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As this issue of the FACS Magazine was going to press, another round of budget cuts was being assigned to the University System of Georgia. At various alumni events, I have briefly commented on the effects of budget reductions over the past four years. It's inherent in Family and Consumer Sciences that we are good at managing resources, even in lean times. It hasn't been easy, but we have adjusted, adapted and coped. Until now.

Do you remember the advertisement for one of the national hamburger chains where the cute older lady complained, "Where's the beef?" I thought about her when news came that there would be another budget cut. Maybe there are alumni out there asking, "Dean Nickols, where's the fat?" So, I thought I would give you more details about the College's economic situation.

There is no "fat" in the operations of the College of Family and Consumer Sciences. In fact, the cumulative effect of four years of mandatory budgetary "diets" puts the health of the College at risk. To complicate matters, these cuts have occurred simultaneously with a 75 percent increase in undergraduate enrollment, thus increasing the demands on the College, which now has the fourth largest undergraduate enrollment at the University. Some of the cuts and the adjustments made by the College are described in the article "Big Classes, Big Changes."

Sources of funding for the College have changed markedly in recent years. Whereas state appropriations were the mainstay of the budget in years past, they are now less than 29 percent of the College budget.

FACS faculty members are highly successful in acquiring external funding for research and public service/outreach/Extension programs. They brought in \$28.4 million in contracts and grants in 2003-04, which places our College fifth among the University's 14 colleges and schools in the amount of external funding. For every state dollar invested in faculty assignments to research and public service/outreach, \$6.77 is generated in grants and contracts. That's a good investment! This level of grants success is only possible when faculty have the time to devote to their research and public service/outreach work and the support staff to provide the needed infrastructure.

A comparison of state appropriations and external funding between 2001 and 2004 reveals the erosion of state support and the increasing importance of other sources of revenue for the College. In 2001, 73 percent of the College budget was generated by the faculty, whereas in 2004, that percentage has increased to 80.5 percent.

Someone has said, "*The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little 'extra.'*" The College of Family and Consumer Sciences has been meeting the challenges of diminished state resources through extra effort on the part of the faculty teaching larger classes, advising more students, securing more grants and contracts and devising alternate approaches to support the Extension county agents and serve external constituents. (Articles in this issue describe two effective programs of public service/outreach.) It is clear that we have an **extraordinary faculty**.

Provost Arnett Mace, Vice President for Finance and Administration Hank Huckaby and President Michael Adams have recognized the need to maintain an outstanding FACS faculty and allocated resources from the fall tuition revenue for faculty lines in emerging priority areas in the College. Even with this support, the loss of state funding for faculty has been so severe that student/faculty ratios are 45/1 in some programs and 65/1 in others. This is way off the mark of our goal of 35/1 or less.

Along with our faculty, **our staff are extraordinary**. Unfilled vacancies and lost positions on the staff result in heavier workloads and delays in completing tasks such as trouble-shooting computer malfunctions, processing laboratory experiments, compiling reports and conducting business functions. I look forward to the time when resources are more plentiful and our College is staffed appropriately. I also look forward to a time when faculty and staff can be rewarded for their outstanding performance, loyalty and commitment to FACS and UGA.

Alumni and friends' contributions move the College from ordinary to extraordinary. Last year the College received gifts and pledges totaling \$754,770. These gifts of financial support, your service as officers and volunteers for the FACS Alumni Association and time as guest lecturers are truly appreciated. To those on the Honor Roll of Donors, included in this issue, thank you for your monetary support. Its importance grows when state support declines. Also, your gifts are vital for the future strength of the College.

Dear alumni, you have a vested interest to protect. The value of a degree from the University of Georgia has risen in recent years. It has taken the University of Georgia five, 10 and 20 years to achieve a top-ranked national reputation. Further budgetary cuts will unravel this achievement in short order. Now is the time to let your elected representatives know it matters to you, and to the future of Georgia, to protect this valuable investment. ■

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Sharon Y. Nickols". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized 'S' and 'N'.

Sharon Y. Nickols, Dean



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EXPLORE – Enrichment Programs for Women

Ginger Howard (BSHE '87, Fashion Merchandising) discusses the latest in fall fashions as **Paige Winburn Lambert** (BSFCS '93, Home Economics and Journalism) models. Howard, owner of Ginger Howard Selections, was the featured speaker at the luncheon event sponsored by the FACS Alumni Association in partnership with the UGA Alumni Association and the UGA Atlanta Regional Office. More than 100 UGA alumni enjoyed lunch, learning the history of Ginger Howard Selections and viewing a fashion show featuring a preview of fall fashions. The program was one in a series presented by the UGA Alumni Association, designed to engage UGA alumnae and friends in a broad range of educational, political, and whimsical events. ■

FFM Program Re-Registered

The **Certified Financial Planning Board's** Board of Examiners has renewed registration of the Family Financial Management emphasis through September 2007.

The FFM emphasis provides consumer economics majors the opportunity to study family decision-making regarding credit and debt, insurance, taxation, savings and investments, retirement, and estate planning. It is the only approved undergraduate program in the state of Georgia, according to **Anne Sweaney**, chair of the Department of Housing and Consumer Economics.

"The CFP designation indicates to consumers that the personal financial planners who use them have a high level of professionalism, financial planning education and ethics, and are qualified to give sound financial planning advice," Sweaney said. "By providing our undergraduates a curriculum designed to prepare them to take the CFP certification exam, we're also providing the general public access to highly skilled family financial planners."

This program is led by **Joan Koonce Moss**, associate professor of housing and consumer economics; and **Lance Palmer**, assistant professor of housing and consumer economics. ■

NEAFCS Educator of the Year

Debbie Purvis (FACS Extension Agent, Colquitt County) has been named the Educator of the Year by the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences for the innovative programs she has developed throughout her career with the Georgia Extension Service. She has developed programs in food and nutrition, as well as establishing several new programs targeting Georgia's growing Latino population, including the *Voz de la Familia* or Voice of the Family. ■

NEAFCS Educator of the Year... AAFCS National

Bower Named AAFCS President-Elect

Don Bower, professor of child and family development and interim department head, has been chosen president-elect of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. He will begin his term as president in July 2005.

Bower, who also is a human development specialist with the UGA Cooperative Extension Service, has spent nearly 30 years with the university. Among his many awards, he was named the 2003 Walter Barnard Hill Distinguished Public Service and Outreach Fellow, the highest award offered in Public Service and Outreach.

Bower, who is certified in family and consumer sciences by AAFCS, has been involved with the national organization for many years. He served as vice president for planning from 2002-2004, has chaired the AAFCS nominating committee, the resolutions committee, and served as president of the Georgia affiliate several years ago.

"Dr. Bower will make an excellent president of AAFCS," according to **FACS Dean Sharon Y. Nickols**, who served in the position from July 2002-July 2003. "His long-time involvement with AAFCS reflects his commitment to ensuring that family and consumer sciences maintains its vitality at all levels."

Throughout his career, Bower has developed a variety of programs designed to address the needs of children and families. For example, in the late 1970s he approached the Governor's Office of Highway Safety with a plan to educate Georgians about the importance of safety seats and how to install them correctly. The program has dramatically reduced the trauma from car crashes, the leading killer of children. In addition, the program has grown into the Georgia Traffic Injury Prevention Institute, which has an annual budget of nearly \$1 million and provides training and education throughout Georgia on a variety of safety programs.

Bower earned his undergraduate degree in family sociology from Denison University in 1974, his master's in child and family development from the University of Arizona in 1975, and his doctorate in public administration from UGA in 1989. He is certified as a family life educator by the National Council on Family Relations.

"I'm looking forward to my term as president of AAFCS," Bower said. "This is an organization that touches lives in so many ways. Whether it's the researcher exploring child development, the FACS county Extension Service agent providing programs on home buying, or the high school teacher introducing students to the practical aspects of nutrition, AAFCS provides the essential support for all of our professionals to help families apply research to improve their lives."

The American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences is the only national forum where K-12 teachers, university educators and corporate managers collaborate to improve the quality of individual, family and community life. AAFCS has more than 10,000 members. ■



NEWS

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NEW FACES

The College of Family and Consumer Sciences has experienced a number of transitions this year. Some faculty members are taking on new responsibilities in administration, while others are pursuing new opportunities in the classroom and a few are anticipating retirement.

Among the changes is the promotion of **Jorge H. Atilas** (Associate Professor, Housing and Consumer Economics) to Associate Dean for Outreach and Extension. He will succeed **Tom Rodgers** (Professor, Housing and Consumer Economics), who has served in the position for the past four years. Rodgers, who has provided a total of 38 years of service to the University of Georgia – including a number of years as Associate Vice President for Outreach – officially retired in September, but has returned on a part-time basis to continue researching issues surrounding workforce housing in Georgia.

