

"Awareness is the big thing. You have people talking on street corners, in churches and in other places about this issue. I'm proud that we're aware of it and trying to do something about it."

– Phil Tanner,
parent & restaurateur

Embracing Opportunities

In 1990 I began my career as a textiles, merchandising and interiors faculty member here in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences. Dean Emily Pou hired me. She was the same dean who had served me tea from a silver service some 19 years before when I was an undergraduate home economics education major. I wasn't shocked when Dean Pou announced her pending retirement soon after I arrived on the faculty. She had told me during my interview that it was coming, but I'm sure that many long-time faculty, staff, students and alumni saw their world changing and weren't sure how they would like it.

It took nearly a year and two searches before a new dean was named. Sharon Y. Nickols took over Dean Pou's office on July 1, 1991. Now, 15 years later, Dean Nickols has retired as dean, returning to a faculty position in the Department of Housing and Consumer Economics and I know that, once again, there are faculty, staff, students and alumni who are seeing their world change and aren't sure how that change will affect them. As we continue to search for our college's new dean, UGA Provost Arnett Mace has asked me to

serve as interim dean. In that role, I am drawing on many of the skills I learned from Dean Nickols' mentoring. I hope to reassure all of us that while there are certainly changes ahead, we'll experience them together.

Meanwhile, as you'll see in this issue of FACS Magazine, our world does keep turning, and we're still taking care of business. Our faculty members are identifying the rates of obesity among our children and identifying concrete ways of helping communities deal with this chronic disease. Another faculty member is exploring the impact on consumers of pre-paid phone cards that are filled with misleading and, sometimes, inaccurate information. Far from Dawson Hall in the community of Metter, our Extension and Outreach staff are finding new ways to work with middle-schoolers, helping them learn new strategies for success both academically and socially.

We have eight new faculty on board this fall, and we're launching our consumer economics major at the university's Griffin campus. During the past summer, we had more than 100 students and six faculty who participated in study classes in London, Mexico, Ghana, New York City and Washington, D.C.. South Campus Tailgate and Leadership FACS kicked off our fall and several more student and alumni events are scheduled in coming weeks.

Our world is changing, but rather than be nervous or leery, we're embracing that change and the new opportunities we know are on the horizon. We look forward to talking with many of you in the coming months and thank you for the support that you provide us. ■

Sincerely,



Jan M. Hathcote
Interim Dean





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**South Campus
Tailgate 2006**



Hathcote Named Interim Dean

Jan M. Hathcote (BSHE '74, Home Economics Education), associate dean for academic affairs and research in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences since 1997, was named interim dean effective July 1. She will continue in the position until a search for a successor to **Dean Sharon Y. Nickols** is completed.

Nickols retired as dean on June 30 after 15 years, returning to the college faculty to teach and conduct research.

"Dr. Hathcote has extensive leadership and administrative experience in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences and the University of Georgia," according to Arnett C. Mace Jr., UGA's senior vice president for academic affairs and provost. "I and others greatly admire her administrative skills and commitment to the college and the university. I look forward to working with Jan during this interim period and appreciate her willingness to assume this role given her many other commitments."

Hathcote, an associate professor of textiles, merchandising and interiors, has been on the college faculty since 1990. An authority in the areas of international retailing and international trade of textiles and apparel, she frequently reports on her research in professional journals and maintains a regular teaching schedule of graduate and undergraduate classes in addition to her administrative responsibilities.

Hathcote earned her bachelor's degree in home economics education from UGA in 1974 and received a doctorate in human ecology from the University of Tennessee in 1989. ■



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Redcoat Band Members Visit China

Carmen Guisasola (L), (Junior, FACS Education) and **Lindsay Vick** (Senior, Consumer Economics) were among the 298 Redcoat Band members to spend a week in what was dubbed, "the largest performing act ever to tour China." Band members traveled more than 5,000 miles, from Beijing in the northeast to Kunming near the Vietnam border, then up to Chengdu in the central Sichuan Province, to Xiamen on the southeast coast and finally north to Nanjing and Shanghai. Guisasola, who is from Ellijay, plays the mellophone, while Vick, who is from Powell, Ind., plays the trombone. ■

Griffin Program Kicks Off

The College of Family and Consumer Sciences is now a part of the UGA-Griffin program. The Consumer Economics major is now being offered and four classes are being taught this fall. CE is one of four majors now offered by the satellite campus. The others are agribusiness, biological science and environmental resource science. A graduate program in mathematics education is also available. Enrollment information and details about the programs can be found at www.uga.edu/griffin. ■



Gala Honors Dean Nickols

More than 300 guests attended the April 21st gala honoring former **Dean Sharon Nickols'** leadership. The event was held at The State Botanical Garden of Georgia and included the announcement of the newly endowed Sharon Nickols Student Leadership Fund, which was funded with gifts from Nickols' well-wishers. ■

FACS Grad Student Chairs SAAAFCS

Melissa Wilmarth, a new master's level graduate student in consumer economics, has been named chair of the Student Unit of the American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences.

Prior to becoming AAFCS Student Unit chair, Wilmarth served in a variety of other leadership roles in AAFCS, including serving as chair elect and as a member of the membership and marketing committee. She has also been president of the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America Collegiate Association, vice president of the Family and Consumer Sciences Education and Studies Club, and secretary of the Human Sciences Student Council of the College of Human Sciences at Iowa State University.

In 2006, Wilmarth was recognized for her leadership abilities and academic excellence with the Iowa State University Senior Class Council Senior Leadership Recognition Award, AAFCS Student of the Year Award, and the Phi Upsilon Omicron Lynne White Scheider Award.

She graduated in May from Iowa State with a bachelor's degree in family and consumer sciences educational services. She is a member of Alpha Lambda Delta/Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Societies, Golden Key International Honor Society, Kappa Omicron Nu, the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Phi Kappa Phi and Phi Upsilon Omicron. ■



Melissa Wilmarth

Wilkes Wild About Wellness

By Denise Horton

For months LaVonda Tanner carefully wrote down every minute that her then-4-year-old son exercised. When he jumped on the trampoline, she wrote it down. When he attended T-ball practice, she wrote it down. When he went for a family walk, she wrote it down.

At the end of the school year little Wes was the winner of the Tiger Tracks program, having recorded more minutes of exercise than any other student.

Now a first grader at Washington-Wilkes Primary School, Wes still remembers many of the nutrition lessons he learned two years ago.

"You've gotta work your body out, that's why gym's my favorite class," he says. "Fruits and vegetables are healthy. Sweets aren't healthy. I've told Mama that I'll only eat one sweet a day."

