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Teachers

A Passion for Teaching

Faculty members in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences have a reputation for outstanding teaching. Our mission includes offering undergraduate and graduate academic programs and extending knowledge from the University to the general public. Thus, family and consumer sciences teaching takes place in a variety of venues: laboratories and classrooms, the McPhaul Center children's programs and the Marriage and Family Therapy Clinic, county Extension facilities, study abroad programs, internships, and in front of computers. But in a jail?

This issue of FACS Magazine focuses on teaching. Someone once said, "Successful teachers are surpassed by their pupils," (Anonymous). That's the legacy of outstanding teachers. They plant and nurture the seeds of curiosity, facilitate those "ah-ha" moments, and equip their students for life-long learning. By including examples of outstanding teaching programs and teachers in this issue of FACS Magazine, we pay tribute to all those faculty, graduate teaching assistants and alumni who carry on the tradition of outstanding teaching in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Another topic occupies center stage these days: budgets, or more precisely, budget reductions. The University of Georgia's budget was cut by \$40.3 million this year. Every unit at the University absorbed some of these cuts. The College of Family and Consumer Sciences forfeited vacant faculty and staff positions, reduced graduate assistantship funding, eliminated funds for equipment repair, and severely reduced operating budgets. The success of our faculty in securing external grants helps to absorb the shock of some of these cuts, but those dollars do not replace the infrastructure of faculty, staff and basic funding necessary to fulfill the responsibilities of the College.

Earlier reductions in budgets were assigned "across the board" to UGA's schools and colleges, but the most recent round of cuts were based on productivity criteria, including enrollment, credit hours taught, and external grants. The College of Family and Consumer Sciences is a high performing unit.

Enrollment in the College is now the highest it has ever been. Spring semester, a total of 1,356 students are enrolled, a 26 percent increase since spring semester 2000.

Expenditure from FACS research and public service/Extension grants was \$6.5 million last year. For every \$1 of State funds assigned to faculty research, FACS faculty generate \$7.58 in external grants; and for every \$1 of State funds assigned to public service, including Extension and the Institute on Human Development and Disability, FACS faculty generate \$12 in external grants.

Although the College was not exempt from additional cuts, our strong record on these criteria earned FACS a lower percentage cut in the most recent reductions.

How are we coping with increasing enrollment and decreasing resources? Unfortunately, class sizes are larger. Teaching methods and assignments have been modified and fewer field trips are possible. Nevertheless, the vast majority of FACS courses continue to be taught by faculty, and courses taught by graduate teaching assistants are under the close supervision of faculty. How are we attempting to meet the informational needs of Georgia's 8.1 million citizens when there are fewer Family and Consumer Sciences County Agents due to cuts in the Extension budget? Responding to the multitude of challenges affecting daily quality of life, such as obesity, diabetes, food safety, quality child care, consumer and financial management skills, access to services, housing and indoor environmental quality, requires focused priorities. IHDD and Extension faculty in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences have partnered with state agencies to deliver educational programs in targeted areas and to targeted audiences, thus expanding somewhat outreach personnel at the local level. Advocacy for replacing FACS County Agents is a continuous effort on the part of College administrators. The administrative team in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences is doing everything in our power to maintain the momentum FACS has achieved in recent years. The faculty and staff have stretched beyond normal expectations, which have always been high, to get through this period. The help of alumni and friends is critical to sustaining our programs. Here are some of our specific needs:

- Scholarships for graduate students so that we can stay competitive with other universities in recruiting



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FACS Grad Leads State BOE

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Wanda Barrs (BSHE '74, Home Economics Education) has been named chair of the Georgia Board of Education by Gov. Sonny Perdue.

"Wanda Barrs is known throughout the state as a talented and dedicated educator," Perdue said in announcing Barrs' appointment. "Her commitment to excellence in education is only surpassed by her commitment to the children she's guided and helped grow educationally. A strong and

improving educational system ranks as one of our state's top priorities. As Georgia seeks to strengthen our educational programs, I can think of no stronger candidate to work on behalf of our state's children than Wanda Barrs."

Barrs brings nearly three decades of educational experience and public service to the position. She began her career as a middle and high school educator in Cochran City School System in 1974. She has served on the Bleckley County Board of Education since 1990, including serving as chair from 1997-2002. She also was a board member for the Heart of Georgia Technical College Foundation.

Barrs is the recipient of numerous educational awards, including Educator of the Year and Facilitator of the Year by the Georgia Learning Project Learning Tree and Educator of the Year by the National Project Learning Tree. ■

UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR

Zolinda Stoneman's quiet resolve to always focus on the strengths of individuals rather than deficits has resulted in the development of research and outreach programs expanding the opportunities for those with disabilities to participate in their communities. It has also meant a rise to national prominence for the Institute on Human Development and Disability, which Stoneman has led for 14 years. In recognition of these accomplishments and more, Stoneman has been named University Professor.

The professorship recognizes faculty members who have had a "significant impact on the university in addition to fulfilling their normal academic responsibilities" and whose work has improved the quality with which the university serves its missions.

"It's a great honor to be named University Professor," Stoneman said. "I appreciate this recognition from my colleagues."

"Through her leadership, IHDD facilitates the work of faculty and professional staff at UGA to deliver outstanding programs in public service/outreach and teaching, and

to conduct significant research addressing the needs of individuals and families with disabilities and those who work to advance their opportunities and quality of life," according to Dr. Sharon Y. Nickols, dean of the College of Family and Consumer Sciences which houses IHDD. "In addition, Dr. Stoneman continues regular faculty responsibilities in teaching, graduate student advising and research, while serving as director of IHDD."

Stoneman was named director of what was then known as the Georgia University Affiliated Program in 1989. At that time, the UAP was on probationary status from the national Administration on Developmental Disabilities due to insufficient institutional support and limited accomplishments. Although the UAP was established in 1969 as part of a federal initiative to help improve the quality of life for people with disabilities and their families, the program had only four professional staff and a secretary. The only funding was the core federal grant of about \$300,000 at the time Stoneman took charge.





Hill Fellow

Don Bower (Professor, Child and Family Development) was named the 2003 Walter B. Hill Fellow at the annual Public Service and Outreach Conference held in January. Only one Hill Fellow is selected annually by a committee made up of past recipients of the Walter B. Hill Award. Bower's recognition honors his outstanding work as Child and Family Development Specialist, as educator, grants administrator, and advocate for children's and families' well-being.

Bower also has been selected as a Fellow of the National Council on Family Relations. NCFR Fellows are selected for their outstanding contributions to the field of family studies in areas such as scholarship, teaching, intervention programs promoting healthy family relations, innovative curricula for training family life professionals, and a record of superior contributions to NCFR over time. ■

"Zo's work has always focused on asking the important questions about relationships, friendships and support," said Mary Rugg, who has worked with Stoneman for 19 years and serves as coordinator for the Early Intervention Program. "Where others focused on deficits, Zo focused on assets and strengths and on answering the question of how can we make a difference in communities in order to achieve the vision of full inclusion."

Now, the staff has grown to 20 professional and support staff funded primarily from grants. IHDD funding is currently at \$6.54 million with Stoneman serving as principal investigator or co-principal investigator for grants and contracts of \$2.47 million.

"In the early years, Dr. Stoneman single-handedly brought about these changes," Nickols said. "In recent years, she has orchestrated the efforts of professional staff, faculty and volunteers who have collaborated in the restoration of IHDD's mission and achievements. The scope of research and public service/outreach has increased exponentially, and the contributions continue to evolve." ■



Babies, Babies Everywhere

Thea (Lecturer, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors) and **Mark** (Director, Computer Services) **Ellenberg** are doing their best to maintain future student enrollment in FACS. On February 9, 2003—six weeks early—Thea gave birth to triplets: Rylan Mark, 5 pounds, 8 ounces; Landon Thomas, 4 pounds, 5 ounces; and Roma Elizabeth, 4 pounds, 7 ounces. The three spent four weeks in the hospital, but have now joined mom, dad, and big sister Sienna, age 2, at home.

The Ellenberg arrivals are just the beginning of a baby boom in Dawson Hall. At last count, six other faculty and staff were expecting new arrivals, but just one each. ■

Teaching Tradition

By Denise Horton

On a warm spring day, Cynthia Levatte is discussing different types of families and the stages of human development with a group of high schoolers at Early County High School.

