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The year 2000 has arrived! What will the future offer? What will the future demand?



The turning of a century, indeed, the turning of the millennium, has prompted much speculation about the future. Some predictions are optimistic, whereas others are filled with gloom. In the face of so many conflicting pieces of evidence, it is hard to decide whether to be an “optimistic pessimist” or a “pessimistic optimist” about the future.

In the College of Family and Consumer Sciences, our approach is pragmatic. (And looking at all we have accomplished in recent years, we must be optimistic pragmatists!) The College slogan “Knowledge for Real Life” reflects our commitment to creating and putting knowledge to work for the betterment of families and communities.

Specifically, our graduates must be prepared for a public in need of their expertise yet overwhelmed with information, high technology, and rapid change. Our research must address timely issues related to the human condition, and our public service and outreach programs must provide research-based information to help constituents take informed action.

This issue of FACS Magazine tells the “inside” story of our College. It is an unfinished story. We invite you, through your investment of current contributions or deferred bequests, to help write the next chapter in FACS 2000: Knowledge for Real Life.

As the College enters the 21st century, we will continue to emphasize the professional preparation of our students. We expect to further enhance our graduate programs as the demand is up sharply for those with M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in nearly all FACS subject areas. We will seek to retain our stellar faculty and recruit outstanding new faculty.

As alumni and friends of the College of Family and Consumer Sciences at the University of Georgia you have the opportunity to help attain these goals. We especially invite you to consider establishing a graduate scholarship or endowing a named professorship. You may think, that’s a big commitment, isn’t it? The answer is “Yes, but we should have grand goals as we enter the 21st century.”

The future beyond 2000 is bright for Family and Consumer Sciences. The future demands that our programs be relevant as we equip our graduates with knowledge for real life. The future offers us the opportunity to enhance the excellence we have already achieved. We can reach these grand goals in partnership with our alumni and friends.

SHARON Y. NICKOLS

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Y. Nickols".

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Dr. Rebecca Mullis

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To FACS' Credit...Donor-Scholar Reception...New

New Faculty

New Head for the Department of Foods and Nutrition

Dr. Rebecca Mullis began work as head of the Department of Foods and Nutrition August 1, 1999.

Prior to joining FACS, Mullis was professor and chair of the Department of Nutrition and Laboratory Technology at Georgia State University. Her previous positions also include a stint as director for program development in the nutrition divi-

sion at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"I'm very excited about working with the faculty, staff and students at UGA," Mullis said of her move east. "I look forward to an exciting future for the department."

During her career, Mullis has provided input on the development of numerous

dietary recommendations for Americans. She currently is a member of the National Nutrition Committee of the American Heart Association. She also has served as a member of the Adult Treatment Panel for the National Cholesterol Education Program and the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee for the U.S. Department of Agriculture/Department of Health and Human Services.

Mullis, her husband Dr. David Mullis Jr., and their daughters Megan and Meredith, live in Good Hope, where they raise Tennessee Walking Horses. ■

Grants

Goizueta Foundation Awards \$770,00 for Child-Care Training

Child-care providers throughout Georgia soon will have expanded training opportunities due to a \$770,000 grant from The Goizueta Foundation to the College of Family and Consumer Sciences at the University of Georgia.

The five-year grant will be used to establish the Childhood Development Associate Training Project in support of the Georgia Early Learning Initiative, a program established by Gov. Roy Barnes to improve the quality of child-care and early learning opportunities for Georgia's children.

"A key component of improving child-care is to enhance the credentials of our caregivers," said Bill Garrett, director of the early learning initiative. "This grant is designed specifically to improve the quality of what's currently offered and to improve access to training opportunities for caregivers."

FACS is one of several colleges and technical schools in Georgia that offer the 120-hour intensive CDA course, which is

administered by the National Council for Professional Recognition. CDA provides entry-level credentialing for people who work in early childhood education.

"This generous gift allows us to collaborate with other colleges, technical schools and child-care organizations to expand the CDA training options in local communities," said Dr. Chris Todd, FACS associate dean for outreach and extension.

Included in the grant, which will be co-led by Dr. Karen Shetterly and Dr. Anita Smith, are plans to pilot-test an academic credit option.

"Allowing those who have received CDA accreditation to apply those hours toward an associate or bachelor's degree provides an added incentive for people who are working in early child-care to dedicate the necessary time to this program," according to Shetterly.

Smith, a member of the FACS child and family development department, has been recognized throughout Georgia for her work with the CDA credentialing pro-

gram, while Shetterly currently administers the CDA program through the UGA Center for Continuing Education.

Other aspects of the grant include developing additional CDA renewal training modules on advanced topics, such as the inclusion of children with disabilities and promoting parent involvement in early education and childcare settings; development of an annual CDA Training Institute for prospective and current CDA training organizations; working with community colleges, technical schools, and public and private universities in order to establish new or expand existing CDA programs; and organizing local workshops throughout Georgia to inform early childhood caregivers and educators about CDA credentialing options, identifying CDA advisors and locating relevant training experiences.

A toll-free information line also is being funded by the grant. The number for the CDA Information Project is 1-800-621-5896. ■

making news

Department Head...Child-Care Training...



Cover: Reaching for the Future

Anna Yin is one of 20 children who attend the three-year-old program at the McPhaul Child and Family Development Center's new River's Crossing location.

The new setting includes all the things little children need—swings, chalk, a terrific playscape, and caring teachers.

Anna and her friends at McPhaul don't know it, but they're part of a tradition that dates back nearly three-quarters of a century. The McPhaul Center provides the ideal setting for university students to learn about children and families. In addition, faculty members conduct research on the development of families and children and search for ways to optimize that development. Finally, but perhaps most importantly, the McPhaul Center serves as a resource to families and child-care centers throughout the community.

But for Anna, the McPhaul Center is simply a place to have fun. ■

Donors & Scholars

On November 4, donors to Family and Consumer Sciences Scholarships and Education Funds and the students who benefit from the gifts attended the first annual Donor and Scholar Recognition and Reception. The event, held at the Day Chapel at the State Botanical Garden, was hosted by the Family and Consumer Sciences Alumni Association. Over 65 donors, students, faculty and family members attended the program. ■

June and Bill Flatt, donors of the June and Bill Flatt Nutrition Excellence Graduate Scholarship and the Gladys F. (Nannie) Nesbitt/Flatt Education Fund, are shown with Brent Sapp (Senior, Dietetics), left, recipient of the Nesbitt/Flatt award, during the reception.



Betty Sewell Ragland, left, donor of the Betty Sewell Ragland International Study Fund, poses with Robert St. John (Senior, Consumer Economics), 1999 recipient of the Ragland Award, and Dean Sharon Y. Nickols.

FACS Receives Re-Accreditation by National Organization

The College of Family and Consumer Sciences at the University of Georgia has received re-accreditation by the Council for Accreditation of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.

