the College can provide to fund their study abroad."

Jennifer Lund, director of international education, agrees. "Sixty to 80 percent of our students are interested in study abroad. With additional funding, many more of them could study abroad than do now."

"As we approach the final year of the Campaign," Zumwalt said, "support for curricular and programmatic enhancement has become our focus. Enriching our academic resources will make a crucial difference to our students and faculty."

### **Science Center: Leading Science**



Laboratory glassware lays on a counter waiting to be put away as faculty, staff and students move into the Science Center during the winter break. The new center opened for spring semester classes with all new equipment.



Microscopes line a laboratory counter as new technology is unpacked in the Science Center during winter break. In addition to these new microscopes, the center is equipped with a laser scanning confocal microscope, a nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer and a STM/AFM scanning tunneling microscope/atomic force microscope.



Julie Gerberding, M.D., M.P.H.; is honored at a reception in the Woolford B. Baker Atrium before the first Leading Science lecture at the public celebration of the Science Center on April 23.



The Science Center overlooks the sunny South Quad, a new open space on campus flanked by Alston Campus Center, McCain Library and Campbell Hall. The quad is located on the site of the old field hockey field.

## **Leading Science at Agnes Scott**

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"The new facilities and the programs they make possible will allow the College to take a leading role among educators of women in science," said Amy Lovell '90, assistant professor of astronomy and a faculty adviser to the initiative. "New

resources will help attract high quality science students, draw students who had not previously considered scientific pursuits, and enrich the scientific experience of all Agnes Scott students regardless of major."

The sciences have been strong fields of study at Agnes Scott, despite facilities that have not kept pace with the significant scientific advances of the last 50 years. Approximately 2,500 living alumnae received a science degree, and many of them are working in or teaching science.



Sandra Bowden, Charles A. Dana Professor of Biology, helps move plants into the new greenhouse at the Science Center in January. The center was dedicated in February.

Beginning this month, an in-depth update on the sciences at Agnes Scott including detailed information about student and faculty accomplishments will be available to interested alumnae and friends.

"This is the first initiative for science education at Agnes Scott in 20 years,"

said Carter. "We hope many alumnae will take the opportunity to participate."

Leading the initiative are decade chairs B. Merrill Holt '38, Jean S. Staton '46, Emy Evans Blair '52, Becky Evans Callahan '60, Libby Rhett Jones '73, Laura Klettner Bynum '81 and Amy J. Lovell '90. Faculty advisers include Julia T. Gary, professor emerita of chemistry; Leon Venable, associate professor of chemistry; and biology professors Sandra Bowden, Harry Wistrand and John Pilger. —Lee Davis

**Science Center: Leading Science** 

# Mothers Inspire Science Gifts



CAROLINE JOE PHOTOGRAPH

Emy Evans Blair '52 (second from left) talks with Mr. and Mrs. William McCurdy Evans Jr. and President Mary Brown Bullock '66 (right) after the dedication of the introductory chemistry lab named in memory of Blair's mother, Sara McCurdy Evans '21.

### 'WHEN YOU EDUCATE A WOMAN...'

t seemed natural for Emy Evans Blair '52 and her brother, William McCurdy Evans, to name the introductory chemistry lab in the Science Center in their mother's memory.

"She proved that when you educate a woman, you educate a family, "Blair said of her mother, Sara McCurdy Evans '21.

Evans was formidable from her youth. Motherless at 14, she ran the household of seven children with her father, a physician.

Evans attended Agnes Scott as a day student and received her bachelor's in chemistry.

Her first job was being a chemistry lab instructor. Evans taught high school mathematics, biology, chemistry and physics in Stone Mountain for years. When her daughter fin-

ished high school, Evans insisted Blair attend Agnes Scott at least for one year.

"I used to say there were three men in my mother's life—my father, Dr. [James Ross] McCain and Jesus Christ," Blair said. "And I was never exactly certain in which order they came. It depended on the day."

While at Agnes Scott, Blair met her future husband, a surgeon and Navy veteran, who attended Emory University. Degreed in mathematics, Blair shared her mother's love of science and worked for seven years in textile chemicals before running her husband's practice for 41 years.

Blair's brother, William McCurdy Evans, died in December after helping arrange the details for the naming gift.

—Lisa Ashmore

### HONORING UNFULLFILLED DREAMS

The seeds for Alvia Cook's education were planted a generation prior.

Cook's mother, Vivian, was a gifted high school student whose science teacher forwarded her chemistry notebooks to Agnes Scott in hopes she would receive a scholarship. The scholarship did not materialize, and so Vivian could not go.

However, her daughter grew up understanding that when she left high school, college would follow.

"It wasn't ever optional in my family," Alvia Cook '56 said.

Vivian Cook maintained a curiosity about how the world worked. The opportunity to name the laser spectroscopy lab for her seemed apt.

"It takes an intense person to go to the bother of being self-educated," Cook said. "My mother was not a scientist, but she had a keen interest in the sciences and knowledge in general. I thought at the dedication [of the Science Center] she would have been thrilled with the atmosphere." Vivian Cook died in 1985 at age 80.

After graduating with a bachelor's in economics and sociology, Cook applied to Harvard University, where she received her Ed.M. She was a teacher and administrator in Maryland and Georgia for more than 20 years.