After a half-hour of lecturing during which she combines questions to the class with lots of eye contact, writing on an overhead projector, and a few bars from a popular song, Levatte divides the class into groups. Each group is to develop a five-minute skit demonstrating a particular family type and stage of development.

Rather than leave the students on their own, Levatte spends time with each group, helping them consider the best way to show family interactions, using the opportunity to further explain the information.

“No, if you’re the adoptive mother and your children don’t behave you can’t take them back to the adoption agency,” she tells one group. “If you were a foster mother, you could do that.”

Throughout the class, whether she’s lecturing or talking to small groups, Levatte has achieved the Holy Grail of all teachers – her students are “engaged.”

Located 45 miles southwest of Albany, 1½ hours from Tallahassee, Fla., and 30 minutes east of Dothan, Ala., Blakely, Ga., the county seat of Early County, is far from the cultural and intellectual diversity found at the University of Georgia.

Early County is also a poor county. In fact, it’s the third poorest in the state of Georgia. Fewer than 30 percent of Early County High School’s graduates will seek any sort of higher education, far fewer will complete their degrees.

But after completing her degree in family and consumer sciences education and spending two years as a recruiter for the UGA Admissions Office, Cynthia Levatte (BSFCS ’98) is in the midst of her third year teaching family and consumer sciences at her high school alma mater.

“I thought I would go to graduate school,” Levatte said of her original career plans. “But then my former FACS teacher, Charla Allen (MEd ’85, Home Economics Education), was named executive director for the Georgia Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America. She called me and said, ‘We need you to come back.’”

Levatte agreed, joining another former teacher, Pam Childs (BSFCS ’89, MEd ’90), at Early County High School. Currently, she teaches two Orientation to Life Skills classes, one of which emphasizes leadership development; and Family, Community and Careers, which focuses on human development throughout the lifespan.

“I remember the butterflies I had on my first day,” she said. “I had prepared, but you never know what the day is going to be like when there are 90 different personalities involved. Being new and naïve, I thought I would make a difference instantly, but then there’s a reality check. You realize that you may not make a difference in a day, or maybe not even in a year. But you can make a difference.”

Levatte’s own experience as a student points to how great a difference a teacher can make in a student’s life.

“I’m the first in my family to go to college,” said Levatte, who has five brothers and





Nickols and some of the College Ambassadors,” she recalled. “Whatever I had heard about colleges, I always heard that administrators were removed from the students. But, Dean Nickols came over and gave me her card and invited me to visit. That definitely sold me on UGA.”

Levatte’s university experience expanded her knowledge of many areas.

“Coming to UGA wasn’t easy,” she said “It was hard coming from a small town. Here, life is still, in many ways, black-and-white. But although UGA is predominantly white, there are students from 114 other countries. It was such an opportunity to learn about other cultures. I bring that to my students now. I’m able to use the experiences I had at UGA to broaden their horizons and to encourage them to think openly.”

While her classes are predominantly female, Levatte said more young men are joining the Orientation to Life Skills classes, which this year is focusing on leadership. Students are examining the leadership styles of a variety of people, including a close look at the leadership and demographics found in Early County. In addition, the students develop their own leadership projects, such as one just approved to mentor elementary school students.

“We encourage students to earn dual graduation seals so they’re prepared both academically and technically,” she said. “FACS classes are very much designed for those who are college-bound, because even students going to college need to understand money and time management. Some people believe

that good parenting and personal development and management are accomplished by instinct. They’re not. Those are skills you have to learn.”

While Levatte sees the value of FACS classes to all students, she’s particularly aware of their importance to those who won’t attend college.

“The majority of our graduates will go to work at a fast food restaurant, in the poultry industry, at the sewing factory or at a peanut company,” she said. “We have a great need for child-care employees in this area. Our graduates who have taken the child and family development classes will be far better prepared to provide quality care for the babies and young children in our community.”

“Families are the foundation of society,” she continued. “If we don’t make proactive efforts, we allow the world to change by happenstance and societal ills will continue to plague society.”

But for those who are willing to set goals and influence others’ lives there’s the opportunity to encourage a student from a small town in Georgia to travel to a big university, learn about the world, and return to teach another generation about the impact of the individual on society and the world. ■

a sister. Her father worked as a truck driver while her mother worked in a sewing factory.

“I was active in FCCLA beginning in ninth grade. I knew I was a smart girl, but I had no clue what I would do with my life and certainly didn’t think this skinny, nerdy girl could make any kind of a difference,” she said. “Through FCCLA and my FACS classes I learned to set goals. I learned that life didn’t have to be happenstance and that even as a teen, I could impact my family, school and community. I became a national leader in FCCLA, which opened my eyes to so many opportunities.”

During this time, Charla Allen and Pam Childs became Levatte’s best friends, providing her support and guidance as she began thinking about her future.

“I applied to UGA with Pam and Charla’s encouragement, as well as to other colleges, never thinking that UGA would be my choice,” Levatte said. Fortunately, acceptance to UGA and a chance meeting with FACS Dean Sharon Nickols swayed her decision.

“When I was a senior in high school, I went to Atlanta during the General Assembly to receive a certificate from state Sen. Harold Reagan. While I was there, I met Dean

Talkin' BAC!

“Our goal is to start with children so that they develop food handling and hygiene skills for a lifetime”

“Huey-Buick” isn’t a word you find often in Extension publications, but Dr. Judy Harrison (PhD ’92, Foods and Nutrition) knows that educating youngsters about food safety requires a special vocabulary – one that adults might find a bit, well, unappetizing.

“To educate children, you have to think like a child,” says Harrison, an associate professor of Foods and Nutrition and an Extension Foods and Nutrition Specialist. “You can’t be afraid to throw in a yucky sounding word.”

Harrison and her colleague, Bob Molleur, who recently retired as editor of visual communications for the University of Georgia Extension Service, have spent the past three years focusing on yucky sounds, rap lyrics, and cartoon drawings as part of a federally funded food safety project. Using BAC, a green, cartoon bacteria created by the Partnership for Food Safety Education, the two have created a cartoon video, activity books, teachers’ guides, and now are working on computer games, to teach children proper food safety and food handling techniques.

“Our goal is to start with children so that they develop food handling and hygiene skills for a lifetime,” Harrison explained. “Our children are going to grow up to become food service personnel, dietitians and food technologists. Certainly, they’ll be cooking in their homes. By developing healthy habits at an early age, they’ll be more likely to maintain those habits throughout their lifetimes.”

Although cartoons look simple when seen on Saturday morning television, Harrison has learned that the effort involved in combining animated video with an educational message takes time. Lots of time.

“Originally, we thought we would work with already established children’s television programs, but when those shows were not available to work with us, we decided we could do this on our own,” Harrison said.

Harrison credits Molleur for using media contacts he has developed through the years to make contact with a company called Actual Reality. While Actual Reality handled the animation, it was up to Harrison and Molleur to cre-



Former Miss America Heather Whitestone-McCallum and Dr. Elsa Murano, U.S. Undersecretary of Agriculture for Food Safety, read "Smart Kids Fight BAC!" to children at an Atlanta day care center.



ate the script.

"We locked ourselves in a conference room and worked for three days. We worked well together. We fed off of each other. We both have young children, so we drew off of that knowledge. We also got a little goofy," she said.

The result: A video that opens with school children describing – in detail – the results of food poisoning at a school picnic, including the shot of a teacher running into a school restroom as one student explains that she "huey-buicked."

From there, the video shows the older children as they perform a play – complete with rap music – for the younger students.

But between writing the script and the finished product were many months of agonizing detail to ensure that the "Smart Kids Fight BAC!" video and educational materials accomplish their goals.

"We took everything to the schools for pilot-testing," Harrison said. "When we were deciding what the characters should look like, we took three sets of characters to students in grades K-3 and had a little election. Since the students were too young to write down their choice and we didn't want them to be influenced by their classmates, we had them whisper their vote to their teacher."

Beyond appealing to their student audience, Harrison knew the "Smart Kids Fight BAC!" program also had to appeal to teachers and curriculum directors.

"I wanted this to fit into the Georgia Core Curriculum, so our starting point particularly for the supplemental materials was the GCC website," Harrison said.

To ensure she was on the right track, Harrison asked FACS county Extension agents to take the supplementary materials to teachers for their input.