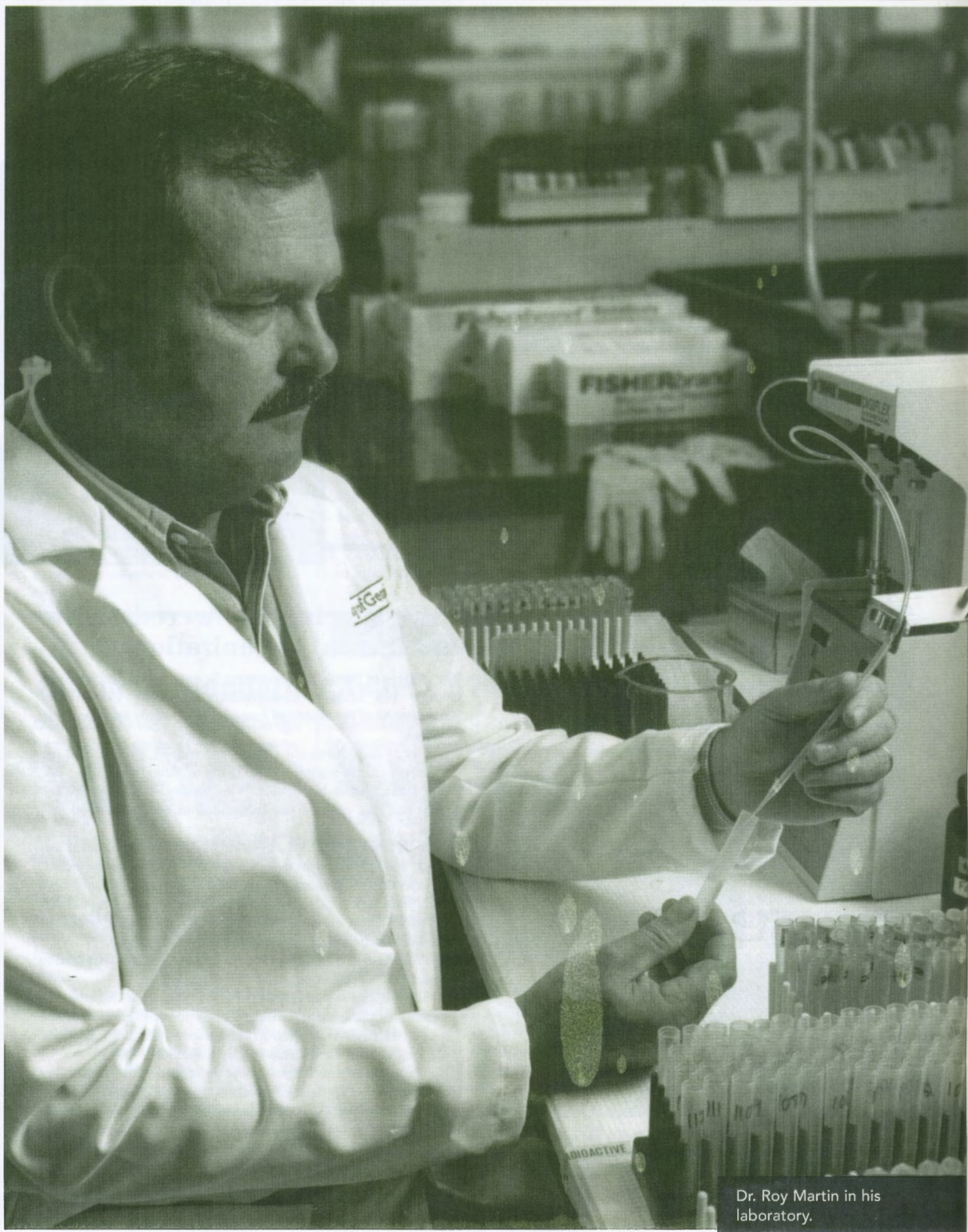
"By re-accrediting our college, the council has affirmed our commitment to the highest quality in our academic programs," said FACS Dean Sharon Y. Nickols. "Our faculty, staff, students and alumni can take pride in this recognition of our outstanding programs."

In its letter to UGA President Michael Adams, the council listed eight specific strengths as being particularly noteworthy, including the leadership of Dean Nickols, the college's effort to gain input from a wide variety of audiences for its strategic plan, and the faculty's involvement in a broad range of research endeavors, which are passed on to students in the classrooms and laboratories.

FACS also was recognized for two areas specifically related to students.

"Leadership opportunities exist for students in all majors," according to the council's letter. Those opportunities include the College Ambassador program, Leadership FACS, the Legislative Aide program and the Student-Faculty Committee.

The second area relates to the Introduction to Family and Consumer Sciences course, which is required of all FACS students and is led by Dean Nickols, Associate-Dean for Academic Affairs and Research Jan Hathcote, and Director of Student Services and Alumni Relations Lynn Hogan. This course also involves an additional 40 faculty members in providing an overview of the college. ■



Dr. Roy Martin in his laboratory.

An Obsession with Obesity

By Denise Horton and Amanda Eady

Roy Martin likes puzzles.

But unlike the puzzles most of us enjoy—crosswords, jigsaw puzzles, or the occasional maze—Martin's puzzles focus on the genetic causes of obesity.

Rather than sitting around a card table in the den, the foods and nutrition professor most often can be found in his laboratory on the seventh floor of the Boyd Graduate Studies Building, talking with his research associate Dr. Dorothy Hausman, graduate students, post-docs, and faculty members from across campus and around the world, analyzing and discussing research results and considering new research puzzles.

Martin chuckles when asked how he and his team of researchers decide what new areas of the obesity puzzle to explore, perhaps because, on the surface, the process doesn't sound very sophisticated:

"We decide what we're excited about and then explore the feasibility of conducting and funding the study," he says.

Martin is able to explore a wide array of ideas because he has spent the past quarter-century studying obesity, and has received more than \$10 million in grants from the National Institutes of Health and other agencies to fund his research. He has been named both a UGA Research Professor and a UGA Distinguished Professor, accolades that are awarded to only those faculty members who have achieved at a particularly high level in their fields.

A current project focuses on an issue that's close to every dieter's heart—the regaining of weight.

"At least 95 percent of people who lose weight regain it within five years," Martin explains. "We're trying to determine the hunger and satiety mechanisms for weight regain."

Other projects focus on the role of the brain in determining both food intake and energy expenditure.

"There have been several studies with identical twins that have proven that there is a genetic set point for body fatness," he says. "In addition, we know that environmental factors also play a role. For example, individuals can learn poor eating habits from parents and peers and develop more fatness than they would have on a good diet."

"Now, we're exploring how these genetic and environmental factors work to cause changes in how frequently people feel hungry and how much they eat to feel satiated."

In addition to his research on the role of brain metabolism in obesity, Martin also studies the make-up of fat cells and how the make up of "obese" fat cells differ from "lean" fat cells.

"For example, we've found that when fat cells reach a certain size they release an agent that may cause diabetes," he explains. "We are also looking at several other differences between obese and lean fat cells, that may be causal factors in the development of other diseases associated with obesity."

He's also part of a broad-range project that will include colleagues in Foods and Nutrition, other FACS departments, and other Georgia institutions to explore a recent finding by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control that showed the number of Georgians who

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research.

are obese has increased 100 percent during the past seven years.

All this from a professor who is re-tooling after having spent the past decade as head of the Department of Foods and Nutrition Department.

To make sure he was up-to-date on current research, Martin spent a month in France collaborating with colleagues and three weeks at the Pennington Foundation at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, the largest obesity research institute in the United States, exploring factors that may be important in diseases associated with obesity, such as diabetes and kidney and pancreatic failure.

"What I missed most while I was department head were the conversations with students," he says. "I love conceptualizing with students. I've been at this a long time and I think I know what I'm talking about, but when I look closely at what a student's asking ... sometimes it causes a paradigm shift in my thinking; a whole new way of looking at a research issue."

