

# FACS

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# “Bursting with Pride”

A dozen years as dean of the College of Family and Consumer Sciences puts me in the position as the “senior dean” at the University of Georgia. I don’t believe that I’m entitled to “bragging rights” for longevity, but I am entitled to boast about the accomplishments of the College over the past decade and about our current strengths. As a graduate or friend of the College, I hope you are bursting with pride, just as I am, each time you read FACS Magazine and learn about the activities of our alumni, students, faculty, and staff.

Consider the following:

✂ Total enrollment (Fall 2003) is 1,500, a 38 percent increase since 2000. This is the largest the family and consumer sciences program has ever been. We now have the fourth largest undergraduate enrollment at the University.

✂ The departments of Child and Family Development and Housing and Consumer Economics received very positive reviews from the University’s Program Review and Assessment Committee.\*

✂ Over \$42 million in active research contracts and grants are managed by our faculty and staff. For every \$1 of state funds invested in faculty research appointments, \$9.36 is generated in external funding.

✂ Over \$16 million in active public service contracts and grants are managed by our faculty and staff. For every \$1 of state funds invested in faculty public service appointments, \$11.60 is generated in external funding.

✂ The Dietetics undergraduate and graduate programs are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education; the Ph.D. program in Marriage and Family Therapy is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Education; the FACS undergraduate program is accredited by the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences; and the McPhaul Center is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

✂ Twenty percent of the College’s recent graduates have had a study abroad experience.

✂ Forty-five students majoring in the College are in the UGA Honors Program, up from 22 just last year.

✂ Gifts and pledges to the College increased 21 percent in 2002-03, reflecting the loyalty and generosity of alumni and friends.

As the feature article in this issue of FACS Magazine indicates, there are challenges associated with such success. We are “bursting at the seams” of our physical space as enrollment, research and public service projects, and the desire to be more innovative, expand.

The College is in dire need of physical facilities commensurate with our 21<sup>st</sup> century research projects and the scope of our academic programs. Funding an addition to Dawson/Speirs Hall will require substantial lead gifts. We hope our alumni and friends will help identify individuals or foundations committed to the goals of our College and willing to make an investment to help us accomplish those goals.

We have most of the ingredients for continued success in the decade ahead: outstanding faculty, bright students, dedicated staff, and determination to maintain the quality of our programs despite the current budget dilemmas. As our productivity data show, the College of Family and Consumer Sciences is a good investment. With enhanced physical facilities, the UGA College of Family and Consumer Sciences can be a more visible showcase of excellence. It’s something I’d like to brag about in the near future.



\* The departments of Foods and Nutrition and Textiles, Merchandising, and Interiors will be reviewed by PRAC next year.



*The mission of the College of Family and Consumer Sciences is to advance the well-being of individuals and families over the life span and strengthen communities through the generation and dissemination of knowledge, the education of professionals, and the provision of research-based programs.*



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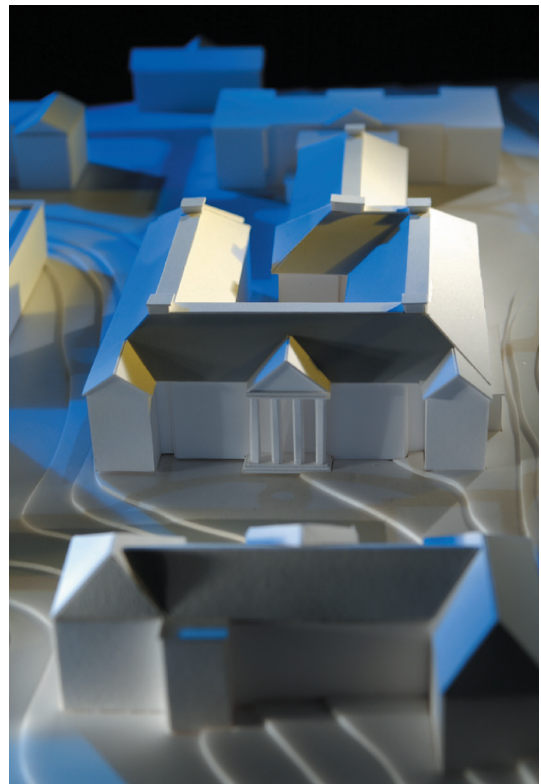
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## Hairy Dawg...FACS Student Receives

### Big Dawg on Campus

**When UGA mascot Hairy Dawg** is jumping along the sidelines at UGA sporting events high-fiving fans and cheering on the team, the student inside the suit may be **Joshua Whitlock** (Junior, Child and Family Development).

Like other members of the cheering squad, Whitlock had to try out for Hairy Dawg. Once he was chosen, he also received a partial athletic scholarship and a stipend. In exchange, he stays in shape with nearly daily workouts and Saturdays spent on the sidelines cheering the Dawgs.

This is Whitlock's second year as Hairy Dawg, although last year his costume featured the UGA basketball uniform rather than the football attire he sports this year. Whitlock has been awarded the Karin Willis Scholarship which honors a student athlete in FACS.

## STUDENT HONORS

### FACS Student Receives Basketball Honors

**Christi Thomas** (Senior, Consumer Economics) is receiving a wealth of recognition as a result of her leadership on the U.S. Young Women's National Team, which defeated Brazil 71-55 in the gold medal game of inaugural World Championship for Young Women in Sibenik, Croatia.

Thomas was named to the all-tournament team after averaging 10 points and 7 rebounds in three medal-round games.

Thomas—a 6-foot, 5-inch forward/center from Buford—is also among 30 leading, pre-season candidates to be considered for the Naismith Award as the National Player of the Year as well as for the inaugural John R. Wooden Award for women's basketball.

The Wooden Award already is widely known as the most coveted individual honor in men's college basketball by recognizing the nation's best player at an institution of higher education who is making progress toward graduation and maintaining a cumulative 2.0 grade point average.

In addition to basketball, Thomas also stays busy with other aspects of college life. During the summer she worked as an orientation leader in the FACS Office of Student Services as well as being a part of an outreach project that involved working with a total of 1,800 middle and high school 4-H students who visited the University of Georgia.





Honors...CFLP Expands...PEGS Wins Award...\$\$Grants...\$\$Grants...

## GRANTS

### Family-Centered Project Receives \$4 Million Grant

CFD faculty members Gene Brody and Velma McBride Murry have received \$4.2 million from the National Institutes of Mental Health for a “developing center grant” focusing on family-centered intervention for mental health in rural African-American families. The project will include other UGA faculty members as well as colleagues at Fort Valley State University. The project will focus on piloting the research design and work toward becoming a full-fledged center.

### National Food Preservation Center Receives Grant

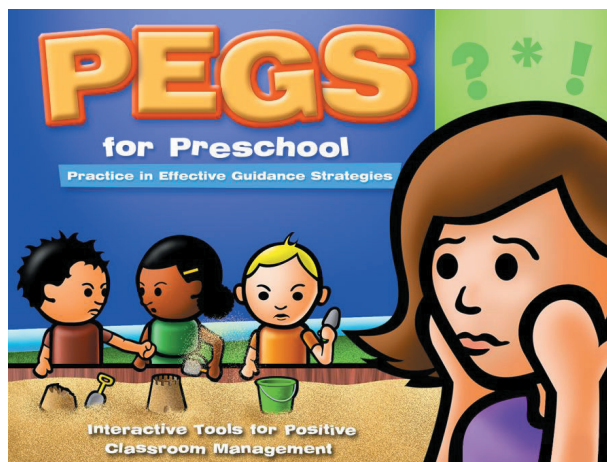
A \$540,000 grant to the National Center for Home Food Preservation will provide the funds necessary for the first revision in a decade of the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s guide to home canning and allow development of a series of videos to educate the public how to safely preserve foods.

“In addition to these two major projects, we’ll also continue to update our website and maintain a small, applied research program that allows us to continue testing recipes for new products, such as for salsas and flavored vinegars,” said **Elizabeth Andress** (Professor, Foods and Nutrition), who directs the center.

