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SUBJECT: AGNES SCOTT ALUMNAE TO FOLLOW SHERMAN'S MARCH TO THE SEA

Agnes Scott College alumnae will travel the route of Sherman's March to the Sea for a history seminar March 5-7. Dr. Bell I. Wiley, Civil War historian and historian-in-residence at Agnes Scott, will guide the study tour.

Leaving the Agnes Scott campus early Friday morning, March 5, the group will travel to Milledgeville, the capital of Georgia during the Civil War. The group will tour the Governor's Mansion (1838-1868) and Milledgeville's historic district.

Continuing to follow Sherman's March, the group will arrive in Savannah and will spend Saturday touring historic areas, including Fort Pulaski. On Sunday, the seminar participants will visit historic Madison before returning to Decatur.

Dr. Wiley was professor of history at Emory University from 1949-1974. He has also been a Fulbright lecturer of American history in Korea and a lecturer for the U.S. Department of State in Europe and Australia. This past fall he was the Mellon Visiting Professor in the Humanities at Tulane University.

He is the author of many books on Civil War history. His two latest, published in 1975, are "The Common Soldier of the Civil War" and "Confederate Women." Among his other books are "The Life of Johnny Reb: The Common Soldier of the Confederacy," "The Life of Billy Yank: The Common Soldier of the Union" and "The Road to Appomattox."

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The Agnes Scott Alumnae Association is sponsoring this history seminar for alumnae, their families and friends. For additional information, call the Alumnae Office, Agnes Scott College, 373-2571, extension 207.

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RELEASE DATE: Week of Feb. 8

SUBJECT: AMERICAN MUSIC PIANO RECITAL

Pianist Jay Fuller performs a recital of music by American composers February 13 at Agnes Scott College. Fuller, assistant professor of music at Agnes Scott, will perform at 8:15 p.m. in Presser Hall. The public is invited at no charge.

The program includes "Fourth Sonata (Keltic)" by Edward MacDowell, "Piano Variations" by Aaron Copland, "Twelve Definitions" by Beryl Rubinstein, "Excursions (II, IV)" by Samuel Barber and "The White Peacock" by Charles T. Griffes.

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SUBJECT: NOTED THEOLOGIAN TO SPEAK AT AGNES SCOTT COLLEGE

Dr. Bernhard W. Anderson, noted author and professor of Old Testament theology at Princeton Theological Seminary, speaks on "New Horizons in Teaching the Bible" March 12 at Agnes Scott College. He delivers his address at a retirement dinner honoring his personal friend Dr. Paul Leslie Garber, professor of Bible and religion at Agnes Scott for 33 years.

Dr. J. Davison Philips, president of Columbia Theological Seminary and former pastor of the Decatur Presbyterian Church, will be master of ceremonies for the dinner. Invited guests include government leaders of the City of Decatur and DeKalb County, Atlanta area educators and religious leaders, and Agnes Scott alumnae who were Bible and religion majors and minors during Dr. Garber's tenure.

Dr. Anderson, who has taught Bible on the college, university and seminary levels, will speak particularly on biblical instruction appropriate to the college level liberal arts curriculum. Dr. Garber's key professional interest has been the teaching of Bible in the classroom within the context of world history and archeological findings on biblical cultures.

Dr. Anderson has directed archeological expeditions in the biblical city of Shechem and has served as Annual Professor at the American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem. He is known to thousands of college and seminary students, including Agnes Scott women, as the author of the book, "Understanding the Old Testament." He has written numerous articles for scholarly journals and dictionaries as well as books and essays for

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church and youth groups. An ordained minister in the United Methodist Church, he earned degrees at the College of the Pacific, the Pacific School of Religion and Yale University.

Dr. Garber, whose special interests include American religious thought, Judaism, Islam and archeology, has spent considerable time in "the lands of the Bible." His interest in the relation of archeology to Scripture led to the construction of the most accurate replica of Solomon's Temple, the Howland-Garber model housed at Agnes Scott College. He is working on a book on the Solomonic era.