The lessons Wes learned were part of a four-year research project led by Rebecca Mullis, head of the FACS Foods and Nutrition Department, and William Kanto Jr., chair of the pediatrics department at the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta to determine if it's possible to change an entire community's views about nutrition and exercise.

Wilkes Wild About Wellness grew out of a meeting that occurred between the mayor and representatives of the two universities in 2000, Mullis recalls.

"Since Washington is central to Augusta and Athens, meetings between MCG and UGA are frequently held here," Mullis says. "During one of those meetings Frank said, 'I want you to tell us why more people die here than in the other counties around us.'"

With \$500,000 in funding from the University System's Board of Regents, the Georgia Center for Obesity and Related Disorders was formed. Mullis and Kanto put together a team of researchers who spent a year gathering data on Washington-Wilkes residents. What they found was shocking: 81 percent of the county was either obese or at risk of becoming obese. That figure compared with a state average of 59 percent and the national average of 65 percent.

Once they had their findings, Mullis, Kanto and the rest of the research team moved to the next phase of the study – finding ways to change those statistics.

"We decided to have quarterly meetings with the community steering committee and to ask, 'What do you want us to do,'" Mullis says. "Past experience had shown us that to be successful this had to be a locally driven initiative."

One of the first requests from the community was to establish a full-time staff position, someone who would be available whenever a

resident needed information.

"We knew that whomever we hired had to have credibility in the community," Mullis says. "It had to be someone who was well known and was respected.

That's where Donna Hardy came in.

Hardy, who grew up in Washington-Wilkes and serves as a Wilkes County commissioner, is known throughout the county. In addition, she's a seemingly unending font of energy.



The Instigator: Donna Hardy provided full-time support for Wilkes Wild About Wellness.



Wes Tanner takes his parents on an afternoon walk for fitness.

"I'm an instigator," Hardy says of herself and Wilkes Wild About Wellness was just the sort of intensive program that she loves.

During a tour of Washington—between greeting everyone she sees by name—Hardy points out many of the changes that have occurred since WWW began. She also points out those who participated in many of the activities held during the three years of the program.

"One of the first things the steering committee said was that we should work with the faith-based community," Hardy says. "There are 150 churches in this community and churches have credibility."

The pastor of First Baptist Church was an early convert to changes.

"John Childers' doctor had told him he was going to die if he didn't lose weight," Hardy says. "He hired a professional dietitian and committed to one hour of physical activity a day."

The result was that Childers lost 173 pounds. He also became an advocate for WWW.

"Your spiritual and physical bodies are inseparable," says Childers, who now lives in St. Louis, Mo., and pastors South County Baptist Church. "While our physical bodies are finite, it's important that we understand the interconnectedness of the two."

Hardy and the other two full-time WWW staff members worked with the county's churches to bring nutrition and exercise information to the congregations. LaVonda and Phil Tanner were among those who attended.

"For six weeks we went to Donna's class on Wednesday nights rather than going to Bible study," LaVonda Tanner says. "Donna and them prepared the Wednesday night dinners and

then they'd talk to us about exercise and calories."

During that time, Phil Tanner lost 30 pounds that he's kept off. LaVonda has lost 26 pounds. The Tanners have also learned to eat healthier—adding grapes, apples and bananas to their children's snacks and buying cereal with less sugar. LaVonda has also joined the Curves fitness center. Phil was walking two miles a day, but a pinched nerve in his back has recently limited his mobility.

The Tanners are just one example of a family that has changed its habits as a result of Wilkes Wild About Wellness. In addition to working with churches, Hardy and the rest of WWW team also mapped out a number of walking routes in the community, including a popular stretch of Robert Toombs Avenue.

"You can set your watch by seeing whose out walking," Hardy says, chuckling. "At 5 a.m. you'll see the dads and the school teachers. At 5 p.m., it's the teen-agers. At 6, it's the moms. At 7, you'll see young couples and at 8 you see the older couples who have waited for it to cool down."

The community has significantly increased its parks and recreation budget and obtained a Community Development Block Grant to renovate its gymnasium. Programs were emphasized in the schools, including the Tiger Tracks exercise incentive program, and with the elderly, such as the "Flex and Stretch" program and a walking program that at one time had 150 participants.

The ending of funding in September 2005 could have been catastrophic for Wilkes Wild About Wellness—except that it had been anticipated from the beginning of the project.

"Part of our original goal was to determine if—given the

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Booker T. Hobbs playing for keeps

By Denise Horton

“Are you going to play C team or rec. ball?” Booker T. Hobbs asks when Deontre “Tre” Ross visits the Candler County Extension office. Tre’ responds that his coaches have advised the 5-foot, 5-inch, 200-pound 12-year-old to continue in the recreational league.

“You’ll have to come to some of my games, Mr. Booker,” Tre’ says. “I’m going to be playing fullback. I’ll be running over some folks.”

Hobbs agrees with Tre’s coaches’ advice that he stay in the recreational league. “That way you’ll see a lot of playing time,” he notes. “If you play C team you won’t get to play in any games.”

In most settings, the friendly chatter would have little significance, but seventh-grader Bodhi Roberts and Tre’ are members of the Candler County Building Our Youths’ Skills program, a five-year project focused on ensuring that 40 boys, originally identified when they were in the fourth or fifth grade, receive the attention they need to stay on track both academically and socially.

“The seed for this program began during a Family Connection meeting when we were discussing the county’s teen pregnancy rate,” according to Mary White, Candler County’s family and consumer sciences Extension agent and the driving force behind the BOYS program.

“As we discussed the programs that already were under way and those we had done in the past, we realized we had never had anything specifically targeting young males, especially those in third through ninth grades.”

Working with the other members of the Candler County Family Connection coalition, which includes the Sunshine House child advocacy center, Communities in Schools, the Candler County Intermediate School and Board of Education, the Candler County Health Department, as well as Candler County Extension Office, White applied for a federal grant through the USDA’s CSREES-National Children, Youth and Families At Risk program in May 2003. The program began that fall with an initial group of 35 fourth and fifth grade boys and 10 girls.

“Our students face an array of difficult circumstances,” White says. “Many of them come from single-parent families. Many of these parents work multiple jobs, but the family may still be below poverty level. Some are in foster care and others are shuffled between family members.”

“We began with an after-school program that offered tutoring one day a week and social enrichment programs on a second day,” White says. “We were concerned that the students would feel stigmatized for participating. Instead

we’ve had students clamoring to join the program.”

