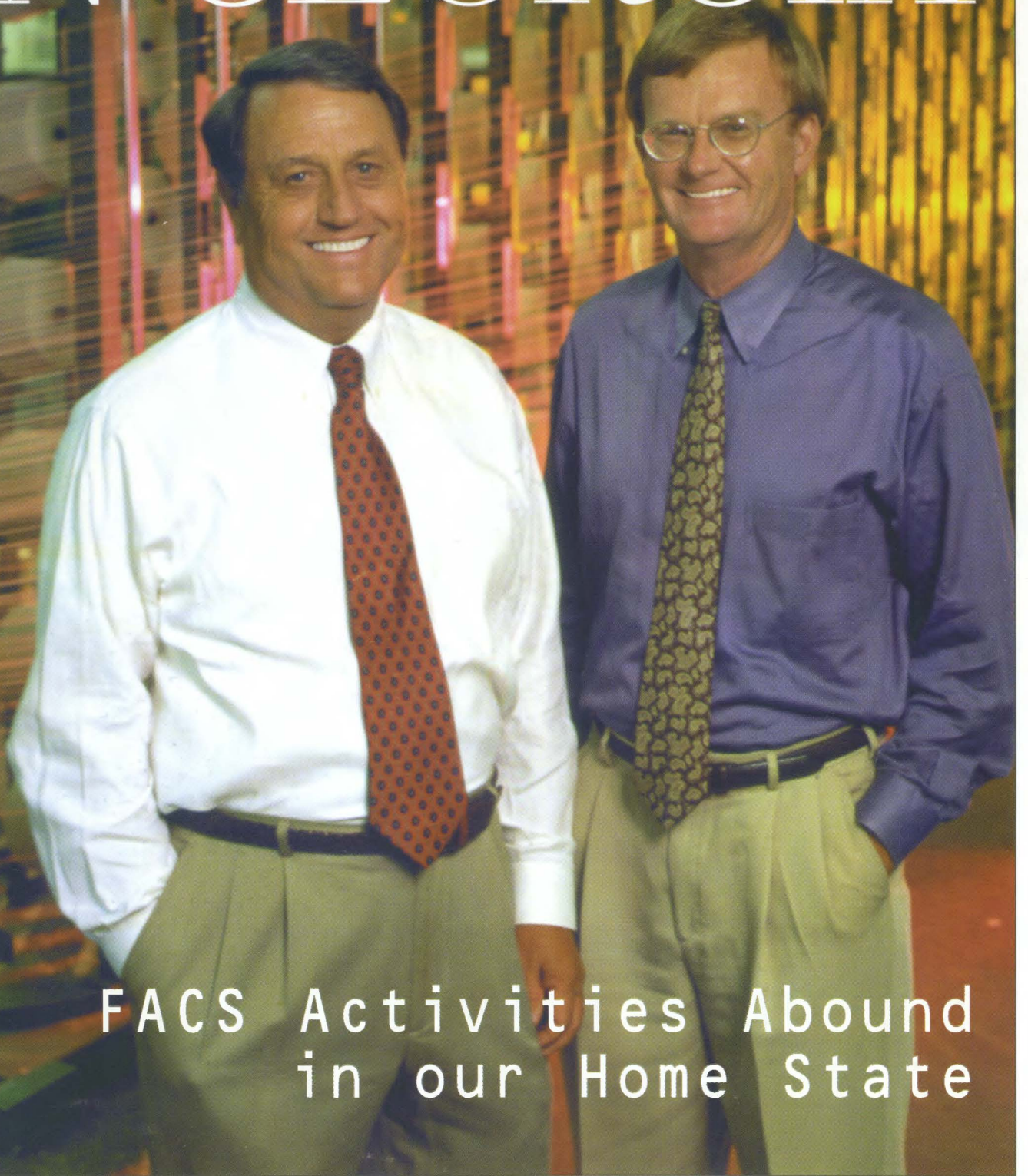


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## From Satisfied Customers to Raving Fans

**T**HE DEMAND FOR MAJORS in Family and Consumer Sciences has increased in the past four years, resulting in an enrollment increase of more than 20 percent since 1995. Likewise, groups external to the College are increasingly requesting the research and outreach expertise of our faculty and alumni to address issues affecting environmental quality, economic viability of communities, early development of our children, affordable housing, and the nutritional status of our citizens. In this issue of the FACS magazine, you will read about technology transfer with a human touch.



The College of Family and Consumer Sciences is making a difference in Georgia! That's the message from our satisfied customers and our raving fans.

For example, Roy Bowen, president of the Georgia Textile Manufacturers Association has this to say: "Faculty in UGA's TMI department play a key role in responding to industry requests. Our textile and carpet companies get the answers they need by working together with researchers at the University of Georgia and Georgia Tech—and that enhances industry's bottom-line performance."

In explaining how Dr. Doug Bachtel helps decision-makers in the state of Georgia use often overwhelming demographic data, Ann Webb, executive director of the Flint Area Consolidated Housing Authority wrote that while some of Dr. Bachtel's comments were not enthusiastically received, they acted as a catalyst for change.

Other exemplary programs in the College receive rave reviews because of their effectiveness in developing human potential. Judy Bodner of the division of public health at the Georgia Department of Human Resources, wrote this about FACS contributions to the "Better Brains for Babies" collaboration: "Your contributions in the partnership have been so key in extending the message throughout Georgia about the importance of early brain development. Your fact sheets on early brain development have become acclaimed, standard tools in media work and presentations."

These are just a few of the outstanding projects that respond to the multi-faceted needs of consumers, families, and communities. On a daily basis, our alumni and faculty help to improve the human condition and the viability of communities by the application of their expertise.

Also included in this issue is the Honor Roll of Donors. Our most sincere thanks are expressed to each person who invested in the future of the College of Family and Consumer Sciences. The College will award \$56,150 in scholarships in 1999-2000. During the summer, \$2,000 was provided to students for Study Abroad experiences. This support is possible through current contributions, estate gifts, and endowment funds. Contributions to the College's annual fund exceeded last year's level by 6%. These funds provide support for alumni activities including the FACS magazine, annual meeting, alumni awards, and Honors Day; and they provide the College with a margin of excellence which benefits our students. We are happy to count our donors among our satisfied customers and raving fans. We sincerely thank you.

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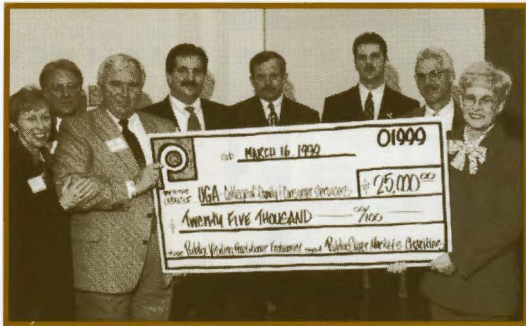
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**THE COVER:** Mickey D. Lankford, president of Walton Fabrics in Monroe, and Ian Hardin, head of the textiles, merchandising and interiors department, stand in front of a warper. Walton Fabrics, a unit of Avondale Mills, is one of the many textile companies in Georgia and neighboring states to benefit from the Consortium on Competitiveness in the Apparel, Carpet and Textile Industries. [Story on page 4]





## Publix Establishes Visiting Practitioner Endowment

Publix Supermarket has provided funding for the Publix Visiting Practitioner Endowment.

"This gift provides the funds necessary to bring in an annual visiting practitioner from a consumer foods corporation to speak and interact with our students for one week during the academic year," according to Katrina Bowers, FACS director of development. "This interaction with business/industry will enhance the academic experience for our students by providing them with a taste of the 'real world' to come."