An ordained Presbyterian minister, Dr. Garber served a parish in Durham, N.C. before coming to Agnes Scott. He has been active in the work of the Atlanta Presbytery and the Synod of Georgia and helped organize the Oglethorpe, Clairmont and North Decatur Presbyterian Churches.

He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and has served as a regional and national officer of the American Academy of Religion, the Society of Biblical Literature and the Archaeological Institute of America. The author of numerous articles and book reviews, he has contributed to professional journals, dictionaries and encyclopedias.

The Agnes Scott board of trustees is establishing a fund in honor of Dr. Garber, the proceeds of which will go toward the purchase of aids for teaching Bible and religion.



July, 1976

RELEASE DATE: July - DEKALB NEWS/SUN Bicentennial Issue - EDUCATION SECTION

SUBJECT: WOMEN OF ALL AGES ATTEND AGNES SCOTT COLLEGE

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Women of all ages and backgrounds are attending Agnes Scott College in Decatur. For many, both teenagers and grandmothers, the College's chief attraction is its small size and reputation for academic excellence.

Commenting on her experiences at Agnes Scott, one older, or non-traditional student, Frances Summerville Guess (Mrs. John H.) of DeKalb County, said, "I find the same friendliness and concern among the faculty and the same emphasis on academic excellence now as I did when I attended Agnes Scott as a teenager some 20 years ago. The only difference this time is that I'm more motivated."

Other non-traditional students have spoken favorably of the attention and friendliness of faculty and fellow students. A student-body of 600 and a faculty of 70, most of whom have their doctorates, allows small classes of 8 to 15 students and individual attention from full-time faculty.

The non-traditional program is for the woman who never attended or did not complete college. The program allows her to take one course a quarter or a full course load. She can study subjects for her own enjoyment or to complete a degree. All classes are during the day.

Under streamlined admissions procedures, the non-traditional student does not take any entrance tests, but furnishes recommendations and high

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school or college transcripts. She is asked to interview with the admissions staff. Once admitted, she attends class with regular students. This past year 50 women, 30 of them from DeKalb County, were enrolled for one or more quarters as non-traditional students.

In addition to its small size, another attraction of Agnes Scott for many students, both regular and non-traditional, is its student-body of all women. As a recent graduate stated, "A college dedicated to the education of women is, by its existence, a statement of the value of women and their development."

At Agnes Scott women lead classroom discussions and campus intellectual life. Women are student government leaders, newspaper editors and political activists. Women, young, middle-aged and older, are the primary concern of Agnes Scott programs and faculty.

At Agnes Scott all students study a liberal arts curriculum. The bachelor of arts degree is offered in 25 areas ranging from art to physics. Programs are available for pre-med, pre-law and pre-seminary students. For students interested in engineering, the Dual Degree program offers them three years at Agnes Scott and two years at Georgia Tech resulting in degrees from both institutions. Prospective teachers can qualify for professional certification on the elementary or secondary level.

Financial aid is available to both regular full-time and non-traditional students. The college meets 100 percent of each student's financial need

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as computed by the Parents' Confidential Statement of the College Scholarship Service or Family Financial Statement of the American College Testing Program. Music merit scholarships are also available.

Admission, financial aid, academic and extracurricular programs are administered without regard to race, color and national or ethnic origin. For information about Agnes Scott, call 373-2571.

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SUBJECT: LAGRANGE ALUMNUS NAMED TO DANA CHAIR AT AGNES SCOTT COLLEGE

Dr. Michael J. Brown (B.A., 1956) is one of four professors at Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Ga., to hold a Dana Chair for his outstanding teaching and scholarship. The Dana Professorships are awarded upon the approval of the Agnes Scott Board of Trustees and funded from an endowment from the Charles A. Dana Foundation, Greenwich, Conn., and matching funds from the College.

Dr. Brown, a native of England, is chairman of the history and political science department at Agnes Scott, a liberal arts college for women. He taught at Agnes Scott from 1960-62, then came to LaGrange College to teach from 1962-65. He returned to Agnes Scott in 1965 and was named department chairman in 1970. He earned his M.A. and Ph.D. from Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.