Cook says her mother would be pleased to be a part of the Science Center. A plaque at the lab bears her name. "It's small and unobtrusive, but it's there," Cook said.

—Lisa Ashmore



CAROLINE JOE PHOTOGRA

Alvia Cook '56 looks over the Laser Spectroscopy Laboratory that was named for her mother, Vivian Cook.

### **Science Center: Leading Science**

# English Major, Science Fan

nglish major
Linda Grant
Teasley '61
laughs about
her performance in science at Agnes Scott.

"Dismal," she said. "I took chemistry twice!"
But she hasn't let her past stop her: Teasley and her husband,
Harry E. Teasley Jr.,
recently named the
Harry and Linda
Teasley Lecture Hall, a large media-rich auditorium in the new
Science Center.

Married in college, Linda and Harry developed a shared interest

in environmental science, thanks to his career with The Coca-Cola Company, from which he retired in 1996.

Teasley continued her education as her family grew and received her Ph.D. in English from Emory University in 1990. She taught at the University of Alabama and at the University of South Florida before her retirement. The Teasleys now live in Tampa.

"We became more involved with Agnes Scott after President Bullock arrived," said Teasley. "She presented such a persuasive and beguiling vision for the College, leading us to put Agnes Scott at the top of our agenda." A trustee since 2000, Teasley became an advocate of the new Science Center.



CAROLINE IOE PHOTOGRAPH

Linda Teasley especially values the features of the lecture hall that make it a flexible teaching environment for all science disciplines. The Harry and Linda Teasley Lecture Hall was dedicated on May 2.



H. Teasley

"When I saw the room on the plans, I knew it was the place," to designate their gift, she said. Teasley serves on the Campaign Steering Committee and chairs the Central Florida Regional Campaign Committee.

"The alumnae I call on always respond well when they understand that each alumna can make a difference," she said. "They want to con-

tribute." She sees many positive changes in the College.

"There is far more diversity among students and faculty, greater course offerings, opportunities to study abroad and experience work environments. And it's always wonderful to meet a new group of students, faculty and staff. We still attract the finest people," she said.

— Lee Davis

#### **GIVING ONLINE**

We're making it easier for you! A new redesign of the Bold Aspirations Web site will help you select from the dazzling array of Campaign initiatives from which to designate a new gift or commitment of any size. Check out the easier navigation, multiple payment options and other details available starting this summer at <a href="https://www.agnesscott.edu/campaign">www.agnesscott.edu/campaign</a>.

### Quotable



When I was a student at Agnes Scott in the early 70s, each of us aspired to become a 'Whole Woman.' Because the expectations were high, I reached farther and became more. Others made the dream possible for me, as I could not have attended Agnes Scott without a scholarship. I give so that others may have the opportunity to go to this college with its bold aspirations."

Mary Gay Bankston '74, member of the National Campaign Steering Committee, Southern California Regional Campaign Committee cochair, management consultant



To many, giving back is a way of saying thanks for their memories. As a student involved with the Annual Fund, I hear alumnae every year express how much Agnes Scott means to them and because of their yearly support, I too am able to grow from my experiences here.

Julia Downs '03, biochemistry and molecular biology major, varsity soccer player, Colonnade Club and Tower Council member, marathon runner Why We Give

# Family Funds The Why of It

hen Dabney Adams Hart '48 arrived at

Agnes Scott, she earned her way on a scholarship the College offered. Now, her family is honoring her with a scholarly gift to Agnes Scott.

Hart graduated from Agnes Scott in 1948 as class president. She later earned her master's and received a Fulbright to pursue the subject of her doctoral dissertation — Christian author and mystic C.S. Lewis.

Proud of his sister, Hart's brother, Howell Adams Jr., wanted to recognize her accomplishments with something more spiritual than bricks and mortar.

Adams and his wife, endowed fund in her Madeline, have endowed a \$250,000 fund for an exceptional visiting professor, the Dabney Adams Hart Distinguished Visiting Humanities Professor. A search committee will be established with hopes of having the first professor on campus in 2004, Adams said.

Hart made Lewis' acquaintance at Cambridge, but it was 30 years later when she wrote a book to finish what her dissertation began. In 1984, the University of Alabama published Hart's book, Through the Open Door: A New Look at C.S. Lewis. And in 2002, British actor Sir Ben Kingsley narrated a PBS program, "The Magic Never Ends," featuring the work of Hart and other Lewis scholars.

During her career, Hart taught at Florida State



AROLINE JOE PHOTOGRAPH

Dabney Adams Hart '48 relaxes at her 55th reunion during Alumnae Weekend in April. Hart was surprised this year by her brother and sister-in-law's gift to the College, an endowed fund in her name for a visiting professorship in the humanities.

University and was an associate professor of English at Georgia State University until her retirement in 1993.

Hart, an Atlanta resident, says her brother and sister-in-law floated the idea one day as they were driving.

"I was totally astonished," Hart said, "completely taken unaware."

But as discussions continued, she said, humanities were her choice. In an age where science and technology reign, her faith remains "in a broad, liberal arts education."