The BOYS program has had its ups and downs as White has worked to stretch the grant dollars with support from other organizations, such as the school system. The result has been most obvious academically with the students showing greater success on the federally required standardized tests, but White is just as proud of the students’ other accomplishments.

“When we began this program we had a skeptic say, ‘You’ll never get these kids to do anything,’” White recalls. “But this year alone we had seven seventh graders and 14 of our fifth and sixth graders who participated in the 4-H District Project Achievement program and they were all offered complete scholarships to attend 4-H Camp at Rock Eagle. We’ve had students participate in the science fair, too. Involvement in these sorts of programs requires them to



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Where the BOYS are: (L-R) Bohdi Roberts, Booker T. Hobbs and Tre' Ross.

learn to set goals and follow through, to set priorities and be organized with their time management.”

But it's not just academics and 4-H projects that BOYS focuses on, which is where Hobbs comes in. As program director, Hobbs—a lifelong resident of Candler County—oversees the enrichment program.

“When we began this program we all agreed we needed someone like Booker T.,” White says. “Fortunately, it happened that he was interested in moving from his full-time position to a part-time position so he could return to college.”

“I’ve been working with youth for 30 years,” the 47-year-old Hobbs says. “I’ve coached boys in football from four year olds all the way up to high school students. These kids are going through a lot of changes,” he continues. “They’re facing tough decisions and have to deal with a lot of peer pressure.”

In addition to providing a safe environment, the BOYS program also connects with the families—Hobbs visits the family of every BOYS participant twice a year.

“These families know me, so they’re glad to see me when I come,” he says. “It’s an opportunity to find out if a boy is having trouble at home or if there are things going on in the family that are making it harder for him. I’m not there to tell anyone how to raise their kid. I’m there to offer support.”

Seventh-grader Bodhi’s mom, Tina Roberts, counts both Hobbs and the BOYS program as godsend.

“Bodhi’s had a tough time because he’s diabetic,” she explains. “When his blood sugar is real high he can’t focus on his class work.”

As the family has struggled to learn how to manage Bodhi’s diabetes both nutritionally and medically, the BOYS program has been a needed release, she says.

“He gets real upset if he misses anything the BOYS group is doing,” she says. “Booker T. is like family.”

And Bodhi clearly relishes the opportunity to excel.

“I’ve already turned into a team leader,” he says. “And when I get to eighth grade I’ll be a study buddy for the younger kids.”

Likewise Tre’ points out the 12 academic awards he received this spring for accomplishments including perfect attendance and earning all A’s on his report card.

Tre’ points out that Hobbs advises the young men to stay focused on their studies.

“He’s straight up and says the things we need to do and not do,” he says. “He’ll tell you, ‘Don’t let your girlfriend get in the way of your schoolwork.’ If my homework is hard, he’ll say, ‘Tre’, just focus.’”

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PHONE CARD MONTE

what you don't know may cost you
... if you don't read the fine print

By Denise Horton

Connection fees, maintenance fees, network charges, administrative fees, service fees and excessive minute rounding. These are just some of the hidden charges for pre-paid international phone cards, according to research by Julia Marlowe, a professor in the Department of Housing and Consumer Economics.

"There is so much variation in cards and fees that you can't just go to a store, look through the selection and make an informed choice," Marlowe says. "Consumers rely on their own experiences and those of others to determine which cards to buy."

Working with a team of 20 undergraduate and graduate students, Marlowe found that the cost-per-minute rates may be up to 87 percent higher than expected on the phone cards. An expected call rate of 15 cents per minute, for example, may end up costing 28 cents.

Expected costs are computed by dividing the cost of the card by the number of minutes consumers are told they have when a call is placed, Marlowe explains. Actual cost is determined by dividing the cost of the card with the number of minutes consumers actually receive.

Marlowe's team purchased 250 pre-paid phone cards—at \$5 to \$10 per card—from a variety of outlets, including major retailers and family-owned stores. They placed calls to several Spanish-speaking countries, calling the same country at least twice on the same card to determine how many minutes were lost to various fees and rounding of minutes.

Companies generally round minutes at one- or three-minute intervals, Marlowe says. "If

it's a three-minute interval, you're charged for six minutes even if you talked for only $3\frac{1}{2}$ minutes. In one case, minutes were rounded at eight-minute intervals, and that doesn't include any additional fees that were deducted."

While the cost of using the cards was usually far higher than expected there were a few exceptions. One card with an expected cost of 8 cents per minute



Julia Marlowe (L) discusses the project with student researchers **Linda Garcia (C)** and **Erendira Cosas**.

actually cost only 2 cents per minute.

“This industry has grown from about \$1 billion in sales in 1996 to \$4 billion in 2004,” Marlowe says “The number of cards targeting the Latino community has exploded, but we found that in many cases the information provided is either incomplete or misleading, or both.”

Prior to making calls, researchers, all of them fluent in Spanish, carefully read the information printed on the cards and called the customer service number to gather more information on fees.

In some cases, information on the front of the card contradicted information on the back, Marlowe says. “For example, the front of one card said, ‘Sin cargo de conexion’—without connection charge. But the back said, ‘cargos de conexion aplicaran’—connection charges apply. Some cards stated there was no connection fee, but the fine print stated that there is a post-call or disconnect fee. This is clearly misleading,” she points out.

And calling the customer service number was often unhelpful. In a third of the cases, callers couldn’t reach a customer service representative; in many cases representatives were unable to answer basic questions about fees or minute rounding. There’s also the issue of cards changing frequently.

“A card that worked well one time may not be available the next time you look for it,” Marlowe says.

The students who participated in the study also had the opportunity to share their results in a variety of outlets.

“Although most of the students who helped with the study were native Spanish speakers, the few who were not were fluent in Spanish,” she says. “Many of them presented the findings in a variety of outlets. Some worked with local radio stations to share the information and one student published her findings in a local bilingual newspaper. We also had students present at the American Association for Family and Consumer Sciences.”

Since completing the study, Marlowe has published her results and given several presentations. She’s also begun a follow-up study to determine whether advertised claims regarding prepaid phone cards are true. Once again she’ll have the help of undergraduate and graduate students.

“It’s been a great benefit to me as a researcher to have the help of these students,” Marlowe says. “For one thing, my Spanish isn’t very good. But for another, we’re able to gather so much more information by having their help. It’s been fun working with the students and they seem to enjoy the experience. It also has given me the opportunity to discuss consumer economics and research methods with them.” ■



Wellness

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appropriate training and support—a community would and could take ownership of a nutrition and exercise program,” Mullis says. “And, based on what we’re seeing, the answer is absolutely yes.