Those attending the check presentation in March included Bob Moore, president of Publix-Atlanta, which covers stores throughout most of Georgia, Alabama and South Carolina; Sam Middlebrook, Publix director of merchandising; Joe DiBenedetto, Publix regional director for the Athens area; Jeff Moore, Publix district manager; Don Whittemore, Athens Publix store manager; and Kevin Peck, Watkinsville Publix store manager. ■

## UGA Dietetics Programs Continue Tradition of Excellence

The American Dietetic Association has granted continued approval of the didactic (undergraduate) program in Dietetics. Dr. Joan Fischer, assistant professor of foods and nutrition, coordinated the self-study for the didactic program. Dr. Barbara Grossman, director of the AP-4 Program (graduate) is coordinating the self-study for the AP-4 program which is up for renewal next year. The M.S.-AP-4 program places 12 students at nine internship sites each year. ■

## We Are the Champions . . . Publix Endowment

### CULINARY INSTITUTE

## School Food: New Tastes, Better Nutrition

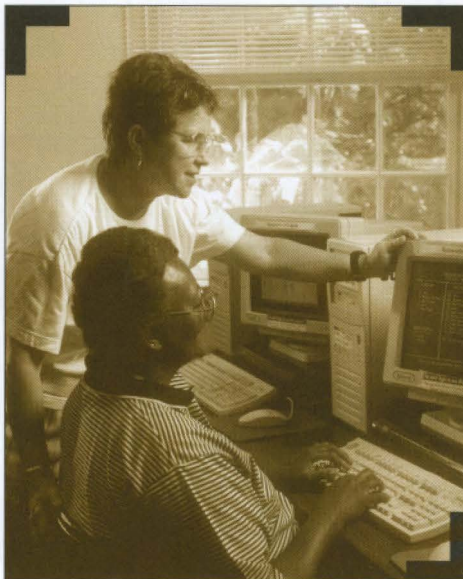
Reducing childhood obesity, teaching healthy food selection, curbing plate waste, making use of pounds of pureed prunes and bales of mozzarella cheese provided by the federal government, plus creating at least 200 meals each year that appeal to children are just a few of the challenges that face Georgia's school food service personnel.

Each year, 60 food managers and assistant managers from school districts throughout the state attend the federally funded Culinary Institute at the College learning new and better ways to operate their cafeterias.

"This program has reinforced many things I've thought about, such as emphasizing to our employees why they can't modify a recipe—if an illness happened to break out, it's important to know exactly what was used that day," said Annie Williams, assistant food manager at Druid Hills High School. "Also, the Nutra-Analysis program will allow us to determine the vitamins, minerals and fats in a recipe, which also is important."

Participants also try out new ideas, learning how to assess whether changing the fat content, for example, of a recipe makes it unpalatable to the average grade-schooler. Or, using web-sites to find new recipes to interest the ever-changing tastes of students who come from diverse backgrounds.

"In many instances, this program provides those attending their first contact with university faculty through an outreach program," said Ruthann Swanson, assistant professor of food and nutrition, who works with the program. "In addition to reinforcing information they already know, such as assessing food quality and observing food handling and food safety protocols, they have the opportunity to learn new information and skills, such as recipe analysis." ■



Nina Marable, professor of foods and nutrition, is shown helping Annie Williams, assistant food manager at Druid Hills High School in Avondale, how to use a computer program that provides recipe analysis.



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## EXTRA-CURRICULAR

### FACS Students Contribute to Athletics Championships

A number of FACS students played vital roles in the University of Georgia capturing NCAA championships in gymnastics, women's swimming and men's golf, and second place in women's golf, this year

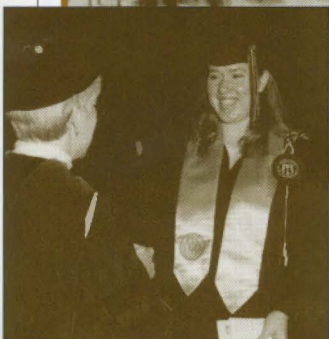
The team members included: Kristina Lichey (Child and Family Development), gymnastics; Julie Varozza (Furnishings and Interiors), Leslie Place (Child and Family Development), and Tamara Crystal (Dietetics), swimming; Nicholas Cassini (Consumer Economics), Ryuji Imada (Consumer Economics), Michael Morrison (Consumer Economics), Mark Northey (Consumer Economics), Jeremy Parrott (Consumer Economics), and Michael Parrott (Consumer Economics), men's golf; and Lauren Henderson (Consumer Economics), and Reilley Rankin (Child and Family Development), women's golf. ■



Winner swimmer Julie Varozza



LEFT: Faculty representatives, students and guests listen as Dean Nickols delivers her remarks during the December '98 Convocation Ceremony.



Dean Sharon Y. Nickols congratulates First Honor Graduate Sandy Huff (Child and Family Development / Early Childhood Education: Pre-K-2) at the May '99 Convocation Ceremony.

RIGHT: Ivy Gentry Hubler (Dietetics) delivers the Student Response at the May '99 Convocation Ceremony.



## CONVOICATIONS 1998-99

In 1998-99, the College of Family and Consumer Sciences graduated 391 students; 370 were undergraduates. With the conversion to the semester system, UGA adopted two commencement ceremonies—one in December and the other in May. The College also added a ceremony in December. Approximately 100 students participated in the December ceremony held on campus in Hugh Hodgson Concert Hall in the Performing Arts Center. Nearly 140 attended the May Convocation held in the theater of the Classic Center in downtown Athens. ■



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*The Consortium on Competitiveness for the Apparel, Carpet, and Textiles Industries joins scientists and manufacturers to meet the challenges of three of Georgia's most venerable businesses.*

**From the clothes on your back** to the sheets on your bed and the carpet under your feet, Georgia's textile, apparel and carpet industries wrap around the daily life of the state's residents.

The three industries employ more than 135,000 people and are a \$13 billion industry, making them the largest manufacturing group in the state by far.

If you visit the carpet mills in Dalton, you can see where more than 70 percent of the nation's carpet is produced. Travel to Avondale Mills in Monroe and you'll be at the headquarters of a company that has annual sales in excess of \$1 billion and produces fabrics from denim to awning material. Or visit Springs Industries in Griffin and see plants that produce Springmaid and Wamsutta brand towels.

Although the textile, carpet, and apparel industries have enjoyed steady growth in recent years, they also are facing new challenges—such as exploring the benefits of computer technology, searching for ways to respond more rapidly to customer requests, and determining the most environmentally prudent

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**TMI professor Charles Yang has put a new “wrinkle” in wrinkle-free clothing.**



## FACS IN GEORGIA: THE CCACTI IDEA

*"From the get-go we knew this research had to be industry driven."*

methods of producing their products.

"In the past, individual companies haven't had the resources to address a lot of issues," according to Dave Lamb, plant manager for Springs Industries' Griffin finishing plant. "Our company had worked with some people in academia on research projects, but the funding wasn't available for an on-going relationship."

Six years ago, then-Gov. Zell Miller helped solve that problem, and current Gov. Roy Barnes has added his support.

By establishing the Traditional Industries Program, Miller set aside funding to ensure that the industries that have served as Georgia's financial backbone for generations remain viable. Besides the carpet, apparel and textile industry, TIP also provides funding for the pulp and paper industry and the food processing industry.

The programs are designed to connect the industries to those in Georgia's research universities who can provide answers to their challenges.