The National Center for Home Food Preservation was established four years ago with funding from the Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service of the USDA, which has also provided the continuing funding.

### CFLP Expands to 21 Counties

**Michael Rupured** (Extension Financial Management Specialist) has received \$500,000 to allow the Consumer Financial Literacy Program to expand to an additional 10 counties, which means low-income working families in 21 of Georgia’s poorest counties are now receiving education on how best to manage their financial resources.



### PEGS Wins E-Learning Award

An interactive CD that has allowed teachers to reduce disruptive behavior in their classrooms by as much as 65 percent has been recognized by the seventh annual Excellence in E-Learning Awards competition.

PEGS!—Practice in Effective Guidance Strategies was developed by researchers at the Developmental Therapy-Teaching outreach unit of the College of Family and Consumer Sciences in cooperation with LetterPress Software, an instructional design and e-learning technology company.

The CD is designed for teachers to use on their own to learn how best to decrease problem behavior among students and to increase classroom participation. Teachers who have used the program said the CD was an excellent way to learn on their own. Using the skills they learned on the CD, preschool teachers reported a 64 percent decrease in disruptive behavior. Elementary school teachers reported a 55 percent decrease in disruptive behavior, and middle and high school teachers reported a 28 percent decrease.

The E-Learning Awards competition is the nation’s oldest program honoring companies for effective use of new multimedia technologies to improve learning. The competition has three categories—Best Practices, Innovative Technology, and Custom Content. PEGS! received the silver award in the Custom Content category.

1,500 students • 297 faculty and staff • 11 buildings • 1 mission:

# Providing Knowledge

By Denise Horton

**On paper, the College of Family and Consumer Sciences looks great.**

With 1,500 students registered as FACS majors in fall 2003, the college has the fourth largest undergraduate enrollment at the University of Georgia.

Research and outreach faculty currently are managing nearly \$60 million in external funding. If that figure is annualized it means that for every state dollar spent on faculty salaries for research, the faculty have generated \$9.36. Likewise, for every dollar spent on faculty salaries for outreach, the faculty have generated \$11.60.

But achievements create challenges, and in the case of the College of Family and Consumer Sciences, the challenge is space.

"We don't have enough," says Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Research Jan Hathcote. Among her other duties, Hathcote oversees building maintenance and works with department heads and Dean Sharon Y. Nickols in trying to carve out additional space for a variety of projects, classrooms and personnel.

In 1932, when Dawson Hall first opened, it housed all of the faculty and staff of what was then the Division of Home Economics, plus the professionals who had appointments with the Cooperative Extension Service.

Today, Dawson and Spiers, which opened in 1971 primarily as laboratory space, can't even house the college's faculty. Instead, faculty can be found in office parks located on the far western side of Clarke County, closer to Georgia Square Mall than to Dawson Hall, on the far eastern side of the county, and in several locations in between.

"We recognize that our growth is a good thing," Nickols says. "But as we try to meet student and faculty needs, we're often stymied by the lack of space."

For example, the lack of space is affecting the college's teaching.

"Many classes are larger," according to Hathcote. "While some faculty are enjoying teaching in UGA's new Student Learning Center, certain majors require specialized studios and laboratories."

Take the furnishings and interiors major, for example.

"An ideal set-up would be for each studio class to have its own studio," she says. "Right now, we have one studio classroom with 25 drafting stations. The 150 students in that major share that space at various times during the week."

In the case of the college's largest class – FACS 2000, a required survey course exploring the roots of family and consumer sciences – the 385 students enrolled are gathering in the 400-seat auditorium in the School of Forest Resources, two blocks away from Dawson.

"It's not the inconvenience to faculty that concerns me when we have classes out-

**The classroom crunch leads to more hallway conferences between professors and students.**





# for Real Life

side of Dawson,” Nickols says. “It’s the loss of faculty and student interaction. With the space crunch across campus, students and faculty have to clear out to make way for the next professor using the room. The chance to continue a discussion in the professor’s office may never happen.”

Nickols also is concerned that students aren’t able to connect to the college as a whole if they don’t have classes in Dawson.

“They don’t get to see the bulletin boards advertising upcoming events and opportunities – the sign-ups for FACS Ambassadors or the study abroad in London, and notices to apply for scholarships,” Nickols says. “Part of identifying with the college and developing as a family and consumer sciences professional is established by spending time here, planning events for student organizations, talking with classmates, studying, or stopping by a professor’s office.”

## Faculty Interaction Essential

But interaction with faculty isn’t important just for students. It’s also important for the research and public service work of the faculty.

For another college, departmental isolation might be a minor factor, but not for the College of Family and Consumer Sciences.

“We are an interdisciplinary, integrated and holistic field,” according to Nickols. “Our theoretical and historical foundation is that we pull together people to work on pressing human issues. That goal isn’t easily fostered when you have people in 11 different buildings.”

Certainly the college’s success in receiving external funding demonstrates that plenty of research and outreach projects are under way, but Nickols sees many opportunities that are missed due to limited faculty interaction.

“When you look at issues like persistent poverty or childhood obesity or affordable housing, there are any number of research and outreach projects that could be developed combining the expertise of faculty members in different departments,” Nickols says. “But developing creative ideas and writing grants that combine the research interests and outreach expertise of faculty in diverse areas requires fre-



**Dr. Mary Ann Johnson’s staff demonstrates how crowded her lab would be if everyone worked the same hours.**

quent interaction.”

Even within departments interactions among faculty can be a challenge. In the case of the Housing and Consumer Economics Department and Child and Family Development Department, faculty members are housed in former “home management” houses plus Dawson Hall and Hoke Smith Annex. In addition, CFD faculty who are part of the Institute on Human Development and Disability are housed three miles —and a lot of traffic—away in the River’s Crossing building on College Station Road. Foods and Nutrition faculty are in the Boyd Graduate Studies Building. And, on the west side of town, faculty in the Developmental Therapy and Teaching Program rent space in an office park.

“Our faculty members have programs that have terrific external funding, which has allowed them to hire staff and add graduate students and conduct a broad range of research programs,” Nickols says. “But the downside is they had to move off campus to house their programs. That means our undergraduates – and even faculty – don’t get to interact with them and gain an in-depth understanding of their research.”

In some cases, faculty have decided to forego opportunities to move out of Dawson for more space, choosing instead to juggle people and space and time.

“I love being in Dawson,” says Dr. Mary Ann Johnson, a Foods and Nutrition professor who oversees more than \$1 million in external funding for research and outreach focusing on nutrition and older adults and serves as graduate coordinator for the department. “There’s a synergy that takes place within these walls that I want to be a part of. I want to see my colleagues and students and interact with them.”

Because a large portion of Johnson's research and outreach program involves traveling to senior citizen centers and making home visits around the state, the limited space can be accommodated, although with some difficulty. Fifteen staff, undergraduate students and graduate students share three small offices and eight computers in Spiers Hall. Some staff are housed off campus at the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia in Athens and in northwest Georgia. Plans are under way to hire additional new staff to be located in Fulton County. Office manager Pam Mayfield says when multiple members of the research group are in the office at the same time the noise can be a bit disconcerting, but she's learned to "hyperfocus."

While success has caused space to be a premium, the age of the buildings housing the College of Family and Consumer Sciences also is a problem, according to Hathcote.

"Our buildings are old," she says. "We have some nice space and we have some atrocious space. For example, we were going to house five graduate students in the basement of one of the former home management houses, but the mold and mildew makes it unhealthy for them to be in that space."

"Some of our faculty have spacious offices, while others are housed in rooms that once were storage spaces," she continues. "When you're dealing with cinderblock or plaster walls, you can't reconfigure that space to even things out."

Age and space is also an issue for the college's Historic Costume Collection, which currently is housed in one room on the third floor of Dawson Hall. Although efforts are made to maintain the collection at a constant climate, Hathcote notes that two window air-conditioning units and a dehumidifier are not adequate to truly protect the collection.