“Ideally, we wish there was funding available to continue to pay Donna to serve as the county’s wellness coordinator,” Mullis says, “but Washington-Wilkes has provided a model for small, rural counties embracing health promotion. We said from the beginning that the community should be the senior partner, and Washington-Wilkes has done exactly that.”

In fact, the success has been so great that Healthcare Georgia, a private foundation that focuses on advancing the health of Georgians, has provided funding for the researchers to develop a manual for other rural communities to use in establishing community health partnerships.

Mullis and Hardy have traveled to Clarkesville, Americus and Brunswick to meet with community leaders about the program, which will be led by the family and consumer sciences county Extension agents in those communities.

“The health crisis in Georgia will only change if there’s buy-in from everyone that we need to improve our nutrition and exercise,” Mullis says. “Our experience in Wilkes County has shown us that’s possible.” ■



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The BOYS program is designed for only 45 participants. When students move or drop out, opportunities are created for new members. Out of the original group, 25 are still members. Ten of the students moved, while another 10 opted not to remain a part of the program. With two remaining years on the grant, the students are now divided between sixth, seventh and eighth graders, but White is trying to anticipate what will occur when they begin entering high school in 2007.

“We don’t know what will happen when they enter ninth grade,” she says. “High school is far removed, both physically and socially, from where they are now. There’s so much more exposure to drugs and sexual activity once they enter high school.”

White is now focused on writing another federal grant proposal that would provide continuity for the BOYS program and establish similar programs at all of the county’s schools.

“We are accomplishing a great deal,” White says. “Now, we’re hoping to make everyone in the community aware of these accomplishments so we can continue to get the support that we need to help our children.” ■



Mary White, Candler County FACS Extension Agent.

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1960s

Nancy Erickson Vernon (BSHE '61, Clothing and Textiles) has opened The Lamp and Shade Collection shop on St. Simons Island.

1970s

Diane Garrard Blackwell (BSHE '73, Home Economics Education) teaches English as a Second Language for the Muscogee County School District in Columbus.

Johnnie Kay Webb Collier (BSHE '72, Home Economics Education) received a master's degree in library science media in 1979 from Georgia State University. She is retired and lives in Snellville.

Jo Ann Pickett McGhin (BSHE '76, Fashion Merchandising) is a financial adviser at the Atlanta Financial Center.

Martha Paige Parsons (BSHE '70, Family Development; MHE '71, Home Economics) has been named The Landings Co. real estate firm's top salesperson of the year. She has received the award 13 times in 22 years. She and her family live at The Landings in Savannah.

Harriett Chastain Worrell (BSHE '75, Home Economics Education; MEd '83, Home Economics Education; EdS '96, Occupational Studies) has taught for 30 years at Tallulah Falls School, a private boarding school in northeast Georgia.

1980s

Carter Stittsworth Askren (BSHE '83, Food Service Management) was ordained April 1, 2005. He serves Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Washington, N.C., and lives in Bath, N.C.

Lydia Beavers Black (BSHE '80, Home Economics Education; MS '81, Housing, Home Management and Consumer Economics) is beginning her third year as a family and consumer sciences education teacher at Jackson County Comprehensive High School in Jefferson.

Vickie Austin Brown (BSHE '80, Home Economics Education) earned her master's degree in 1997 and education specialist degree in 2004 in educational administration and supervision from Albany State University. She is an assistant principal at Turner County High School and director of career, technical and agricultural education. She is also a FACS teacher in Ashburn.

Marcia Mahon Griffith (MS '80, Foods and Nutrition) of Coppell, Texas, is a professional clown with Merrymakers franchise in the Dallas area.

Michael Joseph Hackett (BSHE '81, Child Development) is president and chief professional officer of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Athens.

Craig Steven Karch (BSHE '82, Dietetics and Institutional Management) has been appointed to two national advisory boards for long-term care: the Health Industry Distributors Association in Washington, D.C., and the Independent Medical Co-Op in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Quentin Tally Lawson Jr. (BSHE '88, Dietetics and Institutional Management) received a master's degree in sports nutrition in 1991 from Georgia State University. He is self-employed as a dietitian consultant in Griffin.

Anna Mashburn (BSHE '82, Home Economics Education; MEd '84, Home Economics Education) has taught family and consumer sciences education for 23

FACS Fiesta



More than 40 FACS students, faculty and alumni gathered at La Cazuela restaurant in Athens for a Washington, D.C., Study Tour class reunion and send-off for this summer's students. **Harrileen Jones Conner** (BSHE '83, MED '91, Home Economics Education), **Tiffany McIntyre Gaines** (BSFCS '97, Consumer Economics), **April Adkins Riddle** (BSFCS '98, Housing), and **Katie Davis Merrill**, (BSFCS '97, Consumer Economics) were among those reconnecting and meeting current FACS students.

years in Lowndes and Thomas counties. This fall she will teach fourth-grade language arts at Cross Creek Elementary School in Thomasville.

Sherri Robinson Perry (BSHE '87, Child Development; MSW '90 Social Work) was recently recognized as a "Leader of Distinction for Excellence in a Certified Literate Community Program" by the Georgia Press Association. She is the executive director of the Winder-Barrow Coalition for Adult and Continuing Education.

Lisa Legg Roper (BSHE '86, Home Economics Education) and her husband, Dan, publish *Georgia Backroads* magazine featuring articles about Georgia history, nature, geneology and travel ideas. They live in Armuchee.

Wendy Yudell Rose (BSHE '80, Furnishings and Interiors) works as a North Carolina representative for DryTreat, a stone sealant company in Charlotte, N.C.

Gail Fulford Sims (BSHE '81, Home Economics Education; MED '82, Home Economics Education; EdS '89, Home

Economics Education) has taught for 24 years at Columbia County's Evans High School. She and her family live in Grovetown.

Sandra Martin Sparks (BSHE '82, Child and Family Development; MHE '83, Child and Family Development) is an account executive in Atlanta for the southeastern division of Mainline Information Systems, one of IBM's largest worldwide business partners.

Chrystal Crafton Watson (BSHE '80, Family Development; MSW '86, Social Work) has joined the residential sales team at Fickling & Co. in Macon.

1990s

Renita Jones Anderson (PhD '94, Textile Science) married Rob Anderson on April 29 in Marietta. The couple live in Atlanta where Renita continues as product manager for Propex Fabrics, a former division of BP/Amoco.

Pedro "Pete" Arena, Jr. (BSFCS '97, Consumer Economics) and his wife, **Kimberly Arnold Arenas** (BSED

'99, Early Childhood Education; MED '06, Early Childhood Education) have opened Georgia Elite Gymnastics in Athens.