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SUBJECT: U.N.C.-GREENSBORO ALUMNA NAMED TO DANA CHAIR AT AGNES SCOTT COLLEGE

Dr. Mary Boney Sheats (B.A., 1938, Phi Beta Kappa) has been appointed to one of four Dana Chairs at Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Ga., for her outstanding teaching and scholarship. The Dana Professorships are awarded upon the approval of the Agnes Scott Board of Trustees and funded from an endowment from the Charles A. Dana Foundation, Greenwich, Conn., and matching funds from the College.

Dr. Sheats chairs the Bible and religion department at Agnes Scott, a liberal arts college for women. She joined the Agnes Scott faculty in 1949 and was appointed department chairman in 1970. She earned her M.A. from Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., and her Ph.D. from Columbia University, New York.



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Mary Boney Sheats (Ph.D., 1956) has been appointed to one of four Dana Chairs at Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Ga., for her outstanding teaching and scholarship at the liberal arts college for women. The Dana Professorships are awarded upon the approval of the Agnes Scott Board of Trustees and funded from an endowment from the Charles A. Dana Foundation, Greenwich, Conn., and matching funds from the College.

Dr. Sheats chairs the Bible and religion department at Agnes Scott, where she has taught since 1949. She earned her B.A. from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and her M.A. from Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.

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SUBJECT: TWO DECATUR RESIDENTS NAMED TO DANA CHAIRS AT AGNES SCOTT COLLEGE

Two Decatur residents who teach at Agnes Scott College have been appointed to the third and fourth Dana Chairs at the liberal arts college for women. The professors are Dr. Mary Boney Sheats, chairman of the Bible and religion department, and Dr. Michael J. Brown, chairman of the history and political science department.

The first and second Dana Chairs are occupied by two other Decatur residents, Dr. Marie Pepe, chairman of the art department, and Dr. Nancy Groseclose, chairman of the biology department.

The Dana Chairs are awarded, upon the approval of the Agnes Scott Board of Trustees, to outstanding teacher-scholars in recognition of their achievement and as encouragement to the faculty for teaching.

Agnes Scott is one of 25 American colleges granted a Dana Professorship program by the Charles A. Dana Foundation, Greenwich, Conn. The chairs are endowed by a \$250,000 grant matched by the College with a like amount. The income from this combined total supplements the regular compensation of the professors occupying the Dana Chair.

Dr. Sheats, chairman of the Bible and religion department since 1970, has taught at Agnes Scott since 1949. She is an adviser to the student Christian Association and chairman of the executive committee of the faculty. She is the author of several books published by the Presbyterian Church, U.S. and of scholarly articles for professional journals. She is a member

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and past president of the American Academy of Religion, Southern Section, and of the Society of Biblical Literature, Southeastern Region.

A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Dr. Sheats earned her master's degree from Emory University and her doctorate from Columbia University. She has done post-doctoral study at Oxford University, England.

Dr. Brown, chairman of the history and political science department since 1970, teaches primarily the history of England, especially the Tudor and Stuart periods. Alternate summers he teaches a study abroad course in England on the social history of the Tudor and Stuart periods. This summer he is leading a group of Agnes Scott alumnae on a tour of England.

Dr. Brown, who is a native of England, was elected to the British Royal Historical Society in 1970. That same year his book, "Itinerant Ambassador: The Career of Sir Thomas Roe," was published. He is a member of the American and the Southern historical associations and the Conference on British studies.

Dr. Brown earned his master's and doctorate degrees from Emory University, where he was a Danforth and an Emory fellow. He has taught at his undergraduate alma mater, LaGrange College, and at Davidson College.