### What's Needed

What's needed is a new building. An addition, actually, that would attach to the back of Spiers Hall.

Hathcote oversaw development of a facility analysis and feasibility study four years ago that included architectural drafts for the new space as well as cost estimates for renovating Dawson and Spiers, including changing the brown brick exterior of Spiers to match the buff brick of Dawson and the new addition.

"The new space would consolidate the majority of our faculty into contiguous space, including providing them the flexible laboratory space that's currently lacking. It also would add classrooms and provide space for students and faculty to interact," she says.

The addition would re-orient the college's "front door" so that the primary entrance would look out over the developing D.W. Brooks Pedestrian Walkway.

"In some ways, this would return the orientation of our college to our roots," according to Hathcote. "Before Spiers was built, the front of Dawson Hall faced east and looked out over a Greek theater that was located where the Boyd Graduate Studies Building currently

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sits.”

Plans for the 108,650-square-foot addition—which would be three stories tall—includes space for a 250-seat auditorium, a 150-seat classroom, multiple teaching and research labs, interior design studios, and office space. A particular highlight of the new plan is 2,400 square feet of space for the Historic Costume Collection, including 400 square feet dedicated to restoration space—currently there is only a small conference table that provides the only space for any restoration efforts. The plans also call for 250 square feet of display space.

“Currently, our only display space is contained in a two cabinets located on the third floor,” according to Hathcote. “These new plans would provide the professionally designed space necessary to use our collection as part of our teaching efforts.”

The new space also would provide teaching through observation by configuring research laboratory space with windows, allowing undergraduate students the opportunity to watch their professors and graduate students at work.

“Allowing undergraduates and visitors to the college the opportunity to see faculty at work in their labs offers an opportunity for research to come alive,” Nickols says. “It’s another way to introduce people to research and, in the case of undergraduates, to introduce them to the idea of graduate school.”

### **Paying the Price**

The cost for the new addition and renovations to







Dawson and Spiers halls is estimated at \$30 million—and at least \$8 million will have to be “in the bank” before campus administrators will ask the state Board of Regents to consider the building for state funding.

“We’re not alone in needing more space,” Nickols says. “There are units all over campus that also need new buildings or renovations to existing structures. The reality is that state funding for buildings is limited and until we’ve shown the ability to raise a substantial percentage of the required building funds we won’t make the Regents’ list.”

Although giving to the College of Family and Consumer Sciences has grown during the past few years—giving increased 21 percent in fiscal year 2003—Nickols and Director of Development Katrina Bowers are still searching for gifts in the million-dollar category that are needed to fund a new building.

“Our graduates leave here with the message to give of themselves to their communities,” Nickols says. “And I’ll always emphasize that message because it is at the historical heart of our profession. But we also need our alumni to know that we are relying on them to help us to continue providing a quality education to future students in modern facilities appropriate to the 21st century.”

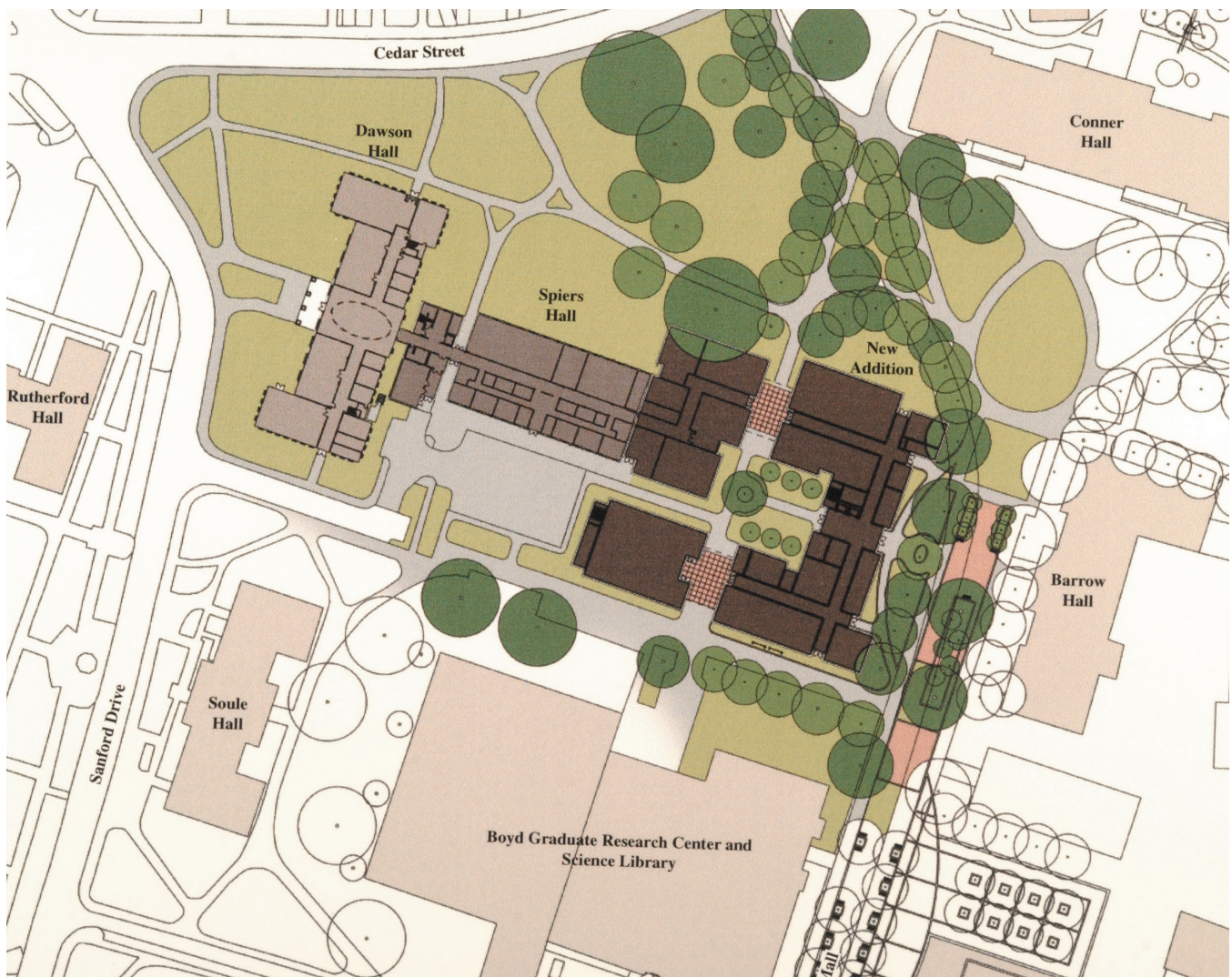
Gene Toodle (BSFCS ’98, Consumer Economics) agrees. Toodle sells office and classroom furniture to a variety of customers in the state, including the University of Georgia.

“I’ve had the opportunity to be in most of the new and renovated buildings on campus and they look beautiful,” he says. “I want my College to have facilities of the same caliber as other places on campus.”

While Nickols and Bowers continue their visits with alumni and search for other funding opportunities for the building, Nickols says the mission of the College of Family and Consumer Sciences is continuing unabated.

“The faculty, staff and students of this college demonstrate every day their commitment to providing knowledge for real life,” she says. “I’m confident that we will eventually find the funds for our new building. But, I’m even more confident that we’ll continue to work together to enhance the learning environment for our students and to pursue research and outreach efforts that improve the well-being of families and communities.” ■





*Elevation study of new addition.*



# RashDecisions

**Club membership has grown tenfold under advisor's guidance**

**As she sat in the audience** at the American Association for Family and Consumer Sciences meeting in Washington, D.C., Connie Rash hoped she would have the opportunity to meet the winner of the National Advising Award.

"She sounded so interesting," Rash recalls. "As the announcer read about the winner, I thought, 'Wow. That sounds like a really neat, dedicated advisor.'"