"Technology can show us what to do, and how to do it," she said. "But only the humanities can help us to understand why to do it." —Lisa Ashmore

### **Planning Giving**

### 2003 Walters Society Membership Surges

A remarkable response from alumnae and friends swelled the Frances Winship Walters Society last year, increasing the honor roll of planned giving by more than 100 members.

"The huge growth in the Frances Winship Walters Society reflects the continuing empowerment of women in controlling their

assets and choosing their legacies," said President Mary
Brown Bullock '66, who presented a plaque listing all 480 members at the second annual President's Reception for the society during Alumnae
Weekend. "Agnes Scott will be much stronger for their support."



ael '66

"Lucia Sizemore ['65] told me about the society when it was just starting, and said the College would benefit by knowing of my existing plans," said Linda Lael '66, a charter member.

Recently retired, Lael recruits Woodruff Scholars for the College and is president of her class and treasurer of the alumnae board and the Decatur Alumnae Club. She included the College in her will "because Agnes Scott has meant as much to me as any family member."

Founded in 1994, the Frances Winship Walters Society recognizes donors who support Agnes Scott through bequest intentions, charitable remainder trusts or charitable gift annuities. Walters' 1954 bequest of \$4.25 million more than doubled the College's endowment at the time.

—Lee Davis

### **QUESTIONS?**

Documenting estate plans can be a simple and meaningful way for a donor to help Bold Aspirations.

Documented bequest intentions from donors who reach age 70 or more by the end of the Campaign will be counted at full face value. Donors retain the right to adjust the gift at any time. For more information, contact Chip Wallace, director of planned giving, at 404 471-5358 or cwallace@agnesscott.edu.

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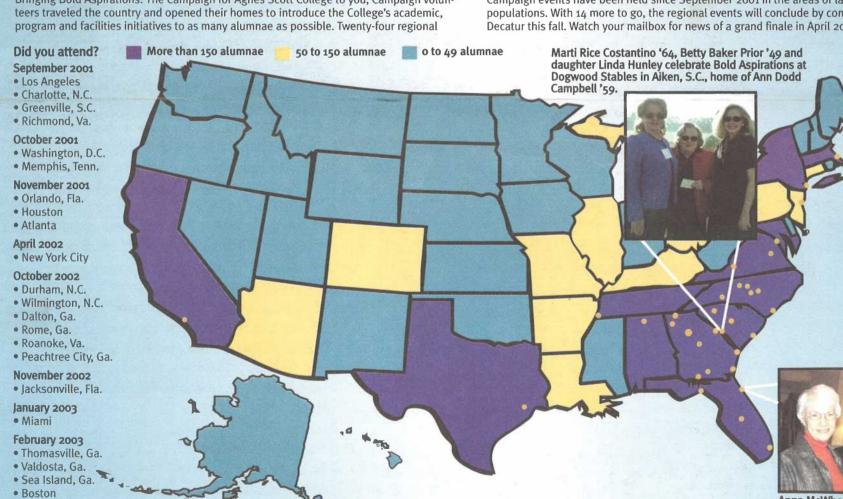
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### **Campaigning Coast to Coast**

Bringing Bold Aspirations: The Campaign for Agnes Scott College to you, Campaign volunteers traveled the country and opened their homes to introduce the College's academic, program and facilities initiatives to as many alumnae as possible. Twenty-four regional

Campaign events have been held since September 2001 in the areas of largest alumnae populations. With 14 more to go, the regional events will conclude by coming home to Decatur this fall. Watch your mailbox for news of a grand finale in April 2004!



More to come!

#### September 2003

- · Charleston, S.C.
- · Savannah, Ga.
- · Macon, Ga.

### • Tallahassee, Fla.

- October 2003 · Greensboro, N.C.
- Winston-Salem, N.C.
- · Raleigh, N.C.
- · Marietta, Ga.
- Alpharetta, Ga.
- · Dunwoody, Ga.
- · New Jersey
- · Gwinnett County, Ga.
- · Huntsville/Decatur, Ala.

#### November 2003

· Decatur. Ga.

### April 2004

Campaign Finale



Anne McWhorter Butler '58, Jo Cobb Kirby '51 and Marybeth Little Lobdell '48 celebrate in Jacksonville, Fla., at the home of Susan Gamble Smathers '75.

- · Augusta, Ga.
- · Aiken, S.C.
- · Columbia, S.C.

### Campaign Totals \$64 million!

### **Honor Roll**

5 Class of '54 honors faculty with advance gift fund.

6 Scarlett Davidson '96 promotes athletics with soccer gift.

# **Event To Honor Donors Set for April**

Bold Aspirations leaders and staff are planning the first of two appreciation events celebrating donors to the highly successful Campaign.

To convey just the right atmosphere of celebration, fun and sincere gratitude, organizers named the first event, April 15, honoring leadership donors, "Great Scott! Thanks a Lot!"