Jerri Kaye Hobbs Aultman (BSFCS '92, Dietetics and Institutional Management; MS '94, Foods and Nutrition) is a 12-year employee of Tift Regional Medical Center where she works part-time as a renal dietitian. She, her husband Stacy, and their three children, Kaycee, 8, Sam, 4, and John, 3, live in Tifton.

Tiffany McIntyre Gaines (BSFCS '97, Consumer Economics) married Scott M. Gaines on Oct. 11, 2003. She is a paralegal with Fitzgerald and Burruss LLC in Gainesville.

Jonathan Tayloe Glasgow (BSFCS '99, Consumer Economics) married Frances Lott Callahan on Oct. 15, 2005. They live in Birmingham.

Lauren Jackson Hall (BSFCS '98, Furnishings and Interiors) is working as a program manager at Georgia Tech in Atlanta.

Kennita Oldham Kind (MS '95, Clothing, Textiles, Interiors and Furnishings; PhD '99, Housing and Consumer Economics) and her husband, John, have two sons. Carter Thomas was born May 2 while Evan is three years old. They live in Tallahassee, Fla.

Cynthia Levatte (BSFCS '98, Home Economics Education) is a graduation coordinator at Early County High School in Blakely.

Jeannine Nicole Lewis (MS '99, Housing and Consumer Economics) is a consultant for IBM in Atlanta. She lives in Mableton.

Robin Slater Lowery (BSFCS '98, Consumer Journalism) and her husband, Chris, welcomed a baby girl, Grace MacLaren Lowery, on August 10. The family lives in Temple Terrace, Florida.

Matthew Mayberry (BSFCS '93, Home Economics and Journalism; EdS '01, Adult Education) is a law school student at the University of LaVerne in Ontario, Calif.

Alice Reardon McMaster (BSHE '90, Home Economics Education) received a master's degree in family and consumer sciences in 1994 from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. She is a special education teacher for the Oglethorpe County Board of Education in Lexington.

Katie Davis Merrill (BSFCS '97, Consumer Economics) is an at-home consultant for Southern Living. She lives in Dacula with her husband, Hank, and their daughters, Maggie, born November 2004, and Mollie, born March 2006.

Anthony Paul Quinn (Matriculate '92, Consumer Economics) is in field sales for Allied Electronics Inc., a distributor of electronic components in Atlanta.

Jennifer Lyn Singeisen (BSFCS '94, Furnishings and Interiors) established Savannah Care Packages in March 2005. She and her husband, Scott, have a daughter, Zoe, age 3. They live in Savannah.

Carriann Kinney Toombs (BSFCS '91, Child and Family Development; MS '93, Child and Family Development) recently opened a new day-care complex in Daphne, Ala.

Teresa Lynn Towers (BSFCS '96, Furnishings and Interiors) married Todd Davis on July 22 at the Westin Our Lucaya Resort in Freeport, Grand Bahamas. Terri is controller for Meridian Construction and Development LLC in Atlanta. The couple lives in Cumming.

Sean Treadaway (BSFCS '95, Consumer Journalism) works at the American Red Cross blood donation services center in Atlanta.

Stephanie Hardman Ware (BSFCS '95, Home Economics Education) is a family and consumer sciences education teacher at Jackson County Comprehensive High School in Jefferson. She and her husband, Clay, live in Jefferson.

Amanda Tucker Wilson (BSFCS '94, Home Economics Education) is the executive director for the Kids' Advocacy Coalition. She and her husband, Gibbs, live in Tifton with her 6-year-old stepdaughter, Grace Anne.

Total Knowledge – FACS Summer College



More than a dozen family and consumer sciences teachers from across the state spent two days in June attending FACS Summer College at UGA. During the continuing education program, the teachers updated their knowledge on financial literacy for youth, the MyPyramid and dietary guidelines for Americans, career paths for students and the FACS historic costume collection. In addition, the teachers toured the McPhaul Child Development Center and had a luncheon at the Student Learning Center. (Seated, L-R) **Harrileen Jones Conner** (BSHE '83, MED '91, Home Economics Education); **Don Bower** (Head, Department of Child and Family Development); **Helen Harris Hawver** (BSFCS '03, Family and Consumer Sciences Education); **Anna Mashburn** (BSHE '82, MED '84, Home Economics Education); and **Stephanie Ware** (BSFCS '95, Home Economics Education). (Standing, L-R) **Rebecca Mullis** (Head, Department of Foods and Nutrition); **Cynthia Mechell Levatte**, (BSFCS '98, Home Economics Education); Kathryn Snelson (Bradwell Institute); **Kathy Carlan** (BSHE '78, MED '82, Home Economics Education); **Janet Elder** (BSHE '79, MED '81, Home Economics Education); Carolyn Robinson (Morrow Middle School); Lillian Mitchell (Bibb Middle School); **Cathy Harris** (BSHE '76, Fashion Merchandising); **Harriett Worrell** (BSHE '75, MED, '83, Home Economics Education; EdS '96, Occupational Studies); **Gail Fulford Sims** (BSHE '81, MED '82, EdS '89, Home Economics Education); Martha McGough (Evans High School); **Lynn Phillips** (BSFCS '95, Home Economics Education); **Lydia Beavers Black** (BSHE '80, Home Economics Education; MS '81, Housing, Home Management and Consumer Economics); and **Katrina Bowers** (BSHE '84 Consumer Economics and Home Management), Director of Development.

2000s

Bimbola Olapeju Abodunrin (BSFCS '06, Nutrition Science) has been accepted to medical school at the University of Miami.

Julie Askew (PhD '06, Child and Family Development) earned her doctoral degree in spring 2006. The title of her dissertation is, "Let It Be Final How I Want It To Be Final." An Exploration of Women's Attitudes To, and Experiences of Hysterectomy and Myomectomy." Her major professor was David Wright.

Mary Glenn Bigler (BSFCS '03, Child and Family Development) married Cory Cullen Moorhead on May 13 in Augusta. She attends nursing school in Atlanta and was recently named a Piedmont Scholar.

Emily Blalock (MS '06, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors) earned her master's degree in summer 2006. Her thesis is titled, "The Influence of Reference Group Theory on African American College Students' Perceptions of Professional Dress." Jan Hathcote was her major professor.

Gregory Bernard Blue Jr. (BSFCS '05, Child and Family Development) was drafted in the fifth round to play for the Minnesota Vikings professional football team.

Veronique Bredas (MFCS '06, Family and Consumer Sciences) earned her master's degree in summer 2006. Richard Lewis was her major professor.