“Dr. Atilas brings broad experience to his new position as associate dean,” according to **Sharon Y. Nickols**, FACS dean. “In particular, the research he has conducted with colleagues on the needs of Georgia’s burgeoning Latino communities and the lack of housing for our state’s workforce represents his commitment to developing collaborations with a variety of university, community, state and national groups. These partnerships



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Watkins Named AAFCS 2004 National Teacher of the Year



Carol A. Watkins, a long-time family and consumer sciences teacher at Bradwell Institute, a public high school in Hinesville, has been named the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences 2004 National Teacher of the Year.

She received her award during the annual national AAFCS convention in San Diego in June.

Watkins (EdS '87, Home Economics Education) earned her bachelor's degree in home economics education in 1972 and her master's of science degree in clothing and textiles in 1973 from Kansas State University. From 1978-1983 she taught family and consumer sciences at Hinesville Middle School. She has been teaching at Bradwell Institute since 1983. She became certified in family and consumer sciences in 1986.

Watkins' program, “Dynamic Leadership and Character Education,” which she teaches to 10th through 12th graders, includes lessons on moral and ethical values, violence prevention, and civic responsibility while integrating the core curriculum through hands-on learning activities.

During Watkins' tenure, the class has won the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America award for the best community service project in the state three times.

Since Watkins implemented her leadership class in 1999, enrollment in FACS life skills classes at Bradwell Institute has more than doubled from 225 students in 1999 to 475 students in 2003. FCCLA membership at Bradwell has also more than doubled from 106 members in 99-00 to 260 members in 03-04. ■

The ABCs of \$ and ¢

By Denise H. Horton

Shea Daniels knows what it's like to have bad credit. More importantly, she knows the steps it takes to get out of debt, has restored her credit rating and can now realistically consider buying her own home.

Daniels is sharing this knowledge with fellow Dooly County residents as well as those who live in nearby Macon County through the Consumer Financial Literacy Program, a project funded by the Governor's Office of Consumer Affairs and several other partners in 28 counties.

"I never thought about saving," Daniels says of herself. "I didn't have a checking or savings account."

But she did have credit cards. And she used them to buy the best shoes and name-brand jeans.

"I had no idea I couldn't pay them back," Daniels says.

But Daniels had the drive to improve her situation. While working at a local poultry plant deboning chicken, she began searching for alternatives to the \$8.16/hour job.

"I talked to different people who told me about opportunities for single mothers," she says. "Miss Debbie Jump at DFCS (the Department of Family and Children Services) let me know the opportunities DFCS had."

Using the welfare-to-work opportunities, including HOPE scholarships and grants, Daniels went to Middle Georgia Technical College and earned a certificate in computer networking and accounting. About 1½ years into the program, Daniels became certified to prepare taxes and establish individual retirement accounts for H&R Block. As she was completing the program at Middle Georgia, Daniels heard about a job opening as a program assistant with the Dooly County Extension Office. She began work in September 2003.

CFLP educator Shea Daniels and banker Neal Joiner have joined forces to help Dooly County residents.



Since beginning the CFLP program in Dooly County, Daniels has met with more than 500 adults and more than 400 children and teen-agers. But in addition to teaching others financial literacy, Daniels has passionately incorporated the lessons into her own life.

"Until I joined CFLP, I had never checked my credit record," she says. When she did, she discovered she had been a victim of identity theft – someone had established credit accounts in her name. "Through the investigation process, some of those charges were removed," she says. But many of the credit problems were her own and Daniels had to work with the credit card companies to gradually pay off the charges.

"One of the things I learned was that if you call the credit card companies and talk to them, they'll help you," she says. "There's nothing that a credit repair company can do that you can't do for yourself for free."

Since beginning her job, Daniels has learned a lot about finances and she's busy sharing that

information with others.

"I've had bankers come to meetings and talk about what they look at when they're considering you for a loan," she says. "I've also had the probate judge talk about what it means if your wages are garnished."

But sometimes what people need is to examine – and reform – their spending habits.

"For over half of the people I work with, their expenses don't exceed their income, but they still have problems," she says. "Sometimes, I have to tell them to take a \$20 bill and write down how they spend that \$20. Until they do that, they don't realize how much they spend on sodas and candy at a convenience store or on cigarettes or alcohol. They just don't realize where their money goes. But once they get in the habit of writing down how they spend their money, then they can start saving some."

In a few cases, Daniels has worked closely with Neal Joiner, president of the Bank of Dooly.

"We had one customer that had signed up for something over the phone and had a \$300 monthly debit. I contacted her and found out it was some sort of internet provider. She had signed up for so many hours and was supposed to get something; she doesn't even have a computer! It was a straight scam. We got that stopped and she started working with Shea and she's following Shea's plan to the letter," Joiner says.

Then there's Mae Gussie Jones, who says Daniels, "helped me out aplenty!"

Jones, who is 69 and lives alone in a brightly painted pink and blue house in the nearby community of Pinehurst, was taken advantage of while hospitalized. "Them people got ahold of my account and was writing checks," she explains. "She came by and talked with me and showed me how the ropes go."

As a result, Daniels worked with Joiner to have a new checking account opened for Jones. She also explained to Jones that since she had a checking account it wasn't necessary to buy money orders for \$2 each to pay her bills, a practice that had cost her about \$20 a month out of her meager income.

In addition to working with adults, Daniels also works closely with youth programs in Dooly and Macon counties to ensure that young people know how to avoid the pitfalls of bad credit.

"For young people, it's credit cards and cell phones that cause credit problems," Daniels says. This summer she spent three weeks working with kids on a daily basis as part of the Dooly County Community Enrichment Coalition.

"We went over how advertisers try to encourage you to buy things," she says. "We discussed needs vs. wants and what we've learned from our parents regarding saving and spending."

As she continues educating her neighbors about financial literacy, Daniels also continues to set an example with her own life.

"I'm in a position to buy a home," she says. "Now, I'm trying to decide if I want to buy a house that's already built, or have one built. I'm also deciding where I want to live."

She also is planning to continue her education, an accomplishment that studies show could result in her earning

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CFLP Success Stories Abound

Michael Rupured has story after story about the success of the Consumer Financial Literacy Program.

"We have stories about immigrants who found jobs because a program assistant worked with them on what to wear and how to answer questions during an interview," says Rupured, the FACS consumer economics specialist who established the CFLP program.

"We also have stories of life-long Georgians who had no jobs, were living with relatives, were at risk of losing their children and, really, had no future, who are now homeowners with good jobs, a terrific future, and whose children are doing well."

Rupured began the CFLP in fall 2002 with a grant from the Governor's Office of Consumer Affairs that allowed a pilot project to begin in 10 counties. It's now expanded to 28 counties.

The counties now served by the program are: Bleckley, Calhoun, Candler, Clay, Crawford, Crisp, Dodge, Dooly, Early, Emanuel, Gilmer, Houston, Johnson, Laurens, Macon, Marion, Peach, Pulaski, Quitman, Randolph, Schley, Stewart, Tattnall, Taylor, Toombs, Webster, Whitfield and Wilcox.

In addition to the Governor's Office of Consumer Affairs, funding is being provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Rural Development, Goldkist, Whitfield and Gilmer counties. Other partners include the Internal Revenue Service, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Fort Valley State University Cooperative Extension Program.

Although Rupured has been the driving force behind the CFLP, he's quick to credit the educational program specialists and program assistants for making the CFLP successful.

"Our goal from the beginning was to hire people from the community, particularly for the program assistants," he says. "We wanted people who would be known in the community, people who spoke the same language as those they're working with and who could easily connect with potential clients."

Rupured is proud to count four Spanish speakers among the nine program assistants and four educational program specialists currently working in the CFLP. The staff is offering about 30 workshops each month for adults, in addition to the programs offered for youth. Many of the staffers also write weekly newspaper columns, have programs on local radio stations and appear on television via local cable access programs.

"The first step is to let people know you have something they're interested in," Rupured says. "If they hear a radio program discussing ways to fix your credit rating, that can be enough for consumers to pick up the phone and give us a call."

One of the first projects undertaken by CFLP staffers

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Big Classes, Big Changes

By Denise H. Horton

Dr. Julia Marlowe quickly gains the attention of the 250-plus students in her HACE 3100 class by reminding them of an upcoming test.

"I always put a question like this on the test," she notes, pointing to information on the large overhead projector screen. "And I always get a lot of wrong answers."