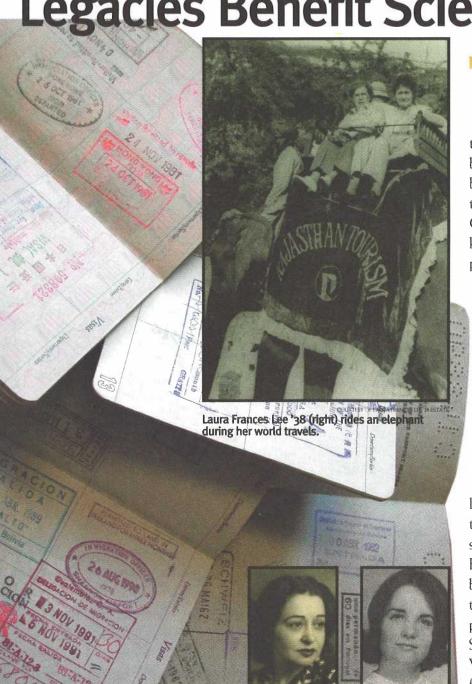
"Our alumnae and friends have been so generous, contributing funds, time and energy to the Campaign," said Tricia Fling Byers '98, chair of the Campaign Finale Planning Committee of the National Campaign Steering Committee. "We want to recognize and thank first those who have taken a leadership role in giving their time and their resources."

Donors of more than \$1,000 in any single Campaign year and those who have contributed \$2,500 or more during the

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# BOL News from The Campaign for Agnes Scott College ASPIRATIONS

Legacies Benefit Sciences, Students



wo generous bequests to Agnes Scott, totaling more than \$1.35 million, will be directed to needbased scholarships and the sciences. The College had no prior knowledge of the estate plans of these alumnae.

"Agnes Scott clearly made an indelible impact on these lives," said President Mary Brown Bullock '66. "For the College to benefit from the foresight of these alumnae is a great honor."

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Laura Frances Lee '38
left virtually everything
to Agnes Scott when
she died in July 2002.
Her unrestricted
bequest, totaling more
than \$1 million, will
partially endow the
Science Center for
Women and help
fund the Science
Center facility and

instrumentation.

Lora Lee DeLoach Allums '31 left 25 percent of her estate to Agnes Scott when she died in January. Her bequest will establish a scholarship fund for students demonstrating financial need in memory of Allums and her daughter, Lora Lee Allums, who attended Agnes Scott in 1961-1962 as a first-year student and died two vears later.

"I am sorry the
College did not know
of plans for these wonderful gifts," said Martha
A. Thompson '66, chair
of the Capital Area
Campaign Committee
and member of the
National Campaign
Steering Committee.
"We could have shown
appreciation for their
strong feelings for
Agnes Scott."

Frances Lee '38 was an

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### **Every Gift Counts**

Martha "Moppy" Trimble Wapensky '44 of Decatur, Ga., became a member of the Frances Winship Walters Society by establishing a \$12,500 gift annuity.

Last year, an investment of Wapensky's matured. She used the principal to make a gift annuity to the College, while preserving the same income stream for life and receiving an income tax deduction.

"It seemed like good sense to me," she said. "Most of what we have will go to our children. I wanted to do something for Agnes Scott, too."

Wapensky and her husband

lived abroad through his career with the International Monetary Fund. She taught



Wapensky '44

English and history in Africa, Barbados and Malta and worked in public television.

Retired, she is a busy volunteer at Fernbank Museum of Natural History and at Senior University of Greater Atlanta at Oglethorpe University.

As the 1944 class fund chair, Wapensky has asked her classmates to join their 60th reunion fund drive.

"We don't have 50 or 60 years to make a difference at Agnes Scott," she said. "We need to make the best of our time now."



Carole Robertson Weil '67 and husband Richard Weil explore South Sawyer Glacier in Alaska's inside passage while on vacation in summer 2003.

Carole Robertson Weil '67 of Atlanta had little contact with other alumnae until classmate Katherine C. Stubbs asked her to help build participation in the Annual Fund.

"I didn't even attend my 30th reunion," said Weil of her disconnection to the College. "I felt I was in a different place in life."

Weil helped organize gatherings in Boston, New Orleans and Charleston, S.C., which helped the class increase its reunion giving participation to 52 percent in 2003.

More valuable to Weil than participation were the reconnections with her classmates. She found a kinship that she attributes to sharing a unique educational experience.

"We may have felt socially restricted at Agnes Scott at the time, but intellectually we were freed and elevated," Weil said. "Now, we just think alike."

The experience made her realize how much she valued the College. "I called my father after our 35th reunion and thanked him for the opportunity to go to Agnes Scott."

Weil made a commitment to the Annual Fund, almost doubling her lifetime giving. "With all the excitement going on at the College, I just felt it was my turn to give," she said.

Janet Kelley Jobe '78 of Chattanooga, Tenn., recently pledged \$8,000 to the Annual Fund for student scholarships to repay the College for scholarships she received.

At her 25th reunion, Jobe was inspired to give so that another student could benefit as she did. After researching her tuition costs, she calculated her financial aid to be worth \$8,000 today.

"I would not have been able to

attend Agnes Scott were it not for scholarships," said Jobe, the director of development at Chatta-



Jobe '78

nooga Christian School. "Donors who had no idea who I was made a difference in my future. They trusted Agnes Scott to administer their funds and select the right students. I felt I should pass that on—I think every scholarship recipient should."

As director of development, Jobe both raises funds and administers financial aid. Previously, she was a financial executive at an insurance company and a real estate agent.

"I'm on my third career, and have been successful at everything I've tried," she said.
"Without the liberal arts education I received at Agnes Scott, I wouldn't have been able to switch careers with confidence. If you know how to think, you can do anything—that's what I learned at Agnes Scott."