April Elaine Brooks (BSFCS '01, Fashion Merchandising) is playing the role of Candler in "Peachtree Battle,"

Savannah Alumni Gathering



Alumni and friends from Savannah gathered at the BleuBelle Boutique in May to celebrate the success of FACS entrepreneur **Heather Kaney Burge** (BSFCS '03, Fashion Merchandising). (L-R) **Katrina Bowers** (BSHE '84 Consumer Economics and Home Management), Director of Development; Burge and **Patricia Hunt-Hurst** (BSHE '77, Home Economics Education; MS '83, Clothing, Textiles, Interiors and Furnishings; Head, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors).

the longest running theater show in Atlanta's history.

Michelle Gude Bryant (MS '00, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors) is curator of the Crispus Attucks Museum in Indianapolis, Ind.

Heather Kaney Burge (BSFCS '03, Fashion Merchandising) owner of BleuBelle Boutique in Savannah is opening BleuBelle Bridal, featuring couture wedding dresses and accessories.

Chardina Tangenae Choate (BSFCS '05, Consumer Economics) is Atlanta programs coordinator for the University of Georgia Alumni Association. She designs, implements and facilitates programs and events for UGA alumni living in the Atlanta area.

Candace Coats (BSFCS '06, Dietetics) has been awarded the Rita Waters Scholarship from the Georgia Nutrition Council. She is currently completing a dietetics internship through Virginia Tech at sites in Virginia and Washington, D.C.

Jennifer Cook (PhD '06, Child and Family Development) earned her doctoral degree in spring 2006. The

title of her dissertation is, "Linking African-American Fathers' Religiosity, Intimate Partner Relationship Quality, and Parenting to the Development of Children's School Engagement and Problem Behavior." Her major professor was Gene Brody.

Terri Earl-Kulkosky (PhD '06, Child and Family Development) earned her doctoral degree in summer 2006. The title of her dissertation is, "Heavy Weights: An Exploration of Emotional Linkages to Overeating and Obesity in African American Women." Patricia Bell-Scott was her major professor.

Brandon Lee Esco (BSFCS '06, Nutrition Science) has been accepted to dental school at the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta.

Ashley Newton Field (BSFCS '05, Fashion Merchandising) is an assistant catering sales manager for The Landings Club in Savannah.

Julie Campbell Gheesling (BSFCS '05, Child and Family Development) is a pre-kindergarten teacher at Children's Friend in Lake Park.

Dylann Gould-Bowring (BSFCS '06, Fashion Merchandising) was selected as the FACS Gamma Sigma Delta Outstanding Senior for 2006.

Helen Neve Harris (BSFCS '03, Family and Consumer Sciences Education) married Brian Hawver on July 1. Helen is a family and consumer sciences education teacher at Schley County High School where she also serves as the basketball cheerleading coach. The couple lives in Americus.

Jessica Haynes (BSFCS '05, Child and Family Development) is a full-time nanny in the Gainesville area.

Jessica Alcorn Huffman (BSFCS '02, Consumer Journalism) is a marketing consultant for Leisure Time Pool Products in Savannah. She and her husband, William, have an 11-month-old son, Taylor James Huffman. The family lives in Savannah.

Kristi Hughes (BSFCS '03, Child and Family Development) is development coordinator for the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences focusing on development activities related to the Georgia Cooperative Extension. She also recently served as the volunteer coordinator for Operation 4-H: Joint Forces Summer Camp.

Sarah Loraine Johnson (BSFCS '00, Fashion Merchandising) married Benjamin Clark Allington on Oct. 1, 2005. They live in Atlanta.

Stephanie Nichole Jones (BSFCS '05, Consumer Economics) is a loan processor for Wieland Financial Services in Hiram.

Margaret Kabahenda (PhD '06, Foods and Nutrition) earned her doctoral degree in spring 2006. The title of her dissertation is, "Effect of Nutrition Education on Nutritional Status and Growth of Young Children in Uganda." Rebecca Mullis was her major professor.

Seth Michael Kenney (BSFCS '04, Consumer Economics) is a technical sales representative in Lawrenceville for Sentered Metal Company, the world's largest manufacturer of pneumatic automation products.

Mandy Kinsey (BSFCS '01, Family and Consumer Education) and her husband, Kevin, have a daughter, Alexa Wingate "Wynn" Kinsey, born June 7. They live in Moultrie.

Sheryl Lash (PhD '06, Child and Family Development) earned her doctoral degree in spring 2006. The title of her dissertation is, "Internalized Conformity and Self-Esteem: Parents, Autonomy, and Conformity." Her major professor was Lynda Walters.

Ju Young "Jill" Lee (MS '06, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors) received a University Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award in May and earned her master's degree in summer 2006. Her thesis is titled, "Protectionism and Free Trade: A Case of Apparel Imports to the United States and Japan from 1974 to 2004." Jan Hathcote was her major professor.

Kathleen Cantrell Lewis (BSFCS '01, Consumer Economics) is an account manager for McGinty-Gordon and Associates, an insurance brokerage firm on St. Simons Island.

Mary Linnenbrink (MS '06, Housing and Consumer Economics) earned her master's degree in summer 2006. Her thesis is titled, "Factors Associated with Savings and the Achievement of Savings Goals in Individual Development Accounts: Evidence from the American Dream Demonstration." Teresa Mauldin was her major professor.

Wang Lu (PhD '06, Textile Science) earned his doctoral degree in summer 2006. The title of his dissertation is, "Study of the Degradation of Azo Dyes by the White Rot Fungus *Pleurotus Ostreatus*." Ian Hardin was his major professor.

Yiping Lu (PhD '06, Textile Science) earned his doctoral degree in summer 2006. The title of his dissertation is, "Analysis of Acid Dyes Treated by White Rot Fungus *Pleurotus Ostreatus*." Ian Hardin was his major professor.

Jessica Faye Mitchell (BSFCS '05, Child and Family Development) is pursuing a master's degree in special education with an emphasis on infants

and young children at Arizona State University in Tempe. She also works as a developmental specialist for Easter Seals Arizona.

Miles Barnett Mobley (BSFCS '05, Consumer Economics) is working at Internet Commerce Corp. in Carrollton.

Candiss Ja'Mone Mosley (BSFCS '03, Fashion Merchandising) is pursuing a master's of arts degree in fashion at the Savannah College of Art and Design.

Elisabeth Perry Musser (BSFCS '04, Family and Consumer Sciences Education) recently earned a master's degree in foundations of education from Troy University. She is a teacher at Barrow County's Apalachee High School.