Marlowe can remember teaching the forerunner of HACE 3100 as far back as 1985. Back then, the class roll might number in the mid-30s. Even up until 1992, Marlowe's rolls show only 39 students in the class. This semester, 265 students are on the roll, but not as many as the 300 she had in spring 2004.

"We used to take the class on field trips so they could see how community affairs offices worked. Now, we have a speaker come to class," Marlowe says of the changes that have occurred with the growth of her class. "The tests were different, too. I could have essay questions then. Now, the tests are multiple choice because there's no way I could grade 300 essay questions."

Marlowe also has dropped the project requirements of the course. In the past, students developed projects assessing a variety of products, information that later was incorporated into lesson plans used by 4-H students at middle schools and high schools throughout Georgia.

Marlowe is just one of several FACS faculty taking on more classes with more students as the College struggles to deal with four years of budget cuts and the possibility of even more, according to Dean Sharon Y. Nickols.

"Since 2000 our enrollment has increased 75 percent, while our state budget appropriation has essentially stayed flat," she says. "We've never had surplus funds, so any reduction required stretching resources to just about the breaking point."

As a part of the cuts, the College has lost four full-time faculty positions, as well as a part-time foods and nutrition position. Three FDN research technician positions have been eliminated, as well as two departmental staff support positions and two positions in the College's business office.

"We've been fortunate that there were a couple of retirements and some positions in transition," Nickols says. "We haven't had to lay off anyone currently working in the College, but the effect on the workload is the same – folks have had to increase their workload and some things just can't be done."

There has also been a tremendous increase in the number of temporary instructors teaching FACS classes.

"Prior to 2001 we had no more than one or two classes taught by temporary instructors, and that was important to us," Nickols says. "Faculty members in our College have expressed a strong belief in the value of full-time faculty teaching our undergraduate students. This semester we have 14 temporary instructors, which is both a fortunate and an unfortunate circumstance. It's fortunate because it's the only way we can offer courses the students must have to make suitable progress toward graduation. It's unfortunate because temporary instructors, while qualified to teach, don't advise students or share the other duties of the faculty."

Doubling and tripling class sizes also has an effect on how courses are taught. For example, writing intensive assignments are no longer possible in Consumer Economics courses; case study assignments are no longer possible in Fashion Merchandising; field trips to businesses, industry and not-for-profit agencies have been eliminated because it's not feasible to take classes that range from 50-85 students; and student presentations have been eliminated in a



Julia Marlowe's class rolls have expanded from 39 students to 265.

number of classes due to high enrollment.

Professor Marlowe notes that it also limits her ability to know students.

"When I had fewer than 50 students in the class, I learned all of their names," she says. "With more than 200, there's just no way I can do that."

Marlowe also is concerned for students when they need faculty references.

"So many of our classes are now so big, that it's hard for faculty to know students," she says. "Students have to make a much greater effort outside of class to meet faculty."

Budget cuts also have impacted Honors students, according to Associate Dean Jan Hathcote.

"An Honors class is limited to 15 or 20 students. But a regular section can have 145 to 200 students," Hathcote says. "With our increased enrollment, but limited resources, we must have the large classes."

Even study trips are being eliminated. The Washington, D.C., study tour for housing and consumer policy has been cancelled for Maymester 2005 so that faculty can teach a larger number of students on campus. The trip, which has been held every other year since 1991, is considered one of the most valuable practical learning experiences for undergraduates, but was limited to 40 students. By remaining on campus, faculty will be able to teach two to three times that many students during Maymester.

The impact of budget cuts extends beyond the classroom in its impact on students.

The increased teaching load means faculty have less time to advise students on both academic and career development issues. Supplemental materials for classes have been reduced due to a decrease in supplies (only 2.7 percent of the college's state-appropriated funding is for non-personnel services). Graduate assistantships have been reduced, resulting in an inability to increase graduate enrollment and insufficient graduate teaching assistants to help with the larger courses.

"We're fortunate that our faculty members have been successful in obtaining grants," Nickols says. "The money we use for office operations, support of teaching and supplies for more than half of the year come from indirect cost recovery and salary savings that are generated by grants. Unfortunately, that too will begin to decline because the ability of faculty to submit grant proposals is being limited by their increased teaching responsibilities."

The College's outreach and Extension programs also are being affected by budget cuts. Two state specialist positions have been lost to budget cuts and currently there are only 44 FACS county Extension agents to provide services for Georgia's 159 counties. In addition, at least one state specialist is doing double duty. Don Bower is trying to maintain his statewide programs while also serving as interim department head for child and

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Welcome to the State

By Denise H. Horton

Linda Louis had to get to the bank. She tried to go late Friday afternoon, but it closed before she could get there. On Monday morning, she immediately left home for the bank. She didn't even glance back as she left four-year-old Larry and three-year-old Lyn. She had to get to the bank and make her loan payment on her stove and couch or risk having them repossessed.

The 25-year-old single mother returned home just as her two sons were being taken into protective custody. They were too young to stay home alone, the officer explained.

"But my neighbors were watching them," Ms. Louis explained, a hint of panic creeping into her voice as she looked to her neighbors to confirm her story. "Weren't you watching them?"

The neighbors, perhaps afraid of becoming caught up in another family's difficulties, said nothing as the children were taken away.

Welcome to the State of Poverty.

In real life, Linda Louis is a long-time employee of the Gwinnett County School District, as are her two "toddlers." But on this warm summer day, she and more than 60 of her colleagues spent four hours experiencing what it's like to pay the bills, take care of the kids and handle life's curve balls when your monthly income isn't enough to pay for child care for two toddlers plus the rent; when an older child gets into trouble with the law; or when a partner dies, leaving you alone with few job skills.

Overseeing the program is Sharon Gibson, an education program specialist with FACS who has been leading the "Welcome to the State of Poverty" simulations for six years.

"We've led all sorts of people through the simulation," Gibson says. "One day, we led all of the teachers in the Morgan County School System through it, which meant holding four separate simulations. We've also had a number of simulations for leadership programs, for

business leaders in some Georgia cities, and for social services caseworkers."

In each case, Gibson says the goal is to connect or re-connect participants with what it's like to live in poverty and to brainstorm strategies to address the impact of poverty on clients.

"Even long-time social workers will tell us after the simulation that they had lost touch with what their clients are going through," she says. "When we worked with members of the Department of Juvenile Justice, they told us that the simulation reminded them that sometimes parents don't make it to a hearing because they don't have transportation or they really can't miss work."

The simulation begins with participants being divided into "families." Families range from the traditional mother, father and two kids with both parents

Sharon Gibson explains the facts of poverty to a participant in the simulation.



of Poverty

working to a single elderly person to a single-parent family.

"We've expanded our descriptions of families based on Georgia's demographic profile," Gibson says. "We now have more older people in our families. We also have a more diverse make-up – we have Latino and Asian families. Frequently, in our simulations, there are members of these families who speak no English and rely on the children to interpret for them – again, that's reflective of some areas of our state."

The simulation families are given "money" that reflects what families in poverty receive. The poverty level for a family of four is \$18,850. They also are given food stamps and cards reflecting their possessions, such as a refrigerator, stereo and a few pieces of jewelry.

Gibson begins the simulation by explaining to the families that they must take care of the basics.

"You must pay your rent or you will be evicted," she tells the group. "You must buy groceries for your family. If you have small children, you can't leave them alone. Older children must be in school. You must pay your utilities. If you don't have a job – and most of you don't – you should go to the job office and see what's available."

For many participants, the poverty simulation begins as a game to be won, rather than an experience to be felt. Gibson laughs about the number of participants who spend their first "week" in poverty trying to write out a workable budget.