Martin offers examples: The graduate student who developed the idea of studying obesity in fetuses by making pigs obese during pregnancy.

"That idea led to a grant that lasted 10 years," Martin says. Another graduate student had an idea for "growing" fat cells in the lab, which also led to a grant-funded project that lasted several years.

Martin's interest in obesity began with a focus on appetite regulation and dates back to his youth, growing up on a dairy farm in Louisiana.

"When cows are lactating, they triple their intake of

food, but they still lose weight," he says. "I started wondering what specifically is triggered that tells them to eat more when they begin lactating."

When he left for college at the University of Southwest Louisiana in Lafayette, Martin thought he would return to the farm after he earned his bachelor's degree.

Instead, he continued his studies in dairy science and earned a master's at the University of Florida and his Ph.D. at the University of California-Davis.

Martin's first faculty position was at Pennsylvania State University, but on the way to visit his parents' home in Louisiana, he and his wife stopped off in Athens and determined this was where they wanted to live.

"We loved it here," Martin says. "Among other things, it's a lot warmer in Athens than it is in Pennsylvania. It also was closer to my family in Louisiana."

That "dream job" came about in 1978 and Martin, his family and several graduate students moved South.

Now that he's returned to a full-time faculty position, Martin spends more than 80 percent of his time at research, but he does teach graduate level courses on nutritional aspects of growth and development and proposal writing, in addition to all of the teaching that occurs in the lab.

And, although Martin rarely teaches undergraduate courses, he enjoys the fact that three or four bachelor's-level students are usually working on a project in his lab ... learning to solve puzzles. ■

Amanda Eady is a junior consumer journalism major.

Prof. Fashion

Betty Eters and "real-world fashion merchandising"

Dressed in slacks, tennis shoes and a crisply starched cotton shirt, Betty Eters doesn't fit the standard notion of a fashion expert, but since arriving in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences as a temporary, part-time instructor a dozen years ago, she has ensured that fashion merchandising graduates are ready for careers ranging from being a district manager for Talbot's to working as a buyer for Parisian.

Seated in her third-floor office, surrounded by posters created for the internship class, Eters laughs in agreement that she'd never be mistaken for a clothes horse. But after a brief conversation, it becomes clear that Eters is a master teacher who goes the extra mile to prepare her students for the real world of fashion merchandising.

"Our students learn about textile science, as well as marketing," she says. "We make sure they understand the differ-

ent qualities of clothes they'll see in a retail business, as well as understanding the intricacies of retail math. We've heard over and over from employers that these are skills not all new college graduates have, they're glad to know that ours do."

Teaching fashion merchandising originally wasn't Etters' original career goal.

"When I graduated from high school I wasn't interested in college so I went straight to work at Milliken," Etters recalls. "After I married, I moved to Danville, Va., and worked part-time keeping the books for a small company and playing golf at least four days a week.

"One day, it dawned on me that I wasn't going to make the professional circuit, so I decided to go to college," she says in her typical understated way. "It was a breeze."

In fact, earning her undergraduate degree in business was so easy that Etters decided she might as well earn her master's degree in business administration.

Soon, she and her husband—textile science professor Nolan Etters—were both commuting to the University of North Carolina in Greensboro. She was earning her MBA while he began work on his doctorate degree.

By the time they had completed their degrees, it was time to leave Danville. The research department at Dan Rivers Inc., where Nolan had worked for 23 years, had closed.

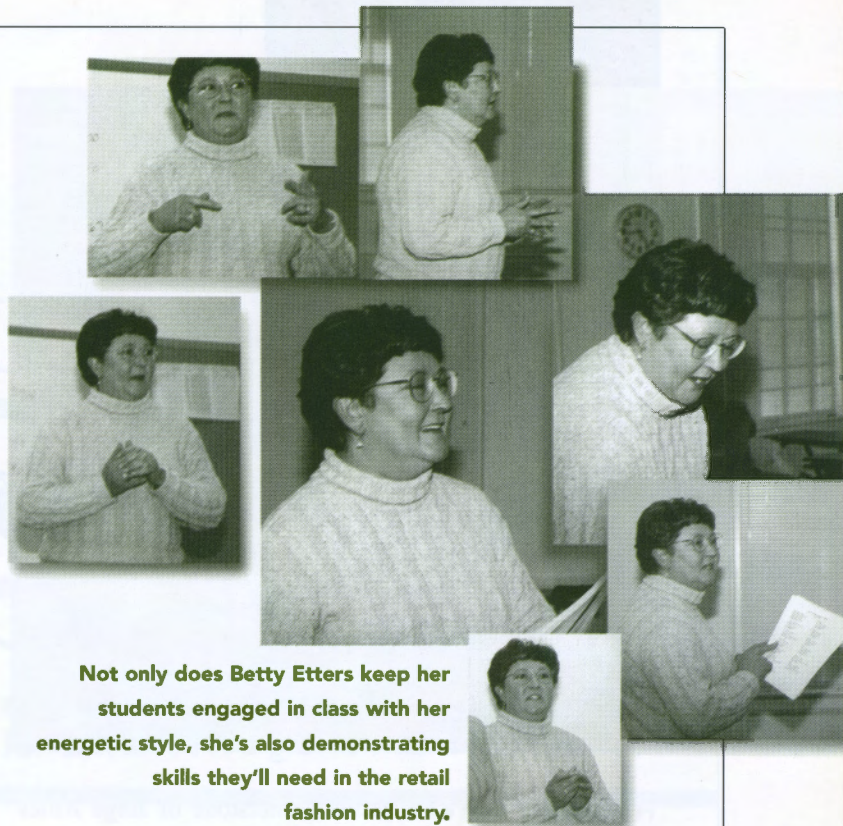
After a brief stay at Louisiana State University, the Etters moved to Athens. Nolan took a position as a faculty member in the Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors Department and Betty was recruited as a part-time, temporary instructor in merchandising. It has since grown to a full-time position as a lecturer and Etters teaches seven different courses in the fashion merchandising major.

In addition, she serves as advisor to about 50 undergraduates each year and oversees the fashion merchandising internship program.

"When I started working with the program, the students were reluctant to travel to Birmingham for an internship," Etters says. "Now we have them in New York and two have gone to Korea. The interns are expected to shadow their supervisors, whether that's in buying, management, special events or whatever."

To encourage more and more students to have internship experiences, Etters has developed a highly organized program that includes an internship orientation class with visits from retailers, former interns, speakers from the UGA Career Planning and Placement Office, and practice interviews that are videotaped and critiqued.

Next, representatives of companies that are seeking interns—such as Rich's, Talbot's, Nordstrom's, and others—



Not only does Betty Etters keep her students engaged in class with her energetic style, she's also demonstrating skills they'll need in the retail fashion industry.

conduct on-campus interviews each February.

Once the students begin their internship, Etters encourages them to treat it like a real job, including working out problems on their own.

"I try to stay out of it," she says with a wry grin that shows how much she'd like to help. "I tell them to go see whoever's in charge of the internship and discuss any problems with them first. If that doesn't work ... sometimes I'll have to get involved."

Etters' love for her students, and for teaching, shows when she talks about what she requires in courses. For example, she emphasizes group projects because she recognizes that, especially in fields like merchandising, everything is a team effort.