### **Bold Aspirations Momentum**

# Campaign Still Building in Final Months

Campaign Co-Chairs Frances Bailey Graves '63 and JoAnn Sawyer Delafield '58 answer some questions alumnae have asked since the total surpassed \$60 million.

# Now that the Campaign has surpassed its \$60 million goal, why continue to ask alumnae to give?

Delafield: Not every need of the College has been fulfilled.
Critical needs in faculty and program support remain under-funded. There are so many areas where the College could continue to grow.



Delafield '58

### What are your goals for the final year of the Campaign?

Graves: The most significant goal of the Campaign is the creation of a strong Annual Fund tradition. We are stretching to achieve new heights of support



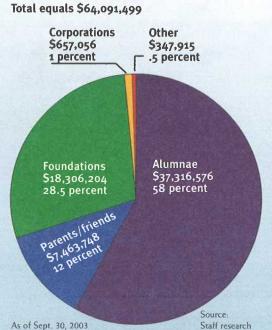
Graves '63

and participation. We hope to reach \$2.25 million and more than 50 percent alumnae participation in this year's Annual Fund and a Campaign total of \$70 million with 75 percent alumnae participation.

### Why will the Annual Fund continue to be important?

Dela field: The Annual Fund is a major source of revenue for the College, supporting annual operating expenses including scholarships,

### CAMPAIGN GIVING BY DONOR GROUPS



### CAMPAIGN INITIATIVES AND UNMET NEEDS

While alumnae and friends have generously supported the initiatives of Bold Aspirations, many remain under-funded.

Most needed are gifts to:

- ASC Edge leadership program
- Athletics and recreation
- Career planning
- Creative writing
- Environmental studies
- Ethics
- Named faculty chairs
- Religious life
- Science Center, programs and instrumentation
- Technology Initiative
- The Center for Writing and Speaking

Kathryn Deane Chambless '89 (from left), Atlanta Regional Campaign Committee Co-Chairs Minnie Bob Mothes Campbell '69 and Mildred Love Petty '61 talk with Joan St. Clair Goodhew '58 at the home of Tricia Fling Byers '98 at a Bold Aspirations Celebration on Oct. 22.

faculty salaries, library resources, campus maintenance and technology. Increasing the Annual Fund will give the College more operating funds every year, ensuring Agnes Scott's

ability to provide exceptional educational opportunities.

### What Campaign activities are taking place now?

Graves: Campaign volunteers are

working tirelessly, writing and phoning alumnae who have yet to give to the Campaign. Alumnae in Georgia, North Carolina, Florida and New Jersey are hosting the final Campaign Celebration events this fall, culminating with four Atlanta-area events.

Student callers are conducting targeted telephone solicitations of different age groups and regions. Staff is conducting solicitations for three-year pledges to the Annual Fund, to build a foundation of post-Campaign support.

# What has the Campaign accomplished besides raising more than \$60 million?

Delafield: We have established strong alumnae leadership in 26 cities. The Campaign Steering Committee and the regional Campaign committees have helped to reconnect alumnae nationwide. We hope that from this broad base of involved alumnae will emerge the next generation of leaders at Agnes Scott.

### **LEARN MORE**

The final day of Bold Aspirations:
The Campaign for Agnes Scott College
is June 30, 2004. To learn more about
how your gift could benefit the College,
contact the Office of Development at
800 868-8602 extension 6302 or
e-mail Susan Fitzgerald Carter,
director of development, at
scarter@agnesscott.edu.

More information about each Campaign initiative is available online at www.agnessscott.edu/campaign.

**Julia T. Gary Summer Collaborative Research Grants** 

# Gift Funds Hands-On Student Research

he first Julia T. Gary
Summer Collaborative
Research Grants for science
enabled two professors
to provide uninterrupted research
experiences to students in 2003.

"Most of the time, we present students with problems that we know are workable, where we know the 'correct' outcome," said B. Lachele Foley, visiting instructor in chemistry. "But, real research isn't like that at all. The answers aren't known, and, often, neither is the method. The grant gave me the opportunity to provide two students a taste of real research in a way that simply could not happen within a typical classroom setting."

Julia T. Gary, former professor of chemistry and dean of the college emerita, established the research grants in 2002 for summer research projects for students and faculty in chemistry, biology, mathematics, physics and astronomy.

Foley received \$5,000 to continue her work on A Scanning Probe Microscopy Study of Properties and Reactivities of Common Small Molecules Absorbed onto Surfaces. Foley collaborated with two students for this project, Abena Frempomaa-Frempong '06 and Veronique Lunganga '06.