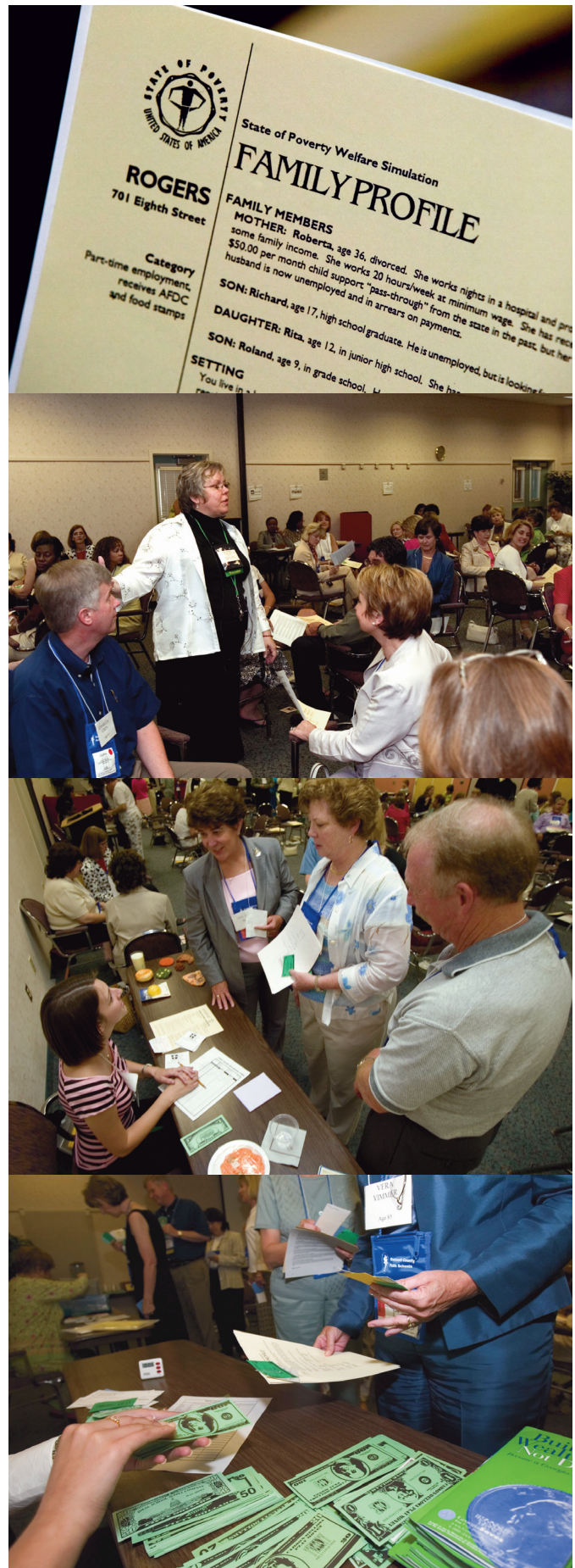
"I've had people come up to me after they've tried to write out budgets and say, 'We don't have enough money.' And I'll say, 'Right, but you have to pay your bills and buy food.' And they'll just keep repeating it like I'm going to give them more money," she says. "A lot of people start out thinking it's just a matter of managing their resources. But it's more than that, especially when 'life' happens."

"Life" in the poverty simulation comes in the form of little cards occasionally handed to participants. In some cases, the cards bring good news: A new job for a parent. But mostly, "life" brings more difficulties: A teen-age daughter becomes pregnant; a parent abandons a family; a mother's job is exported overseas.

But there are also those for whom the simulation is far too real. In some cases, participants, or their parents, triumphed over poverty and they hold onto the belief that others can also. In some cases, participants are living the scenarios.

"I had one participant who was playing the role of an out-of-work husband and she kept expanding the role," Gibson recalls. "She began saying that her character drank and she became

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Denise on Denise

By Denise H. Horton

So far, I've eaten two chocolate, frosted Pop-Tarts, downed three or four cups of coffee (I've lost track) and am now starting on a stash of almonds. Soon, I'll wander to the vending machine for peanut butter crackers and a Coke. Eventually, there will be Snickers bars, Moon Pies, and maybe those gooey raspberry-filled cookies.

Any illusions I have of maintaining a healthy diet pretty much disappear as deadlines loom for FACS Magazine articles.

Although I've been in Dawson Hall for 7 1/2 years, to many of you I'm only a name on the masthead of FACS Magazine. It's probably time you at least have a face to go with my name and that I share just a bit about what it's like to be director of communications for the greatest college at the University of Georgia.

After more than 20 years as a writer and editor I've learned that some old habits (such as snacking while writing) will never die, but I've gained so much new knowledge that spending a few extra minutes on a stationary bicycle (or having a better excuse to play tennis in the evening) is a small price to pay to have the opportunity to share this information with readers.

Interviewing people is fun. Whether it's talking to an alumna who has grown her business from an idea to a profit-making corporation or to a researcher who's discovering new information about diabetes or obesity, I love asking questions, taking notes and trying to understand the dreams that lead people to their goals. That's the easy part.

The hard part is turning that information into a 1,000-word story that both explains the information in a way readers understand and captures the excitement and wonder of the person I interviewed. That's where the Pop-Tarts and almonds come in. A few writers have the gift of capturing the excitement in someone's voice or on their face into words, most of us struggle.

Majoring in journalism was an easy decision for me. I'm very practical, not particularly strong in math or science and I knew I didn't want to teach. Once you apply those parameters, journalism becomes the best option.

I spent several years as a reporter and editor before joining the University of Georgia in 1990. Since arriving on campus, I've had nine offices in five different buildings and have written stories about everything from centenarians to mercury in dental fillings to ostriches.

As the FACS director of communications I'm involved in projects ranging from working with reporters writing stories about FACS research, developing brochures to tell students about FACS, and helping keep our website up-to-date. But FACS Magazine is always waiting for me.

There are a lot of anxieties that go into the finished product you hold in your hands. Statistics say that, in general, we're spending fewer and fewer hours reading. That means there is less chance of capturing a few of the precious minutes you dedicate to reading. To maximize those chances, I have the good fortune of working with talented photographers and graphic designers who relish the task of making FACS Magazine visually compelling. The photographers have traveled with me from Elberton to Augusta to Vienna and spent hours pondering how to arrange things "just so" to capture an image. The magazine's graphic designer takes those photos and my stories and combines them with white space, typefaces, and innovation to create a finished design that stands out among the other magazines, junk mail, and assorted bills that arrive together in your mailbox.

I'm lucky to have a job I love. I get to talk to lots of interesting people and share those conversations with all of you. I hope when you finish thumbing through each issue you feel a little closer to Dawson Hall. Now, where are those peanuts? ■





By Suzanne Griffeth
Coordinator of Alumni Relations

FACS Day at the Capitol

February 15, 2005

Join fellow Child and Family Development alumni at the Georgia Capitol on Feb. 15, 2005. Mingle with other FACS alumni while sharing a luncheon with state legislators, legislative aides, and current FACS students. After the luncheon, stay for a special opportunity to learn about the important issues our state lobbyists are supporting on behalf of families, children and elderly in Georgia. ■

1950s

Leland Estes Andrews (BSHE '54) is a part-time substitute teacher for English-as-a-Second-Language classes.

Evanthia Pano Dukakis (BSHE '57, Early Childhood Education) has written and published a Greek cookbook entitled *YiaYia's Kitche from Yia Yia's Kitchen*. She also teaches cooking classes part-time.

Mary Kramer Farrell (BSHE '51, Home Economics; MSHE '53, Experimental Foods) and Donald Arthur Farrell, who received a business degree from UGA, recently celebrated 50 years of marriage with a weekend trip to Manhattan. The Farrells are retired and have four grandchildren.

Sally Shapard Hill (BSHE '57) and her husband, Lewis, visited France this spring for the 60th anniversary of the Normandy invasion. Lewis Hall was a part of the historic invasion. The Halls have six grandchildren.

1960s

Carolyn Sowell Graham (BSHE '67, Home Economics Education) is employed as an independent artist and sculptor. She is also a certified art teacher in Georgia.

Dorothy Morgan Ham (BSHE '62, Home Economics Education) and her husband, Judge Huey Ronald Ham, who earned his degree in agricultural education, are enjoying retirement on their family farm in Nahunta, Ga., with their children and grandchildren.

Gloria Doster Kellogg (BSHE '63, Home Economics Education; MED '68, Home Economics Education; EdS '94, Educational Administration) retired from the Cherokee County School District on May 28. She worked for the school

district and the Georgia Department of Education for more than 40 years in the capacity of FACS teacher, vocational supervisor, and, for 16 years, as an assistant superintendent in curriculum. She received the FACSTA Distinguished Administrator Award in January 2004.

Beverly Mallard Thomas (BSHE '60, Home Economics Education) is employed as a teacher at Satilla Elementary in Coffee County. She is entering her 27th year as an educator.

Priscilla Randall Watkins (BSHE '63, Home Economics Education) has retired from full-time teaching, but continues to work part-time.

1970s

Gloria Conner Berry (BSHE '74, Home Economics Education) retired recently from her position as director of community and government relations for Walton Electric Membership Corp. in Snellville.

Mary Beth Ellis Burrell (BSHE '79, Home Economics Education) is employed as the lead instructor for Scrap Happy in Griffin and McDonough.