"They have to figure out how to motivate a non-productive team member, or decide to 'fire' that person by talking to me. Those are the sorts of decisions they'll be making in their jobs, and they're hard decisions."

Although she jokes when asked where she sees herself 10 years from now—"retired"—it's hard to imagine Etters not teaching somewhere, especially considering her own philosophy about learning.

"Some students think that after they get their college degree, the learning process is over," she says. "I'd just like for them to realize that life itself is a learning process—it's fun."

Especially with a teacher like her. ■

Tonette Raber, a recent consumer journalism graduate, contributed to this story.

Housing and Helping

"Every day," says housing specialist Jorge Atilés, "I respond to agents and citizens all over the state."

Helping others is the cornerstone of Jorge Atilés' work ethic.

"Whatever I do needs to have a purpose beyond providing me a salary," says the assistant professor of housing and consumer economics. "I have to see that I'm benefiting someone or I'm not interested. I have the drive and desire to make decisions that will make a difference in people's lives."

Atilés, who works as a housing specialist with the FACS Extension Service, began his career in his native Dominican Republic as an architect, but decided to pursue a master's degree in urban planning in order to gain a better understanding of the social and community issues that center around housing.

Because no degree programs in urban planning were offered in the Dominican, Atilés studied for his master's degree in urban and regional planning at Virginia Tech after being accepted by a program sponsored by the U.S. Agency for International Development.

"It was when I was finishing my master's that I realized there still was something missing," he says. "I took an elective in housing and resource management, something that complemented my degree, and, suddenly, it clicked! So, I began my doctorate in housing and started learning about the social aspects of housing."

During his first month at Virginia Tech, mutual friends introduced Atilés to Julia Reguero, who was studying child and family development. They married in 1990.

After Jorge and Julia completed their doctorates, they began searching for jobs, a search that included a substantial amount of time with the two living in different towns.

Eventually, Jorge began a temporary position in FACS teaching a housing class and working as a research assistant

with the Housing and Demographic Research Center.

"Julia and I liked Athens, so when a position came open to be housing manager for the Housing and Economic Development department of the Athens-Clarke County government, I accepted it and we moved here," he says. Soon, Julia landed a position at UGA working in preschool education in both the College of Education and the Child and Family Development Department of FACS.

While the young couple were committed to living in Athens, Jorge faced a final commute—back to the Dominican Republic.

"When you accept a scholarship from USAID you have to return to your home country," he explains. "So, we commuted for another two years. It was tough, but good. I helped design the Dominican's first housing subsidy voucher program, using a prototype that had been developed in Chile. This helps the poor get access to buying affordable housing."

After fulfilling his commitment to USAID, Atilés returned to Athens and soon was hired to a position as an assistant professor in housing and consumer economics.

Working out of his office in the Hoke Smith Annex, Atilés serves as the state housing specialist, developing programs for county extension offices and others.

"Every day I respond to agents and citizens all over the state," he says.

His work focuses on developing education programs that cover a wide range of housing issues, from indoor air quality to helping those with low incomes buy a home to educating renters on their rights and responsibilities. A rapid-growth area is adapting all of these programs—and more—to meet the special needs of Georgia's Latino population.

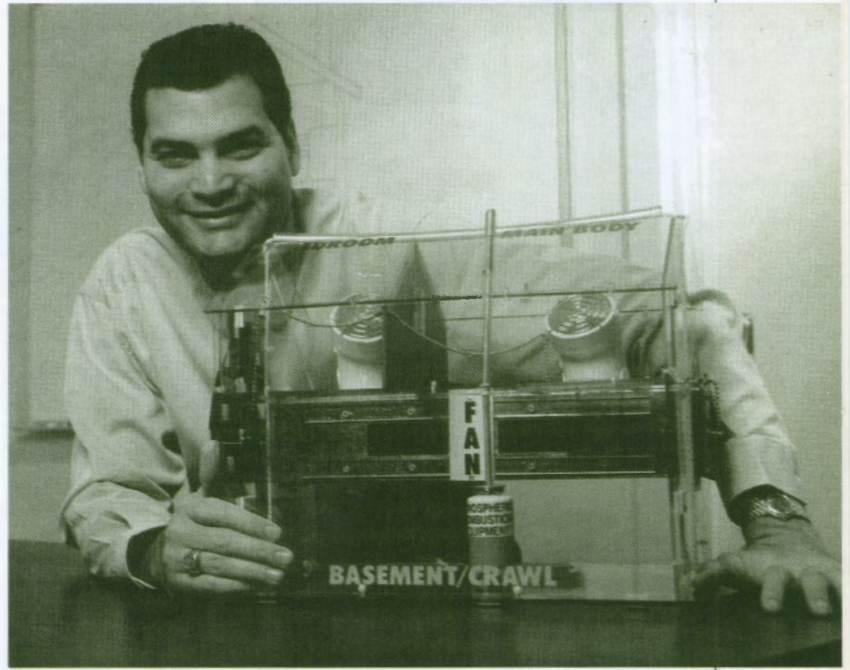
Jorge Atilas makes housing high priority.

“Imagine—Spanish-speaking people moving into a new city, with a new type of housing that is not the same as in their country,” he says. “These people are faced with the challenges of mold, mildew, air pollution, sewage concerns, and other contaminants. They need information about how to effectively control these problems.”

In each area, Atilas’ overriding goal is to make a difference.

“Both my father and my stepfather served the Dominican Republic in several capacities and they taught me by their example,” he says. “I want to make sure that the people of Georgia have access to the knowledge they need to find adequate housing.” ■

Tonette Raber, a recent consumer journalism graduate, contributed to this story.



A Day in the Life of the Dean



There’s no such thing as an “average” day in Dean Sharon Y. Nickol’s life...

One morning may be spent working at home on an upcoming speech—for the College’s graduation, the keynote presentation to the state family and consumer sciences organization, or being a panelist at a national FACS administrators meeting. Another morning may start at 7:30 a.m. with UGA Provost Karen Holbrook’s bi-weekly meetings with the university’s deans and vice presidents.

As often as possible, Dean Nickol’s day begins with a brisk walk with her husband Sam through their west Athens neighborhood.

Within her busy schedule, a few constants can be found, however. For example, most Wednesdays from 1:25 to 2:15



The slowest part of Dean Nickols' day frequently is the brisk morning walk she and husband Sam enjoy through their neighborhood.

p.m., the dean is in Dawson Hall 110 teaching the introductory course that is required for all FACS students.

The course is a collaboration with Dean Nickols, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Research Jan Hathcote, and Director of Student Services and Alumni Relations Lynn Hogan. Faculty within the departments introduce the students to their majors during a five-week departmental sequence mid-way through the course.

"I consider the 2000 course an excellent use of our time because we get to let the students know, personally, how important they are to this College, and what a wonderful field they are entering," Dean Nickols explains.

To view Dean Nickols' schedule is to see meetings on top of meetings. Keeping itineraries straight falls to the dean's secretary Francine Ellerbee.

"Francine has a calming influence in our office. Honest administrators recognize they can't do their jobs without top-notch support staff. Francine is terrific," says a grateful Nickols.

The dean generally maintains an open-door policy for everyone. If her door is closed, either she's battling a project with a deadline or she's in a meeting.

Something she does struggle with—along with many others who work in the College—is desk clutter.

"You really won't let me tidy up my desk? I can't move any of these piles of paper?" she exclaimed prior to this photo session.