Mary Ellen Nessmith (BSFCS '00, Housing) works in the Area Agency on Aging of the Atlanta Regional Commission.

Abbi Francis Odom (BSFCS '05, Child and Family Development) is guest services coordinator for Sea Island Cloister Spa.

Sohyun Park (PhD '06, Foods and Nutrition) earned her doctoral degree in spring 2006. The title of her dissertation is, "Hearing Impairment, Cardiovascular Disease Risk Factors, Methylmalonic Acid, and Vitamin B12 Status in Older Adults." Her major professor was Mary Ann Johnson.

Judith Perry (PhD '06, Child and Family Development) earned her doctoral degree in spring 2006. The title of her dissertation is, "Elements of Emotional Stress in Parents of Children Diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorders: Implications for Clinical Practice." Her major professor was Mick Coleman.



Washington, D.C., Ladies Night Out

The FACS Alumni Association teamed up with the UGA Alumni Association for an evening at the City Tavern Club in Washington, D.C., for UGA graduates to highlight **Allison Priebe Brooks** (BSFCS '00, Consumer Journalism) and her Queen Bee Designs. Brooks' jewelry has been worn by news anchors, celebrities, Miss America and even Vice President Dick Cheney's wife, Lynne. **Meredith Gurley Carr** (BSFCS '00, Child and Family Development), FACS Alumni Board Out-of-State Representative models the piece she purchased at the event.

Amy Catherine Pitchford (BSFCS '06, Consumer Economics) is an assistant activities director for the River Club in Suwanee. She lives in Sugar Hill.

Charles Louis "Chip" Robbins III (BSFCS '05, Fashion Merchandising) is a luxury goods advertising sales assistant for *W Magazine* in New York City.

Chantal Desplanque Sales (BSFCS '01, Consumer Economics) is an assistant property manager for Lincoln Property Co. in Orlando, Fla.

Johanna Bess Scoggins (BSFCS '01, Furnishings and Interiors) married Kevin Lammonds on June 10. She is a senior designer for visual merchandising with Broyhill Furniture in Lenoir, N.C.

Tiffany Sellers (MS '06, Foods and Nutrition) earned her master's degree in summer 2006. Her thesis is titled, "Home Food Safety Intervention for the Georgia Older Americans Act Nutrition Program." Mary Ann Johnson was her major professor.

South Campus Tailgate

The 12th annual South Campus Tailgate held on Saturday, Sept. 16, at UGA's Legion Field featured perfect weather, great exhibits and delicious barbecue. UGA cheerleaders, clowns, a petting zoo, ice cream and face painting were a part of the festivities.



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Inhee Seo (BSFCS '03, Furnishings and Interiors) is an interior designer for Heroh Company Ltd. in Seoul, South Korea.

Kiki Kinte Smalley (BSFCS '00, Dietetics) married Jeffrey Frazier on May 27. She earned a master's degree in 2002 from Florida State University and is a clinical nutritionist in public health. She also owns a consulting business in the Atlanta area.

Matthew Sprague (BSFCS '02, Consumer Economics) is president of Logo Mats Inc. in LaGrange.

Lauren Camille Strode (BSFCS '05, Housing) is assistant manager for

Signature Management Corp. in Canton.

Christen Lee Swart (BSFCS '05, Child and Family Development) is a pre-kindergarten teacher for Dunwoody Christian Academy in Atlanta.

William Dennis Taylor III (BSFCS '05, Consumer Economics) is a field representative in Marietta for U.S. Rep. Tom Price, R-Ga.

Kelly Elizabeth Thompson (BSFCS '01, Fashion Merchandising) married Mitchell Brandon Davis on April 9, 2005. They live in Knoxville, Tenn., where she is employed by Architectural Services Group Inc.

Stephanie Eichenbrenner Vanderford (PhD '06, Housing and Consumer Economics) earned her doctoral degree in spring 2006. The title of her dissertation is, "Homeless Families in Charlotte, North Carolina: Characteristics and Patterns of Exit from Homelessness." Anne Sweaney was her major professor.

Catherine Marie Voorhees (MS '06, Foods and Nutrition) earned her master's degree in spring 2006. Her thesis is titled, "A Prospective Analysis of Plasma 25(OH)D Concentration in White and Black Prepubertal Females in the Southeastern United States." Richard Lewis was her major professor.

Kendra Leigh Wainscott (BSFCS '03, Furnishings and Interiors) married Bryan Nau on November 5, 2005. They live in Atlanta.

Lauren Michelle Walker (BSFCS '05, Child and Family Development) is a child-life intern for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

Holly Higgins Wilcher, (MS '01, Child and Family Development) is project manager of a training approval grant, Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Education, at the University of Georgia Center for Continuing Education. She is also a part-time instructor in early childhood education for Gwinnett and Athens technical colleges.

Teresa "Terri" Hooper Williams (BSFCS '01, Child and Family Development) is an independent contractor who writes adoption studies in Atlanta.

Xiaofang Yang (MS '06, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors) earned his master's degree in spring 2006. His thesis is titled, "Investigation of the Chemical Nature of Alkaline Scouring and the Effect on Seed Coat Fragments." Ian Hardin was his major professor.

Melissa Donnelly Zornes (BSFCS '04, Child and Family Development) is co-manager for Victoria's Secret in Athens. She and her husband, Christopher, live in Winder. ■