Janis Holt Collins (BSHE '73, Home Economics and Art) is employed with Family Physicians of North Augusta. She also takes annual missions trips to Bolivia to serve the underprivileged.

Carole Sue-Queen Hamby (BSHE '78, Home Economics Education) is the owner of an antiques and collectibles store in Monroe.

Virginia Thomas Hart (BSHE '70, Home Economics Education; MED '73, Home Economics Education; EdS '85, Home Economics Education) retired April 30 from the Colquitt County Board of Education. She worked in public education for 33 years and was

the director of food science for Colquitt County.

Claire Hayes Maddox (BSHE '74, Early Childhood Education) is the creator and executive director of Cross Training Sports Camp in Gainesville. The mission-based organization travels internationally to promote the nuclear family.

Marilyn LeCroy Poole (BSHE '75, Home Economics Education, MEd '87, Adult Education) is now serving as the 4-H program development coordinator for the Northeast Georgia district. She previously served as a county Extension agent for Clarke County for 22 years.

Hilda Johnson Smith (BSHE '74, Home Economics Education; MEd '75, Home Economics Education) is currently teaching family and consumer sciences at a high school in Jacksonville, Fla., where she lives with her husband, John, and their four children.

Lynn Hopper Wells (BSHE '78, Home Economics and Journalism) is the owner

of Table Décor International in Atlanta. The company designs upscale table lighting and accessories for five-star resorts.

Kendall Wynn Wester (BSHE '74, Child Development-Mental Retardation) recently retired after 31 years of teaching with the Rome City Schools where she also served as the chair of the special education department for seven years. Wester was recognized as the Teacher of the Year in 1978 and 1999. She has served as a therapeutic foster parent, a basketball and track and field coach for the Special Olympics, as chair of the Coosa Valley chapter of the March of Dimes and as a coordinator for supported employment with Vocational Rehabilitation.

Aurelia Drake Wood (BSHE '73, Early Childhood Education; MHE '75, Child and Family Development) is currently employed as the director of children's ministries at Tuckston United Methodist Church in Athens.

1980s

Catherine Leigh Johansen (BSHE '88, Fashion Merchandising) is currently employed in advertising and sales for Infinity Broadcasting in Houston, Texas.

Tonja Houston Bridges (BSHE '89, Home Economics and Journalism) is a supervisor for the Early County Department of Family and Children Services. She and her husband Chas live in Damascus, Ga., with their three daughters.

Jerri Jaudon Kropp (MS '79, Child and Family Development; PhD '83, Child and Family Development) is director of the GSU Family Life Center, a child development laboratory school; project director for the Little Infant/Toddler Eagles Program for the children of Georgia Southern students; and an associate professor in the Department of Hospitality, Tourism and Family and Consumer Sciences at Georgia Southern University.

Pamela Monroe (PhD '85, Child and Family Development) is president-elect of the National Council on Family Relations. She will serve as president from 2005-2007. She also is associate dean for graduate studies and the Carville Professor of Human Ecology at Louisiana State University.

Julia Cleary Wright (BSHE '84, Home Economics Education) teaches at West Virginia State College.

1990s

Susan Riddlehuber Buchanan (BSHE '90, Consumer Economics and Home Management) lives in Athens with her husband, Jack, and their children, Anna, 7, and Ally, 1.

Kelly Dawn Cordray (BSFCS '99, Dietetics, MS '01, Foods and Nutrition) is an Extension nutrition specialist for UGA's Cooperative Extension Service for the Expanded Foods and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP). She was recently recognized as the Young Dietitian of the Year for 2004 at the Georgia Dietetics Association Conference.



Alumni Food Forum

Bridgette Palmer Matthews (BSFCS '98) and **Ayisha Savage**, (BSFCS '99) hosted more than 30 foods and nutrition alumni at Very Vera's Café in Augusta in mid-May. Very Vera's is owned by **Vera Stewart** (BSHE '74), who discussed how she started and has continued to grow her business, which includes selling cakes and entrees to customers throughout the United States and several foreign countries.

Regina Cannon Dunn (BSFCS '95, Home Economics Education) is a food service director with the Lee County Board of Education.

Heather Renee Freeman Favors (BSFCS '99, Fashion Merchandising) is employed in the retail division of Wakefield, Beasley and Associates in Norcross.

Michael Thomas Hogue (BSFCS '94, Hotel and Restaurant Administration)

has owned Walton Way Deli in Augusta for five years.

Krista Kay Holthaus (BSFCS '98, Dietetics) is a nutrition sales specialist for Novartis Nutrition in Columbia, S.C.

Elizabeth Bagarozzi Hutcheson (BSFCS '94, Furnishings and Interiors) with H&L Design Group Inc. is on the design team for the "Brookfield" *Southern Living* Idea House that opened June 12 at the Georgia Club outside of Athens.

Kelly Waite King (BSFCS '96, Consumer Foods) is a pharmaceutical representative for AstraZeneca and is responsible for the Athens territory.

Donald Thomas McNeill, Jr. (BSFCS '96, Consumer Economics) is the owner of McNeill Financial, an insurance and investment company in Atlanta.

Sayge Medlin (BSFCS '98, Child and Family Development) is a community facilitator for 12 counties in the Georgia Family Connection Program. She received her master's degree in social work in 2003.

Cynthia Graham Metzger (BSFCS '99, Consumer Journalism) and her husband, Alec, are the parents of a son, Graham Alexander, born January 1, 2003.

Deanna O'Steen Morgan (BSHE '91, Home Economics Education, MEd '94, Home Economics Education, PhD '01, Educational Psychology) is a psychometrician at the Educational Testing Service in Princeton, NJ, where she works on K-12 tests required for states under the No Child Left Behind Act. She also teaches courses at Rutgers University as an adjunct professor. She and her husband, Jeff, live in Levittown, Pa., with their children, Nick, 13 and Allie 9.

Kristi Ellis Ogle (BSFCS '96, Consumer Economics) and her husband, David, are the parents of a daughter, Madison Grace, born March 4, 2003.

Leslie Rodriguez (BSFCS '98, Dietetics) is one of six graduate students to be named Goizueta Foundation Graduate Scholars for 2004-2005. She is a master's student in health promotion and behavior at UGA.

Tracy Brown Rollins (BSFCS '95, Child and Family Development; MEd '98, Communication Sciences and Disorders) and her husband, Jonathan, are the parents of twins, Matthew Cole and Merideth Claire, born Feb. 16, 2004.

Hines Ward (BSFCS '98, Consumer Economics) and his wife, Simone, are the parents of a son, Jaden Hines, born March 31, 2004. Ward is a professional football player for the Pittsburgh Steelers.



2004-05 FACS Alumni Board

Front Row L-R: **Tammy Tate Gilland**, (BSHE '88, Home Economics and Journalism) President-Elect; **Harrileen Jones Conner**, (BSHE '83, MEd '91, Home Economics Education) FACS-Education Representative; **Ayisha Savage**, (BSFCS '99, Dietetics) FDN Representative; **Carol Bugg**, (BSFCS '91, Consumer Economics and Home Management) Secretary; **Jan Taylor Baggarly**, (BSHE '74, Clothing and Textiles; MEd '78, Home Economics Education); FACS Education Representative; Dean Sharon Y. Nickols; and **Gloria Conner Berry**, (BSHE '74, Home Economics) Vice President-Development. Back Row L-R: **Stacy Bishop Jones**, (BSFCS '93, FACS Education and Journalism) Past-President; **Katrina Little Bowers**, (BSHE '84, Consumer Economics and Home Management) Director of Development and Alumni Relations; **Cynthia Cochran**, (BSHE '85, Clothing and Textiles; MS '87, Clothing and Textiles) President; **Jill Sirmans Bateman**, (BSFCS '93, Family and Consumer Sciences and Journalism) HACE Representative; **Amy Emiling**, (BSFCS '00, Consumer Economics) HACE Representative; **Suzanne Griffeth**, (BSFCS '99, Consumer Economics) Coordinator of Alumni Relations. Not Pictured: **Katy O'Neal Arrowood**, (BSFCS '94, Child and Family Development) Vice President-Programs; **Jacquelyn Ann Tucker**, (BSFCS '02, Child and Family Development) CFD Representative; **Alison Quod Mueller**, (MS '01, Child and Family Development) CFD Representative; **Bridgette Palmer Matthews**, (BSFCS '98, Dietetics) FDN Representative; **Marian Proper**, (BSHE '84, Fashion Merchandising) TMI Representative; **Kishia Shooks**, (BSFCS '00, Fashion Merchandising) TMI Representative; and **Laurie Barton**, (BSFCS '02, Child and Family Development) Out-of-State Representative.