In addition to the initial pilot testing in Georgia schools, the materials also were pilot-tested in Mississippi and North Carolina by Harrison's counterparts, Dr. Melissa Mixon at Mississippi State University and Dr. Angela Fraser at North Carolina State University. Officials with the USDA-Food Safety and Inspection Service, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the USDA-Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Services gave their

stamps of approval.

Although "Smart Kids Fight BAC!" has taken a tremendous amount of time and the involvement of more than 200 people, Harrison says the program fills an important niche in food safety education.

"More than 6,000 people die each year from food-borne illnesses," Harrison said. "Many more people get sick from mishandled food each year, but most of the time they'll be sick for a day or two and then get well. But for young children; senior adults; people with compromised immune systems, such as those undergoing chemotherapy; and pregnant women; the risk of serious complications is severe."

Since being completed, "Smart Kids Fight BAC!" has won nearly a dozen national awards, including being the 2002 recipient of the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences National Food Safety Award.

In Georgia, people interested in having the "Smart Kids Fight BAC!" program can contact the FACS Extension agent for their county. The curriculum is for sale in other states through Harrison's office.

But Harrison isn't finished fighting BAC! yet.

Currently, she and Molleur are developing interactive computer games that target young children with food safety information.

"Most classrooms now have computers and kids love computer games," she said. "We've received a second grant from USDA-CSREES to take the elements of the video and activity book and incorporate them into computer games."

Developing videos and computer games is time consuming and requires tremendous creative and financial resources, but when the payoff is healthier children, Harrison welcomes the opportunity to find more yucky words with a message. ■

Savage Diets

Dietitian provides education as well as new meal plan to inmates



“I don’t ever want to leave corrections work. I feel like I’m really making a difference in people’s lives and their health.”

Standing in a common area, surrounded by inmates, Ayisha Savage (BSFCS ’99, Dietetics) focuses on the older man standing before her asking questions about the food he receives in the Fulton County Jail.

“He’s diabetic and wanted to know how to get a snack,” she explained later. Her answer was the same as it is to most of the inmates who are seeking a change in their diets – he needs to talk to his inmate medical provider, who will determine if he needs the extra snack each day.

Savage seems completely comfortable interacting with a few of the 2,000 men and 500 women who are housed at the Fulton County Jail. But when she began work there a little over a year ago, she wasn’t sure how long she would stay among the 2,500 inmates who have been charged with everything from prostitution to robbery to murder. Nor were her colleagues, Cheryl Fairbanks and Bob Sefers.

“I found out later that my new colleagues didn’t think I’d last six weeks,” Savage says, laughing. “Here I was this small-town girl from Cochran. I had never seen a place like this before.”

When she first interviewed for the position, Savage’s husband, Curtis, was so concerned that he took the day off from his job to accompany her.

But nervousness is now a thing of the past as Savage embraces her role as dietitian at the Fulton County Jail, a position that has expanded beyond overseeing preparation of meals each day and now allows her to teach inmates how to improve their health.

“When I first came here there were 11 or 12 different diets available for inmates, I’ve reduced that to four or five diets which actually makes it more likely that each inmate receives what he or she needs nutritionally. Before, there was a higher likelihood that an inmate might receive the wrong diet because there are so many people involved in preparing diet meals and delivering meals that mistakes were more likely. We also developed a high-protein diet for inmates who are losing weight as a result of AIDS or other wasting diseases – it’s less food, but provides more calories.”

The problem with eliminating food is the role it plays in the inmate community.

“Food is a bargaining tool,” Savage explained. “It pro-

vides inmates with status and power. They generally didn't like the idea of us taking away half of their food, because that means they have less to bargain with – they're going to eat it instead, which is my goal for them."

Savage has taken it upon herself to explain diet changes to inmates.

"When someone files a grievance, I handle it," she said. "I go to their floor and explain why they're receiving the diet they are and I try to teach them to make good choices about their diet. On most floors, there's a little recreation area where we sit and talk face-to-face."

But Savage does take precautions when talking with inmates.

"There's always an officer who goes with me," she explained. "And, I don't go right before they're going to eat because they're more tense at that stage. In addition to serving as a bargaining tool, food is a pacifier. People are calmer after they've eaten."

Although Savage has never felt in danger while meeting with inmates, the officer accompanying her on a recent visit is vigilant. As she confers with an inmate regarding his diet, Deputy Melvin Echols is looking everywhere.

"I'm looking at where everyone is," he explained. "I'm looking at the reflections in the windows, at the reflections in eyeglasses. I want her to concentrate on her work and then I want her to get out."

And Savage has gone through a learning process of how to interact appropriately with the inmates.

"When I first came here I was very nervous about meeting with the inmates, but I did it," she said. "Then, after a few months, I became almost too comfortable. One day I was talking with an inmate on the seventh floor, where those charged with violent crimes are kept. He was in his cell and I was explaining to him something about his diet. At some point, I took a step toward his cell and the officer who was with me sort of snatched me away and told me I should never step that close to a cell because an inmate could grab me. Now, I feel like I've achieved the appropriate balance of being comfortable around the inmates while still maintaining an air of authority."

In addition to the one-on-one teaching she provides, Savage also is involved in a culinary arts program that was started by Sheriff Jacquelyn Barrett.

"The jail actually has three programs under the Hope Center program – welding, computers and the culinary arts program. Each program lasts 12 weeks and inmates who complete them successfully are provided help in finding a



job when they leave jail," she said.

Myra Conway said she's learned a lot both personally and professionally since being accepted into the culinary arts program.

"When I was in prison in Milledgeville I worked in the central kitchen there," she said. "But with this experience, when you finish they place you on a job. It's a good program for someone who likes to cook."

Each week, Conway and her fellow culinary arts students take tests, which may range from knowing the variety of utensils used in industrial kitchens, to knowing the correct temperature for a refrigerator, to knowing about cleaning products and how to properly sanitize food preparation areas.

Personally, Conway said she has learned to "lay back on the salt," as well as to reduce her starch intake.

Since she was interviewed a few months ago, Conway has completed her sentence.

"I imagine she's doing well," Savage said. "People who don't do well usually end up back in here, but among our culinary arts graduates, we haven't had any come back to the jail since shortly after the program began."

Raymond Caldwell said he also has learned a lot since joining the program.

"I've learned how to work around a 60-gallon kettle and how to operate a baking oven," he said. "I'd never worked around that sort of thing. I'd never cooked for a massive number of people like I can now."

In addition, Savage also teaches inmates some of the finer aspects of food service, such as how to correctly set a table and how to make table decorations, such as a swan out of honeydew melons.

"When I took this job, I thought I'd be here maybe a year," she said. "Since I'm actually hired by Aramark, which is a large food service corporation, I viewed this as a way to get my foot in the door and then I could transfer somewhere else in Atlanta, like to Turner Field, for example. Now, I don't ever want to leave corrections work. I feel like I'm really making a difference in people's lives and their health."

NameKeeper

Business card collection helps professor connect current and former students

Anne Sweaney is a namedropper. But it's not the names of the rich and famous that she drops. Instead, the names Sweaney drops are the names current students can call to find out about internships or potential jobs or, in some cases, career guidance.

"It's not who you know, it's who knows you," said Sweaney, a professor of housing and consumer economics. "I have a mental Rolodex of business cards. I can look at a business card and it triggers the person's face, where he or she sat in class, all kinds of things."

And Sweaney uses both her mental Rolodex and the several physical versions that sit on her desk and bookshelves, along with assorted other methods of storing the many business cards she's collected during the 22 years she's been with the Housing and Consumer Economics Department.

"I want students to set goals," she said. "I don't want them to do an assignment just because it's an assignment. I want them to do it as part of working toward their goals. And if I have a student sitting here who needs to talk to a former student, I'll pick up the phone and call that alum and have the student talk to him or her, or send a quick email."

Sweaney has accumulated a number of teaching awards including the National Award for Excellence in College and University Teaching in the Food and Agricultural Sciences from the U.S. Department of Agriculture; the UGA Josiah Meigs Award for Excellence in Teaching; the FACS Teacher of the Year Award; and the Gamma Sigma Delta Distinguished

Teacher Award. She also was named a Senior Teaching Fellow by the University of Georgia, was a mentor for the Lily Fellowship Program that is designed to enhance the teaching skills of junior faculty, and was a charter member of the UGA Teaching Academy.