In the case of the carpet, apparel and textile industries, a unique alliance—the Consortium on Competitiveness for the Apparel, Carpet, and Textile Industries (CCACTI)—was formed, including industry representatives, the Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors Department at UGA, the School of Textile and Fiber Engineering at the Georgia Institute of Technology, and a number of other colleges and universities throughout the state.

"From the get-go we knew this research had to be industry driven," said Roy Bowen, president of the Georgia Textile Manufacturers Association. "We didn't want a professor to develop an idea and then try to peddle it to the industry. Instead, the industry people put the issues we're dealing with on the table and ask for proposals from the researchers. CCACTI ensures that the researchers' work is on task and on time."

While Bowen's words are blunt, the reality is that industry personnel enjoy a comfortable relationship with the academicians and hold them in high regard. And with good reason. The faculties at the two universities aren't "eggheads" who don't know how the real world works. In fact, some of them came to academia after lengthy stints in the industry, while others were with the Environmental Protection Agency prior to "retiring" to part-time faculty positions.

Even those who have made academia their career clearly understand the need to solve the day-to-day issues that face the carpet, textile and apparel industry in Georgia.

The projects frequently focus on several issues,

such as environmental regulations and determining better and more cost-effective methods of creating products.

For example, Charles Yang, a textile science professor, has developed a new wrinkle-free finish that doesn't use formaldehyde.

"The chemicals in this product are food-grade," Yang points out. "One is citric acid, another is a chemical used in chicken processing and a third is used for water treatment. Our system is completely environmentally safe, there's no toxicity."

Yang worked closely with Oxford Industries in Walton County in developing the product, which is being produced and marketed by Callaway Chemicals, another CCACTI partner. He now is working with other CCACTI partners exploring whether the finish can be used on lighter-colored and lighter-weight fabrics.

In addition to producing a product that is being sold by a Georgia company and could reach a market estimated in the United States at more than \$8 billion, Yang's research could lead to protection for workers who would no longer be exposed to formaldehyde, a possible carcinogen, and the chemical won't have to be treated in the waste water of textile companies.

Environmental issues are among the most challenging facing the textile industry, according to GTMA's Bowen.

"We want to be recognized as good environmental stewards," Bowen said. "Besides the fact that we frequently live in the same towns—breathing the same air and drinking the same water—as our plants, we believe that taking care of the environment translates into good business."

**B**esides the need to control air and water emissions, textile companies also face a growing need to deal with their solid wastes. Landfills are quickly reaching capacity and the cost of sending waste products to landfills is increasing.

Several CCACTI projects have focused on finding better ways to recycle textile wastes.

Patti Annis, a textile science associate professor, has developed a site on the World Wide Web that includes a list of recyclers, where they're located, and what sorts of solid waste they recycle. In addition, the web site lists information provided by manufacturers on the sorts of waste they generate. While the information doesn't directly list which manufacturer produces what sort of waste, enough information is provided to allow recycling companies to contact manufacturers about recycling possibilities.



## *“The bottom line is making sure Georgia companies remain viable.”*

“We’re finding that manufactures are making a lot of use of the site to find outlets for their fibrous and industrial waste,” Annis said.

Other projects that focus on resolving the solid waste problem include designing storage pallets out of textile and carpet waste, using textile fiber in roadbeds, and searching for microbes that breakdown textile waste.

And, while CCACTI is designed to specifically benefit Georgia manufacturers, the research is helping industries throughout the South.

For example, research by Nolan Etters, a textile science professor, and Warren Perkins, a research scientist, focuses on reducing the amount of chemicals used in denim production.

“The typical denim producer spends around \$12 million to \$14 million a year on dyes and chemicals in manufacturing,” Etters said. “We think we can save 20-30 percent on dyes and chemicals, which would translate into

\$15 million-\$20 million in yearly savings for Georgia’s denim producers.”

In conducting their research, Etters and Perkins have worked with Avondale Mills, which is headquartered in Monroe. However, the company’s dye plants are located across state lines—one in Silicauga, Ala., and a second in Graniteville, S.C.

“All of our industry partners have major presences in Georgia, and most of them are headquartered here,” said Ian Hardin, head of the Department of Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors. “Whether we work with their plant in Georgia, or one in South Carolina or Alabama, our research results have the biggest impact in Georgia because that’s where the center of our activity is.

“The bottom line is making sure that Georgia-based carpet, textile and apparel companies remain viable, remain profitable, and continue to provide employment for Georgia residents.” ■

# REALITYCHECK

*Dr. Doug Bachtel collects the statistics that reveal the real map of Georgia.*

*There are 163 firms* in Georgia that employ more than 1,000 people. The bulk of the state’s employment opportunities are firms with fewer than 20 people.

Some Georgia counties had higher populations in the 1930s than they do now. More than 40 percent of the residents in some areas of the state don’t have a high school education; the infant mortality rate in some counties is higher than Cuba; and the number of births to unwed mothers is at 50 percent.

While the statistics are shocking, Doug Bachtel knows these are the numbers community leaders must understand if they’re going to make changes.

“I’ll let the politicians talk about the positive statistics,” said the professor of housing and consumer economics. “I’ll tell



Ryan Kelly and Doug Bachtel



## FACS IN GEORGIA: REALITY CHECK

*"A lot of local folks know this information intuitively . . .*

them the negatives so they'll know what they have to overcome to improve their communities."

Bachtel, who received the University of Georgia's Hill Award this spring for distinguished achievement in public service, has been gathering and sharing the state's demographic information for 19 years. But the advent of welfare reform has given new urgency to his message.

With a \$750,000 grant from the Georgia Department of Human Resources, Bachtel has prepared reports on the state's 12 regions as defined by the Department of Human Resources. In addition, he's using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to gather even more important information.

"We're taking the addresses of the TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) recipients and plotting them on a map," he explained. "Then, we're plotting where the day-care centers are located, where the social service agencies are found, where public transportation is available, and where the job opportunities are. When it's done, these maps are going to look like they have the measles."

The GIS maps will provide community leaders a systematic understanding of their communities, Bachtel said. "A lot of the local folks know this information intuitively, but they need to see the reality of where people live versus where they work versus where they can take their children to day-care."

An example of a community that already has made

use of such information is Montezuma, which sought Bachtel's help following the devastation of Macon County by Tropical Storm Alberto in July 1994.

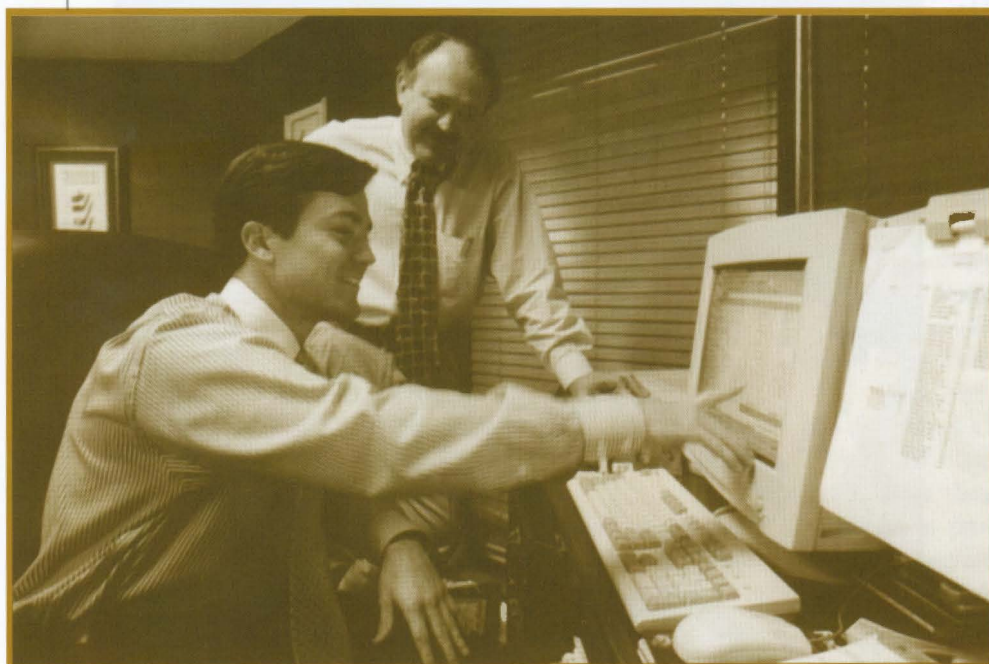
"Dr. Bachtel's comments brought into focus the community's demographic profile," said Ann Webb, executive director of the Flint Area Consolidated Housing Authority. "His words made us rethink the realities of addressing issues like unemployment, low education attainment levels, poor job readiness skills, teen pregnancy, and an aging population base."