Dean Sharon Y. Nickols had a different thought.

"I thought, 'That sounds like Connie,'" she says.

As AAFCS president, Nickols assumed she would know if Rash, associate director for Student Services, had been nominated for the award, so she, too, was curious to hear the winner's name.

"When they said my name, I completely froze," Rash says. "I thought, 'Did they say my name or am I just wishing that was me they were describing?'"

The several FACS students sitting near Rash *knew* they had heard her name and began jumping up and down, screaming at Rash to go to the stage and accept her award.

Seated at her desk in her office in the FACS Student Services Office a few weeks later, Rash still gets teary-eyed with appreciation for the secret nomination.

"I've never felt so praised and humbled in all of my life," she says. "It's the highest compliment I've ever attained. I just can't believe they did that for me."

But for the students who know her, it's Rash who does so much for them.

"Connie is always so excited about whatever we decide to do," says Laura Knowles, SAFCS president. "She's also such a genuine person and she lets you know that it's OK to be yourself. She wants people to know that she's interested in them and their lives."

But Rash also wants students to know she's interested in them joining SAFCS.

Since taking over the position as SAFCS advisor, the club has grown from six members to more than 100 and includes both undergraduate and graduate students.

"I do have an advantage when it comes to reaching students because I advise all of the new students in the college," Rash acknowledges a bit sheepishly. "But whatever their major is, students can be a part of SAFCS. I think SAFCS membership helps build students' ownership in the college and





when they join our local chapter, they also become part of both the state and national organizations, which offers them a ton of opportunities both while they're in college and after they graduate."

When Rash took over as advisor five years ago, the first goal she and the SAFCS officers agreed on was to build the membership.

"We decided to stand in the hallways and give away bottles of water with stickers on them announcing the club," she says. "I got so excited about this idea that I called *The Red and Black* newspaper and told them. They wrote a story saying we would be giving free water to *all* students! We were scared to death we would have thousands of students lining up for free water!"

Instead, they gave out 500 bottles of water and the membership at the next meeting jumped significantly. Since then, membership has continued to climb and the club's programs have expanded.

"One thing I've learned is that our students have a limited amount of time," Rash says. "So, the officers and I meet a couple of times each semester and plan out the meetings. Our meetings aren't about sitting around talking. We're doing."

Most meetings focus on community action projects, like the annual book drive.

"Every student brings a book to the book drive and, during the month before this project, we put out boxes and invite others in the college to contribute books, as well," Rash explains. "We sign each book with the college's name and the year and donate them to the Athens Area Boys and Girls Club."

Other projects include providing Halloween goodies for the children who attend the McPhaul Children's Center, operating a booth at South Campus Tailgate, and adopting a child for Christmas.

"For the members, this isn't a very demanding club because we do know how limited their time is," Rash says. "Most of our meetings last only an hour and we provide snacks and door prizes. We also have great publicity for our meetings. I try to recruit a consumer journalism major to handle our publicity and it's always great!"

Rash also has worked to expand SAFCS and connect it more closely to student chapters throughout Georgia and to the national organization.

"A few years ago, Darby Sewell, a UGA graduate who now teaches family and consumer sciences at ABAC (Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton), and I went to the Georgia FACS meeting and told them we wanted



to create a statewide student organization and to create E-Hugs, which connects students with professionals using email. They were thrilled with our ideas."

Since then, the four SAFCS chapters in Georgia – at UGA, ABAC, Georgia Southern University in Statesboro and Fort Valley College and State University – have had annual weekend retreats, rotating the meetings to each location.

"Part of our goal in connecting with other student chapters and the state chapter is to get students so hooked into the organization that they become lifelong members of GAFCS and AAFCS," Rash says.

To make that national connection, Rash also has encouraged students to attend the national meetings. Last year, one UGA student attended the national meeting. This year, there were 23 college students from Georgia, 10 of them from UGA.

Kim Bland (Senior, Child and Family Development-Early Childhood Education, Pre-K-Grade 2) was among the UGA students who attended the most recent national meeting and was in the audience when Rash won the national award.

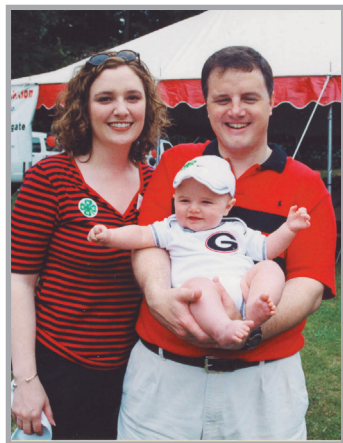
Bland met Rash before she ever arrived at UGA, having served as the state SAFCS chair while she was a student at ABAC.

"When I got to UGA, Connie gave me a lot of good ideas, such as writing letters to all the new FACS students in the state," Bland says. "Her excitement rubbed off on me."

Bland was among the students who contributed to Rash's nomination for the national award.

"I wrote about her excitement for students," Bland recalls. "Connie's been through so much, such as being a two-time breast cancer survivor. She could be bitter, but she's the happiest person ever. Connie makes students feel so important. She could make us feel like a number, but she knows students personally. She knows everybody!" ■

# Picture This!



**Carson Griffeth, age 5 months, experienced his first South Campus Tailgate with mom Suzanne and dad, Phillip.**

If a picture is worth a thousand words then this column is really long! Our FACS Alumni have been incredibly busy during the past few months, planning and participating in events ranging from the annual Alumni Awards Luncheon to our newest event, "Dawgs with the Dean!"

I hope you enjoy seeing your classmates in these photos and thinking about which events you "picture yourself" joining in. Note the dates for upcoming events, such as Relax with FACS and the next awards luncheon. Also, keep checking your mail for coming events sponsored by alumni in your department. If you have any questions, please call me at 706-542-4881 or email me at [Suzanne@fcs.uga.edu](mailto:Suzanne@fcs.uga.edu).

## Annual Alumni Awards Luncheon



The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Alumni Awards Luncheon was held at the UGA SkyClub at Sanford Stadium on March 8. FACS Alumni enjoyed a wonderful lunch, a "Halftime Show" featuring FACS student leaders, visiting with award winners, and witnessing the first induction into

the FACS Honor Hall of Recognition in more than 10 years.

**The 2004 Awards Lunch will be held February 21, 2004 at the Classic Center's new Foundry Street Ballrooms in Athens.**

The 2003 Alumni Awards Winners are (L-R): **Dr. Wanda J. Grogan** (Retired Professor Emerita; EdS '73, MEd '71) Outstanding Service Award; **Dr. Shelly M. Nickols-Richardson** (PhD '98, Foods and Nutrition; MS '94, Foods and Nutrition) Pacesetter Award; **J. Richard Parker II**, Director of the Athens Housing Authority, FACS Appreciation Award; **Anne L. Byrn** (BSHE '78, Home Economics) Emily Quinn Pou Professional Achievement Award; **Carolyn W. Grant** (BSHE '71, Home Economics) Distinguished Alumni Award, and **Connie W. Rash** (Assistant Director, FACS Student Services) Creswell Award.