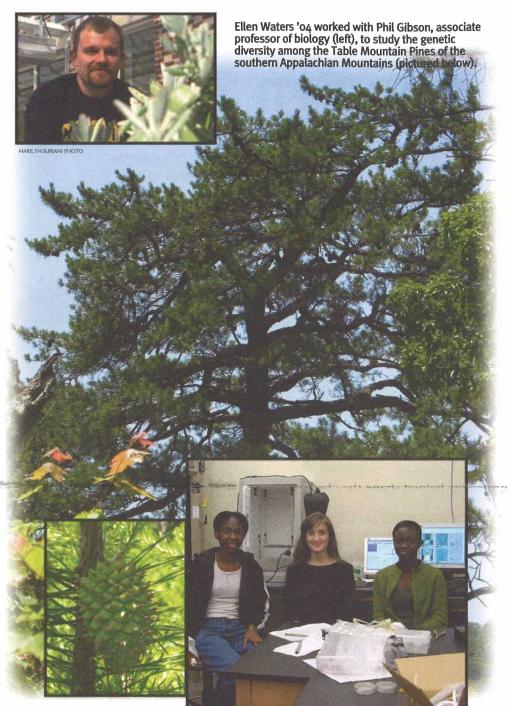
Foley's research utilized the combination scanning tunneling and atomic force microscope, which employs relatively new techniques to image individual molecules using electrical current or atomic force. Frempomaa-Frempong and Lunganga worked collaboratively with Foley to decide which chemicals and reactions would be studied, prepare samples, operate the microscope, and analyze, interpret and present data.

Phil Gibson, associate professor of biology, received \$5,000 to continue his research on the influence of fire on genetic diversity and structure of Pinus bungens or Table Mountain Pine. Gibson worked with Ellen Waters '04 Table Mountain Pine is the only pine of the southern Appalachian Mountains with cones that open to release seeds only after a forest fire. The objective of Gibson and Waters' research was to determine the role of seed storage and fire-release in creating genetic diversity among the pine populations. They collected specimens in a controlled burn area in north Georgia and conducted genetic analysis of laboratory-germinated seeds and field-grown seedlings.

This research addresses the impact of fire suppression policies and provided Waters a unique opportunity to conduct lab- and field-based studies applicable to a current environmental policy issue. The project has formed the basis for additional collaborative conservation research between Gibson and his students, advancing the environmental studies program.

"The Julia T. Gary Summer Collaborative Research Grant provides us the opportunity to give our students the kind of uninterrupted attention that they deserve and that research requires," Gibson said.

—Lee Davis



Veronique Lunganga 'o6 (left) and Abena Frempomaa-Frempong 'o6 (right), both of Ghana, collaborated with B. Lachele Foley, visiting instructor (center), on operating the new scanning tunneling and atomic force microscope.

### Quotable



\*The Decatur alumnae chapter's theme is 'Then and Now—Especially Now.' As I learn about the work done by students and faculty members—ideas and instruments never even dreamed of in my 'then' days in Campbell Hall—I am pulled into the 'now.' I'm excited that students and faculty are working now to help shape the future.

Science grows and changes with amazing speed!

Julia T. Gary, former professor of chemistry and dean of the college emerita

### **Annual Fund Giving**

"It's giving back in appreciation, because good teachers are still needed today. Education is something we can't take away from our children and grandchildren."

Judith Promnitz Marine '54, on her class's advance gift fund for faculty support

# Mind Sparks: '54 Honors Faculty

lassmates Louise Hill
Reaves '54, Jacquelyn Josey
Hahne '54 and Judith Promnitz
Marine '54 laugh as they recall
stories about their favorite professors.

Ellen Douglass Leyburn [English] had a very comprehensive vocabulary and spoke in distinguished tones, Reaves recalled. "One day, we were sitting together at lunch and three green peas rolled off her plate," Reaves said. "She looked at them and said, 'I have dispersed the vegetables.'"

Lasting impressions and friendships with professors helped shape the class's reunion campaign to honor faculty and staff.

Agnes Scott asks each class to make an additional Annual Fund contribution for its 50th reunion. At Marine's suggestion, the class established a special fund for faculty support.

"Our goal was to encourage class members to support today's faculty by honoring past faculty," Hahne said. Many class members were teachers themselves, so the designation seemed appropriate, she said.

Members of the class of 1954 have been contributing to the fund since June 2001. The gifts are being held in a special account and will be credited to the class as part of their 50th-reunion gift.

The 10-member committee adopted a Catherine Wood Marshall LeSourd '36 quote for the campaign slogan, "When mind sparks mind."

The quote is apropos because "these are people who inspired us," Reaves said.

"To date, the class has raised more than \$65,000 in monies received and \$11,000 in outstanding pledges," said Beverly Mancuso, assistant director of the Annual Fund. The class of 1955 also has been contributing to its



Jacquelyn Josey Hahne '54 (from left), Judith Promnitz Marine '54 and Louise Hill Reaves '54, spearheaded their class advance gift fund for their upcoming 50th reunion. The fund will provide faculty support.

advance reunion fund, she said.

Once a donation is received, the College sends an acknowledgement to the person who has been honored or the next of kin in the case of a memorial gift, Mancuso said. Twenty-five faculty and staff members have been honored thus far.

Honorees will be invited to attend reunion events, and they will be recognized during a class dinner.

"It's giving back in appreciation, because good teachers are still needed today. Education is something we can't take away from our children and grandchildren," Marine said.

"Professors aren't the bricks and mortar, but they bring the campus buildings alive," Reaves said.

Contributions to gift funds may be sent to the Office of Development and should indicate the gift's designation.

- Martha Gaston '04

### 833 Club Helps Young Alumnae Budget Giving

"I'm still a struggling student, so I don't have the money to make a big gift," said Rachel Sullivan '01, a second-year law student Georgia State University and among the first young alumnae to become an 833 Club member. "And I wanted to give, because I'm proud of my alma mater and proud to have graduated from Agnes Scott."