The result:

Two non-profit organizations that provide transportation services targeted to low-income areas have been established; the county development authority and the city of Montezuma now have revolving loan funds to encourage business development; and the state Department of Consumer Affairs has provided funding for training and assistance for a third non-profit organization focusing on home ownership.

In addition, Bachtel arranged for then-consumer economics student Ryan Kelly to work as an intern for the county and assist them with grant applications for two "family investment centers," which will house a community credit union, a Boys and Girls Club, a senior citizen day-care center, and a pre-kindergarten program.

"Thanks to Ryan and Dr. Bachtel, we soon will have one-stop service centers for troubled families," Webb said.



## Backpack to Briefcase

**Serving in Leadership FACS, as a legislative aide, and as an intern with a real estate investment company, all helped Roland Crawford (BSFCS, '97, Housing) prepare for his career as a project manager for The Piedmont Foundation, a nonprofit organization that develops housing for families with lower incomes.**

"I'm the only person I know who is using exactly what I studied in college in my career," said Crawford, who is one of a staff of nine. "We work as a team with HUD, FHA and other lenders, as well as market analysts and attorneys to build affordable housing."



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*... but they need to see the reality of where people live and work."*

Although Bachtel's current project puts a new spin on demographic information, he's spent the past 19 years offering straightforward information to the citizens of Georgia.

"*The Georgia County Guide* actually started as a way to let industries outside the state get the information they needed to consider moving here," he said. "But after we published the first one in 1981, we soon found there was a great demand internally for this information."

While Bachtel is now well-known for his candid talk, in years past there were community leaders who thought he should be fired.

"My goal is to put all of this information into a com-

prehensive package, but sometimes, for example, educators in a county don't want to hear that the high unemployment rate is connected to the number of kids dropping out of high school," he said.

Now, however, Bachtel is hearing from communities that are grateful for his presentations, such as Montezuma.

"While some of Dr. Bachtel's comments were not enthusiastically received, they acted as catalyst for change," Webb said. "He has helped us deal with the economic realities of living in one of Georgia's less prosperous areas and demonstrated unusual skill in dealing honestly with the public in an environment that demanded the best in human relations skills." ■

# BABIES AND THEIR BRAINS

Diane Bales, assistant professor of child and family development, wants to **maximize Georgia's brain power.**

***Everyone knows how important*** it is for expectant mothers to receive prenatal care. The same goes for the importance of school-age children to be challenged academically, and nurtured socially and emotionally.

But what about the children who are between those ages?

From birth to age 3, much of the brain's "hard-wiring" takes place. Based on a child's experiences, brain cells form connections for everything from speech to math skills. While these connections continue at a slower rate throughout our lives, nothing can take the place of this early development.

It is with this in mind, that Diane Bales, assistant professor of child and family development, and other members of the College of Family and Consumer Sciences Extension faculty, are traveling hundreds of miles throughout Georgia training community leaders in ways to ensure babies get the good start they deserve.

"New medical technology has given us a clear picture of the child's developing brain," Bales said. "What we see is that the kinds of experiences children have during

their first years of life actually shape how their brains develop. We have pictures of a normal child's MRI and those of a child who was raised in a Romanian orphanage with very little stimulation. The difference in brain development is dramatic."

While FACS always has been involved in early childhood development, more attention is being given to early brain development because of recent studies showing that many of Georgia's children are missing out on the appropriate kinds of attention in their early years.

FACS has joined with several other groups in Georgia, including the Department of Human Resources, and the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation, to establish an initiative known as Better Brains for Babies: Maximizing Georgia's Brain Power.

"Our coalition has trained more than 200 people, each of whom will train at least four more groups of people," Bales explained. "The idea is to spread this knowledge as far as possible. We want to reach parents, child-care providers, nurses, doctors, legislators, and others who are concerned about children."



# FACS IN GEORGIA: BABIES' BRAINS

*"Improving lives . . . is at the core of our mission . . ."*

Bales also has overseen development of a series of information sheets that address such topics as the importance of experiences in building neural connections; why



**Diane Bales and Friend**

breast milk is best for babies; the benefits of simple activities, such as a trip to the library or grocery store; and how music can enhance a child's aptitude for math. These information packets have been written both for a general audience and for those with less education.

"Many of these messages aren't new and startling, but they point out and reinforce how important it is to provide babies appropriate stimulation," Bales said.

"Our next step is to expand on this information," she said. "We're writing about new topics and developing follow-up materials. We're also translating our materials

into Spanish in order to reach that growing segment of our state."

Bales also had the opportunity to provide Gov. Roy Barnes an overview of the program.

"I spoke as part of a kick-off for several agencies interested in this subject, including Gov. Barnes," she said. "He made it clear that early childhood development will be a major thrust of his administration."

"Improving the lives of individuals and families is at the core of our mission, and we'll continue to play a major role in outreach, research and teaching efforts that focus on the lives of young children," said Christine Todd, associate dean for outreach and extension.

Other programs under way that focus on young children and their families include the Strengthening Georgia's Families and Communities Initiative. This program, funded by the Georgia General Assembly, has allowed FACS educators located around the state to concentrate their efforts on early brain development and family self-sufficiency.

In addition, the McPhaul Center is expanding its day-care program to include a full-day program for infants beginning this fall.

"It's essential that we continue to research the impact of early experiences on children's brain development," Todd noted. "And, it's just as essential that we share this knowledge with as many people as possible." ■

*For information or to obtain the Better Brains for Babies packets, contact Dr. Diane Bales, 706/542-7566, email: dbales@arches.uga.edu.*