The late **Dr. Emily Quinn Pou**, who served as dean from 1971-1991 was inducted into the FACS Honor Hall of Recognition for her 20 years of leadership, innovation, and dedication to excellence. Dean Pou's son, **David Quinn**, and his wife **Georgina** are shown with a portrait of Dean Pou.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

### "Relax with FACS" Retreat

**January 23-25, 2004**

### The 27th Annual Awards Lunch

**February 21, 2004**

### FACS Presidents Club Event

**April 25, 2004**



## Dawgs with the Dean

More than 400 Varsity hot dogs, chips, drinks and icy pops were served to FACS students, faculty and staff passing through “Pou’s Pillars” at Dawson Hall as part of the first “Dawgs with the Dean.” The lunch was planned and sponsored by the FACS Alumni Association’s College Relations Committee as a low-cost way to say “welcome back” to FACS students and gave them an opportunity to meet Dean Sharon Nickols. Those helping included (L-R) **Amy Skelton** (BSHE ’85, Clothing and Textiles), **Beth Thompson Gulley** (BSFCS ’02, Furnishings and Interiors), Director of Development and Alumni Relations **Katrina Bowers** (BSHE ’84, Consumer Economics and Home Management), **Dean Sharon Y. Nickols**, UGA mascot **Hairy Dawg**, **Carol Bugg** (BSFCS ’91, Consumer Economics and Home Management), FACS Alumni Association President **Stacy Bishop Jones** (BSFCS ’93, Home Economics and Journalism), Coordinator of Alumni Relations **Suzanne Griffeth** (BSFCS ’99, Consumer Economics), **Erna Doster** (BSHE ’59) and **Mary Pritchett Bishop** (BSHE ’69, Home Economics Education; MHE ’70, Home Economics). Not pictured: **Ginger Vickery** (BSFCS ’91, MS ’95, Home Management and Consumer Economics).



## South Campus Tailgate

Our 9<sup>th</sup> annual South Campus Tailgate held on Saturday, September 6, 2003 at UGA’s Legion Field was a HUGE success—the weather was perfect, the exhibits were great and the barbecue was delicious. UGA cheerleaders, clowns, a petting zoo, line dancing, ice cream, and face painting all added to the festivities.

**Dixie Brown Johnston** (BSHE ’86, Housing; MS ’90, Housing, Home Management and Consumer Economics) and her two children, **Sam** and **Emma**, check out the interesting bugs at the entomology exhibit. **Gloria Conner Berry** (BSHE ’74, Home Economics) looks on while **Judge Kathy Stephens Palmer** (BSHE ’76, Child and Family Development) shakes the hand of Gloria’s granddaughter—and future FACS graduate—**Caitlin Leigh Haynes**.



participate in the 2004 Retreat. Shown (L-R) are: **Beth Lowery Epling** (BSHE ’70, Home Economics Education), **Barbara Swint** (BSHE ’69, Home Economics Education), **Edie Edwards Smith** (BSHE ’84, Nutrition), **Kathy Stephens Palmer** (BSHE ’76, Child and Family Development), **Lynda Cowart Talmadge** (BSHE ’61, Home Economics), **Louise Hill** (BSHE ’79, Home Economics and Journalism), and **Harrileen Jones Conner** (BSHE ’83, Home Economics Education; MEd ’91, Home Economics Education).

## Relax With FACS @ Chateau Elan

**January 23 – 25, 2004**

A time for renewal and relaxation with fellow alumni! This year’s Relax with FACS will include spa treatments, a winery tour, shopping, and a tour of Mayfield Dairy. For more information, contact Suzanne Griffeth at 706-542-4881 or [suzanne@fcs.uga.edu](mailto:suzanne@fcs.uga.edu). 2003 Relax With FACS participants yell “Goooooooooooo Dawgs!” and encourage you to partici-

**Attention Phi Upsilon Omicron Alumni:** To become a part of the new Phi Upsilon Omicron Alumni Group at UGA, please contact Jacquelyn Tucker (BSFCS ’02) at [jat130@aol.com](mailto:jat130@aol.com)

# FACS FACTS

## Alumni Notes

### 1940s

**Nora Lennie Stone** (BSHE '46; MSHE '50, Home Economics Education) is retired and enjoying life in Statesboro. She worked for Georgia Southern as a dietician for five years, prior to spending 21 years as a teacher, 14 of them at Marvin Pittman Demonstration School on the Georgia Southern Campus.

### 1960s

**Virginia D'Ambrosio** (BSHE '69, Home Economics Education) is retired after 32 years of teaching as head of the family and consumer sciences department at Fonda-Fultonville Central School in New York.

**DiAnn Pattillo McMillan** (BSHE '63, Dietetics and Institution Management) is the food service director at Savannah Country Day School where she has worked for 20 years.

**Genelda Moseley Reese** (BSHE '63, Dietetics and Institution Management) heads the dietary department at Bullock Memorial Hospital in Statesboro.

### 1970s

**Robbie Baughn Boggs** (BSHE '75, Fashion Merchandising; MHE '78, Clothing, Textiles, Interiors and Furnishings) is an instructor in the family and consumer sciences department at Jacksonville State University in Jacksonville, Alabama, where she teaches a variety of courses including fashion merchandising.

**Nancy Rebecca Coleman** (BSHE '77; MEd '78, Home Economics Education) was selected for the Circle of Leadership from the Georgia Agriculture Leaders Forum in December 2002. She is currently director of alumni relations at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton.

**Janis Holt Collins** (BSHE '73, Home Economics and Art) and her husband, Darrell, are the parents of four sons. They live in North Augusta, South Carolina, and Janis makes annual mission trips to Bolivia.

**Louise Hill** (BSHE '79, Home Economics and Journalism) is a community leadership development specialist at the J.W. Fanning Institute for Leadership at UGA. She moved into her new role July 1 after serving as director of development and alumni

relations for the UGA College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences for seven years.

**Beverly Rheney Littlefield** (BSHE '70, Home Economics and Journalism) is the section manager for program development and operations for the Georgia Department of Human Resources Division of Aging Services.

**Vera Wingfield Stewart's** (BSHE '74, Home Economics Education) business VeryVera was recently featured on NBC's The Today Show on a segment on great mail order gift ideas. VeryVera's newest ventures include a cafe located in the store in Augusta as well as an Augusta Regional Airport location. For more information, go to [www.veryvera.com](http://www.veryvera.com).

**Sherry D. Weber** (MEd '79, Home Economics Education) teaches special education in the Clarke County School District.

**Ann Stowe Wilburn** (BSHE '71; MEd '77, Home Economics Education) is a family and consumer sciences teacher at Westside Middle School in Winder.

### 1980s

**Katherine Holt Barnes** (PhD '87, Child and Family Development) works as a marriage and family therapist and writes a weekly column on mental health for the *Clayton Tribune*.

**Deborah Lisa Craft** (BSHE '87, MEd '89, 'EdS '92, Home Economics Education) and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of a baby girl, Allison Lee, on December 3, 2002.

If you have news and information  
for FACS Facts send it to

**Suzanne Griffeth**

Coordinator of Alumni Relations,

at [suzanne@fcs.uga.edu](mailto:suzanne@fcs.uga.edu)

or call her at 706-542-4881.



Allison joins her brother, Ryan, and sister, Caitlin. The family lives in Dalton.

**Susan Lewis Culpepper** (BSHE '86, Fashion Merchandising) is a public service representative with the Douglas County Extension Service. She and her husband Mike stay busy keeping up with their one-year-old son, Will. They currently reside in Dallas, Georgia.

**Paula Schwartzman Fine** (BSHE '85, Child Development) works as the host producer of children's closed circuit television shows at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Scottish Rite Hospital for the child life department. She also performs in the music parody troupe "Southern Discomfort."

**Angela Fortner Nettles** (BSHE '82, Consumer Economics and Home Management) is a senior human resource manager for Icon Office Solutions in Columbia, South Carolina.

**Peggy Oliver Gerace-Roosa** (BSHE '88, Fashion Merchandising, MS '90, Clothing, Textiles, Interiors and Furnishings) lives in Los Angeles and has been director of service level and process management within the IT division of EarthLink, Inc. She is responsible for creating, implementing, and managing service level agreements across the company. She joined Earthlink in 1999.

## 1990s

**Paula Early Adams** (PhD '93, Child and Family Development) is a school social worker for Lumpkin County Schools. She is a licensed clinical social worker and a certified school social work specialist. The sixth-generation Lumpkin County native and her husband, Bobby, have two children, daughter Brooke and son Brynнан.

**Elizabeth Barnhart** (BSHE '90, Housing) is a full-time mother to Georgina Blair "Georgia," born

December 22, 2000. The family lives in Washington, DC.