Marilyn Ottis Wright (BSFCS '95, Dietetics; MS '97, Foods and Nutrition) is an area nutrition consultant with the Georgia Department of Education School and Community Nutrition Program.

2000s

Marlo Rouse-Arnett (PhD '01, Child and Family Development) is an assistant professor in the Department of Hospitality, Tourism and Family and Consumer Sciences at Georgia Southern University in Statesboro.

Alison Norris Asher (BSFCS '01, Child and Family Development) is a preschool music teacher and works with autistic children.

Melissa Maria Bilac (BSFCS '02, Fashion Merchandising) married Jonathan David McKnight on May 29 at the Crowne Plaza Ravina in Atlanta. She is employed with Lincoln Harris in the medical leasing department.

Heather Madden Bowen (BSFCS '00, Dietetics; MS '02, Foods and Nutrition) is a clinical dietician with Elbert Memorial Hospital providing inpatient services, outpatient medical nutrition therapy and weight management counseling.

Jessica Leigh Todd Butler (BSFCS '00, Child and Family Development) and her husband, Morris, are the parents of a daughter Mary Blue, born Oct. 20, 2003.

Jennifer Bragg Chase (BSFCS '00, Furnishings and Interiors) and her husband are the parents of a son, Jack, born Jan. 31, 2004.

Sally Clifton (BSFCS '04, Dietetics and Consumer Foods) is pursuing a master's degree at the University of North Florida. She hopes to attend Culinary School at Johnson and Wales.

Jaya Halepete (MS '03, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors) received Honorable Mention for her paper, "Variables Impacting Micromarketing Merchandising in the Apparel Retail Industry," from the international Textile and Apparel Association 2004 Graduate Paper Competition. She is a PhD student at Iowa State University. Her master's advisor was **Jan Hathcote**

(Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Research).

Lauren Ashley Jamison (BSFCS '03, Fashion Merchandising) recently earned her real estate license and is a Realtor in Atlanta.

Margaret Cook Kennedy (BSFCS '00, Furnishings and Interiors) is employed with Design Environments in Kennesaw.

Kristin Julie Lipton (BSFCS '00, Furnishings and Interiors) has married Benjamin Cleveland Hoots. They live in Fort Valley.

Jennifer Lynn Lumpkin (BSFCS '03, Fashion Merchandising) married Jason Anthony Dixon on March 27, 2004 in Wadley, Georgia. She is the sales manager for an apartment community in Augusta.

Brandy K. Martin (BSFCS '00, Furnishings and Interiors) was featured in the March 2003 issue of *Georgia's Good Life* magazine for the interior design work she did on an orthodontist's office. She is the owner of Brandy Martin Interiors in Commerce.

Laura Barton Martin (BSFCS '00, Clothing and Textiles; MEd '01, Marketing Education) and her husband, J. Bradley, live in Smyrna where she is the marketing coordinator teacher at Campbell High School in Marietta.

Joannah Len Mason (BSFCS '03, Child and Family Development) is studying for a graduate degree in marriage and family therapy at the Psychological Studies Institute in Atlanta.

Melissa Ann Matthews (BSFCS '00, Dietetics) is a healthcare marketing specialist with Sysco Foodservice of Atlanta.

Shannon Leigh Miles (BSFCS '04, Family and Consumer Sciences Education) is an educational program director with the Georgia FFA-FCCLA Center in Covington.

Alison Quod Mueller (MS '01, Child and Family Development) is director of marketing and public relations at the Georgia Transplant Foundation.

Melanie Marie Norman (BSFCS '04, Child and Family Development) is director of children's programs and community resources with the Memphis, Tenn., Family Shelter.

Mary Margaret Pifko (BSFCS '02, Fashion Merchandising) is an assistant buyer at the Home Shopping Network in Saint Petersburg, Fla.

Julie Ann Snyder (BSFCS '03, Fashion Merchandising) lives in Lake Oconee and is a respiratory therapist at Greensboro Hospital.

Blakely Moore York (BSFCS '03, Nutrition Science) lives in Augusta and will be attending the physician's assistant program at Emory University. ■

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FACULTY & STAFF

Elizabeth Andress (Associate Professor, Foods and Nutrition) has been promoted to professor.

Jorge Atilés (Associate Dean for Outreach and Extension) has been promoted to associate professor and awarded tenure in the Department of Housing and Consumer Economics. He also has been appointed as a participant in the National Center for Housing and the Environment University Consortium, a Washington-based non-profit organization seeking to balance conservation of natural resources while meeting housing needs.

The Georgia Joint Council of Extension Professionals Team has been selected to receive the 2004 Excellence in Teamwork Award to be presented at each of the national Extension association meetings, including NEAFCS. **Jan Baggarly** (BSHE '74, Clothing and Textiles; MED '78, Home Economics Education), president of GEAFCS and FACS Alumni Board member will accept the award on behalf of the team representing FACS, 4-H, Agricultural and Natural Resources, and Epsilon Sigma Phi.

Carolyn Berdanier (Professor Emerita, Foods and Nutrition) is co-author of *Proteomics and Genomics in Nutrition*, co-edited with Naima Moussa-Moustaid. The book includes chapters written by **Arthur Grider** (Associate Professor, Foods and Nutrition) and **Gary Hausman** (Adjunct Professor, Foods and Nutrition). Berdanier wrote four chapters and edited the remaining in *Mitochondria in Health and Disease*, which will be published this fall. She lectured on nutrient gene interaction pertaining to diabetes at the American

Diabetes Association meeting in June and has served as a visiting professor at the University of California at Berkley's Children's Health Center.

Helen Epps (Professor, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors) will receive a Certificate of Appreciation from Committee D13 of the American Society of Testing Materials at the fall

meeting in Washington, D.C.

Gail Hanula (Public Service Assistant, Foods and Nutrition; BSHE '82 Home Economics Education; MHE '83, Foods and Nutrition; EdS '84, Home Economics Education) has been appointed to the national ESCOP Expanded Foods and Nutrition Education Program Task Force.



Dawgs with the Dean

More than 500 Varsity hot dogs, chips and drinks were passed out in one hour at the 2nd Annual Dawgs with the Dean event, sponsored by the FACS Alumni Association.

Alumni helping hand out a hot dog to one of the many FACS students are: (L-R) **Mary Bishop**, (BSHE '69, Home Economics Education; MHE '70, Home Economics); **Amy Skelton**, (BSHE '85, Clothing and Textiles); **Carol Bugg**, (BSFCS '91, Consumer Economics and Home Management); **Kristin Osborn Greer**, (BSFCS '00, Child and Family Development); **Darnelda Crosby**, (BSFCS '99, Child and Family Development); **Suzanne Griffeth**, (BSFCS '99, Consumer Economics, Coordinator of Alumni Relations); and **Rose Simmons**, (MED '75, Home Economics Education).

Julia Marlowe (Associate Professor, Housing and Consumer Economics) was inducted into the Hall of Honor at Forney High School, Forney, Texas, this fall.

Yoko Mimura (Research Technician, Housing and Consumer Economics; PhD '01, Housing and Consumer Economics) presented a research paper titled, "Housing Cost Burden, Poverty Status and Economic Hardship Among Black, White and Hispanic Families with Children," at the International Federation for Home Economics in Kyoto, Japan, in August.

Sharon Nickols (Dean, College of Family and Consumer Sciences) was a keynote speaker for the closing plenary session of the International Federation for Home Economics in Kyoto, Japan, in August. Her presentation was titled, "A 21st Century Vision for Home Economics as a Healthy Community." She also presented, "We Need a Teacher: Challenges and Responses in Family and Consumer Sciences in the United States," as a member of a panel focusing on teacher education programs in South Africa, Germany, Japan and the United States.

Lance Palmer (Assistant Professor, Housing and Consumer Economics) has passed the examination for Certified Financial Planner credentialing

William Quinn (Professor, Child and Family Development) has written a new book, *Family Solutions for Youth at Risk: Applications to Juvenile Delinquency, Truancy and Behavior Problems*.

Tom Rodgers (Professor, Housing and Consumer Economics) received a Lifetime Achievement Award from Georgia 4-H at the 100th Anniversary Gala this summer.

Hui-Chin Hsu (Assistant Professor, Child and Family Development) has been promoted to Associate Professor and awarded tenure.

Maureen Grasso (Professor, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors), who serves as dean of the UGA Graduate School, has been elected president of the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools for 2004-05.