## IN MEMORIAM

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| ANNIE MARY BOLTON (BSHE '33)<br><i>August 22, 1998</i>               | NORMA BELL IRVIN (MATRICULATE '49)<br><i>August 24, 1998</i>           | VIRGINIA PORTER QUILLAN (BSHE '47)<br><i>1976</i>                 |
| MARIAM BRADLEY CAMP (BSHE '45)<br><i>April 25, 1999</i>              | NANNELLE MOSELEY JOHNSON (MATRICULATE '46)<br><i>March 10, 1999</i>    | S. LEONA MERRELL RIDLEY (BSHE '34)<br><i>November 11, 1995</i>    |
| RHODABEL GAY CHAPPELL (BSHE '42)<br><i>June 13, 1999</i>             | GLADYS JONES (BSHE '33)<br><i>March 9, 1999</i>                        | QUINELLE McRAE SIKES (BSHE '38)<br><i>February 19, 1999</i>       |
| PATRICIA MONTGOMERY COLLIER (BSHE '63)<br><i>June 18, 1998</i>       | ELSIE McNEAL KINNEY (BSHE '60)<br><i>July 7, 1996</i>                  | EDNA SANDERS SIMS (BSHE '38)<br><i>December 30, 1998</i>          |
| DOROTHY L. DURDEN (BSHE '41)<br><i>March 15, 1999</i>                | ANGELA MEADORS (BSHE '80)<br><i>May 16, 1999</i>                       | SHIRLEY PURSELL TAYLOR (BSHE '49)<br><i>October 1, 1998</i>       |
| GALE JACQUELINE ELROD (MS '83)                                       | LOUISE MEEKS (BSHE '41)<br><i>April 19, 1999</i>                       | FRANCES ELIZABETH CANNON WRIGHT (BSHE '42)<br><i>July 5, 1998</i> |
| LUCY WORTH FAULK (BSHE '51)<br><i>January 13, 1998</i>               | HARRIET KNOX PENIX (BSHE '60)<br><i>April 30, 1999</i>                 | DR. FLOY EUGENIA WHITEHEAD (BSHE '36)<br><i>January 29, 1998</i>  |
| DOROTHY LUKE HENRY (BSHE, '45; MSHE '48)<br><i>November 10, 1998</i> | KATHERYN ELIZABETH BAKER PERKINS (BSHE '34)<br><i>January 12, 1999</i> |   |



# FACS FACTS

## Alumni

### FACS Alumni, Supporters Receive Awards

FACS RECOGNIZED ALUMNI, employees and friends of the College during the annual alumni meeting.

**State Rep. Gail Buckner** was presented the Family and Consumer Sciences Appreciation Award for her tireless efforts on behalf of the college.

Specifically, Buckner has focused her efforts on the FACS Extension program, actively championing the importance of county residents having ready access to the knowledge of FACS professionals.

**Claudia Stowers Noell**, who retired in 1996 after 30 years—27 of them in Clarke County—with the Extension Service, received the Distinguished Alumni Award.

Since her retirement, Noell, who holds a bachelor of science degree in home economics, has worked closely with the Family and Consumer Sciences Alumni Association. In addition to being president-elect, Noell has served as vice president-finances and chaired the fund-raising committee. During her tenure, the FACS Alumni Association has initiated the annual President's Club and Heritage Society Recognition.

**Cheryl Gray Williams**, administrative secretary in the FACS Student Services and Alumni Relations office and the late **Dr. Virginia Trotter**, who served as the University of Georgia's vice president for academic affairs from 1977-86, received the Creswell Award, named after the college's first dean, Mary Creswell. The award recognizes current or retired FACS faculty or staff members who have provided leadership in motivating and guiding students.

"We wanted to recognize Cheryl for her cooperation, support and constant willingness to assist students, graduate students, faculty and alumni," said Jean Bauerband, a FACS alumna who presented the award. "And, she always does this with a smile."

Trotter, the first woman to be named to a top administrative post at the university, held a doctorate degree in family economics, housing and higher education

from Ohio State University. Following her tenure as vice president, she served two years on the FACS faculty prior to retirement. During that time, she organized a national conference on employment of women with handicaps, the first conference of its kind ever held. She died in October 1998.

**Catherine Wells Fish** was presented the Pacesetter Award by the Family and Consumer Sciences Alumni Association.

The Pacesetter Award is presented to a graduate within the past 10 years, who promotes the beliefs and values of family and consumer sciences. Fish received her master's of science degree in foods and nutrition in 1996.

At the time of her nomination, Fish was one of only two registered dietitians employed by Burson-Marsteller, a nationally recognized, award-winning marketing company based in New York City. For two years, Fish worked with accounts for companies such as Ocean Spray, Promise margarine, and Dannon yogurt, translating scientific literature regarding the health benefits of such items into understandable product information and educating the public regarding these health benefits.

Fish has since moved to Whitehall-Robins Healthcare, a division of American Home Products, where she works in the regulatory affairs office for dietary supplement products, such as Centrum vitamins and Caltrate.

"Catherine is driven by an acute sense of ethics and high personal integrity that has been developed from her FACS background," according to the nomination by former UGA classmate Shelly Nickols-Richardson. "Catherine is a pacesetter in the sense that she is blazing new career trails for young professionals and serves as an outstanding role model for all."

**Kathy Stephens Palmer**, president of the Swainsboro/Emanuel County Chamber of Commerce and a local attorney, received the Emily Quinn Pou Professional Achievement Award. This newly created award, named in honor of the late Dean Pou, recognizes an alum who has attained substantial achievements and is in the midpoint of his or her professional career.

Palmer earned a bachelor of science in home economics degree in 1976 and her UGA law degree in 1979. In addition to her work with the Chamber of Commerce, she

also serves as president of the Swainsboro Middle School Parent-Teacher Organization, and serves as a part-time public defender in Toombs County. She also is on the board of directors of Leadership Emanuel, chairs the advisory board of the Swainsboro Area Vocational-Technical School Business Department, and chairs the Board of Directors of East Georgia Healthcare Center, Inc.

In nominating her for the Pou award, Gena Paulk Tyler noted that Palmer stresses the importance of her undergraduate degree in child and family development in dealing with law cases related to children and families. ■

## Alumni Notes 1940s

**Betsye Meadows Alexander** (BSHE '49, Home Economics Education; MSHE '52, Early Childhood Education) retired as the head of the Nursery School program at Georgia Southern University. In addition, she worked at Merrill Palmer Institute in Detroit, MI. She also taught at Hood College in Frederick, MD.

**Marcile Hooks Bird** (BSHE '49, Home Economics Education) retired from state employment in 1992 with 39 years of service. She opened Miss Marcile's Biscuit Shoppe which she operated for six years. The company was bought by International Foods Specialties in 1998.

## 1950s

**Marian Hoover Bjerken** (BSHE '52) was featured in a showing of clay prints in the Upstairs Gallery of the University of South Carolina, Sumter. She and her work have traveled the United States and Europe.

## 1960s

**Betty Emerson Biddle** (BSHE '68, Home Economics Education; MEd '75, Home Economics Education) has worked for the Fulton County School System for 31 years. She is currently at Roswell High School.

**Andrea Hudson Parnell** (BSHE '65, Home Economics Education; MEd '75, Home



# A L U M N I F A C S

Amsdell Companies, a real estate development company listed among the Fortune 500 companies.

**Pete Arenas** (BSFCS '97, Consumer Economics) and Kim Arnold Arenas are the proud parents of a baby girl, Isabell Morgan. She was born on February 12. He is employed with Horton Homes in Athens.

**Elizabeth Randell Blackburn** (BSFCS '96, Child and Family Development) is employed as a psychotherapist at the Alcohol and Drug Treatment Center in Hickory, NC.

**Amy Caroline Blalock** (BSFCS '98, Home Economics Education) is a family and consumer sciences teacher at Morgan County High School.

**Howard Brantly** (BSFCS '97, Consumer Economics) is employed by Compris Technology of Kennesaw. Compris Technology is a point-of-sales software company producing products for fast-food chains such as Burger King and McDonald's.

**Cassandra Darice Chriss** (BSFCS '97, Child and Family Development) is a property manager for Rowe Realty Co.

**Dixie Butler Clark** (BSFCS '92, Fashion Merchandising) and her husband, Douglas, are the proud parents of Claudia Clark, born February 3.

**Juan Demetrius Daniels** (BSFCS '97, Consumer Economics) and Hadli Daniels are the proud parents of Aubrey Hunter born December 3, 1998. The family resides in Norcross.