Sweaney has a concise, five-step philosophy for being a successful teacher:

*The teacher must motivate students to learn.
Students must believe they can learn.
Learning is the student's responsibility.
A student must know how to learn.
And, "I believe in being a good role model."*

It's that final statement that perhaps best captures Sweaney's success as a teacher. Former students refer to her enthusiasm and willingness to go far beyond the classroom as important parts of their ultimate success.

In her nomination for the Meigs Teaching Award, former student Angela Yarman recounts Sweaney's role in Yarman being named president of the Douglas County Chamber of Commerce.





After initially being rejected for the position for lack of experience, Yarman said her first thought was, "What would Sweaney do?"

"Sweaney would have found a way to get some experience," came the mental reply. "So I volunteered as an intern for the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce on the basis of 'no job too large or too small.' I worked in Athens for more than two years as intern, receptionist, secretary and finally as a department director," Yarman said.

A short while later, Yarman was hired for her dream job, the youngest Chamber executive in metro Atlanta at that time and the only woman.

Sweaney's career as a teacher began as a junior high home economics teacher in her native Iowa.

After four years of teaching school and working on her master's degree during the summers, she took a leave of absence and visited her late father's family in Norway, working on a cruise ship to cover her expenses. She returned to the United States to finish her master's degree, planning to go back to Norway afterward, but fellow teacher David Sweaney persuaded her that marriage and a move to Alabama would be a better choice.

"We got married on Labor Day and the next day I started

teaching household technology and housing at the University of Alabama while my husband began work on his Ph.D.," she said. Soon, Sweaney began her own Ph.D. program, earning a doctorate in business administration that included a wide-range of courses including geography, real estate, economics, and housing.

After several moves around the country, Sweaney, her husband and their four children settled in Stone Mountain.

"I came to UGA as a part-time, temporary instructor in 1981," she said. "I taught a class and worked on a regional housing research project."

Soon, however, a tenure-track position for an assistant professor in housing became available and Sweaney landed the position.

Innovation has been a hallmark of Sweaney's teaching career. She helped design and launch the Legislative Aide program, the Study Abroad in London program, a capstone housing course that concludes with a trip to Washington, D.C., and the UGA student chapter of the National Home Builders Club, one of the largest student chapters in the nation and the only one to focus on policy issues. She also was the first in Dawson Hall to have an email account.

"I used the funds I received as a senior teaching fellow to

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Hostel Takeover

By Becca Hinson

Editor's Note: Becca Hinson (BSFCS '02, Family and Consumer Sciences Education) spent three months in South Africa during the fall of 2002 completing her student teaching at Collegiate Girls Hostel in South Africa. Since graduation, she has enrolled in seminary at Atlanta's Theology School and is working part-time as an interim youth minister for a church in Dahlonega.

As I was delivered to the steps of the Collegiate Girls Hostel just after arriving in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, I had no idea just what the next three months would hold. I knew I would not be finding lions in the garden outside or students in tribal dress. What I didn't know was what incredible experiences were ahead.

As a student teacher through the Consortium for Overseas Student Teaching (COST) program, I chose to do my practical teaching experience abroad. Of the countries within the consortium, South Africa came to the top of my list. The partnership is with a university in Port Elizabeth – on the central southern coast of the country.

All of the arrangements were made for me to be placed at Collegiate Girls High. This semi-public, semi-private school for girls is considered one of the best schools in the country. It also includes a boarding house with boarders from as far as the capital city of Johannesburg, and the country of Botswana. As the only all girls' high school in Port Elizabeth, Collegiate prides itself on its tradition and high standards. The girls wear uniforms, follow many disciplinary rules and show the utmost respect to teachers.

From my first day I was warmly welcomed by the staff and diverse mix of students as a part of the Collegiate family. As the term progressed we had many special functions with much pomp and circumstance. I was included as a full member of the faculty for all of these special events.

I was placed with the Home Economics teacher of the school and taught classes from grades 10–12. We completed units on foods and cooking and moved into textiles, housing and family studies through the term.

Home Economics is a choice subject for students in grades 10–12. Students choose what subjects to take starting in grade 10 and stay in those same seven subjects until graduation. Home Economics has the same weight and value as a student choosing to take



Becca Hinson (seated) poses with a few students at Collegiate Girls Hostel in Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

history, geography or “maths.”

Beyond teaching classes, I was able to get involved with many aspects of school life. From the parent club to catering special events; from the Student Christian Association to the hiking club; from invigilating exams to carols duty, I experienced it all.

Living at the hostel with the 68 boarders was a definite highlight of my experience. I was able to invest in my students outside of school and fulfill a role of “big sister” to a whole group of girls who live away from their families. Although this was definitely a unique situation, I decided to make the most of it and find the balance between friend and teacher for these months.

I was able to do much mentoring and listening to girls who were homesick or having problems with roommates or in their Bible study. I was also able to congratulate them on good marks, and take pictures before big events.

The girls were continually doing things to make me feel at home. From notes and daily hugs to their own tour of the city, the boarders were an incredible part of my experience.

Beyond the school environment, many of my weekends as well as school holidays and a couple of weeks at the end of my stay were spent experiencing the rest of South Africa. I traveled along the garden route by the coast to many beautiful beaches and towns, up to the mountainous Karoo, to game parks, to the capitol city, and to the country of Lesotho.

In the evenings and on weekends I worked to develop an understanding of how South Africans think and live by forming relationships with people my own age, adults and youth. My goal was not to be a tourist, but to become like a South African, even if only for a short time.

Student teaching abroad has been the most incredible semester of my life. I would recommend to anyone who is up to the adventure to participate in the COST program. It is a life-changing and eye-opening experience which will not soon be forgotten.

I came to teach in South Africa, but I leave having been more of a learner. ■

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go to a World Wide Web conference in 1995. I was so excited, but I think everyone else thought I was crazy because the Internet was so new that no one was really using it,” Sweaney said. “I was the only family and consumer sciences person at this conference, everyone else were technology types. But that conference is what inspired me to apply for the policy web grant and the next grant that led to creating the Cyber-community website for HACE educators.”

Sweaney considers herself a “firm but pleasant” instructor who expects a lot from her students.

“You have to engage the students,” she said. “The more you expect, the more they do.”

But Sweaney isn’t interested in students who are automatons.

“I do not want them to memorize information and spit it back at me,” she said. “The greatest compliment I can receive is when I see a former student five or 10 years later who tells me how they’ve used the information they learned in my class.”

Former student Dave “Flex” Flanagan praises Sweaney’s ability to take classroom philosophy and turn it into real world knowledge.

“She was my advisor in 1994-95,” Flanagan said. “I remember taking a course where she required us to set up an email account and use it. She said electronic mail was going to be the wave of the future.”

“I work with dreams,” Sweaney said. “If you have a passion or a dream, that’s what we work on. I tell them, ‘Your job is going to be so much fun.’”

When they graduate, Sweaney is confident that the housing and consumer economics students have “a lot of tools in their tool chest” and are prepared for a wide-range of careers.

But it’s those connections to the College and, in particular, to Sweaney that keeps former students calling and passing along their business cards.

“Our students feel like they are a part of this College,” Sweaney said. “That’s not something that happens after graduation, it happens while they’re in the department. And part of what I instill in students is the value of passing on their experience to the next generation of students. All I ask is that they send me a business card. They’ve heard it so much that graduates know that one day they may get a phone call from me, asking them to talk with a student sitting in my office.”

And soon, Sweaney will have another business card to add to her collection of connections.

(Business cards can be mailed to Sweaney at 224 Dawson Hall, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia 30602. She can be reached by email at asweaney@fcs.uga.edu.) ■

FACS FACTS

Alumni Notes

1950s

Elizabeth Cornelius (BSHE '59) stays busy as a supporter of Georgia 4-H, substitute teaching, traveling, and working the polls on election days.

Louise Hyers (BSHE '59, MHE '69, Housing and Management) is a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Upchurch Realty in Athens.

Peggy Miller (BSHE '59) recently attended the Governor's Conference on Tourism where she received the Al Burros award for Outstanding Marketing Success. She will retire in August after 17 years with the Macon-Bibb County Convention and Visitors Bureau where she is in charge of Group Tour and International Sales.