"Actually, I'm energized by working in a busy environ-

ment. This isn't clutter—it's the life of our college passing across my desk."

Dean Nickols uses e-mail as often as the telephone. A quick check between meetings of the e-mails awaiting her response helps her facilitate the flow of communications.

Dean Nickols knows the importance of face-to-face communications, however, especially in faculty governance. Whether sharing her ideas or listening to input, a good deal of any day is spent around a table with others.

"I am mindful of the heritage of Family and Consumer Sciences," says Nickols who has spent many weekend and evening hours over the past three years editing three publications focusing on early leaders in home economics and the legacy their work left for the future.

"Finding time for such scholarly work is challenging, but important to me. I, too, want to leave evidence that some of my time was spent helping to build the body of knowledge in our profession."

Sometimes coming in and out of Dawson Hall, Nickols takes a moment to reflect on her experiences in higher education administration—nearly 14 years in total, nine of which are in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences at UGA.

Her greatest challenge today?

"There has been an exponential increase in the amount of documenting and reporting that we must do. While this fulfills our obligation for accountability, the trade-off is often time taken away from the most important work of the academy: to teach our students, to discover new knowledge, and deliver information to the public so that we can have healthier families and stronger communities," says Nickols.

Her goal for the future?

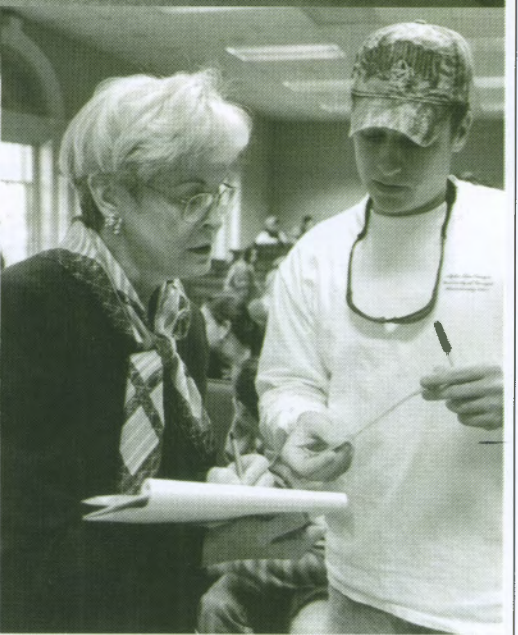
"Laying the ground work for an addition to Dawson Hall," Nickols says without hesitation. "To achieve the community of learners which typifies our college philosophy, and to advance our outstanding research and public service programs, FACS must have a state-of-the-art facility. That's the highest priority in our new strategic plan."

Her greatest frustration?

"The pace of life has escalated so much that there is little time to think or reflect," responds Dean Nickols. "Friends advise me to slow down. It's good advice, but difficult to implement."

Her greatest satisfaction?

"Without a doubt, my greatest satisfaction is seeing our students, alumni, faculty and staff succeed. Increased recognition of the value of what we do makes all my efforts worthwhile," beams Nickols. "I end each day feeling very fortunate to be a part of FACS at UGA." ■



F A C S F A C T S

Alumni

1940s

Bertie Miles (BSHE '48) of Blackshear recently received the American Association of University Women Dorothy Q. Smith Award in honor of her extensive volunteer service.

1960s

Claudia Stenbridge Arp (BSHE '65, Home Economics Education) recently appeared on the *NBC Today Show* to talk about her new book, *The Second Half of Marriage*, with her husband and co-author, David Arp. Other books written by Claudia and David include *10 Great Dates to Revitalize Your Marriage*, *Family Moments* and *Suddenly They're 13 (or the Art of Hugging a Cactus)*.

Dorothy Tappan Cofer (BSHE '60), retired Family and Consumer Sciences agent

from McDuffie County, received the Retiree Service Award from the Georgia Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi, Extension honor society. This award is given in recognition for continuing contributions and outstanding service.

Margaret Durham Renner (BSHE '65, Home Economics Education; MEd '67, Home Economics Education) retired in 1996 from teaching Home Economics at the Wade Hampton School in Greenville County, SC.

1970s

Vivian Cartwright Cooper (BSHE '71, Home Economics Education; MAEx '82, Agricultural Extension), recently retired after serving 29 years with the University of Georgia Extension Service as a home economist and an extension and nutrition agent.

Shirley Ilene Dailey (MS '79, Housing, Home Management and Consumer Econo-

mics), received the Visionary Leadership Recognition Award, the highest award given by Epsilon Sigma Phi honor society. The award recognizes professionals whose accomplishments have led Extension forward in new directions.

Melinda Ingram Fowlkes (BSHE '75, Home Economics Education; MEd '76, Home Economics Education) taught clothing, textiles, and fashion merchandising courses for 11 years at Longwood College in Virginia. Then, after earning a Master in Business Administration degree at Virginia Commonwealth University and passing the Certified Public Accountant exam, she taught accounting and business communication courses at Longwood for 10 years. In 1998, she was promoted to assistant dean in the School of Business and Economics. She has been married for 19 years and has four children.

Barbara Emmett Gilbert (BSHE '70, Home Economics and Art) works with

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July 5, 1999

EMILY FRANCES PARKS
(BSHE '37)
November 11, 1999

SARA ETHREDGE ROBERTSON
(BSHE '56, Home Economics Education;
MHE '68, Home Economics)
July 10, 1999

ANNIE MARY HAY TATUM
(BSHE '36; State Normal School 1900)
May 15, 1993

VIRGINIA OWENS WATSON
(BSHE '44)
May 10, 1999

employers and employees on workers-compensation issues in Tifton, where she lives with her husband of 30 years, Paul Gilbert. They have two sons, David, 27, and Kyle, 24.

Bridget Weaver Greene (BSHE '76, Dietetics and Institution Management) of Statesboro was honored at the Deen Day Smith Service to Mankind Awards Banquet and was also named Nurse of the Year by the Rural Southeast Georgia Black Nurses Association.

Mary Louise Hill (BSHE '79, Home Economics and Journalism; MEd '86, Adult Education) worked from 1979 until 1996 as the women's coordinator for the Georgia Farm Bureau Federation. She now serves as coordinator of development and alumni relations for the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences.

Chris O'Brien Langone (MEd '77, Home Economics Education; EdD '84, Vocational Education), associate professor of agricultural leadership, education, and communication at UGA, was awarded the 1999 Distinguished Leadership Service Award by the Association of Leadership Educators at their annual meeting in San Diego, CA. This national award recognizes her accomplishments and contributions in teaching, research, and outreach related to leadership and leadership education.

Connie Page (BSHE '79, Home Economics Education), an agent with the Emanuel County Extension Service, recently received the Booth Award for Excellence in 4-H Programming for the Eastern Region. She was also honored as the state-wide winner.

Marilyn LeCroy Poole (BSHE '75, Home Economics Education; MEd '87, Adult Education), Clarke County Extension Coordinator and 4-H agent, was presented one of the two State Distinguished Service Awards by the Georgia Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi honor society. This award is given to an Extension professional who has exhibited leadership and excellence in program planning, delivery, and/or administration over a career of 20 or more years.

Lynne Ghesling Pritchett (MS '79, Housing, Home Management and Consumer Economics) of East Ellijay was named Teacher of the Year for the school system after 10 years of teaching family and consumer sciences at Gilmer High School.