**Britton Nichole Dargan** (BSFCS '95, Furnishings and Interiors) married Harold Carter Ambos on May 1 at the Darlington Presbyterian Church. She is employed by J. Banks Design in Hilton Head, SC. The couple resides in Savannah.

**Lee Anne Dozier** (BSFCS '96, Child and Family Development) married James Michael Coyle on December 26, 1998 at First Baptist Church in Thomson. Currently, she is employed with Bellon and Associates.

**Karen Williams Epting** (BSFCS '90, Furnishings and Interiors) owns Interior Insights in Southlake, TX.

**Patrick L. Flanagan** (BSFCS '95, Consumer Economics) graduated from John Marshall Law School *cum laude*. He currently has a private law practice in Gwinnett County.

**Amy Lynn Griffin** (BSFCS '92, MED '96, Home Economics Education) married James Edmond (Eddie) Brock on June 19, 1999 at Jekyll Island. The couple resides in Gainesville.

**Mari Christina Johnson** (BSFCS '94, Dietetics) and Christopher Scott Faust were married August 30, 1997 at Buttercup Manor in Fairmount. The couple resides in Oklahoma.

**Mara Leslie Fogarassy** (BSFCS '97, Consumer Foods) has joined Howard Perry and Walston Realtors/Better Homes and Gardens Falls of Neuse office in Raleigh, NC as a sales and marketing executive. She previously worked for the United States Department of Agriculture.

**Karla Ellison Garrard** (BSFCS '97, Child and Family Development) works as a child life specialist at the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta.

**Jason Wayne Gibbs** (BSFCS '92, Housing) married Lisa Randi Gelb on August 8, 1998 at the Duke University Chapel. He is employed as a systems engineer at Strategic Technologies in Cary, NC.

**Kimberly Ann Isbell** (BSFCS '96, Fashion Merchandising) is employed in human resources by ACE USA in Atlanta.

**Stacy Bishop Jones** (BSFCS '93, Home Economics and Journalism) received the Blue Key Young Alumnus Award from the UGA Chapter of Blue Key National Honor Fraternity. The award is presented to a Blue Key member who has graduated within the last 10 years and has given leadership in his/her career and community.

**Jennifer Kay Joyner** (BSFCS '92, Consumer Economics and Home Management) is employed as an office manager at Robins Cable/Georgia Mobility in Warner Robins.

**Melinda Carol Kaiser** (BSFCS '96, Consumer Journalism) works as a flight attendant at Delta AirLines.

**Jennifer Kaufold** (BSFCS '95, Child and Family Development) works as a claims representative for the Georgia Farm Bureau Insurance Company.

**Kelly Waite King** (BSFCS '96, Consumer Foods) works as a home economist for Homemaker Schools of Greendale, WI. She is responsible for coordinating cooking schools in Virginia, West Virginia,

Kentucky, Tennessee, North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida including scheduling, pre-show visits, and conducting the actual school.

**Kibbe Alison Leefe** (BSFCS '97, Dietetics) is a sales assistant with Salomon, Smith, Barney of Atlanta.

**Jeannine Lewis** (MS '99, Housing and Consumer Economics) is a territory relationships representative for small and medium businesses with IBM. She resides in Atlanta.

**Herbert Christopher MacMillan** (BSFCS '92, Consumer Economics and Home Management) is a systems coordinator with Fairfield Financial Associates in Macon.

**Lori Anne McCubbin** (BSFCS '96, Child and Family Development) is currently completing a master's degree in education at the University of Maryland.

**Tiffany McIntyre** (BSFCS '97, Consumer Economics) works in support for Joe Powell and Associates of Norcross, a manufacturer's representative for Liebert Corporation. The company sells air and power conditioners for computers.

**David Michael McMahon** (BSFCS '97, Consumer Economics) works in the sales division of Georgia-Pacific, Marietta.

**Donald McNeil** (BSFCS '96, Consumer Economics) works with John Hancock Financial Services in Atlanta in Life and Long Term Care Insurance.

**Ashley Anthony McPhail** (BSFCS '95, Home Economics and Journalism) married James Kenneth Sevic, Jr. on September 19, 1998 at Lovely Lane Chapel on St. Simon's Island.

**Stephanie Garlow Moore** (BSFCS '96, Dietetics) is a clinical dietician at Northeast Georgia Medical Center in Gainesville.

**Shelly Nickols-Richardson** (MS '94; PhD '98, Foods and Nutrition) received a New Achievers Award at the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Annual Meeting in Seattle, WA. The award recognizes and honors emerging family and consumer sciences professionals who have exhibited the potential for making further significant contributions to the profession and the association.

**Crystal Paulk** (BSFCS '97, Consumer Journalism) works for the *Marietta Daily Journal*.



**Barry Nelson Peavey** (BSFCS '92, Hotel and Restaurant Administration) works for Community Bank in Fitzgerald as a loan officer.

**David Lynn Pollock** (PhD. '93, Child and Family Development) is independently producing for radio and television. He has produced programming for National Public Radio and MarketPlace.

**Joy Whaley Purvis** (BSFCS '95, Dietetics and Institution Management) is a clinical registered dietician and a research drug study coordinator with CSRA Partners in Health Inc.

**Susan Kathryn Sirmans** (BSFCS '98, Child and Family Development) is pursuing a master of psychology degree at the State University of West Georgia in Carrollton.

**Robin Slater Lowery** (BSFCS '98, Consumer Journalism) works for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Sarasota/Tampa Bay, Inc. in Sarasota, FL.

**Julie Caralee Smart** (BSFCS '96, Dietetics) is employed as a dietician with Starcrest of Lithonia Nursing Facility.

**Amanda Blackistone Somers** (BSHE '90, Consumer Economics and Home Management) was elected to the board of directors for the Georgia Business Travel Association, Inc.

**Susan Standard** (BSFCS '94, Fashion Merchandising) has been promoted to Playwear Forecasting Manager at Carter's Children's Clothes.

**Andy Thomas** (BSFCS '96, Consumer Economics) is assistant vice president for Merchants and Farmers Bank in Comer.

**Carter Douglas Tucker** (BSFCS '95, Housing) is vice president of Tucker and Tucker Realty.

**Patrick Treadaway** (BSFCS '95, Consumer Journalism) is a member of the Screen Actors Guild.

**Ashley Roseann Weesner** (BSFCS '96, Consumer Journalism) is an assistant account executive with Garner and Nevins in Atlanta.

**Leslie Weston** (BSFCS '97, Child and Family Development) married Arthur Benedict Gavin, III on April 10 at the Ingleside Baptist Church in Macon. Leslie is a social service case manager with the Department of Family and Children

Services. The couple resides in Macon.

**Kelly Ann Wheelers** (BSFCS '97, Dietetics) is working in pharmaceutical sales for Eli Lilly. She currently sells two products, a new oral diabetic drug and Prozac. Kelly currently resides in Wilmington, NC.

**Beverly Hull Wilson** (BSFCS '95 Housing) is the laboratory coordinator for the Department of Foods and Nutrition at

UGA. She is involved in student education, lab set-up, food purchasing and working with faculty and staff.

**Michele Woodward** (BSFCS '91, Hotel and Restaurant Administration) is regional sales manager for the Puerto Rico Convention Bureau and is based in Atlanta. Prior to this position, she served as on-property hotel sales manager in the Carolinas and the Caribbean.

## Let us hear from you!

THE COLLEGE OF FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES and your fellow alumni would love to know what's going on in your life. We share information about births, career moves, marriages and other milestones. (Please note that FACS features wedding announcements, but does not include engagement announcements.)