1960s

Nancy Denney (BSHE '67, Home Economics Education) is a real estate agent in Athens and currently serves as Georgia's President of Certified Residential

Specialists, is a board member of the Georgia Association of Realtors Directors, and is on the course development and evaluation committee of the Georgia Association of Realtors.

Diana Goss Freeman (BSHE '61, MED '66, Special Education) recently retired after a career of more than 30 years as a special education teacher and administrator. She is enjoying her retirement in Rome, Georgia.

Becky Jackson (BSHE '67, Clothing and Textiles and Home Economics Education) is semi-retired and lives on Lake Rabun. She works part-time at Glen-Ella bed-and-breakfast and conference center.

1970s

Gloria Berry (BSHE '74) of Loganville served as president of the Snellville Rotary Club, which was voted Best Small Club for the Year 2001-2002 in District 6910. She is also director of community and government relations for Walton EMC.

Willie Mae Crittenden (MEd '76, Home Economics Education) has retired

from the Augusta Technical Institute where she was head of the Culinary Arts Department. She currently runs Sophia's Consignment Shop, Inc., which features antiques and collectibles.

Paula Taylor McGowan (BSHE '72, Home Economics Education) is chair of the Early Childhood Care and Education Program at the Heart of Georgia Technical College.

Debbie Peters (BSHE '77, Home Economics Education) heads the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences at Colquitt County High School.

Mary Ellen Rider (MS '78, Housing, Furnishings and Management) is an assistant professor and state specialist in health care policy at the University of Nebraska and has developed an on-line consumer education course on long-term care. For more information, contact her at merid1@unl.edu.

Vera Stewart (BSHE '74, Home Economics Education) is president of Very Vera in Augusta.

Donna Taylor (BSHE '79, Home Economics Education) is vice chair of the Athens-Clarke County Economic Development Foundation. She is president/senior associate of her own consulting company, Human Capital Developers, which she established in 1992, and specializes in leadership and organizational development. She also sits on the boards of directors of the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce and St. Mary's Health Care System, Inc.

1980s

Tammy Tate Gilland (BSHE '88, Home Economics and Journalism) is currently serving as the assistant to Provost Arnett Mace at the University of Georgia. She was formerly director of resource operations for the UGA Foundation.

Charlotte Ann "Chashe" McNeil (BSHE '88, Hotel and Restaurant Administration, MEd '91, Home Economics

Calling All 2004 FACS Alumni Association Awards Nominees

Each year, the Family and Consumer Sciences Alumni Association at the University of Georgia recognizes alumni, faculty, staff and friends who have made significant contributions to the Alumni Association, the College, the profession and/or society in general. As an alumni and friend of FACS, you are invited to nominate outstanding individuals (including yourself) or organizations for the Family and Consumer Sciences Alumni Association's 2004 Awards, which will be presented at the Association's annual awards luncheon on February 21, 2004. Simply go to http://www.fcs.uga.edu/alumni/alumni_nominations.html and submit your nomination. Deadline for Nominations is October 1, 2003.

Education) and Lewis Stevenson Hunnicutt were married on December 28, 2002.

Pamela Monroe (PhD '85, Child and Family Development) was recently named the first Doris Lasseigne Carville and Jules A. Carville Jr. Professor of Human Ecology at Louisiana State University. In August, she was named associate dean for graduate studies at LSU, where she is responsible for the daily operations and policies of the Graduate School and its nearly 5,000 students. Her major areas of research interests include rural families living in poverty, welfare reform policy, and women's labor force participation.

Lisa O'Connor (BSHE '88, Consumer Economics and Home Management) is a Realtor and Associate Director of Sales with Coldwell Banker in Atlanta. She has attained life membership in the Million Dollar Club.

Angela Yarman (BSHE '89, Home Economics and Journalism; MS '91, Housing, Home Management and Consumer Economics) is the president of Yarman Solutions, an organization and special project management consulting firm in Monroe, Georgia. Her firm specializes in communication, research, event management, executive coaching, and legislative advocacy, and can be contacted at yarmansolutions@all-tel.net.

1990s

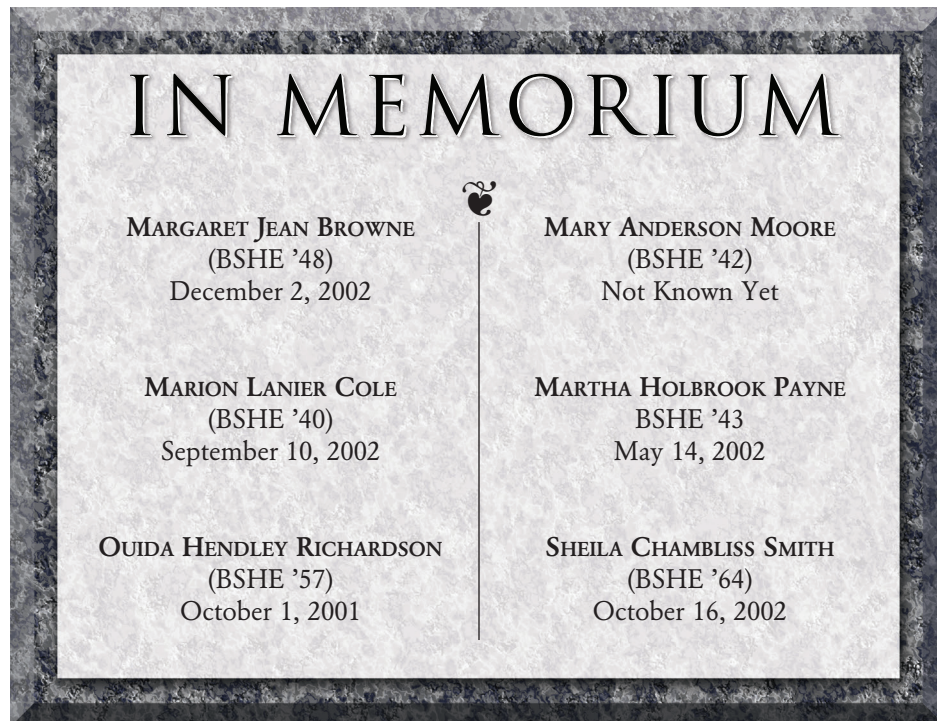
Ashlie Anderson (BSFCS '99, Child and Family Development) is director of development at The Children's School in midtown Atlanta.

Andrea Newman Borden (BSFCS '97, Child and Family Development) is the coordinator for volunteers at Peachtree Hospice.

Sherry Strickland Bowen (BSFCS '93, Child and Family Development) is a guidance counselor for Glynn Academy in Brunswick.

Katie Mary Davis (BSFCS '97, Consumer Economics) married Henry Newkirk Merrill on November 16, 2002.

Kelly McGill Dean, (BSHE '89, Fashion Merchandising; MS '91, Clothing, Textiles, Interiors and Furnishings) of Sandy Springs has been elected to the University of Georgia Alumni Association Board of Directors and



will serve a two-year term.

Suzanne Elbon (MS '95, Foods and Nutrition, PhD '98, Foods and Nutrition) is a health education specialist for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. She is also currently training for a triathlon.

Janet Evenson (MS '99, Textiles, Merchandising, and Interiors) is a PhD candidate in the Textiles, Clothing and Design program at the University of Nebraska.

Michael Fusco (BSFCS '97, Consumer Economics) is a sales representative for Verizon Information Services in Duluth.

Lisa Gipson (BSFCS '95, Consumer Journalism) is a project supervisor for Chick-fil-A, Inc. She completed her master's degree in December 2001 in adult education.

Tracy Henderson (BSFCS '97, Consumer Economics) plays basketball with the Cleveland Rockers Women's NBA team and was featured in a July 2002 *Sports Illustrated* article. She and her fiancé

Robert Edwards (BSFCS '97, Consumer Economics), a running back with the New England Patriots, are the parents of Journee.

Melissa Awbrey Hill (BSFCS '94, Fashion Merchandising) and her husband John have opened Main Street Books and Coffee House in Cartersville. Melissa also still works in the design area of Shaw Industries.

Kellie Marie Hinesley (BSFCS '95, Home Economics Education) is a high school FACS teacher for the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Linsey Rasch Jarrett (BSFCS '97, Child and Family Development) and her husband Johnny announce the birth of their daughter, Seele Hayes, born on April 27, 2002. Seele joins her older sister Millican.