Priscilla Childers Smith (BSHE '72, Home Economics Education; MS '75, Child and Family Development) is currently a Ph.D. stu-

dent at the University of Iowa and will be working on her dissertation with Dr. Alice Atkinson.

Gail Darby Thompson (BSHE '72, Home Economics Education; MEd '79, Home Economics Education), along with her husband, Harry, and their two children, Joey and Darby (senior, UGA College of Family and Consumer Sciences, Family and Consumer Sciences Education) were selected the Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs 1999 State Family of the Year. This honor came at a convention in Atlanta and after they had received both the Moultrie Federated Guild Ed F. Willis Family of the Year Award and the District General Federation Family of the Year Award.

Kathy Ellison Wages (BSHE '71, Home Economics and Art) has retired from her position as the County Extension Coordinator for the Clayton County Extension Service.

1980s

Nancy Jones Arnett (BSHE '88, Fashion Merchandising) became the owner of LaRo Jewelers in Buckhead in August 1998. She had been an apprentice and employee since 1986.

Nancy Bridges (BSHE '85, Home Economics and Journalism; MEd '93, Early Childhood Education), an Extension Agent in Oglethorpe County, has received a \$500 Professional Development Scholarship by the Georgia Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi honor society.

Cynthia Leigh Cochran (BSHE '85, Clothing and Textiles; MS '87, Clothing, Textiles, Interiors, and Furnishings), a 4-H agent in Jenkins County, won a \$500 Epsilon Sigma Phi honor society Professional Improvement Scholarship.

Kimberly Lynn Dominy (BSHE '87, Home Economics Education; MEd '88, Home Economics Education) married Kirk McClellan on June 26, 1999 at First Baptist Church in Moultrie. She is a Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher at Oconee County High School and serves as a District Director for the College of Family and Consumer Sciences Alumni Association.

Laura Lynn Garrett (BSHE '88, Furnishings & Interiors) has been appointed the County Extension Coordinator for Clayton County.

Kimberly S. Gensler (BSHE '88, Consumer Economics and Home Management) is a paralegal for the Bank of America Corporation in Charlotte, NC.

Thomas R. Kasser (PhD '83, Foods & Nutrition), the director of business development and strategy for the animal agriculture group for Monsanto, was recently named DeKalb general manager. Dr. Kasser has been employed with Monsanto since 1983 and has worked in the agriculture and animal agriculture businesses since 1986, with experience in both animal and plant genomics.

Joan Kelly (BSHE '81, Housing; MS '82, Housing, Home Management and Consumer Economics) taught housing at the University of North Texas in 1982 and 1983, then worked with Henry Norris, a noted Atlanta architect. Currently, she is a licensed North Carolina General Contractor and was named the Division Service Manager with Centex Homes in Charlotte, NC, in May 1999. She also teaches a construction course at Central Piedmont Community College for aspiring general contractors. For the past five years, she has been Scholarship Chairperson for the HomeBuilders Association of Charlotte.

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FACS Grad Featured in AJC

Sandy Blake, a FACS graduate from a few years back, was featured in a full-page article in the Dec. 2, 1999 food section of the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*.

Sandy has taught family and consumer sciences to high school students for more than 20 years and provided newspaper readers her thoughts on how things have changed—and how they've stayed the same—through the years. She also provided a recipe, Sweet Potatoes Hawaiian—and her culinary fantasy:

"I would like to have my own cooking show. When I was a teenager, I did several cooking demonstrations on WSB on a cooking show at 6:30 on Saturday mornings. Now I watch a lot of cooking shows on TV and think, 'I could do that, I do that everyday.'" ■



Lisa Lynn Knighton (BSHE '87, Fashion Merchandising; MS '96, Clothing, Textiles, Interiors, and Furnishings) of Watkinsville, recently won the LeRoy Spruill Award, First Place, for Short Fiction at the 24th Southeastern Writer's Workshop held annually at St. Simon's Island, Georgia. Lisa is currently an editor for River's Edge Publishing Company, LLC, of LaFayette, AL, where she is working on the book, *Georgia Women Speak*, a compilation of stories, poems and essays. It will be released in the Summer of 2000. Lisa is married to Dr. Mark W. Huber, assistant professor at the University of Georgia's Terry College of Business.

Pam Goldstein Sanchez (BSHE '84, Consumer Economics and Home Management) is a designer with Rutt of Atlanta Custom Cabinetry. Her work was featured in the January 1999 edition of *Atlanta Homes and Lifestyles* magazine.

Donna Spell Turner (BSHE '82, Home Economics Education) was named Teacher of the Year by Lincoln County and by Lincoln County Middle School.

Jane Marie Watson Wason (BSHE '89, Furnishings and Interiors) married Wallace B. Wason, Jr. (UGA Law School, '92) on June 18, 1994. They have two daughters: Emma Jane, 2, and Suzanna Marie, 9 months.

Trudy Zalud (MS '84, Foods and Nutrition) is working as the Director of Food Services at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton, SD.

1990s

Alonda DeAnna Alloway (BSFCS '97, Housing) started a publishing company and published her first book: *Souls Sold*. She is currently working on her Master's in Social Work at Howard University in Washington, D.C., which she expects to complete in Spring 2000.

Ashlie Anderson (BSFCS '99, Child and Family Development) is Coordinator of Alumni Affairs for the Medical College of Georgia.

Amy Griffin Brock (BSFCS '92, MED '96, Home Economics Education) was recognized as the Region II Outstanding New Career and Technical Teacher by the Association for Career and Technical Education. She received the award at the association's annual convention in Orlando, FL.

Heather Jean Carroll (BSFCS '98, Consumer Journalism) and Tyler Adam

LeLoup were married May 22, 1999, in Cincinnati, OH, where they now reside.

Emily Brooke Collins (BSFCS '96, Child and Family Development) recently accepted a position with Floyd and Gordon Counties Juvenile Courts to serve as the Executive Director of the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) Programs, a volunteer program for abused and neglected children involved in juvenile court proceedings.

Catherine Wells Fish (MS '96, Foods and Nutrition) married Matthew Todd Robinson (BSFCS '92, Nutrition Science; MS '95, Foods and Nutrition) on October 9, 1999, in Andover, NJ. Catherine is employed at Whitehall-Robins Healthcare of Madison, NJ, as the manager of regulatory affairs and Matthew is a research associate for the Nutrition and Scientific Regulatory Affairs Group at Nabisco in East Hanover, NJ.

Patrick L. Flanagan (BSFCS '95, Consumer Economics) passed the bar exam on the first try and is an attorney at law with the firm Flanagan & Ireland in Lawrenceville.

Julie Lynne Fox (BSFCS '99, Furnishings and Interiors) is working as a design associate with the firm Margaret Donaldson Interiors in Charleston, SC.

Cory Freeman (BSFCS '90, Housing) recently accepted a position as a manufacturer's representative with ComRep, Inc., in Duluth. He has a five-month-old daughter Chloe.

Michael J. Fusco (BSFCS '97, Consumer Economics) works as a financial advisor at Morgan Stanley Dean Witter in Atlanta.

Dawn Elizabeth Goettler (PhD '99, Child and Family Development) married Tat Henderson Eaker, Jr. on June 26, 1999 in Athens. Dawn is now a project coordinator on the Mediator Skills Project at the Cat Vincent Institute of Government in Athens.