**Allison Priebe Brooks** (BSFCS '99, Consumer Journalism) has begun her own business selling high-end jewelry. Her web address is [www.AllisonBrooksDesigns.com](http://www.AllisonBrooksDesigns.com).

**Becky Wood Carlan** (BSFCS '98, Consumer Economics and Housing) and her husband, Tim, announce the birth of their son, Benjamin Walton Carlan. He was born on January 13, 2003. The Carlans live in Commerce.

**Diane Wood** (Degree Program Specialist, Office of Student Services) is the grandmother of Benjamin.

**Darnelda L. Crosby** (BSFCS '99,

Child and Family Development) is an employment broker for the Institute on Human Development and Disability (IHDD) in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences at the University of Georgia. IHDD works with others to create opportunities that will improve the quality of life for people with disabilities and their families by advancing the understanding of the ability of all people through education, research, and public service.

**Bernard Davis** (BSFCS '94, Consumer Economics) is a team manager for State Farm Insurance Co. in Spartanburg, SC.

**Lauren James Dawkins** (BSFCS



(L-R) **Beth Lowery Epling** (BSHE '70, Home Economics Education), Vice President for Development; **Ayisha Fleming Savage** (BSFCS '99, Dietetics), FDN Representative; **Bridgette Palmer Matthews** (BSFCS '98, Dietetics), FDN Representative; **Linda Brogdon Lewis** (MED '73, Home Economics Education; BSHE '71, Home Economics Education), FACS Education Representative; **Stacy Bishop Jones** (BSFCS '93, FACS Education and Journalism), President; **Tammy Tate Gilland** (BSHE '88, Home Economics and Journalism), Vice President for Programs; **Jill Sirmans Bateman** (BSFCS '93, Family and Consumer Sciences and Journalism), HACE Representative; **Katy O'Neal Arrowood** (BSFCS '94, Child and Family Development), CFD Representative; **Cynthia Cochran** (BSHE '85, Clothing and Textiles; MS '87, Clothing and Textiles, Furnishings and Interiors), President-Elect; and **Carol Bugg** (BSFCS '91, Consumer Economics and Home Management) Chair of the College Relations Committee. Not pictured are: **Pat Hammond** (BSHE '60, Home Economics Education), Secretary; **Jacquelyn Tucker** (BSFCS '02, Child and Family Development) CFD Representative; **Marian Proper** (BSHE '84, Fashion Merchandising) TMI Representative; **Kishia Shooks** (BSFCS '00, Fashion Merchandising), TMI Representative; **Jan Baggarry** (MED '78, Home Economics Education; BSHE '74, Clothing and Textiles), FACS Education Representative; **Laurie Barton** (BSFCS '02, Child and Family Development), Out of State Representative; and **Kindra Watters** (BSFCS '93, Family and Consumer Sciences and Journalism), Past President.

'97, Furnishing and Interiors) is a sales associate with Ainsworth-Noah and Associates in Atlanta.

**Kelly McGill Dean** (BSHE '89, Fashion Merchandising; MS '91, Clothing, Textiles, Interiors, and Furnishings) is chief operations officer and part-owner for Scofield Timber Co. She also serves on the board of directors for the Southern Institute for Business and Professional Ethics and the UGA Alumni Association.

**Jennifer Ward Dunn** (BSFCS '96, Child and Family Development; MS '01, Child and Family Development) and her husband David have a two-year-old son, Gus. Jennifer has been teaching a family relationships class for the past two years and will be teaching an internship class at Florida State University this fall.

**Robert Edwards** (BSFCS '97, Consumer Economics) is a running back for the Miami Dolphins and was recently nominated for an ESPY award in the Comeback Athlete category. The ESPY Awards were created by ESPN in 1993 and are given for Excellence in Sports Performance.

**Missy Brill Fletcher** (BSHE '89, Consumer Economics and Home Management) lives in Spotsylvania, Virginia, with her husband, Gary, and their three sons, ages two, four and nine. She handles accounts receivable and payable, and issues invoices for international customers of her father's business.

**Suzanne Melton Griffeth** (BSFCS '99, Consumer Economics) and her husband, Phillip, announce the birth of their son, Carson, on April 7, 2003. Suzanne is director of alumni relations in the UGA College of Family and Consumer Sciences.

**Anne Hansen** (MHE '92, Child and Family Development) is an assistant director with the Northeast Georgia Regional Development Center, which

provides service for Barrow, Clarke, Elbert, Greene, Jackson, Jasper, Madison, Morgan, Newton, Oconee, Oglethorpe, and Walton counties.

**Maurice Harrell** (BSFCS '95, Consumer Economics) is the founder and president of Pro Players Network Group in Conyers, a real estate, mortgage, consulting, and private investment company that focuses on the needs of professional athletes and entertainers.

**Denise Houston** (BSFCS '93, Foods and Nutrition; MS '97, Foods and Nutrition) received the American Society for Nutritional Sciences Kraft Pre-Doctoral Fellowship for 2003. She is a doctoral candidate at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill in the Department of Nutrition.

**Donna Gaulding Jordan** (BSFCS '98, Child and Family Development-Early Childhood Education: Pre-K-Grade 2) is the owner of Learning Train Preschool Academy, a day care center for three and four year olds, in Colbert. She is also the mother of two girls.

**Carrie Jefferson Judd** (BSFCS '97, Child and Family Development) and her husband, Brian, announce the birth of their daughter, Hannah Claire, on November 22, 2002. Carrie is a 4-H agent with the UGA Extension Service. The family lives in Alpharetta.

**Julia Anastasia Jurgensen** (BSFCS '96, Fashion Merchandising) is employed by WH Smith Travel Retail. She is a member of the Junior League of Atlanta and Alpha Delta Pi Sorority.

**Claudia Wiseman Markham** (BSFCS '99, Child and Family Development) has been named branch manager of the Athens First Bank and Trust Company's Lexington Road office. She began her career as a utility teller and served as a customer service representative before entering the

bank's management associate program.

**Kristy Edwards McLean** (BSFCS '93, Family and Consumer Sciences Education) teaches family and consumer sciences at Colquitt County High School in Moultrie. She completed her master's degree in December 2001 in Adult and Career Education. She and her husband, Jeff, are the proud parents of Aidan Parker McLean, born on Aug. 27, 2002. Aidan joins his older brother Alec.

**Ann Mohney** (BSFCS '97, Housing) is an asset manager with the Athens Housing Authority.

**Bridgette Leigh Palmer** (BSFCS '98, Dietetics) married David Lee Matthews on August 23, 2003 in the chapel of First Baptist Church in Elberton. Bridgette is the school nutrition director for Elbert County Schools.

**Annie Smith Rolston** (BSFCS '98, Consumer Economics) works as a senior accounting analyst for the Federal Reserve Bank in Atlanta.

**Kathryn Elizabeth Teel-Jones** (BSFCS '98, Furnishings and Interiors) and her husband Rodney are the parents of Sydney Elizabeth, born March 19 and weighing 8 pounds. The family lives in Athens.

**2000s**  
(BSFCS '01, Child and Family Development) graduated in May 2003 with a master's degree in psychological services from the University of Pennsylvania. Upon finishing an internship program this fall, she will be certified as a school counselor.

**David A. Dosser, Jr.**, (PhD '81, Child and Family Development) is professor and director of the Family Therapy Program at East Carolina University.

**Lauren Anne Ertischek** (BSFCS '00, Child and Family Development-



Early Childhood Education: Pre-Kindergarten-Grade 2) teaches at South Jackson Elementary School in Jackson County.

**Katharine Ann Hamner** (BSFCS '02, Child and Family Development) is currently pursuing a master's degree in special education at Virginia Commonwealth University.

**Helen Harris** (BSFCS '03, Family and Consumer Sciences Education) teaches at Jenkins County High School.

**Marcy McElveen** (BSFCS '03, Dietetics and Consumer Foods) married Paul Pugliese on June 28, 2003 at Berry College Chapel. She began her dietetics internship with Southern

Regional Medical Center in August. She and her husband live in Stockbridge.