Stacy Bishop Jones (BSFCS '93, Home Economics and Journalism) has been elected to a two-year term on the University of Georgia Alumni Association Board of Directors. She is also the current president of the FACS Alumni Board. She and her husband, David, are the parents of a son, Hendley Stockton Jones, born on November 5, 2002.

Karen Kelly (BSFCS '90, Child and Family Development) is a flight attendant with Southwest Airlines. She is also on the UGA Alumni Association Board and has served as the regional contact for Houston since 1999.

Kennita Kind (MS '95, Textiles, Interiors and Furnishings; PhD '99, Housing and Consumer Economics) and her husband John are the proud parents of Evan Charles Kind, born March 21.

Avni K. Kumar (BSFCS '99, Consumer

Economics) married Tarun Patel on March 24, 2002. The couple resides in Brunswick where Avni is employed by the Bank of America as a personal banker.

Tiffany McIntyre (BSFCS '97, Consumer Economics) works for Liebert Joe Powell & Associates, Inc. in Norcross.

Cynthia Pilcher Sanseverino (BSFCS '93, Home Economics and Journalism) is a consultant for Franklin Industries and Wolfgang Puck Appliances. She also is the owner of the Betty Crocker license for small kitchen appliances, an active member of the Consumer Trends Forum International, and served as the program chair for the 2002 Trends forum. She is the mother of Kayla, age 1.

Ajoy Sarkar (MS '92, Textile Science; PhD '00, Textile Science) and his wife Suparna are the proud parents of a son, Neil Aroon Sarkar, born February 20, 2003. Ajoy is a faculty member in the Textile Science Department at Colorado State University.

Scott Sweitzer (BSFCS '94, Consumer Economics) serves as the regional contact for the University of Georgia Alumni Association for Louisville, Kentucky.

Carrie Temkin (BSFCS '97, Dietetics) works for ADP and is coordinator for a Bulldog Club in South Florida.

Tonya Born Thompson (BSFCS '99, Consumer Economics) and her husband, Brett, announce the birth of their son, Mason Brett, born on February 11, 2002. Tonya is currently pursuing her master's degree in education at Piedmont College.

Jeff Varon (BSFCS '92, Hotel and Restaurant Administration) is currently an assistant administrator with a family business of nursing homes. He and his wife, Michelle, enjoy hosting football events in Louisiana.

2000s

Amanda Corinne Avant (BSFCS '01, Child and Family Development) is a kindergarten teacher at Auburn Elementary.

Laurie Lynn Barton (BSFCS '02, Child and Family Development) is a staff assistant in the Washington, D.C., office of Congressman Mac Collins. Congressman Collins represents Georgia's 8th congressional district.

Bentley Norris Bickerstaff (BSFCS '00, Consumer Economics) works for AOL/Time-Warner Cartoon Network in Atlanta. Her civic commitments include membership in the Atlanta Junior League and coaching for the Atlanta Tophat Girls Soccer League.

April Brooks (BSFCS '01, Fashion Merchandising) competed in the Miss Georgia Scholarship Pageant as the reigning Miss Southeast Georgia.

Terri Cameron (BSFCS '01, Child and Family Development) is an Extension agent in Early County.

Emilie Collins (BSFCS '01, Consumer Journalism) works for Kiawah Development Partners, Inc. in Charleston.

Julie DeFabrique (BSFCS '00, Furnishings and Interiors) is working for the architecture and design firm of Larick Alan Hill, Inc., in Portola Valley, CA. She is working in design development of commercial and residential spaces.

Marcus Dill (BSFCS '02, Housing) is a certified tax appraiser for real estate in Washington, Georgia.

Amy Emling (BSFCS '00, Consumer Economics) is the communications and membership manager for the Council for Quality Growth, a not-for-profit organization that promotes balanced and responsible growth for Gwinnett County.

Corbett Gilliam (BSFCS '00, Consumer Economics) is the vice president of corporate development for Hartsfield Capital in Alpharetta.

Laura Henderson-Matthews (BSFCS '01, Child and Family Development) won the Ontario Women's Amateur Golf Championship in July. She also has been named assistant women's golf coach for the University of Georgia.

Teresa Deshon Hooper (BSFCS '01, Child and Family Development) is a social services case manager with the Clarke County Department of Family and Children Services.

Ginger Knowles Horne (BSFCS '01, Family and Consumer Sciences Education) and BL Horne were married July 20, 2002. The couple lives in Glenwood. Ginger is the FACS County Agent for Telfair, Jeff Davis, and Wheeler counties.

Elizabeth Joan McNally (BSFCS '01, Child and Family Development) married David Cochran Walters on June 8, 2002. The couple now resides in Lawrenceville.

Family Ties



Ruby Focht Adams (BSHE'42) with granddaughter Phoebe Focht (Senior, Child and Family Development).

If you have FACS family ties, please send them to Denise Horton, Dawson Hall, UGA, Athens, GA 30602.

Keeping Connected



By Suzanne Griffeth
Coordinator of Alumni Relations

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

South Campus Tailgate
September 6, 2003

"Relax with FACS"
Retreat

January 23–25, 2004

The 27th Annual
Awards Lunch

February 21, 2004

KEEPING ALUMNI, STUDENTS, FACULTY AND FRIENDS connected to the College of Family and Consumer Sciences is the mission of the FACS Alumni Association. But actually accomplishing this task takes planning. Lots of planning.

For much of the past year, many of you have been involved in developing the 2003-06 Strategic Plan. On January 24, the FACS Alumni Board voted and accepted the plan, which will serve as the blueprint for your Board of Directors for the next three years as we search for new and creative ways to involve more of you with both your alma mater and the Alumni Association. While space doesn't allow a reprint of the entire Strategic Plan — you can view it on the FACS Alumni website — here are four major goals that are a part of the plan:

Communicate information about the College to constituents: You can keep up with the latest news about the College and Alumni Association activities by visiting the FACS website (www.fcs.uga.edu). Just click on the "Alumni" heading to find the latest calendar of upcoming FACS Alumni Association events.

Support the College's programs and initiatives through financial contributions and volunteerism: Fourteen percent of FACS alumni made a donation to the College in fiscal year 2001-02. The average gift amount was \$233. Another way alumni show their support is by giving of their time by serving on the Alumni Board, working on a planning committee for an area meeting, speaking to students during classes or serving as mentors, and by serving on various committees to connect the Alumni Association with faculty, staff, and students.

Foster relationships between the College and its constituents: To help meet this goal the Board voted to restructure to reflect the need for targeted programming. The 2003-04 Alumni Board will consist of the executive officers as well as two program representatives from each department: Child and Family Development; Foods and Nutrition; Housing and Consumer Economics; Textiles, Merchandising, and Interiors; and FACS Education, as well as out-of-state and graduate degree representatives.

Offer programs and services to meet the needs of alumni: In addition to a minimum of two general programs each year, the Alumni Association will offer at least one opportunity for alumni of each department. Several events are already being planned.

To read the complete Strategic Plan, go to www.fcs.uga.edu/alumni.

How will you give back to your alma mater during the coming year? Will you make a monetary donation? Serve on a committee? Speak to a class? Host an event? What other programs and services would you like to see offered? Let us know — we want to hear from you! Pick up the phone and give me a call (706) 542-4881 or drop me a line via e-mail to suzanne@fcs.uga.edu. Check out the Class Notes section then send us YOUR news for the next issue of *FACS Magazine*. ■

Students

Rachel P. Merry (BSFCS '02, Consumer Journalism) is the Oconee District Executive for the Boy Scouts of America.

Jeanna Milburn (BSFCS '01, Child and Family Development) is currently working at Perimeter Church in Duluth with Campus Outreach, an interdenominational college ministry.

Melissa Mullin (BSFCS '02, Child and Family Development) is the program service director for Morningside Assisted Living in Athens.

Jeffrey D. Ogletree (BSFCS '01, Consumer Economics) is a managed care analyst for Athens Regional Medical Center.

Lea Carol Phillips (BSFCS '02, Furnishings and Interiors) is an interior designer for Kay Fuller Interiors in Atlanta.

Brent Sapp (BSFCS '00, Dietetics) is the chief clinical dietitian for Montgomery Regional Hospital in Blacksburg, Virginia.

Kate Silvas (BSFCS '00, Dietetics; MS '02, Foods and Nutrition) and **Kiki Smalley** (BSFCS '00, Dietetics) are education program specialists with the DeKalb County Extension office.