You can send the information to the address on the back cover or email it to alumni@fcs.uga.edu. We look forward to hearing from you.

## Oops...

Recently, we learned of a long-standing technical problem which impacted the alumni email address (alumni@fcs.uga.edu). As a result of this situation, emails from alumni were not delivered to the Office of Student Services and Alumni Relations. We apologize if you sent a message and received no response. However, the technical difficulties have been corrected and we look forward to receiving your mail. Thanks for your patience.

## Students

### FACS Student Wins International Award

A DOCTORAL GRADUATE in the Department of Housing and Consumer Economics has won an international student paper award.

**Kennita Kind** delivered her paper to the International Trade and Finance Association at the group's annual meeting in Morocco May 27.

Kind's paper was an intra-industry trade analysis of the United States' apparel industry. She analyzed data to determine the balance of trade that exists between the United States and other countries and factors that affect trade.

"By providing such a comprehensive overview of the balance of trade in apparel, Dr. Kind has provided U.S. policymakers, apparel manufacturers, and consumers the tools they need to understand the impact of trade agreements on the flow of goods," said Dr. Jan Hathcote, associate dean of the College and a member of ITFA.

Kind, originally from Princeton, Ky., earned her bachelor's degree from Murray



**Dr. Kennita Kind accepts her award from ITFA Executive Director Khosrow Fatemi.**

State University in Kentucky. She received her master's degree in textiles, merchandising, and interiors at UGA in 1995, and completed her doctorate in August.

### More Awards!

**Adrian Goodman** (BSFCS in Child and Family Development '98) received a Student Achievement Award from the National Association of Academic Ad-



# Faculty & Staff

## Faculty Members Win Awards



visors for Athletics, June 13. The award is presented to student-athletes who have overcome obstacles to achieve success both on and off the field. Adrian was nominated for the award by his athletic advisor Susan Lahey and received a letter of support from Connie Rash, FACS assistant director for student services.

AT THE 1999 American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Annual Meeting held in Seattle, WA, four graduate students received fellowships. The students and the fellowship they received are (left to right in photo below): **Rita Conley**



(Housing and Consumer Economics), Freda A. DeKnight Fellowship; **Kelly Manley** (Housing and Consumer Economics), Effie I. Raitt Fellowship; **Trellis Smith** (Child and Family Development), Flemmie D. Kittrell Fellowship; and **Carlos Toledo** (Child and Family Development), Jeanette H. Crum Fellowship.

THREE GRADUATE STUDENTS in the College received fellowships from Phi Upsilon Omicron, the national honor society. The students and their fellowships are: **Tracy Chason** (Foods and Nutrition), Candle Fellowship; **Jane Defenbaugh** (Housing and Consumer Economics), Diamond Anniversary Fellowship; and **Alissa Reinhart** (Foods and Nutrition), Presidents Research Fellowship.

**Amanda Zeigler** (BSFCS '99, Dietetics) received an Undergraduate Research Grant in 1998-99. Amanda completed her project "Effects of Conjugated Linoleic Acid on Adipocytes" under the direction of Dr. Dorothy Hausman. Amanda was accepted to graduate school at UGA, the University of Texas-Austin, and the University of California-Davis. To broaden her academic experience, she chose the University of California's five-year Ph.D. program in nutrition.

SEVERAL FACS FACULTY members received awards and recognition this spring.

**William P. Flatt**, a foods and nutrition professor and dean emeritus of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, traveled to Washington, D.C., in June to receive an Honor Award from U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman.

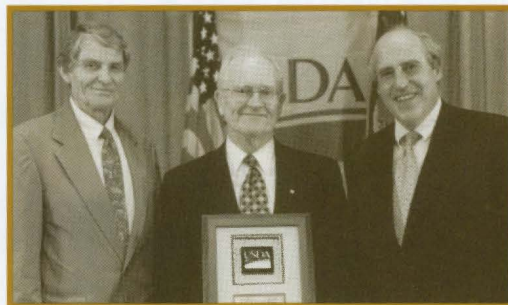
Flatt, who retired in August, was recognized for his outstanding reputation in energy metabolism research studies, his visionary administrative leadership, and his mentoring and teaching of human and animal nutrition.

**Anne Sweaney**, professor of housing and consumer economics, was one of four UGA faculty members to receive the Josiah Meigs Award for Excellence in Teaching. The award is named for Josiah Meigs, who in 1801 succeeded Abraham Baldwin as president—and sole professor—of Georgia's fledgling state university. Sweaney was also recognized as an AAFCS Achiever at the annual meeting of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences in Seattle.

**Arthur Grider**, assistant professor of foods and nutrition, and **Rick Lewis**, associate professor of foods and nutrition, are two of eight faculty members named international fellows by the UGA Office of International Education. The program provides support for faculty members to focus on an international studies project and the opportunity to interact with internationally experienced faculty.

Grider will be working with colleagues in Ecuador, testing the dietary relationships and exploring strategies for enhancing the nutrient status of people affected by trace metal deficiencies, such as zinc, which have been related to many health problems, including anemia, diarrhea and depressed immune function.

Lewis will be working with colleagues at the University of the West Indies on a project assessing the nutritional health of children and adolescents who live in the



(LEFT TO RIGHT) Richard Rominger, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, Dr. William P. Flatt, Honor Award Recipient for 1999, and Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture

Nariva Swamp Area on the eastern coast of Trinidad and serving as an advisor in the development of a nutrition curriculum at the University of the West Indies.

**Lynda Walters**, professor of child and family development and PhD '76 Child and Family Development, delivered the Commemorative Lecture at the 1999 American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Annual Meeting in Seattle, WA. Her lecture was "Valuing Diversity." Each year, a scholar in the family and consumer sciences field is invited to deliver a lecture which provokes thought and dialogue.

**Lind Azain** (Lecturer, Foods and Nutrition; MHE '80, Foods and Nutrition) received the Award of Excellence in Practice from the Association of State and Territorial Public Health Directors for her contributions to public health nutrition.

**Diane Bales** (Assistant Professor, Child and Family Development) has been selected as a Solnet Fellow by the Zero to Three national organization. The program is a leadership development program intended to build strong leaders in the early childhood field. Only 25 fellows are selected nationally.

**Karen Leonas** (Associate Professor, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors) will receive the Best Paper Award at the International Nonwovens Technical Conference to be held September 21-23 in Atlanta. Her paper, "Transmission of Small



Particles Through Surgical Gown Fabrics," given in 1998, was the highest rated technical paper by both the conference audience and INDA's Technical Advisory Board. Her work relates to development of surgical gowns for protection against body fluid-borne viruses and bacteria. ■

## Saying Goodbye to Three FACS Faculty Members

**Dr. Marian M. Wang**, retired foods and nutrition professor, died suddenly May 1. A scholarship has been established in her honor.

Dr. Wang joined the Foods and Nutrition Department in 1976. She had previously taught at Purdue University and the University of California at Los Angeles.

Roy Martin, former head of the foods and nutrition department, recalled that despite health problems prior to her retirement in August 1998, Dr. Wang worked tirelessly to maintain high standards in her classroom and to encourage dietetics majors in their career goals.

"Marian often became very close to her senior dietetics majors," Martin said. "I remember at many parties, Marian sat on the sofa and the students piled around her, hugging her and laughing. She seemed to glow with appreciation as they shared their personal, as well as their professional, goals."

Dr. Wang died of a stroke while visiting her sister in Pennsylvania. She was buried in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Hollywood Hills, Calif. A memorial service was held in the UGA Chapel in early June.