**Rachel Merry** (BSFCS '02, Consumer Journalism) is the Oconee District executive for the Boy Scouts of America. She recruits, trains, and motivates volunteers and works in public relations for a six-county area: Washington, Wilkinson, Putnam, Hancock, Jasper, and Baldwin.

**Shana Moore** (BSFCS '01, Family and Consumer Sciences Education) teaches family and consumer sciences in the Fulton County School System.

**Melissa Mullin** (BSFCS '02, Child and Family Development) serves as the program service director for

Morningside Assisted Living in Athens.

**Megan Murphy**, (PhD '02, Child and Family Development) received the Outstanding Dissertation Award from the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy. David Wright was her advisor. Megan is an assistant professor in the MFT program at Iowa State University.

**Joshua Daniel Pile** (BSFCS '01, Consumer Economics) married April Strickland on November 11, 2002 at Primrose Cottage in Roswell. Joshua is employed as a sales manager with the Georgia Erosion Control Center in Woodstock. He and his wife live in Alpharetta.

### Dr. Richard "Dick" Endsley 1935–2003



**Dr. Richard C. Endsley**, professor emeritus of Child and Family Development, died Wednesday, August 13, after a brief illness.

During his 31-year career in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences, Dr. Endsley was a pioneer in researching child care. In addition to publishing many professional articles, he also wrote a book, *Quality Child Care* that provided parents information for choosing care for their children. He also served as associate dean for academic affairs and research from 1992 until his retirement in 1997. Following his retirement, Dr. Endsley and his wife Margot established and ran the McPhaul Optimal Reading Enrichment Program to reinforce beginning reading skills in young children.

"Dick Endsley was my mentor, research collaborator, and close friend for more than 25 years," recalled Dr. Marilyn Bradbard, who heads the Department of Human Development and Family Studies at Auburn University. In addition to being a graduate student of Dr. Endsley's, she also was co-author of *Quality Child Care*.

"Our relationship was defined by mutual respect," she continued. "He inspired confidence; he was a good listener; he showed interest in his students' lives and believed in their abilities; and on a professional level, he was an advocate, cheerleader, confidante, friend, colleague, and role model. Most important, in my mind, is that Dick was a genuinely good person who had an uncanny ability to discover and nurture the strengths he found in people."

In addition to Margot, Dr. Endsley is survived by two sons, Mark and Kyle; his brother, Craig, of Golden Valley, Minn., and his sister, Marion Dunlap, of Wayzata, Minn.

Those wishing to make a gift in memory of Dr. Endsley may contribute to the Endsley-Peifer Research Award Fund. Checks should be made out to the UGA Foundation/Endsley-Peifer Research Award Fund and sent to Katrina Bowers, 224 Dawson Hall, College of Family and Consumer Sciences, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602.



# IN MEMORIUM

*Editor's Note: In a number of cases, the College of Family and Consumer Sciences has only recently been notified of the deaths of graduates who died a number of years ago.*

Betty Murphy Abercrombie  
(BSHE '31)  
October 26, 2002

Annie Gaines Adams  
(BSHE '40)  
January 11, 2002

Elsie Todd Baker  
(BSHE '30)  
September 9, 2003

Geneva Hodges Banks  
(BSHE '42)  
April 25, 2003

Sara Wheeler Bowen  
(BSHE '34)  
September 2, 2003

Fannie Lee Boyd  
(MED '50)  
March 5, 2003

Pearl Hardy Brady  
(Matriculate '45)  
August 27, 2002

Nola Reed Brooks  
(BSHE '33)  
November 13, 2002

Elizabeth McCreery Campbell  
(BSHE '42)  
June 3, 2003

Elizabeth Davis Clark  
(BSHE '41)  
January 13, 2003

Fornadia Winett Cook  
(EdS '71)  
November 2, 2002

Ruby Deen Merritt Crider  
(BSHE '35)  
November 10, 2002

(BSHE '42, EdS '73)  
July 8, 2003

Myrtle Stokes Driver  
(BSHE '42, Med '55)  
June 1, 2003

Nell Slaughter Dye  
(BSHE '31)  
January 9, 2003

Margaret Harrington Edwards  
(BSHE '38)  
September 21, 2002

Mary Eleanor Free  
(MSEd '49)  
May 10, 2003

Rebekah Haygood Holcomb  
(BSHE '57)  
June 11, 2003

Constance Wilma Ivie  
(BSHE '37, MED '53)  
August 27, 2003

Jarvis Kenneth King  
(BSHE '87)  
December 15, 2002

Melba Sparks Leggett  
(BSHE '48)  
September 27, 2002

Louise Worley Loudermilk  
(BSHE '42)  
January 6, 2003

Mamie Moss Meadows  
(BSHE '36)  
September 4, 2002

Frances Robinson Miller  
(BSHE '43, MHE '55)  
August 26, 2002

Claudine Tolbert Mills

(BSHE '32)  
August 6, 2003

Nell Moorhead Payne  
(BSHE '38, MSEd '43, EdD '71)  
April 27, 2003

Louise Laanva Prickett  
(BSHE '46)  
January 31, 2002

Sara Brown Tate  
(BSHE '40)  
July 27, 2003

Jane Reynolds Tomlinson  
(BSHE '72)  
September 1, 2003

Jean Williams Turner  
(BSHE '45)  
May 17, 2003

Mildred Jackson Vann  
(BSHE '38)  
May 14, 2003

Martha Belcher Ward  
(BSHE '41, MED '60)  
January 3, 2003

Mary Garrard Webb  
(BSHE '40)  
December 16, 2002

Mary Virginia Epps Whitaker  
(BSHE '38)  
August 19, 2003

Carrie Cravey Williams  
(MHE '54)  
April 2002

Nancy Brinson Wyatt  
(BSHE '69)  
October 7, 2003



**Stacy Brock Stepler** (MS '02, Housing and Consumer Economics) is working as a development assistant at the Jewish Community Center in Houston, Texas.

**Ashley Marie Victor** (BSFCS '02, Child and Family Development) married Phillip Michael Walker on August 10, 2002. Ashley sells personal and commercial insurance at The Complete Insurance Source in Fayetteville. She and her husband live in Fairburn.

## Faculty & Staff

**April Allen** (Assistant Professor, TMI) and **Becky Gill** (Lecturer, TMI) have joined the faculty of the Department of Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors.

**Elizabeth Andress** (Associate Professor, Foods and Nutrition) has been named this year's recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award by Albright College in Reading, PA. She also serves on the college's nutrition science advisory board.

**Carolyn Berdanier** (Professor Emerita, Foods and Nutrition) was recognized for her tremendous accomplishments in research focusing on obesity and diabetes during a statewide obesity conference held in spring 2003 and sponsored by the Department of Foods and Nutrition in conjunction with the Georgia Center for the Prevention of Obesity and Related Diseases and the Medical College of Georgia. In addition to conducting leading-edge research and serving as a senior mentor to graduate students and faculty, Dr. Berdanier also served as head of the FDN department for 11 years.

**Don Bower** (Professor, Child and Family Development) has been pro-

moted to the position of professor. **Arthur Grider** (Associate Professor, Foods and Nutrition) has been promoted to the position of associate professor with tenure.

**Nolan Etters** (Professor, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors) has published a series of articles focusing on his life in textiles and how the industry has changed. The articles have been published in *Southern Textile News* and the *Chester County News and Reporter*. Etters was the son and grandson of mill workers in South Carolina and spent a number of years with Dan Rivers Textiles Co. prior to joining FACS.

**Joan Fischer** (Associate Professor, Foods and Nutrition) has been appointed to the Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians.

**Jerry Gale** (Professor, Child and Family Development) and **Leslie Simons** (Assistant Professor, Child and Family Development) have been selected for the Institute for Behavioral Research mentoring program for 2003-04. They each submitted a prospectus of the goals they want to achieve in developing behavioral and social science research projects

The **McPhaul Child Development Center** has received \$2,800 from the Athens Area Junior League for a butterfly garden and nature area at the Carlton Street facility.