Stacy Brock Stepler (MS '02, Housing and Consumer Economics) is a housing counselor for Community Action Agency in Oklahoma City.

Rachel Eve Stern (BSFCS '01, Consumer Foods) and **Stuart Hopewell Hammond** (BSFCS '00, Consumer Foods) were married on July 2, 2002. The couple now resides in Bogart and both work for the University of Georgia.

Michelle Thomas (BSFCS '01, Consumer Economics) is an associate with Bank of America in Charlotte, NC, working in product communications and training and Global Treasury Services.

Tippi Amanda Vickery (BSFCS '02, Furnishings and Interiors) is the sole proprietor of Tips on Design, an Eatonton-based interior design company.

Minah Yacher (BSFCS '02, Child and Family Development) is a plasma data administrator for Inhibitex, Inc., in Alpharetta.

Meredith Barrs (Junior, Dietetics and Consumer Foods) and **Erin Fields** (Junior, Nutrition Science) have been selected for the 2003-04 Arch Society. Arch Society members facilitate many campuswide meetings and serve as ambassadors for the University.

Crystal Danforth (Junior, Fashion Merchandising) received a Family and Consumer Sciences Undergraduate Research Grant for her project, "Evaluating the Treasure Trove: Historic World Costume Study at Jekyll Island Museum." Dr. Patricia Hunt-Hurst is her project advisor.

University-wide Assistantships have been awarded to **Jaime Dice** and **Andreina Perez-Greene**, CFD, and **Zhen Wan**, TMI.

Corinne Huggins (Junior, Child and Family Development) received a Family and Consumer Sciences Undergraduate Research Grant for her project, "Developmental Maturity and Eating Disorders Among Women in College." Dr. Lynda Henley Walters is her project advisor.

Margaret Kabahenda (PhD, Foods and Nutrition) has been awarded a grant to assist in her dissertation research. The funds are from the Nutrition, Health, and Food Management Division of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Marcy McElveen (Senior, Dietetics) received a Family and Consumer Sciences Undergraduate Research Grant for her project, "Effects of PTC Sensitivity, Smell Acuity and Attitudes about Health on Food Selection." Dr. Ruth Ann Swanson is her project advisor.

Kelly S. Manley (PhD, Housing and Consumer Economics) was awarded a Paolucci Grant in fall 2002 for her research project, "The Role of Consumerism in Choosing Midwifery Over Obstetrical Care."

Robyn Mowery (PhD, Child and Family Development) received one of two Outstanding Student Paper Awards at the 2003 Marriage and Family Therapy Institute. Robyn's advisor is Dr. Jerry Gale.

Emilia Papakonstaninou (PhD,

Student Leader:



Kimberly Grace Bland (CFD-ECE PreK-2) is one of many student leaders found in the halls of Dawson. Currently, she is serving as state chair of the student chapter of the Georgia Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.

In this position, she represents FACS students who attend UGA, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, Georgia Southern University and Fort Valley State University. Her responsibilities include overseeing the activities, recruitment and goal-setting for the student associations at these four institutions. Bland also will preside over the 2003 Student State Meeting in Tifton and attended both the national meeting of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences and the state GAFCS meeting.

In August 2002, Bland sent personal, handwritten notes to all incoming FACS students at the four institutions, encouraging them to get involved in their local student organization, as well as the state and national organizations.

Bland is the daughter of FACS graduate **Judy** (BSHE '74, Clothing and Textiles) and Mike Bland. She is originally from Tifton. ■

Foods and Nutrition) has been awarded the Tucker Dorsey Scholarship. **Emma Laing** (Ph.D., Foods and Nutrition) and **Karol Travis** (Senior, Consumer Foods) were tapped for Blue Key honorary, which recognizes scholarship and service. Karol, who is a College Ambassador, also has been accepted to the Master's of Public Health program at Emory University.

Norman Pollock (Senior, Dietetics) received a Family and Consumer Sciences Undergraduate Research Grant for his project, "Bone Mass in Former Gymnasts: A 10 Year Follow-up." Dr. Rick Lewis is his project advisor.

Dionne Stephens (PhD, Child and Family Development) has been invited to join the Student Editorial Board for the Psychology of Women Quarterly.

Min Yao (PhD, Textiles, Merchandising, and Interiors) has been selected for one of the University's Outstanding Teaching Assistant Awards. Dr. Patti Annis serves as the mentor for the TMI teaching assistants

Faculty & Staff

Jorge H. Atilas (Assistant Professor, Housing and Consumer Economics and Extension Housing Specialist) received the Gamma Sigma Delta Distinguished Extension Award April 3. He also has received a contract for radon education from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources with funding from the Environmental Protection Agency. Atilas also has been appointed to the Athens-Clarke County Affordable Housing Committee.

Dr. Clifton Baile (Professor, Foods and Nutrition and Animal Science) has been awarded the Community Award by the Georgia Biomedical Partnership for his work in attracting biotechnology researchers and businesses to Athens.

Judy Bland (Tift County Extension Agent), **Jessica Norris** (Houston County Extension Agent), and **Sharon Gibson** (FACS Regional Educator) were part of a team that received the Dean Don Felker Award from the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. They were recognized for their work on a project featuring a poverty simulation for high school students that enabled the students to understand the challenges of living on limited resources and to develop empathy for fellow students who come from low-income households.

Patrice Dollar (Family Financial Management Specialist) is leading a collaboration with the Georgia Consortium for Personal Financial Literacy on a program to encourage low-income households to become monetary savers. The project, called "Georgia Saves," is training "wealth coaches" to work with the target audiences.

Helen Epps (Professor, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors) has been

named Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher of the Year for 2002-03. She was chosen from faculty selected for the honor by their departments, including: **Maureen Davey** (Assistant Professor, Child and Family Development); **Joan Fischer** (Professor, Foods and Nutrition); and **Teresa Mauldin**, (Associate Professor, Housing and Consumer Economics).

An essay by **Dr. Epps** has been published in *O, Georgia!* an annual statewide writing competition that chooses the best entries for an anthology. Epps' essay, "Round Trip," focuses on insights she developed during a week spent building homes for the needy in Mexico.

Janine Freeman (Foods and Nutrition-Extension) received the Distinguished Service Award from the Diabetes Care and Education Practice Group of the American Dietetic Association at their annual meeting in Philadelphia in October 2002. This is the highest honor bestowed by the Diabetes Practice Group.

Jan Hathcote (Associate Professor, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors, and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Research) has been elected as a director for the International Trade and Finance Association for 2003-05. This professional organization focuses on the economics of the textile and apparel industries from a global perspective and is comprised of members from around the world.

Philip Holtsberg (Interim Director, Housing and Demographics Research Center), **Anne Sweaney** (Professor, Housing and Consumer Economics), and **Casey Gordon** (Computer Services Specialist) have developed a new website for the Housing and Demographics Research Center: <http://hdrc.fcs.uga.edu>. The site provides information on the work of the HDRC, a summary of the workforce housing study, and links to appropriate sites.

Marilyn Hughes (Research Scientist, Foods and Nutrition) has completed requirements for her PhD in Nutrition at Auburn University.

The **McPhaul Child Development Center** has received a \$90,000 contract from the Georgia Child Care Council to provide training and technical assistance for child care professionals in Region 5 Resource and Referral Area. Funding from the grant will also help develop the compe-

tencies of child care providers who can make reasonable accommodations for children with special needs in home- and center-based child care settings.

Rebecca Mullis (Professor and Department Head, Foods and Nutrition), **James Hargrove** (Associate Professor, Food and Nutrition), **Joan Fischer** (Associate Professor, Foods and Nutrition), and **Mary Ann Johnson** (Professor, Foods and Nutrition) have received \$1.4 million in funding for several projects proposed as part of the Georgia Cancer Initiative. Many of the projects combine behavioral and biological sciences.

Ligaya (Lily) Paguio (Associate Professor Emerita, Child and Family Development) has been awarded a Rotary Grant for University Teachers for 2003-04. Beginning October 2003 until February 2004 she will be working at the University of the Philippines' Laguna Campus and Quezon City Campus. This program is designed to promote international understanding and development through advanced education in developing countries and aims to establish ties between educational institutions leading to the exchange of ideas and information around the world.