Elizabeth Danielle Grogan (BSFCS '91, Home Economics Education; MED '91, Family and Consumer Sciences Education) married Wilson Henry Faircloth on July 3, 1999 in Moultrie. The couple lives in Alabama.

Maurice Harrell (BSFCS '95, Consumer Economics) is a realtor with Coldwell Banker, Buckhead Brokers in Lilburn.

Mandi Albertson Hill (BSFCS '91, Consumer Economics) was married in March 1999, to Blake Ryan Hill on the island of

Maui, HI. They now reside in Dalton.

Harriet Holton (BSFCS '99, Consumer Economics) is a retail sales representative with the Vermont American Tool Company in Dallas, TX.

Shannon Walsh Howell (BSFCS '95, Child and Family Development) is a publisher at *Athens Parent Magazine*, a Parenting Resource for Athens Area Families.

Martha Hoyt (BSFCS '96, Child and Family Development) recently joined the staff of Hardy Realty and Development Company, Rome, as a sales associate.

Angela James (BBA '91, Management Information Systems; BSFCS '94, Child and Family Development; MSW '98, Social Work) of Rocksmart is promoting Project Healthy Grandparents, a program for grandparents who are raising children, in Oconee County.

Amphayvong "Amp" Keonavongsa (BSFCS '97, Child and Family Development) married Tom Phommahasay on November 28, 1998. The couple resides in Lawrenceville. Amp is the Assistant Director of the Sylvan Learning Center in Lilburn.

Steven M. Kogan (PhD '99, Child and Family Development) was the winner of the 1999 NCFR Student of the Year Award. The Student Award, which began in 1970, recognizes students who have demonstrated excellence in their academic studies and professional activities, and have high potential for contribution to the field of family studies. Steve is now a post-doctoral fellow at the Center for Treatment Research on Adolescent Drug Abuse, University of Miami School of Medicine.

Dax Langley (BSFCS '98, Consumer Economics) is an independent Sales Associate with AFLAC in Conyers.

Cory Lawson (BSFCS '98, Housing) works in the human resources department at the National Service Industry building in downtown Atlanta.

Kay Maner Manning (BSFCS '98, Child and Family Development) was accepted to the graduate program in counseling at UGA's College of Education.

Angela McNeilly (BSFCS '99, Child and Family Development) is an administrative assistant in the marketing division for Injoy, Inc.

Casey Cristin Mizell (BSFCS '94, Fashion Merchandising) married Christopher Paul Bober on August 28, 1999. She is employed by Parisian.

Michael R. Nuwar (BSFCS '95, Housing) is an analyst in auto sales with the American Honda Motor Company in Alpharetta.

Bridgette Palmer (BSFCS '98, Dietetics)

is employed as a nutrition education and computer specialist with the Richmond County School Nutrition Program. She lives in Augusta.

Amy Richardson Peterson (BSFCS '97, Child and Family Development) is employed at the Center for Computational Quantum Chemistry as a senior administrative secretary. She and her husband have twins (born

March 8, 1999), William Matthew and Hope Victoria. They live in Watkinsville.

Tracey Lynne Phillips (BSFCS '99, Family and Consumer Sciences Education) was married July 17, 1999, to Jason Ank Johnson. She is currently employed at Salem High School and resides in Conyers.

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Meet Betsy Wynne

Betsy Wynne doesn't giggle. She laughs loud and clear, straight from the heart. It's something you would expect from a social animal who grew up with a loving family, went to college in the hills of Georgia, and has made a life by understanding who she is and where she's heading.

Recently, Betsy put her personal direction in perspective when she revisited one of her first schools. She's an alumna of the McPhaul Child and Family Development Center, a laboratory school in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences that she attended as a 4-year-old with a disability.

Wouldn't it be interesting to visit McPhaul again, to observe new facilities and activities and share with the students her experiences as a wheelchair user? She could even use the visit to enrich her work as Americans with Disability Act coordinator for the Institute on Human Development and Disability, a unit of FACS. (Secretly, it would give Betsy a chance to be a kid again, and to reminisce about a school she truly enjoyed.)

According to Betsy's mother, Betty Wynne, Betsy first attended classes at McPhaul in 1971, long before the program's formal inclusion program began in 1985. She was the only child with a disability—cerebral palsy—but was warmly embraced by teachers and students.

"We lived out in the country and there were no other children her age close by," Betty Wynne said. "She was getting no social interaction at all; I felt she needed to be around other children. The McPhaul staff was overwhelmingly glad for her to be there. Betsy was fascinated with what the other children were doing and it was no problem to leave her. She really looked forward to going—just the playing and being with other children."

Betsy remembers the big playroom with its picture windows and the surrounding grassy hills that she played on. "I remember them taking me out of the stroller so I could play in the sandbox," she said.

McPhaul was only the beginning of Betsy's inclusion experiences. As a kindergartner in Oglethorpe County, she again was the only child with a disability in the class. But, using the skills she learned at McPhaul to establish rapport with her classmates and developing a special bond with her teacher, she succeeded in her classes.

Betsy Wynne's resolve that her child not be excluded from opportunities was reinforced following a therapist's assessment of Betsy's intellectual skills when she was a third-grader. "Betsy had already learned half of her multiplication tables, and this therapist said to accept Betsy as she is, to never expose her to math because



she won't be able to do it! I knew what she already had done and this therapist was saying she wouldn't be able to do it. I just don't see how anyone who works with a person with a disability cannot hope for improvement or work for improvement. It just makes no sense ... so we just forged new paths."

Betsy has notched one achievement after another, including graduation from high school and, in 1992, graduation from Truett-McConnell College, with additional classes at Athens Tech.

In 1997, Betsy began working for IHDD after several months as a volunteer. She has completed the Partners in Policymaking advocacy program.

Earlier this year, Betsy was named one of two Truett McConnell Outstanding Young Alumni for 1998-99. Betsy took four years to complete Truett's two-year program because she skipped the winter semesters when her wheelchair and the icy campus hills were not compatible.

While revisiting McPhaul, Betsy related to the children as easily as she did when she attended as a student. She noted the improved accessibility, fielded questions and participated in crafts.

Privately, she gave thanks to McPhaul for practicing inclusion even before "inclusion" was a household word.—*Mary Rugg and John Weber* ■

FACS FACTS: Alumni, Students, Faculty and Staff

Kimberly Porter (MS '96, PhD '99, Foods and Nutrition) is a post-doctoral fellow at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. She is conducting research in hypoglycemia in diabetes and related issues.

Shannon Michele Ferrell Register (BSFCS '98, Consumer Economics) has moved with her husband to Sackets Harbor, NY.

Donna Ruiz (BSFCS '97, Dietetics) recently became a registered dietitian. Donna is a nutritionist with the Floyd County Health Department. In addition she works as a hospital corpsman specializing in pharmacy with the Navy Reserve.

Mandy Sheffield (BSFCS '94, Home Economics Education), an agent for the Irwin County Extension Service, recently received the Booth Award for Excellence in 4-F Programming for the Southern Region.

William Paul Shields (BSFCS '95, Consumer Journalism) married Susa Meredith DeBolt on November 14, 1998. He is employed in account services at Promotion House, a division of Western Initiative Media. They reside in Dunwoody.