**Rebecca Moore** (FACS Extension Agent, Thomas County) has been awarded the 2003 FACS Outreach Award for Outstanding County Agent. **Stacey Farrell**, (Program Specialist, Institute on Human Development and Disability) received the FACS Outreach Award for Outstanding Staff. **Betty Sabbath**, (EFNEP Program Assistant, Clarke County) received the FACS Outreach Award for Outstanding Paraprofessional; and **Diane Bales**, (Associate Professor, Child and Family Development) received the FACS Outstanding Award for Faculty.

**Debbie Purvis** (FACS Extension Agent, Colquitt County) received the National Program of Excellence Award from the National Extension Committee on Policy for Project TAMS, in which she works with pregnant teens to improve their nutritional habits and understanding of the needs of their babies.

**Charlotte Wallinga** (Associate Professor, Child and Family Development) has been named Educator of the Year by the Georgia Association on Young Children.

**Diane Wood** (Degree Program Specialist, Student Services) was named the 2002-03 recipient of the Nettie Marie Nickols Outstanding Staff Performance Award. The selection is made by the FACS Staff Council Executive Committee.

In nominating her, Dr. Jan Hathcote noted that Wood "anticipates problems and offers solutions for faculty striving to reach positive outcomes for all parties. While the work is very focused and detailed, she reaches out to students, staff and faculty in her friendly manner." Wood has been with FACS for 22 years. She also is the mother of FACS graduate **Becky Wood Carlan** (BSFCS '98, Consumer Economics and Housing) and **Kristy Wood Ledford**.

## Students

**Meredith Barrs** (Senior, Dietetics and Consumer Foods), **Erin Fields** (Nutrition Science), **Luci Reilly** (Fashion Merchandising and Consumer Journalism), and **Keane Johnson** (Intended Consumer Economics) have been selected to participate in the Arch Society in 2003-04.

**Liz Buck** (Master's Student, Foods and Nutrition) has received the Outstanding Dietetic Intern Award from the Georgia Dietetic Association. This is the third year in a row that the awardee has been from the FACS Foods and Nutrition Department.

**Laura Ann Knowles**, (Master's Student, FACS Education) has received the Georgia Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Graduate Scholarship. She graduated as a First Honor Graduate in May and is now pursuing a master's degree. Knowles and **Michelle Santilli** (Junior, Child and Family Development) were named the 2002-03 Outstanding Senior and Outstanding Sophomore, respectively, by Gamma Sigma Delta. FACS graduate students inducted into Gamma Sigma Delta include: **Cady Berkel** (PhD Student, Child and Family Development), **Elizabeth Buck** (Master's Student, Foods and Nutrition), **Cheryl Neale** (Master's Student, Child and Family Development), **Roshni Patel** (Master's Student, Foods and Nutrition), **Dawn Penn** (MS '03, Foods and Nutrition), **Venessa Tymes** (Ph.D. Student, Child and Family Development), **Genise Vertus** (MS Student, Child and Family Development), and **Lisa White-Rodgers** (Ph.D. Student, Child and Family Development).

**Emma Monkhouse Laing**, (PhD '03, Foods and Nutrition), and **Julie Askew**, (Ph.D. Student, Child and Family Development) received the Endsley-Peifer Award at FACS Honors Day. This award, created to honor the late Dr. Richard Endsley and Professor Emeritus Jim Peifer, is given to students in physical sciences and social sciences to recognize their publication of research while still in their graduate programs.

**Christie Smith** (Sophomore, Fashion Merchandising) received a Regents Work and Study Abroad stipend to work with Dr. Patricia Hunt-Hurst in preparation for the 2003 Study Abroad program in London.

**Karol Travis** (BSFCS '03, Consumer Foods) and **Emma Monkhouse Laing** (PhD '03, Foods and Nutrition) were tapped for Blue Key Honor Society in spring 2003.

## Alumni Events



A "Behind the Scenes" tour of Vanity Fair Intimates highlighted the Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors alumni event held November 6 in Alpharetta. The event was hosted by **Marian Proper** (BSHE '84, Fashion Merchandising) and **Kishia Shooks** (BSFCS '00, Fashion Merchandising). Shown with samples of Vanity Fair lingerie are (L-R) **Elizabeth Ann Poulin** (BSFCS '00, Fashion Merchandising), **Kimberly Wills Sleeman** (BSFCS '01, Fashion Merchandising), **Dana Sobek Rivard** (BSHE '88 Fashion Merchandising), and **Jody Leigh Schultz** (BSFCS '03, Fashion Merchandising).



Child and Family Development alumni enjoyed a "Dawg-Gone Good Time" of photos with UGA VI, Varsity hot dogs, and presentations by CFD faculty **Hui-Chin Hsu** (Assistant Professor) and **Valerie Havill** (Research Scientist) about their research with young children. Shown with UGA are a number of the attendees.



## 2004 Already?



FACS Director of Development  
Katrina L. Bowers

**Don't let the new year slip up on you** without thinking about "Uncle Sam!" Year-end tax planning is of crucial importance for 2003. Your 2003 year-end gift can significantly reduce your income taxes while providing meaningful support for the College of Family and Consumer Sciences. Saving taxes is probably not the main reason you donate, however. You give because you care. Still, understanding the financial mechanisms can make your dollars go further, benefiting both you and the College. The charitable gifts you make now could leave you owing less on April 15, 2004. Consider making more charitable gifts in those years when you have the most income and are in the top income tax brackets. Often, it may be wise to accelerate planned future charitable gifts into the current year.

*Example: If you are in a 33% income tax bracket in 2003, and you itemize deductions, a \$1,000 gift to the College by December 31 will save you \$330 in 2003.*

As always, we urge you to discuss tax planning with your financial planner. Consider exploring the following options:

**Stock Gifts: Avoiding Capital Gains** If you own stock, it is almost always smarter to contribute stock than cash. First, you avoid paying any capital gains tax on the increased value of the stock. Second, you receive an income tax charitable deduction for the full fair market value of the stock at the time of the gift.

*Example: If you purchased stock years ago for \$1,000, and it is now worth \$10,000, a gift of the stock to the College would result in a deduction of \$10,000. In addition, there is no capital gains tax to you on the \$9,000 of appreciation. UGA can work directly with your broker to make this easy transaction occur in a timely manner.*

**Life Insurance Gifts: Another Smart Alternative** Many people are over-insured. Have you considered gifting a policy that you already own to the UGA Foundation for the College of Family and Consumer Sciences? You could also purchase a new policy. In order to receive the charitable deduction, you would need to designate the College as both the owner and beneficiary.

*Example: Ms. Dawson Hall owns a \$250,000 life insurance policy with a current cash value of \$75,800. If she donates that policy to UGA in 2003, she will receive a charitable deduction in the amount of \$75,800. If Ms. Hall continues to pay the premiums on this policy each year, the amount of each premium is deductible annually.*

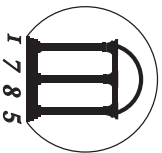
**Real Estate Gifts: Donate your home and live in it too!** Many of us have appreciated real estate just as we have appreciated stocks. Real estate can be gifted just as stocks can to avoid capital gains tax. The full market value of the real estate is your charitable deduction. A life estate gift allows you to continue to live in or exclusively use the real estate until your death. This has further benefits of lowering your estate threshold.

*Example: Mr. Bulldog, age 70, donates his Naples, Florida, condo to our College, reserving a life estate for himself, thereby continuing to use it as his own until his death. The condo has a fair market value of \$250,000. Depending on certain variables, his current tax deduction would be approximately \$145,000 and the \$250,000 asset would be removed from his estate.*

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Your gifts to FACS are much more meaningful than charitable deductions and tax brackets. I am available to help you think creatively about how you may maximize your giving for 2003. Feel free to contact me if any of these strategies appeal to you. I look forward to helping you help others.

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