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SUBJECT: HISTORICAL CONSTELLATIONS GLORIFIED KINGS AND CATS

Most star gazers can find the Big and the Little Dippers in the night sky, but who ever heard of "King George's Harp" or "Herschel's Telescope" as names of star patterns?

According to Julius D. W. Staal, director of the Agnes Scott College Planetarium, astronomers working between 1700 and 1900 created an over-abundance of new star patterns that are now considered obsolete by the International Astronomical Union. "The stars still exist," he explains, "but they are parts of other constellations or are not included in any official constellation at all.

"The 18th and 19th century astronomers," he states, "named new constellations sometimes to glorify themselves, but more often to honor a statesman or king, or just to fill the space between existing constellations. So these old star patterns have names such as 'King Charles' Oaktree,' 'Frederick's Glory' and 'Felis, the Cat.'"

When presenting the historical constellations, Staal likes to set the record straight on the current popular star patterns, the Big Dipper and the Little Dipper. "These star patterns," he explains,

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"aren't really constellations at all, but only parts of two official constellations, Ursa Major (the Big Bear), and Ursa Minor (the Little Bear)."

Staal, a fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society, London, England, will lecture on the obsolete constellations named in the 18th and 19th centuries Jan. 7 and Feb. 4 at Bradley Observatory on the Agnes Scott campus in Decatur. The free, public programs will begin at 8 p.m., rain or shine, and will include telescope observations, weather permitting.

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SUBJECT: BRADLEY OBSERVATORY TO SHOW HISTORICAL STAR PATTERNS

"King George's Harp," "Herschel's Telescope," "King Charles' Oaktree," the "King of Poland's Bull" and a collection of animals will be presented as historical star patterns, or constellations, Jan. 7 and Feb. 4 at Bradley Observatory on the Agnes Scott College campus in Decatur.

Julius D. W. Staal, director of the Agnes Scott Planetarium and a fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society, London, England, will lecture on these "now obsolete constellations created by 18th and 19th century astronomers." The free, public programs will begin at 8 p.m., rain or shine, and will include telescope observations, weather permitting.

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SUBJECT: PIANIST JAY FULLER TO PERFORM FACULTY RECITAL

The Agnes Scott College Faculty Recital Series will present pianist Jay Fuller in recital Friday, Jan. 28, at 8:15 p.m. in Presser Hall. Fuller, a member of the Agnes Scott music faculty since 1954, will perform Beethoven's "Sonata in C Major, Opus 53," Chopin's "Three Etudes" and "Ballade in G Minor, Opus 23" and Ravel's "Gaspard de la nuit." The public is invited to Fuller's recital, free of charge.

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SUBJECT: ATLANTA RESIDENT RECEIVES DAVIDSON COLLEGE ALUMNI AWARD

Atlanta North Highland Street resident Dr. W. Edward McNair, professor emeritus of English at Agnes Scott College in Decatur, was presented an Alumni Service Medal by the Davidson College alumni association during the North Carolina college's recent alumni reunion weekend.

The award honors living alumni who have given exceptional service to Davidson. The service medal was presented by Davidson College President Samuel R. Spencer Jr., who serves on the Agnes Scott Board of Trustees.

McNair, who retired from Agnes Scott in 1977 as director of public relations and associate professor of English after a 25-year career there, formerly taught at Emory University and in the Atlanta public schools. A member of the class of 1933 at Davidson, he holds master's and doctoral degrees from Emory.

McNair has served as a trustee of The Children's School in Atlanta and as an elder at Druid Hills Presbyterian Church. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and has been active with the Rotary Club and the Atlanta Historical Society.

He is past president and secretary of the Atlanta chapter of Davidson's alumni association and has served as class president, reunion chairman and class agent for annual giving.

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SUBJECT: WOMEN'S COLLEGE NAMES FIRST MALE RECRUITER

DECATUR (ATLANTA), GA. -- Richard Evans, son of Mrs. Jo Ann Hunter Evans of Mountain Brook and graduate of Mountain Brook High School, has been named the first male admissions counselor for the private liberal arts women's college, Agnes Scott, in an Atlanta suburb.

As admissions counselor, Mr. Evans will travel Texas, Alabama, Virginia, Maryland, the Florida panhandle and Washington, D.C. to recruit prospective students by sharing a male's viewpoint on the advantages of women attending a female higher educational institution.

Mr. Evans graduated in secondary education from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, where he was a team counselor and co-coordinator for the freshman orientation program. He was also a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

He comes to Agnes Scott from Oxford College of Emory University in Oxford, Ga., where he held the same position as admissions counselor.