Wendy Parent (Program Specialist, Institute for Human Development and Disability) is the principal investigator for a \$3 million grant to implement employment supports for persons with disabilities.

Bill Quinn, (Professor, Child and Family Development) is a co-principal investigator on a research team including faculty in the College of Education, working on intervention models to prevent school violence. The multi-state project is funded by the Centers for Disease Control, Violence and Injury Prevention. The project has been extended for two years in the amount of \$5.4 million.

Connie Rash (Assistant Director, Student Services) worked with three fellow cancer survivors to create, "My Journey," a journal that is being given to cancer patients at Hematology and Oncology of Northeast Georgia. The journal contains a range of information, including side effects of treatment, a page for contact information, a list of likely questions, and pages to chronicle how patients feel on any given day.

Anita Smith (Public Service Associate, Child and Family Development) has been named Educator of the Year by the Georgia

Association on Young Children. The award is presented for strong commitment and dedication to students, colleagues and the early childhood community.

Zo Stoneman (Director, IHDD) is co-principal investigator for a grant funded by the Biomedical and Health Sciences Institute and the Shepherd Center titled, "Sibling Relationships of Youth with Spinal Cord Injury."

Charles Yang (Professor, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors) has been selected by the Fiber Society, as a Fiber Society Lecturer for 2003. He will present his lecture at Cornell University, University of California-Davis, and Auburn University. The Fiber Society is a scientific organization dedicated to fiber physics and chemistry. Lecturers are individuals who have made significant contributions to science, engineering and technology of the fiber-based products industry. ■

More Entrepreneurs

In our spring 2002 issue, a number of FACS entrepreneurs were featured. Since that publication, we've received information about additional alumnae who are making a go of their own businesses:

Vera Wingfield Stewart Kilpatrick (BSHE '74, Home Economics Education) is the owner of Very Vera which offers fine catering by mail order. All of her products are available for order at www.veryvera.com or by phone at 800-500-VERA. She is a member of the National Federation of Independent Businesses and was named 1997 Small Business Person of the Year by the Metro Augusta Chamber of Commerce.

Donna Taylor (BSHE '79, Home Economics Education) is president of Human Capital Developers, a private consulting company that specializes in employee development and leadership training. Additional information can be found online at www.humancapitaldevelopers.com.

Angela Green Yarman (BSHE '89, Home Economics and Journalism; MS '91, Housing, Home Management and Consumer Economics) has started her own consulting business, Yarman Solutions. Her business concentrates on project management, including strategic planning, special events, executive coaching and copywriting. She can be contacted at yarmansolutions@alltel.net.

Sarah Kathryn Smith (BSFCS '98, Consumer Economics) is the owner of 8 at 8 in Atlanta, a dining club that offers members a way to meet new people by arranging dinner parties for four single men and four single women who have similar backgrounds and share common interests. 8 at 8 has now expanded to include programs in Dallas and Chicago. Smith's connections to FACS include her sister, **Emily** (BSFCS '01, Consumer Economics), who is an assistant membership coordinator with the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, and her mother, **Katherine Harney Smith** (BSHE '74, Early Childhood Development).

Katy O'Neal Arrowood (BSFCS '94, Child and Family Development) has opened her own child development center, Champions for Children, in Athens after spending several years as director for the YWCO Young World Child Care Center. Champions for Children is designed to serve more than 140 children and their families. For more information, see the website at www.champsforchildren.com.

Jane Reynolds Tomlinson (BSHE '72, Clothing & Textiles) is the owner of Cakes by Jane, a cake mail order business. Tomlinson and her husband, Don, operate the business out of their home in Asheville, NC. Tomlinson began her business in 1993 and in 2002, shipped more than 10,000 cakes. Cakes by Jane specializes in Southern Cream Cheese Pound Cakes in a variety of flavors, including vanilla, chocolate, cappuccino, lemon and almond.

Brandy K. Martin (BSFCS '00, Furnishings and Interiors) opened Brandy Martin Interiors, a full-service design firm that provides design consultation, space planning, custom window treatments and bedding, faux finishes and murals, floor and wall coverings, and accessories, in spring 2000. Her motto is, "Anything can be done. No room too small; no project too big." She is an allied member of the American Society of Interior Designers.

Alice V. Brown (BSHE '74, Interiors and Furnishings) owns Wedding Petals, a business that provides "petalfetti" as an alternative to rice or birdseed. Brown also has developed a line of favor cones for weddings or special occasions. More information is available at her website: <http://www.weddingpetals.com>. ■

Dean's Letter *continued*

- Study abroad funds to offer more students the opportunity to gain an international perspective first-hand;
- Funds for temporary instructors and visiting scholars to support quality instruction;
- Unrestricted funds for the College, each department, and the Institute for Human Development and Disability to maintain their margin of excellence;
- Additional space for classrooms and teaching labs;
- Legislative support for reinstating Family and Consumer Sciences County Agent positions.

The budget challenges we are facing make your contributions to the College of Family and Consumer Sciences more important than ever. Thank you for your support in the past! With your help, I am sure we will get through these financial difficulties with our passion for teaching intact and our aspirations for the future undiminished.



Husband of the Year!...Dr. Earl Haltiwanger!



Dean Sharon Nickols, Anne Montgomery Haltiwanger, Dr. Earl Haltiwanger and Katrina Bowers.

It was Valentine's Day 2003. Women in our office received flowers from admirers, some had surprises in their mailboxes and every restaurant in Athens was filled with dinner reservations. But it would be hard to find a woman in our state who received a better Valentine's Day gift than Anne Montgomery Haltiwanger (BSHE '67, MS '69) of Sandy Springs.

It all began in 1997 when Anne's husband, Earl, made a \$5,000 donation to the scholarship named for Anne's mother in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences. He did this in honor of their fifth wedding anniversary. In 1998, he donated \$6,000. In 1999, \$7,000. A pattern emerged and we wished the happy couple many wonderful years together as we saw this scholarship grow.

Each year, recipients of the Leolene Chapman Montgomery Scholarship wrote the Haltiwangers and on special occasions they were able to meet them personally. Anne and her family loved seeing her mother's name kept alive in the program she loved. They enjoyed investing in the future of family and consumer sciences professionals where there is a rich family heritage for the Montgomery family. All three of Mrs. Montgomery's daughters are also FACS graduates. The scholarship was established by George Montgomery to honor his wife.

Dr. Haltiwanger, Emeritus Professor of Surgery at Emory University School of Medicine, called me on Valentine's Day and committed to an International Study Award endowment in honor of his 10th anniversary with his beloved wife, Anne. He asked that we surprise her with a public announcement, which we planned for the March 8 annual FACS Alumni Association Awards Luncheon. The fund will provide a study abroad award to an undergraduate or graduate student in FACS.

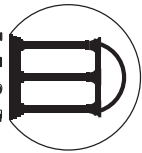
What can we learn from Dr. Haltiwanger? We can learn that love and admiration can be shared in meaningful ways that will last forever. Flowers wilt, jewelry can be lost, but an endowment at UGA is forever. Not only did Dr. Haltiwanger give the gift of a lifetime to his wife, but he gave a gift to future generations of FACS students. This love story of the Haltiwangers is one that we'll enjoy sharing with these students for many years to come.

Creating an endowment is easier than you may think. It can be done all at once, over time or through an estate. If you've ever dreamed of creating an endowment in your name or in the name of a loved one, please contact me for more information. ■



As the Anne Montgomery Haltiwanger endowment is announced, Dean Nickols proclaims Dr. Earl Haltiwanger "Husband of the Year."

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Fourteen FACS alumni gathered in February for three days of rest and relaxation at the New Ebenezer Retreat Center near Savannah. Those attending included: Beth Lowery Epling (BSHE '70), Barbara Swint (BSHE '69), FACS Dean Sharon Nickols, Edie Edwards Smith (BSHE '84), Director of Development and Alumni Relations Katrina Little Bowers (BSHE '84), Coordinator of Alumni Relations Suzanne Griffith (BSFCS '99), Judy Herrin (BSHE '72), Louise Hill (BSHE '79), Kathy Stephens Palmer (BSHE '76), Lynda Cowart Talmadge (BSHE '61), Foods and Nutrition Professor Rick Lewis (MS '78) and Harrileen Jones Conner (BSHE '83, MEd '91). Not pictured: Tammy Tate Gilland (BSHE '88) and Emma Laing (MS '00).



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