To help young alumnae support Agnes Scott at a significant giving level in a way that fits their budgets, the Annual Fund

### BECOME A MEMBER

To join the 833 Club, call Emily Henderson '03 at 404 471-5479.

office created the 833 Club

Alumnae who graduated within the last 10 years are invited to make gifts of \$8.33 per month automatically charged to a credit or debit card. In 12 months, with a few pennies added to the last installment, an 833 Club member's gift equals \$100.

Young alumnae are particularly sensitive to exactly what their contribution is worth in real terms. Some examples of what \$100 might fund at Agnes Scott are four new telescope eyepieces for astronomy students, 10 hours of tutoring at the Writing Center or three books for McCain Library.

"The initial response to the program has been very encouraging," said Emily Henderson '03, Annual Fund officer. "Some young alumnae have even doubled their monthly installment to \$16.66, to make a \$200 annual gift."

### **Annual Fund Giving**

## **Corporate Matches Help Multiply Alumnae Giving**

've always wanted to give as much as I can so I've always taken advantage of the match," said Jo Hinchey Williams '55 of Bradenton, Fla. "I've been thrilled to realize how much the matching gift policy would increase my giving. "

Williams has quadrupled her gifts to Agnes Scott for many years with matching gifts from her retired husband's employer, ExxonMobil. ExxonMobil matches gifts to higher education at a ratio of three-to-one, with a match of up to \$15,000 per year.

"My husband also contributes to causes he wants to support, and ExxonMobil matches that, too. It's definitely a win-win situation," said Williams.

Corporations often match gifts of employees, retired employees or spouses of employees through their philanthropy programs. In 2002-2003, Agnes Scott received matching gifts totaling \$162,864.

This fall, Agnes Scott changed its matching gift policy to credit a donor for corporate matching gifts when he or she submits the matching gift forms or notifies the College of the company's match-

ing gift on-line process. For example, a gift of \$500 accompanied by matching gift paperwork indicating a one-for-one match will result in immediate gift credit of \$1,000 to the original donor. Previously, the College gave the donor credit for a matching gift when the College received the funds.

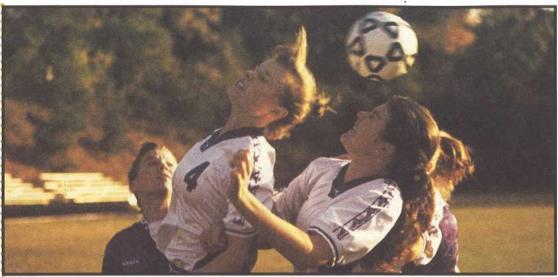
"Applying for matching funds at Yahoo! is a simple process," said Kathy Scott '85 of San Francisco, client solutions manager with Yahoo! Inc. "The company encourages employees to apply for matching fund support—up to \$1,000 per year. It's a chance for us to have a voice in how Yahoo! supports the community. The Yahoo! matching gift program is definitely a great way to maximize my giving."

The Council for Advancement and Support of Education lists more than 7,500 companies with matching gift programs. To find out if your employer matches gifts to higher education, contact your human relations department or go to the on-line giving form at www.agnesscott.edu/giving and click on the e-match system at the bottom of the form. —Lee Davis

"In the past few years, I think Agnes Scott has embraced diversity and quality of education at a new level. It has regained relevance for me ... offering something for who I am now, just as it did when I was a student.

Kathy Scott '85, client solutions manager for Yahoo! Inc.





A pledge from Scarlett Horny Davidson '96 to the Annual Fund and the soccer team will help fund the nearly \$20,000 in annual team expenses for uniforms, equipment and travel.

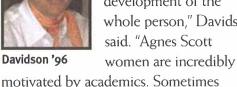
### **Agnes Scott Soccer Team Scores** With Davidson's Campaign Pledge

Scarlett Horny Davidson '96. M.A.T. '98, of Cocoa, Fla., speaks fervently of the role of sports in education. A high school honors English teacher, Davidson made a pledge of \$3,000 to the Annual Fund and soccer team.

Agnes Scott's goalie from 1994 to 1996, Davidson remembers how much athletics

> added to her college experience.

"Sports are tremendously important to the development of the whole person," Davidson said. "Agnes Scott



we forget that excelling athletically can be beneficial and complementary to academic performance. Playing on a team can be such a great bonding experience: when you win and lose together, it really tests and builds friendships."

"Participation in team sports helps our students build confidence and selfesteem," said Joeleen Akin, athletic direc-

### **COLLEGE RECEIVES NCAA GRANT**

The NCAA Division III Ethnic Minority and Women's Internship Grant Program awarded \$24,000 to Agnes Scott to help fund a two-year internship in athletics administration. Agnes Scott received the award because of its commitment to ethnic and gender representation in Division III athletics. Intern Diedtra Reid will serve as NCAA compliance coordinator and assistant volleyball coach through 2004-2005.

tor, "by teaching them to win with grace and view losing as an opportunity for

"I'm delighted to learn of this pledge and hope other young alumnae will support their teams, too," Akin said.