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SUBJECT: AGNES SCOTT APPOINTS NEW ADMISSIONS COUNSELORS

Agnes Scott College has appointed its first male recruiter to the 550-student women's college. Richard Evans, formerly an admissions counselor for Oxford College of Emory University, covers the Southern territory to recruit prospective students and shares to high school groups the advantages of female students attending a women's college from a male's viewpoint.

A secondary education major from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Mr. Evans was active in the freshman orientation program for the University as a team counselor, and later as co-coordinator of the program. He was also a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

At Agnes Scott, he will cover Texas, Alabama, Virginia, Maryland, the Florida panhandle and Washington, D.C.

A Birmingham, Ala. native, Mr. Evans graduated from Mountain Brook High School and is the son of Mrs. Jo Ann Hunter Evans of Birmingham.

Emily Sharp and Valerie Whittlesey are also joining Agnes Scott as admissions counselors. Ms. Sharp is the daughter of the Rev. Grant and Mrs. Carolyn Sharp of Statesville, N.C. and a 1983 psychology graduate of Agnes Scott.

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She is responsible for covering the Carolinas, Louisiana, and Mississippi, where she educates and interviews prospects about Agnes Scott. At the College, she gives campus tours and coordinates student admissions representatives.

Admissions counseling is a very visual job which requires "being prepared to answer anything they ask you," Ms. Sharp said.

While attending Agnes Scott, she was a member of the student-alumnae liaison committee, a student admissions representative and a junior representative to the social council.

Ms. Whittlesey is a summa cum laude graduate of Hampton Institute in Hampton, Va. and is completing her doctorate in psychology from Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y. Ms. Whittlesey, from Columbus, Ga., will focus primarily on minority recruitment and will travel throughout the country to meet with minority groups, high school students and alumnae.

At Hampton, she was a member of the psychology club and several honor societies. She was president of Psi Chi, a national psychology honor society. While attending Cornell, she was a member of the Black Graduate Students Association. Ms. Whittlesey is the daughter of Mrs. Jacquelyn Whittlesey of Columbus.

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SUBJECT: JOHN FLINT HONORED AT 100TH BIRTHDAY

John Flint, described as a dedicated Christian and faithful employee who influenced students and staff at Agnes Scott College for his almost 60 years of employment there, will be honored at the college for his 100th birthday on October 1, 1983. At a reception given by his family, to be held in Rebekah Scott Hall at 5:30 p.m., he will be greeted by friends, and staff and faculty of the college and will receive a captain's chair, inscribed with the college seal. He will also receive several proclamations by state and local officials.

The distinguished employee began his career at Agnes Scott in 1910 as janitor for one of the dormitories. He worked his way up to be head waiter for the dining hall, and then as head of cafeteria personnel. Mr. Flint created an atmosphere of propriety and graciousness at the Southern, private liberal arts women's college in the Atlanta suburb of Decatur. He required those who worked for him to dress formally while on duty, which meant white coats, white shirts, black bow ties, dark trousers and shined shoes.

A former professor described Mr. Flint as ". . . a man walking upright before God. What there is in man that is honest, dignified, unafraid, gentle, gracious, conscientious is gathered together in Mr. John Flint . . ."

Whether he rang a bell announcing meals three times a day or waited tables at the dining hall, Mr. Flint believed in doing his best with dignity. He set a standard of high self-esteem and a gracious style which others followed.

Besides his work at the dining hall, his many artisan talents were utilized at the college. He painted and designed elaborate moldings to the interiors of campus buildings and helped dig foundations for construction. Much admired and respected by students, he even helped students decorate for parties and gathered logs for their fall bon fires on campus.

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He has worked for all the presidents, with the exception of the current president, Dr. Ruth A. Schmidt. He retired at the age of 72, but came back for a few years in his eighties to work for Dr. Marvin B. Perry, Jr., who was the fourth president.

Mr. Flint resides in a DeKalb/Atlanta neighborhood, just down the street from the college. He was married to Louise White, who is now deceased. Their six children, five who live in the Atlanta area, will be attending his birthday reception.

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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON JOHN FLINT

John Flint sits upright, hands crossed in his lap, wearing a freshly-pressed suit covering a healthy build which belies his years. He is alert and quick to respond to any questions asked. His handshake is strong and his stare is filled with both curiosity and intensity.

John's den is decorated in comfortable furniture, and the room is immaculate. Family photographs cover the mantle and a needlepoint "God Bless America" hangs on a nearby wall.

His lifestyle is simple -- he arises each morning and washes his face, reads the Bible and then the newspaper. He then settles down for a large breakfast of streak of leans, eggs, grits and biscuits, followed by a walk down the block. Most of his day is spent reading, visiting with family and occasionally viewing baseball games and horse races on television -- nothing particularly extraordinary, except that John will be 100 years old soon and could easily pass for a man of his late sixties.