More than 100 FACS alumni and friends enjoyed an exclusive tour of the Southern Living Idea House at the Georgia Club in mid-September. The evening began with a wine and cheese reception that included remarks by **Elizabeth Bagarozzi Hutcheson**, (BSFCS '94, Furnishings and Interiors), co-owner of H&L Design Group, Inc., who designed the interior in co-operation with her partner, Anne-Michelle Langlois.

John Weber (Dissemination Coordinator, Institute on Human Development and Disability) has retired effective Sept. 30, after spending 10 years with IHDD producing a variety of publications.

STUDENTS

Mandi Colson (Senior, Consumer Economics and Housing) served as a congressional aide in the Washington, DC, office of Georgia Congressman Max Burns during the summer. The Congressional Aide stipend is provided through the support of **Josephine Martin** (BSHE '47).

Linda Garcia (Senior, Nutrition Science) is the vice president for the

Hispanic Student Association at the University of Georgia.

Megan Janke (PhD Student, Child and Family Development) has been awarded the first-ever Virginia M. Smyth Scholarship from the Georgia Gerontology Society. The scholarship provides \$1500.

Wang Lu (PhD Student, Textile Science) won the Best Graduate Student paper competition at American Association of Textile and Color Chemists meeting in September.

Kelly Manley (PhD Student, Housing and Consumer Economics) has been awarded the Dianne Davison Award for

MACON MARKETPLACE

April 23, 2005 • Vineville United Methodist Church

A brand new alumni event is planned for spring 2005 in Macon. FACS alumni entrepreneurs who are interested in having a booth at the marketplace are asked to contact the co-chairs of this event: **Peggy Eaton Miller** (BSHE '59) at 478-477-2144 or by email at peggymiller@cox.net; or **Lisa Bryant Walker** (BSHE '83) at 478-757-0530 or by email at jwalkerjimbo@aol.com. Original products will have first booking.

Dissertation Research. Her research focuses on consumers' use of midwives. Her advisor is **Brenda Cude**, (Professor, Housing and Consumer Economics).

Abigail Mohn (Senior, Fashion Merchandising) received the Jim Liles Travel Award to present her FACS undergraduate research grant project at the Costume Society of America symposium in Nashville in August. She studied the construction of a dress from calico fabric modeled after one from the early 1860s, monitoring the amount of time it took her to sew the various components of the garment. The inspiration for the project was Civil War re-enactments in which garments of the period are worn by the participants. Mohn's advisor is **Patricia Hunt-Hurst** (Associate Professor, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors; BSHE

'77, Home Economics Education; MS '83, Clothing, Textiles, Interiors and Furnishings).

Elizabeth Redmond (PhD Student, Foods and Nutrition) received her doctorate degree during August graduation ceremonies. Her advisor was **Mary Ann Johnson** (Professor, Foods and Nutrition).

Leigh Ann Simmons-Wescott (PhD Student, Child and Family Development) won the National Council on Family Relations Student Award and the Ruth Hathaway Jewson Award. This award is given for the best family studies proposal submitted by a doctoral candidate. Simmons-Wescott's dissertation is titled "Well-Being in a Rural Context: A Model of Select Factors Influencing Health and Economic Well-Being in Rural, Low Income Mothers." Her

major professor was **David Wright** (Associate Professor, Child and Family Development; PhD '85, Child and Family Development).

Michael Sytsma (PhD Student, Child and Family Development) received his doctorate degree during August graduation ceremonies. His advisor was **William Quinn** (Professor, Child and Family Development).

Catherine Voorhees (Master's Student, Foods and Nutrition) has received the Margaret Osborn Memorial/Iowa Dietetic Association Scholarship and the Kellogg Child Nutrition Graduate Scholarship from the American Dietetic Association Foundation. Her research focuses on bone density related to zinc. Her advisor is **Rick Lewis** (Professor, Foods and Nutrition) ■

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expand our college's impact throughout the state."

"I want to raise awareness throughout the state about our programs, market our strengths, and continue to build the connections and networks that Dr. Rodgers has established during his tenure," Atilas said. "We have a wealth of knowledge that's constantly being expanded through the research of our faculty."

Atilas earned his PhD in 1995 in Housing, Interior Design and Resource Management from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; his master's degree in 1990 in Urban and Regional Planning, also from Virginia Tech; and his bachelor's degree in architecture in 1986 from the Universidad Nacional Pedro Henriquez Ureña in the Dominican Republic.

Prior to joining UGA, he served on the administrative team of the National Housing Bank of the Dominican Republic; worked as an adjunct faculty member at the Universidad Nacional Pedro Henriquez Ureña; as an instructor at Virginia Tech; and as a housing manager with the Human and Economic Development Department for Athens-Clarke County.

Anne Sweaney (Professor, Housing and Consumer Economics) has been named head of the Department of Housing and Consumer Economics. Sweaney served as interim head for the past year and has 23 years of service to the college. She succeeds **Brenda Cude** (Professor, Housing and Consumer Economics), who has returned to a faculty position in the College.

Patricia Hunt-Hurst (Associate Professor, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors) has been named interim head of the Department of Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors. **Ian Hardin** (Professor, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors), who served as TMI department head for 10 years, has returned to the faculty and

will be expanding his research on enhancing cotton quality.

Don Bower (Professor, Child and Family Development) has been named interim head of the Department of Child and Family Development. **David Wright** (Associate Professor, Child and Family Development), who served as CFD department head for four years, is on study leave for the fall semester. He will return to teaching and research in January 2005.

To accommodate its ever-expanding enrollment, there are three new faces in the TMI department. **Yoo-Kyoung Seock** is a new assistant professor focusing on fashion merchandising. She earned her PhD at Virginia Polytechnic and State University in clothing and textiles with a concentration in business and economics. **Kristin Deckard** has been hired as a lecturer in fashion merchandising. She has a MS degree in education and a bachelor's of science degree in retail management from Purdue University. **Dawn Schueneman** has been hired as a lecturer in furnishings and interiors. She has a MS degree in historic preservation and a bachelor's of science in family and consumer sciences from the University of Georgia.

In Housing and Consumer Economics, **Lance Palmer** has joined the faculty as an assistant professor. He earned his PhD at Utah State University and his focus will be on family financial management.

In Child and Family Development, **Charles Halverson** (Professor, Child and Family Development) has retired after 27 years of service. He will continue working on his research on children's personalities. ■

IN MEMORIAM

<p>Susan Diep Callaway (BSFCS '92) December 14, 1996</p> <p>Rhonda Sue Carter (BSHE '83) May 28, 2001</p> <p>Sara Whitaker Chafin (BSHE '29) April 13, 2004</p> <p>Cynthia Allen Chitwood (BSHE '73) October 11, 1987</p> <p>Patricia Joan Compton (BSHE '66) September 25, 2002</p> <p>Dorothy Pierce Corwell (BSHE '50, MED '80) May 2, 2004</p> <p>Betty Griner Crosby (BSHE '46) June 1, 2000</p> <p>Sarah Maddux Davis (BSHE '25) July 17, 2004</p> <p>Lois Sturmer Dickman (BSHE '37) January 24, 1987</p> <p>Jeanine Burton Dunaway (BSHE '58) April 16, 2004</p> <p>Betty Rumble Duncan (BSHE '48) July 12, 1998</p> <p>Myrtle Castellaw Earl (BSHE '43) May 29, 2003</p> <p>Margaret Fawcett Faidley (BSHE '40) August 17, 1999</p> <p>Louise L. Gaudiello (BSHE '37) February 2, 2002</p> <p>Marie Olliff Gibbs (BSHE '39) January 1, 1992</p>	<p>Sibyl Williams Glover (BSHE '47) August 14, 2001</p> <p>Thelma Jones Haley (BSHE '36) August 2, 2001</p> <p>Virginia Sumner Hays (BSHE '47) November 16, 2003</p> <p>Nannell Bagwell Heflin (BSHE '39) February 3, 2003</p> <p>Frances Jarrett Holbrook (BSHE '32, MSHE '38) March 27, 2002</p> <p>Louise Brittingham Holley (BSHE '52) May 26, 2001</p> <p>Emily Shuman Howze (BSHE '34) September 26, 2002</p> <p>Brice H. Hunter (Matriculate '96) April 18, 2004</p> <p>Nelie Wiley Hurst (BSHE '41) April 26, 2004</p> <p>Juanita B. Jackson (BSHE '42) July 7, 2004</p> <p>Mary Burch Langley (BSHE '30) May 29, 2004</p> <p>Nellie Whitehead Love (BSHE '61) September 2, 2000</p> <p>Lucile Jarrett Lyle (BSHE '30, MSHE '36) October 15, 2003</p> <p>Dell Managan (BSHE '40, BSHE '46) November 21, 2002</p>	<p>Emmie Baker McLarty (BSHE '40) November 10, 2002</p> <p>Mary Ellen Blades Meekins (Matriculate '52) October 5, 2003</p> <p>Ina Mae Mitchell (BSHE '41) August 3, 1998</p> <p>Sandra G. Mocko (BSHE '73) September 30, 2001</p> <p>Margaret Thompson Morris (BSHE '42) November 4, 2002</p> <p>Willette Smith Murrill (BSHE '44) February 9, 2002</p> <p>Lillian Mashburn Petree (BSHE '47) April 14, 2004</p> <p>Harriette Jeannette Rogers (BSHE '39) December 12, 2002</p> <p>Blanche G. Rupley (BSHE '31) July 11, 2001</p> <p>Elizabeth Ann Ryals (BSHE '52) February 29, 2004</p> <p>Alice Bush Shirvanian (BSHE '45) April 26, 2004</p> <p>Carolyn Baldwin Snow (BSHE '36, MSHE '50) March 30, 2004</p> <p>Doris Alexander Stager (BSHE '53) May 15, 2003</p> <p>Mary Tyler Stone (BSHE '62) March 21, 2004</p> <p>Doris Moody Yarbrough (BSHE '43, MED '65) March 28, 2003</p>
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more than \$1 million more during the course of her lifetime than she would have had with only a high school education.