Dr. Wang's sisters and brothers have asked those wishing to remember her to make contributions to the University of Georgia Foundation and indicate either on the check or on an attached note or letter that the contribution is in her memory. Send contributions to: Department of Foods and Nutrition, Dawson Hall, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602-3622. Thus far, \$17,835 has been contributed toward the endowment level of \$25,000.

**Karen Davis**, project director of the Developmental Therapy-Teaching Programs in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences from 1987-1997, died



**Dr. Marian M. Wang**

April 8 of cancer.

Ms. Davis was author and co-author of several publications, including the book, "Developmental Therapy-Developmental Teaching," which she wrote with Dr. Mary M. Wood. In 1998, she received a Significant Achievement Award for her contributions to the field of developmental therapy, and in 1993, she received the American Psychiatric Association Significant Award for her work with Rutland Psychoeducational Services in Athens.

She was a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Sigma Alpha Iota, Kappa Delta Epsilon, the National Association for Music Therapy, and the Council for Children with Behavior Disorders. In addition to her work at UGA, Ms. Davis served as an adjunct faculty member at Seattle Pacific University, Portland State University, and Central Washington University.

Survivors include her mother, Mildred Todd Davis, Toccoa; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Gary and Sharon Davis, Athens; and Bill and Tiffany Davis, Lavonia, and nieces and nephews.

A graduate scholarship in child and family development has been established in Dr. Davis' honor. Contributions to the fund can be sent to: Katrina Bowers, Director of Development, 224 Dawson Hall, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602-3622. Approximately \$20,000 has been pledged toward the \$25,000 endowment level.

**Ann Mallinson Willett**, a professor of home economics at the University of Georgia for 25 years, died May 29. She was 76.

A native of New Jersey, Mrs. Willett had lived in Athens since 1956. She earned both her bachelor's of science and master's

degrees in home economics from UGA.

Among her accomplishments, Mrs. Willett was instrumental in establishing hospice care in Athens. She was a past officer of the Retired Teachers Association, a member of the Jeanette Rankin Teachers Association, and a member of Phi Upsilon Omicron and Phi Kappa Phi. She was past regent of the Elijah Clarke Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and a member of the UGA Catholic Center.

Survivors include a daughter, Kathryn W. Gnull, Aurora, Colo.; a son, David A. Willett, Scottsdale, Ariz.; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Daughters of the American Revolution, St. Mary's Hospice or the UGA Catholic Center. ■

## Staff Note

The week of June 19 **Cheryl Williams** (Administrative Secretary, Office of Student Services and Alumni Relations) participated in the Bike Ride Across Georgia (BRAG). This year marks her eighth year of participation. According to Cheryl, she and her husband of 31 years, Dannie, take part because "the slow pace is perfect for experiencing local cultures and enjoying the beauty of Georgia."

This year, Cheryl had a surprise in Hawkinsville. As she was riding along she saw a sign which read "Cheryl of UGA stop here." When she stopped, she found



**Linda Brogdon Lewis** (BSHE '71; MED '73) and **Cynthia Nelson Schlatz** (BSHE '70; MED '77) there to greet her.

"Being surprised along the route and welcomed to town by two alumna I had spoken with, but never met was thrilling: Already astonished by the sign and greeting, I was then presented with a harness racing pin, the symbol of Hawkinsville," said Cheryl. "These ladies gave me a moment I will always treasure." ■



## Is 'Young Philanthropist' an Oxymoron?

**P**ICTURE A PHILANTHROPIST FOR THE COLLEGE OF FACS. Whom do you envision? Most likely not the picture you see on this page. Meet Dr. Renita Jones, a 1994 Ph.D. graduate in textile science, a recent endowment fund creator (minimum \$10,000 gift) and she is only 29 years old!

Renita recently established the Max, Sonja, and Renita Jones Graduate Support Fund to benefit graduate students in the College.

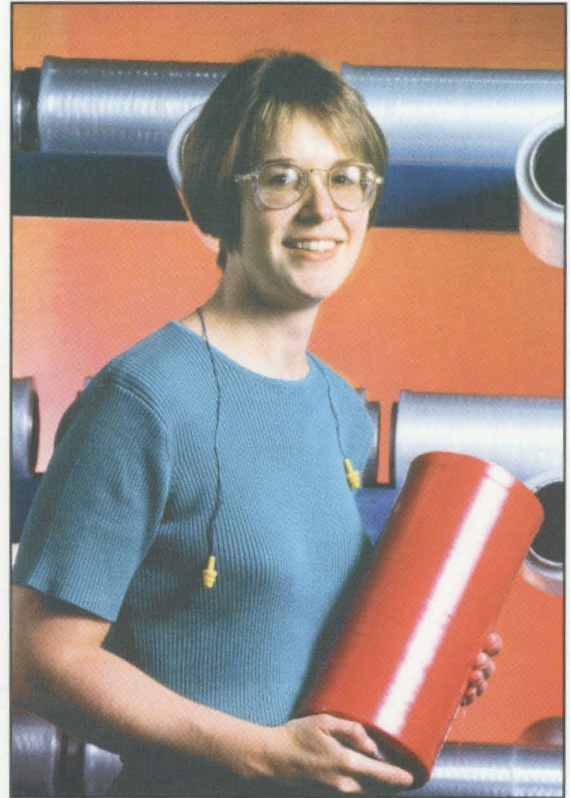
"I'm glad to be able to recognize all of the support that my parents have provided. They were instrumental in my decision to attend graduate school," she says. "As a recent graduate, I remember how helpful financial grants were in conducting research and preparing presentations."

Renita is not the exception that you might imagine. Given that three out of five youths between the ages of 12-17 nationwide participate in volunteer work, a sense of giving of one's self is being established among the younger adult population. As this population establishes careers and families and time becomes limited, the gifting of financial resources becomes an alternative means of giving in a personal way.

Renita, who has been involved in her community since youth, states, "I was fortunate to receive several grants and scholarships while I attended UGA, and I always wanted to be able to help FACS graduate students after I graduated." Renita didn't have to wait long for the opportunity. Working as a research engineer for Amoco Fabrics and Fibers Company (part of the BP Amoco Group) in Atlanta allowed her to maximize her dollars. "BP Amoco has an incredible program of matching employee gifts, dollar-for-dollar, up to \$10,000 annually. The BP Amoco Foundation's support allowed me to establish this fund much earlier than I would have been able to without the match," says Renita.

Renita didn't just endow a fund at UGA this year. She also endowed one at the University of Illinois where she earned her bachelor's degree in marketing of textiles and apparel in 1991. "I have always contributed on a smaller scale to the Annual Funds at both universities, and I designate the College of FACS at UGA. One of my personal financial goals is charitable giving, and the BP Amoco matching funds enable me to double the impact of my contribution. The personal satisfaction I receive, combined with the tax benefits of giving to UGA, made a FACS endowment a logical choice. My parents recognize the supportive environment in the College of FACS and helped me with the initial endowment gift." Based on average life expectancy, Renita's gift should allow her to see, meet, and interact with approximately 70 students even if she never contributes to the fund again.

'Young Philanthropist' ... an oxymoron? Considering the spirit and intelligence of young people and the resources available to alumni like Renita ... not anymore! ■



*"...I always wanted to be able to help FACS graduate students after I graduated."*

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*Katrina L. Bowers is Director of Development for the College of Family and Consumer Sciences.*

**For more information on how to give a current or deferred gift to the College of Family and Consumer Sciences, please contact Katrina Bowers at (706) 542-4946, or write to her at FACS, 224 Dawson Hall, UGA, Athens, GA 30602.**





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