His family is honoring him with a reception on his birthday on Oct. 1 at Agnes Scott College where he worked for almost 60 years. There he will be greeted by family, friends and college faculty and staff. Agnes Scott is presenting him with a captain's chair, inscribed with the college seal.

John attributes his longevity to eating little meat and living a wholesome lifestyle. His diet consists mainly of fresh vegetables, but he admits to eating sweets and drinking coffee daily.

His lifestyle is directed by what he reads in the Bible -- mainly in "Proverbs" which, he says, is full of wisdom. "I ask God to take care of me and I live by His instructions," John said. His father, a minister, taught John the Bible and how to live by "being kind and nice to everybody." He raises his eyebrows and smiles as he holds up his little finger, "I don't

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have that much against anyone in this world."

John came to Decatur from Covington, Ga. when he was 16 years old. He was passing through on his way to California when he spotted Louise White, the 11-year-old daughter of a woman who worked at Agnes Scott.

The day John saw Louise, he was determined to marry her, so he got a job as a janitor at the college and waited six years to ask her mother's permission to date her. Because of his impeccable reputation on the campus, her mother granted permission to him only. When Louise was 18, John finally asked her to marry him, and the seven years of waiting paid off.

"We loved each other and were very devoted to each other. We had a well-spent life together," John said of his long-lasting marriage to Louise until she died. Referring to his successful marriage, he leaned forward in his chair and pointed his index finger, "Try your best to do your part and if (your spouse) does the same, you'll be happy."

Not only was his marriage one of love and joy, but his relationship with his children was also. Each of his three sons and three daughters talks about him in respectful tones. Anytime there was an argument, John held "family conferences" where he would lecture and then pray with them. No one left the gathering angry.

"It's a wonderful life when you have a happy home," he said, which is the reason why John can admit that he is satisfied with his life.

He found fulfillment in his work, putting forth his best whether it was working as a janitor for one of the dormitories or being head waiter of the dining hall and head of cafeteria personnel. John created an atmosphere of propriety and graciousness at the Southern, private liberal arts women's college. He set a standard of high self-esteem and a gracious style, which influenced those around him.

The beloved employee worked at Agnes Scott for almost 60 years under four different college presidents. John recalled what one former college president said, "If I had my backyard and front yard full of John Flints, I wouldn't have to worry."

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SUBJECT: MILDRED MELL, 92, OF AGNES SCOTT COLLEGE DIES

Mildred Rutherford Mell, 92, professor emeritus of economics and sociology at Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Ga., died in Spartanburg, S.C. Sept. 16, 1982.

Miss Mell was an active member of the Southern Sociological Association. During the 1940's, she served as a member of the executive committee, the publications committee, and the research committee. In 1945, she chaired the membership committee, and from 1944 to 1946, she chaired the committee on local arrangements.

She was a fellow of the American Sociological Society. She also helped establish the Atlanta Chapter of the American Association of University Women. She was a member of the Southern Economics Association, the Institute of Labor Studies, and the Foreign Policy Association.

During her career, Miss Mell published numerous articles and presented many papers to various organizations, including the Southern Sociological Association. Her published articles include "Poor Whites of the South" in Social Forces, "Trade Relations of the United States with the New Europe" in Studies in the Social Sciences, "A Science Defined in Retrospect," in

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Phylon, and "Southern Poor Whites" in The Saturday Review of Literature.

Miss Mell, a native of Athens, Ga., was a 1907 graduate of the Lucy Cobb Institute, Athens. She earned her A.B. degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1920 and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. She received her master's degree from the University of Georgia and her doctorate from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Miss Mell began her teaching career as a mathematics professor at the Lucy Cobb Institute and later served as president of the Institute from 1922 to 1925. She was dean of women and later academic dean at Shorter College in Rome, Ga. In 1938 she went to Agnes Scott, a women's college, as professor and head of the economics and sociology department, where she remained until her retirement in 1960. In 1965 at age 76, she taught for one year at Oglethorpe University in Atlanta.

During her years at Agnes Scott, Miss Mell served on various advisory committees, including the College's lecture committee. As chairman of the committee, she was instrumental in bringing such guests as Sir John Gielgud, Arnold Toynbee, Margaret Mead,

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and Robert Frost to the campus. She was also active in many community service organizations in the Atlanta area including the League of Women Voters, the Social Planning Council of Atlanta and the Young Woman's Christian Association.

Since 1980, she had lived in Spartanburg. One nephew and two nieces survive her.