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SUBJECT: TWO EMORY ALUMNI NAMED TO DANA CHAIRS AT AGNES SCOTT COLLEGE

Dr. Mary Boney Sheats (M.A., 1949) and Dr. Michael J. Brown (M.A., 1958, Ph.D., 1964) are the third and fourth professors at Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Ga., to be named to Dana Chairs for their outstanding teaching and scholarship. The Dana Professorships are awarded by the Agnes Scott Board of Trustees and funded from an endowment from the Charles A. Dana Foundation, Greenwich, Conn., and matching funds from the College.

Dr. Sheats, who earned her Ph.D. at Columbia University, chairs the Bible and religion department at Agnes Scott. She began teaching at the liberal arts college for women in 1949 and became department chairman in 1970.

Dr. Brown, a native of England, is chairman of the history and political science department at Agnes Scott. He taught at Agnes Scott from 1960 to 1962, then at his undergraduate alma mater, LaGrange College, from 1962 to 1965, and returned to Agnes Scott in 1965. He was appointed department chairman in 1970 and that same year elected to the Royal Historical Society of England. His academic speciality is Tudor and Stuart England.



September, 1976

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SUBJECT: BENTON KLINE NAMED FIRST ALSTON VISITING PROFESSOR AT AGNES SCOTT COLLEGE

Dr. C. Benton Kline, Jr., professor of theology and former president of Columbia Theological Seminary, has been named the first Wallace McPherson Alston Visiting Professor at Agnes Scott College. The professorship was established by the Agnes Scott board of trustees in 1973 in honor of Dr. Wallace M. Alston, president of Agnes Scott from 1951 to 1973.

The Alston Chair is in the department of Bible and religion. Dr. Kline will occupy the chair during the fall quarter, 1976.

Upon announcing Dr. Kline's appointment, Agnes Scott President Marvin B. Perry, Jr., said, "It is particularly fitting that Professor Kline be the first incumbent of the Alston Chair. Dr. Kline joined the Agnes Scott faculty in 1951, the first year of President Alston's administration. By general agreement he was one of the most effective, popular and respected teachers in the faculty during the '50s and '60s."

In addition to teaching philosophy at Agnes Scott, Prof. Kline served as dean of the faculty from 1957 to 1968. He has since served as dean of the faculty at Columbia Theological Seminary and as president of the Seminary from 1971 through 1975. He continues to teach on the Seminary faculty as a professor of theology.

In Atlanta Dr. Kline is well-known in the Presbyterian Church, U.S. He is a member of the Church's permanent theological committee and a former member of numerous councils and committees in the Presbytery of Atlanta and the Synod of Georgia. He serves on the boards of several organizations, including the Decatur Board of Education, the Christian Council of Metropolitan Atlanta, the Protestant Radio and Television Center, the Georgia Association of Pastoral Care and the Urban Training Organization of Atlanta.



November, 1976

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SUBJECT: WRITING CONTEST FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

The 1977 Agnes Scott College Writers' Festival invites manuscripts for its annual poetry and fiction contest for college students ONLY. Participants must be enrolled in Georgia colleges or universities, public or private.

The two contest categories are poetry and short-stories. No manuscript should be entered that has been published in a copyrighted publication. Contestants may submit no more than five pages of poetry and no more than two short stories of approximately 3,000 words each. All manuscripts must be typed.

The deadline for submitting manuscripts is February 1, 1977. All entries should be mailed to: Writers' Festival, Box 915, Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Georgia, 30030. Each work must have attached a sealed envelope with the name of the work on the outside and the author's name, institution and address enclosed. If a manuscript is to be returned, it must be accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

In an initial judging, Agnes Scott College writers will select the best poems and stories for publication in the Festival issue of "Aurora," the Agnes Scott literary magazine. The final judging will occur at the Festival April 7 and 8. The Festival judges will be professional writers Eudora Welty, Josephine Jacobsen and Guy Davenport. Prizes of \$100 each will be awarded for the winning poem and the winning short story.

The public is invited to the Writers' Festival, free of charge. On April 7 Josephine Jacobsen, poet and fiction writer, will speak at 2:10 p.m., and Eudora Welty, one of America's best known fiction writers, will speak at 8:15 p.m. On April 8 Guy Davenport, critic, editor, poet and story writer, will speak at 11:30 a.m.