"No matter what I do, I'm going to continue my education," she says. "I want to get a four-year degree in counseling of some sort, I don't know whether it will be financial counseling or in the social services area, but I want to continue helping people." ■

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focused on encouraging more people to file their state and federal income tax returns.

"The issue for our clients isn't that they owe taxes," Rupured says. "It's that they're owed money as a result of changes in the tax system."

In 2003, CFLP staffers provided tax return preparation for 1,300 families. These filers received a total refund of \$1.4 million.

"That \$1.4 million was either spent in the counties where these Georgians live or, in many cases, it served as the first effort at saving for many of these families," Rupured says. "Preparing tax forms is a first step in reaching many of these residents. Once residents meet our staff and realize that we're here to help them reach their personal financial goals, they become much more open and willing to enroll in the CFLP."

Rupured's goal for CFLP is to see it as a statewide program, reaching out to all Georgians. For now, he continues working closely with CFLP staff to ensure they're able to help clients meet their goals. He's also searching for funding to further expand the project.

"As the leaders of the counties see our success and see that their residents are improving financially, they're talking to the leaders of other parts of the state," he says. "CFLP is very much a grassroots effort, but if we're successful these seeds will spread across the state and the ability of Georgians to manage their financial future will improve dramatically." ■

family development. The position of full-time department head can't be filled until there is a retirement.

There are a few bright spots, however, Nickols says.

"Because we have an historic commitment to knowing our undergraduates, we've seen individual students volunteer to help professors," she says.

For example, two senior HACE students join graduate student Russell Johnson during Marlowe's HACE 3100 class.

There is an upside to increased student enrollment, however. The dramatic jump in enrollment, coupled with the College's ability to document high levels of performance compared to peer institutions has resulted in the FACS budget facing lower cuts than other colleges on the campus.

The long-term budget outlook for the College of Family and Consumer Sciences, the University of Georgia

and the rest of the University System of Georgia is far from settled. More reductions are anticipated, including the possibility of layoffs of current employees, the inability to fill faculty and staff vacancies and the loss of more programs.

"As dean of the College, I'm fortunate that the faculty and staff have consistently worked together to limit the impact of budget cuts on our students and our other constituencies," Nickols says. "I'm sure we'll continue to do that, but the impact of this ongoing decline in our resources is hard on morale and has limited our ability to enhance our programs."

She also notes the broader implications of reduced resources.

"With all the critical issues in Georgia that are in the domain of Family and Consumer Sciences, now is the time we should be investing in our capacity to respond to them, not cutting back." ■

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verbally abusive of her 'wife' and finally she broke down and left the room. When I asked her what was going on, she says, 'This is my life.' Her husband was out of work and was drinking too much and becoming verbally abusive. She wanted the other participants to experience just how terrible that was."

"What's important is that the simulation stimulates participants to think," Gibson says. "For example, when the 'toddlers' in the family are helping the parents decide how best to spend their income, I'll point out that even though it's not realistic to expect a three-year-old to know how to make a budget, it's important to understand that when a family is struggling to make ends meet children sometimes are forced into adult roles at an early age."

At the end of the day, Gibson's goal is for the participants to come away with two lessons: First, there are no winners when it comes to poverty. Second, to begin thinking about what they can do to decrease the negative effects poverty

has on the families in their community.

"When the Gwinnett County educators were here we talked about how poverty gets in the way of students being successful academically and what they could do about that," Gibson says. "There were issues of non-English speaking parents, lack of transportation, work schedules. Then, we talked about what could be done: You can't change parents' work schedules and you can't buy them cars, but the teachers did discuss changing the conferences to Saturdays and moving them to the work-sites of major employers. They also talked about visiting students' homes and calling parents on the phone, rather than requiring face-to-face conferences."

Gibson would like to believe the day will come when simulations are the only place people experience poverty, but she knows the reality is the state of poverty will continue to be home to too many Georgians. ■

Planned Gifts

Uniting Couples in Giving



In Lawrenceville there is a house divided. It is not a political party division, nor one of marital discord, but is of a graver circumstance.....**Julie Toland Reynolds** (BSHE '81), an ardent Bulldog supporter is married to **David Reynolds**, a Georgia Tech graduate of 1970. Nevertheless, the Reynolds have found a way to live happily during 21 years of marriage. They just agree on those isolated occasions when the two sports teams meet that they will each wear their respective school colors. They also agree that when it comes to their estate plans, each university will be represented.

Julie earned her degree in Furnishings & Interiors and owns Reynolds Interiors, Inc., a residential and commercial design firm serving Atlanta and the Southeast. David, an aerospace engineer, works for Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Division after retiring from The Coca-Cola Company. Earlier in her career, Julie worked for a home furnishings store when then-single David became a client. Although she steadfastly refused to date clients, David won her over as he still does today. They brought to their marriage, however, a fierce loyalty to each alma

mater. The two have been UGA FACS Presidents Club members for several years where David maximizes his giving through a 2:1 matching gifts program from The Coca-Cola Company. According to data collected in 1990, women were the philanthropic decision makers in only 32 percent of American households. Julie and David's joint decision-making follows a trend of women becoming more financially involved in household affairs.

Although they were financial supporters for several years, they hadn't been directly involved in College activities prior to 2004. Julie attended the inaugural FACS Designing Dawgs meeting in January and as a result now attends several College functions. She even brought David to the FACS Presidents Club function in April when the UGA Diamond Dawgs took on Arkansas. At this event, I encouraged donors to consider becoming Heritage Society members by confirming a planned gift. Julie and David already knew they wanted to remember their universities and invited me to come visit with them about their options. They said, *"We never realized the importance of sharing our plans with our universities. By doing so, we can count our deferred giving in campaigns today, we can decide how the money should be used rather than someone deciding for us when we're gone, and we develop wonderful relationships in the process."*

Julie and David have designated a percentage of their estate rather than a dollar amount to our College to support furnishings & interiors. *"I loved my experience in Dawson Hall at UGA and having no children of my own, this is a way to give back to a future generation,"* said Julie. David also initiated talks with the office of development at Georgia Tech regarding a similar planned gift. David reported, *"The development officer at Tech said they would never have believed that they would owe UGA a thank you for booking a gift."*

Though there are many planned giving options, David and Julie chose the traditional will instrument for making their charitable gifts. By providing a copy of the page designating the College of Family and Consumer Sciences in one's will the donor becomes a member of the UGA and FACS Heritage Societies. This Society recognizes donors who have left a gift of any size to our College through an estate gift.

In my years as Director of Development for the College of Family and Consumer Sciences, I've noticed that more couples are equally donating to their charities of interest, rather than only recognizing those charities important to the husband. Given a historically large female alumni base, this has made a huge difference in giving to our College. Andrea Kaminski, former Executive Director of The Women's Philanthropy Institute said, *"Just as women are more conservative investors than men, they are also more conservative givers. Many of us were brought up to believe that giving of our time and talent is the most effective way to contribute. But, while our intangible gifts are powerful currency, women who balance their philanthropic efforts with well thought-out financial gifts are changing the world in ways their mothers and grandmothers never dreamed possible."*

Sustaining our future is the most sound investment we can make today. Thanks to our own Bulldog Julie and to her "Tech Man," David, for their investment in FACS! ■



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