A Central Florida Campaign Committee member. Davidson is committed to the

"Going to Agnes Scott was one of the best things that ever happened to me. Agnes Scott offers an unparalleled education, and more than any other place fills a hole that we have in education across the United States. I'm passionate about education and passionate about Agnes Scott."

### Quotable

"Our alumnae and friends have been so generous, contributing funds, time and energy to the Campaign.

We want to recognize and thank first those who have taken a leadership role in giving their time and their resources."





# **Legacies Benefit Students**

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English major and involved in Eta Sigma Phi, the Greek and Latin society; Pi Alpha Phi, the debating club; the *Agnostic* student newspaper; and the Current History Forum. Classmates Elizabeth Blackshear Flinn '38 and Myrl Chafin Hansard '38 remember her as quiet, intellectual and unassuming.

In the 1947 alumnae survey, Lee '38 said the aspects of her Agnes Scott education most valuable to her were "the mental stimulation, the awakening of desire to continue learning things." And continue to learn she did, surrounding herself with books and traveling the world.

A career librarian, Lee '38 specialized in children's services in Baltimore, Youngstown, Ohio, and San Diego. She began traveling in 1962. By 1989, she had covered the globe, visiting more than 30 countries in Western and Eastern Europe, Africa, the Balkans, Scandinavia, Asia, the South Pacific and South America.

Lee '38 attended her 45th and 50th class reunions. In 1983, she won second place for longest distance traveled to campus and was awarded a red bikini worn to the reunion as a hatband by Giddy Erwin Dyer '38, who won it in 1978. Lee '38 never married and had no other heirs.

Allums '31 was an English major and a swimmer, who achieved academically and enjoyed membership in the Lifesavers. She taught elementary grades at Crew Street School in Atlanta and later junior high and high school.

Allums '31 earned a master's in education at Oglethorpe University. Husband John F. Allums earned a doctorate in political science and taught at Emory University and The University of Georgia.

They settled in Falls Church, Va., where her hus-



Frances Lee '38 (far right) is shown with classmates (left to right) Gwendolyn McKee Bays '38, Elizabeth McCord Lawler '38 and Mary Galloway Blount '38 at their 45th reunion. Lee credited Agnes Scott with "the awakening of desire to continue learning."



band worked in the Executive Office of the President in emergency management for several administrations. He is the coauthor of the textbook Principles of American Government. John Allums

has also included Agnes Scott in his will.

The College has received more than \$5 million in realized bequests during the Campaign. —Lee Davis

# **Event Honoring Donors Set for April**

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Campaign, as well as regional and national Campaign volunteers, will be invited to the black-tie event in Evans Dining Hall on April 15. Organizers hope this event will motivate others to rise to a more significant level of giving before the Campaign ends June 30.

Committee members include Byers; Jeanne Kaufmann Manning '72; Louise Hill Reaves '54; Anne Jones Fears '79; Marilyn Johnson Hammond '68, director of alumnae relations; Lewis Thayne, vice president for institutional advancement; Susan Fitzgerald Carter, director of development; Barbara Prevost, director of student activities; and Lisa Tillman, development officer.

"Expect surprises," Carter said. "Very creative alumnae are involved in planning an exciting and memorable evening for leading donors."

The final Campaign celebration will be held Friday, Sept. 24, after totals are in. An outdoor, campuswide event is being planned. This event will embrace the entire Agnes Scott community and honor all of the more than 6,300 donors.

"Creative ways to post every donor name are under investigation," Thayne said.
"This Campaign has become a success through the generosity of many, showing that Agnes Scott's strength lies in the widespread support of her alumnae and friends."

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Santa Fe alumnae (left to right) Lynne Lambert Andrews '62, Catherine E. Beck '80, Mary Anne Fowlkes '59, Talissa McCormick '70, Mary Daniel Finney '59, Jeanne Kaufmann Manning '72, Sarah Tucker Miller '50 and Penelope Penland '67 gathered at Manning's Santa Fe home to share College news and memories. Below, Penland and Fowlkes show their class rings.



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Jeanne Kaufmann Manning '72, a member of the National Campaign Steering Committee, recently hosted a small group of alumnae at her home in Santa Fe, N.M. Manning, a tireless Campaign volunteer and supporter, shared her experience with JoAnn "Joie" Sawyer Delafield '58, national Campaign co-chair, and Lewis Thayne, vice president for institutional advancement, in a letter from the field.

August 24, 2003

We had a great luncheon last Wednesday at my house in Santa Fe. There were Dear Joie and Lewis, eight (including me) out of the 12 Santa Fe alumnae attending. I can assure you that all of the College's outreach efforts are working! Everyone was quite receptive and eager to come—even those who were out of town were clearly disappointed to miss

The size of the group was fun because we had group conversations. We talked about the Science Initiative. I read the College mission statement to them—and they the event. asked me to read it again! Most had already seen it in the magazine, and we talked about how meaningful it was to each of us. One woman had several hats in her car and we put them on to pose for photos.

The tenor of such a small gathering is very different from the larger events. I find it very moving to get to know a group of diverse women who once attended Agnes Scott. Joie, you may remember how intimate it feels to bond with these women after a leisurely meal and earnest conversation. It is really quite remarkable that one could become so fond of a group of total strangers! It has been a very satisfying and Sincerely, rewarding experience.