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SUBJECT: DECATUR RESIDENT STUDIES STATUS OF WOMEN IN INDIA

Decatur resident Connie Jones traveled in India this summer and studied, among other characteristics of Indian life, the status of women. A sociology instructor at Agnes Scott College, Ms. Jones participated in the International Seminar on Education and Community Development in India sponsored by North Carolina State University. She and 21 other social scientists studied at Tamil Nadu Agricultural University at Coimbatore in southern India and traveled for a month in the surrounding regions.

Ms. Jones's conclusions about women's status in India are based on private interviews with women, seminar sessions and her own observations while traveling and visiting numerous villages and the cities of Bombay, Delhi, Madras, Cochin and Srinagar. She met with women who had headed governmental and university studies on the status of women and with demographers at the National Institute of Population Research.

"Women's status in India," Ms. Jones said, "has remained largely unchanged. Marriages are still arranged for the most part and most women, whether educated or not, occupy the traditional mother-housewife role. India is basically a patriarchal society where women's status is determined almost completely by their husband's status."

Noting the exceptions to the housewife role, Ms. Jones said, "Women working in professional careers are usually university

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professors in women's colleges, doctors and lawyers. There are few women in engineering, business or agricultural management, although 70 percent of the population works in agriculture-related occupations."

"Women in the lower socio-economic classes, however," she said, "do work outside the home, usually at agricultural stoop labor and menial tasks such as breaking up gravel. For the same jobs, women are often paid less than men, or men may supervise female work forces and thus be paid more. Unemployment is a pervasive problem, and men hold even the low-status service and clerical jobs that women have traditionally held in the United States," she stated.

"What American women would find surprising," Ms. Jones said, "is that the middle and upper class housewife has fewer chores than her American counterpart. Servants, who are easily afforded in Indian society where domestic labor is inexpensive, maintain the house and care for the children. Even volunteer work is not a major outlet for the talented, energetic woman because there is little organized charity or volunteer work in India. Volunteer service and community action are not institutionalized in Indian society as in American society," she explained.

Continuing in her observations on women's status, Ms. Jones noted that, although women have the vote in India, few hold office. By law a woman must be included on each village's governing body, called a panchayat, but according to Ms. Jones these women are

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few and seem to have little power.

"The women's movement," Ms. Jones said, "is visible only in the large cosmopolitan cities such as Bombay and Delhi. As in the United States, it is centered among the educated middle and upper class women. These women are tackling a multitude of problems, ranging from birth control to equal pay for equal work and equal educational opportunities for women."

An institution that is slowly changing, Ms. Jones observed, is the extended or "joint" family. At marriage couples still move in with the groom's family so that a large number of aunts and uncles, brothers and sisters-in-law reside under one roof.

"However," Ms. Jones said, "geographical and social mobility are increasing as young men move away from their families to find jobs in the cities. With this mobility comes an increase in the nuclear family form, which consists of husband, wife and children."

She added, "The family always includes children. One does not hear of a childless couple who is childless by choice. Indians don't even think of it. In fact, doctors are forbidden by law to sterilize anyone married or unmarried, who has not had children," she stated.

However, she reported, vasectomies and tubectomies are easily available for couples who have had children, and the national government disseminates family planning and birth control information and services.

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Another social custom that Ms. Jones noted in India was the advertising in newspapers for marriage partners, one aspect of "arranged" marriages.

"Even Indians who come to the United States to study or work may choose to have their families advertise in Indian newspapers for marriage partners" she said. The marriage is "arranged" in that the family must approve of the prospective bride or groom, and the couple probably have never met until the newspaper advertisement brings them together.

These and other observations on Indian culture Ms. Jones plans to incorporate into the courses on the sociology of religion and the sociology of women that she teaches at Agnes Scott, a woman's college. For the sociology of religion course, she will also be able to show slides of temples and Hindu ceremonies that she photographed. In the sociology of women course she will be able to expand upon discussion of attitudes toward women in Eastern and Western civilizations.