Lillian Marinda Singletary (BSFCS '95, Consumer Journalism) was married to Jarel Watson Kelso on July 17, 1999, at the First Baptist Church in Camilla. Mandy is a staff member of United States Congressman John Linder.

Leigh Ellen Sirmans (BSFCS '94, Child and Family Development) and Vivian James Adams III were married July 3, 1999 in Valdosta. They now reside in Macon where Leigh is employed by Bristol Myers Squibb, Mead Johnson Nutritionals as a pharmaceutical sales representative.

Julie Staley (BSFCS '98, Dietetics) is a registered dietitian and works with the Diabetes and Endocrinology Associates, P.C. in Conyers.

Jennifer Stimson (MS '98, Foods and Nutrition) is an Assistant Account Executive with Ketchum in San Francisco, CA.

Scott Sweitzer (BSFCS '94, Consumer Economics) is the district manager for the Vermont American Tool Company in Louisville, KY.

Stephanie Michelle Walker (BSFCS '95, Child and Family Development) married David Wallace Stover Jr. on July 5, 1999, in

St. Augustine, FL. She is employed with the Gilmer County Department of Family and Children Services and they reside in Ellijay.

Matthew B. White (BSFCS '97, Consumer Economics) is a mortgage loan originator with SunTrust Bank in Watkinsville.

Kristen Chickering Whitworth (BSFCS '92, Consumer Economics and Home Management; MS '98, Housing and Consumer Economics) and her husband Troy, had a baby boy, Hunter Buchanan Whitworth, on August 18, 1999. Kristen is working at North Carolina State University as a scholarship counselor in financial aid.

Geneva Wiggs (BSFCS '96, Child and Family Development; MSW '99, Social Work) is the new interim director of the Project Safe Shelter in Athens. ■

Students

Congratulations to FACS students who were selected as among the 26 to serve as the Executive Board of the newly created Academic Affairs Student Advisory Committee. **Lisa Brandenstein** (Fashion Merchandising) and **Jennifer Rucker** (Child and Family Development) are among those who will play a key role in advising administrators in the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs about their academic experiences at the University of Georgia. Over 150 students were nominated.

Two FACS students, **Keisha Shooks** (Fashion Merchandising) and **Robert St. John** (Consumer Economics), were selected to participate in Leadership UGA. This program is a semester-long leadership development initiative which gives students the chance to talk about leadership and meet and discuss topics with leaders in government, industry and education. Over 100 students applied to participate in the program. Only 10 students were selected.

The Board of Directors of the National Association of Home Builders has formally approved the application for affiliation of a University of Georgia student chapter. **Dr. Anne Sweaney** has served as the faculty advisor throughout the process and has really helped in making this chapter a reality. ■

Faculty and Staff

Dr. Elizabeth Andress (Associate Professor, Foods and Nutrition) was presented the Mid Career Service Award by the Georgia Chapter of the Epsilon Sigma Phi honor society. This special award is given to a professional with 10 to 20 years experience who has displayed continuing leadership and excellence in program planning, delivery, and evaluation, or in administration. In addition to this honor, Dr. Andress was recognized with the D.W. Brooks Award for Extension Excellence on October 4, 1999.

Gail Mooney Hanula (Interim Director, EFNEP; BSHE '82, Home Economics Education; MHE '83, Foods and Nutrition; EdS '84, Home Economics Education) was recently presented with the Early Career Service Award by the Georgia Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi honor society. This award recognizes the achievements of rising young professionals (5-10 years experience) who have shown noteworthy enthusiasm, performance, and accomplishments in program design and delivery.

Dr. Richard Lewis (Associate Professor, Foods and Nutrition) served on a U.S. Department of Agriculture/Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service review team at the University of Illinois, Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition.

Dr. Roy Martin (Professor, Foods and Nutrition) recently served on a review team for USDA/CSREES at Michigan State University.

Dr. Velma McBride Murry (Associate Professor, Child and Family Development) was a recipient of the 1999 Earnest G. Osborne Award. The award is given by the National Council on Family Relations. Criteria for the award include the uniqueness of the candidate's contributions to teaching family relations, innovation and creativity in teaching, commitment to teaching, and respect among colleagues and students for teaching excellence.

Congratulations to **Susie Wilder** (Lead Teacher, McPhaul Center) who was recently awarded the Georgia Association for Young Children, Child Care Professional of the Year Award. ■

Georgia Power's \$1.7 Million Gift

Georgia Power Company's decision to give a \$1.7 million contribution to the University of Georgia reflects its long-time commitment to both education and the environment.

"Because we intend to stay as a key player in Georgia's economy, we've tended to focus on these two themes—education and environment," says Bill Archer, executive vice president for external affairs at Georgia Power and a 1970 UGA graduate. "Both pay great dividends long-term for everyone."

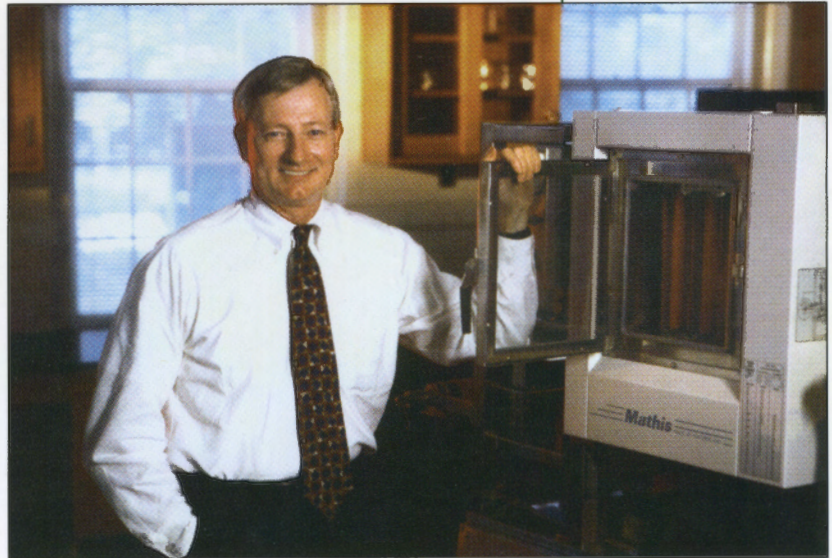
Georgia Power's gift will establish the Georgia Power Company Professorship in Textile Science in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences, along with two other professorships in biotechnology and environmental health sciences in other UGA colleges.

"The textile, apparel and carpet industries are the largest entity in Georgia's manufacturing sector," according to Dr. Ian Hardin, head of the Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors Department. "The person who holds this professorship will conduct research and work with graduate students on projects that address energy and environmental concerns in the textile industry, with particular attention to the textile chemical processes."

The Georgia Power Company Professorship in Textile Science has received approval of the University System Board of Regents. An announcement is expected soon regarding the person who will hold the professorship.

In addition to the professorships, the gift provides signage at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia, lighting for the women's athletic facility located on Milledge Avenue, and the 35-acre recreational sports complex on College Station Road.

"As a UGA alumnus, it's always exciting to know that your alma mater is receiving a significant gift," Archer says. "But as a Georgia Power employee, it's just as exciting to know that this gift will help people and their communities throughout Georgia."—*Denise Horton* ■



Bill Archer, executive vice president for external affairs at Georgia Power

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, by email to kbowers@fcs.uga.edu or write to her at FACS, 224 Dawson Hall, UGA, Athens, GA 30602.



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