IN MEMORIAM

Martha Stephens Carey
(BSHE '48)
February 23, 2006

Nancy Strong Cobb
(BSHE '40)
July 3, 2006

Frances Williams Galpin Emlet
(Matriculate '43)
April 17, 2006

Leslie Denise Finney
(BSHE '80)
March 2, 2006

Catherine C. Fokes
(BSHE '38)
March 5, 2006

Geraldine Miles Gardner
(BSHE '48)
May 2, 2006

Rebecca Winn Gary
(BSHE '39)
March 6, 2006

Alice Williams Gauntt
(BSHE '43; MEd '68)
June 16, 2006

Joan Davis Gober
(BSHE '48)
June 15, 2006

Bennie Jane Allison Head
(BSHE '55)
April 16, 2006

Margery Sasser Hixon
(BSHE '44)
July 2, 2006

Frances Davis Holloway
(BSHE '39)
March 9, 2006

Janet Sidney Hutchison
(BSHE '48)
May 16, 2006

Bessie Curran Kepp
(BSHE '53)
July 19, 2006

Mary Ragsdale Knierim
(BSHE '38)
June 20, 2006

Mary Jarrard Lilly
(BSHE '58)
June 10, 2006

Joyce Clark Mitchell
(BSHE '55)
July 18, 2006

Margaret Torras Moore
(BSHE '87)
August 5, 2006

Dorothy Hamrick Otwell
(BSHE '42)
June 9, 2006

Elise Bray Richey
(BSHE '38)
June 5, 2006

Edith Duke Shiver
(BSHE '44)
July 5, 2006

Josephine Simmons Smith
(MSHE '52)
May 18, 2006

Sue Thompson Smith
(BSHE '44)
February 19, 2006

Emma Kate Stiles
(BSHE '35)
July 3, 2006

Ruth Dickson Thompson
(BSHE '34)
July 3, 2006

Ann Acker Titshaw
(BSHE '51)
February 18, 2006

IN THE Halls



FACULTY & STAFF

The **Developmental Therapy-Teaching Program** received an award for PEGS for Teachers, a CD-based program to assist teachers in managing and teaching difficult children. The BESSIE Award is sponsored by ComputED Learning Center in San Diego and recognizes “innovative and content-rich programs and websites using technology to foster educational excellence.”

Julia Atilas (Senior Academic Professional, Child and Family Development) was awarded the 2006 Outstanding Faculty Member Award by Kappa Delta Epsilon, an education honor society. The award recognizes the recipient’s dedication to education and her students.

Andy Carswell (Assistant Professor, Housing and Consumer Economics) has been selected as the 2006 FACS Advisor of the Year. Departmental Advisors of the Year are **Diane Hodson** (Academic Professional, Child and Family Development), **Connie Rash** (Assistant Director, Student Services) and **Dawn Schueneman** (Lecturer, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors).

Silvia Giraudo (Associate Professor, Foods and Nutrition) has been selected as the FACS Teacher of the Year. Departmental Teachers of the Year are **Brenda Cude** (Professor, Housing and Consumer Economics), **Kristin Deckard** (Lecturer, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors) and **Jerry Gale** (Associate Professor, Child and Family Development).

Maureen Grasso (Professor, Textile Sciences) was installed in June as vice

president of the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers at its annual meeting in Québec City, Canada. Grasso also serves as dean of the UGA Graduate School.

Judy Harrison (Associate Professor and Extension Food Specialist, Foods and Nutrition; PhD ’92, Foods and Nutrition) has been elected secretary of Gamma Sigma Delta.

Patricia Hunt-Hurst (Department Head, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors; BSHE ’77, Home Economics Education; MS ’83 Clothing, Textiles, Interiors and Furnishings) received the 2006 UGA Excellence in Undergraduate Research Mentoring Award.

Diane Teel Miller (FACS Extension Agent, Bulloch County) has been named the national winner for the Southern Region in the Distinguished Service Award category by the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Velma McBride Murry (Professor, Child and Family Development) has been named the recipient of the Marie F. Peters Ethnic Minorities Outstanding Achievement Award. The award recognizes distinguished scholars, researchers and practitioners who have contributed significantly in the area of ethnic minority families. Murry will be presented the award at the National Conference on Family Relations in Minneapolis in November.

Sharon Y. Nickols (Professor, Housing and Consumer Economics) was presented the Jean Harris Award by the Athens Chapter Rotary Club of Rotary

International in the spring. The award is named for founder Paul Harris’ wife and recognizes top citizenship. Nickols received the award in recognition of her achievements during the 15 years she served as dean of the College of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Yoo-Kyoung Seock (Assistant Professor, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors) has been selected as a Lilly Teaching Fellow for the 2006-07 academic year.

Mariana Souto-Manning (Assistant Professor, Child and Family Development) has been awarded a Cultivating New Voices Fellowship by the National Council of Teachers of English Research Foundation. She was one of 12 fellows selected for this national award.

STUDENTS

Melinda Bell (PhD Student, Foods and Nutrition) is a recipient of a university-wide graduate assistantship for the 2006-07 academic year. Her major professor is Mary Ann Johnson.

Ryan Connor (Senior, Consumer Economics) was selected as an orientation leader for UGA for summer 2006. More than 120 students applied and only 12 were selected.

Jaime Dice (PhD Student, Child and Family Development), **Heather Marlowe** (Senior, Foods and Nutrition) and **Joshua Zaffos** (Senior, Foods and Nutrition) were inducted into the Blue Key Honor Society in the spring. Membership requires scholastic excellence, leadership and service.

Jennifer Fitzgerald (BSFCS ’06, Dietetics), **Anna Garrett** (Senior,

Family and Consumer Sciences Education), **Caree Jackson** (PhD Student, Foods and Nutrition; MS '04, Foods and Nutrition), **Anita Kolmers** (Dual Bachelor's and Master's Student, Dietetics) and **Joanna Miragaya** (PhD Student, Foods and Nutrition) have been selected for Gamma Sigma Delta membership. Gamma Sigma Delta encourages high standards of scholarship and worthy achievement in family and consumer sciences, forestry and natural resources, and agriculture.

Ji-Hyun Kim (PhD Student, Child and Family Development) has been awarded a university-wide assistantship for the 2006-07 academic year. Her major professor is Jerry Gale.

Ariadne Legendre (Master's Student, Foods and Nutrition) and **Joanna Miragaya** (PhD Student, Foods and Nutrition) were each awarded a New Investigator Travel Award by the Society for the Study of Ingestive Behavior to defray the cost of their attendance at the annual meeting in Florida where they presented their research. SSIB is an international society for scientists interested in mechanisms and behaviors that determine food selection and food choice. Ruth Harris is their major professor.

Hang Liu (PhD Student, Textile Sciences) and **Hong Yu** (PhD Student, Textile Sciences) received the second place award for their design of a multilayer disposable surgical gown in the 2006 Materials Interest Group Design Competition sponsored by the American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists. They were awarded \$250 each and complimentary student registrations to the 2006 International Conference and Exhibition in Atlanta in October. Karen Leonas is their major professor.

Sarah Patterson (Master's Student, Foods and Nutrition) is the recipient of a university-wide graduate assistantship for the 2006-07 academic year. Joan Fischer is her major professor

Desiree Paulin (PhD Student, Child and Family Development) received a university-wide graduate assistantship for the 2006-07 academic year, as well as

a gerontology seed grant for her project on the intergenerational interactions of grandmothers and granddaughters. Denise Lewis is her major professor.

Ryan Peterson (PhD Student, Child and Family Development) received a University Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award in May.

Alexis Ratowsky (Junior, Dietetics) was selected as the FACS Gamma Sigma Delta Outstanding Sophomore for 2006.

Nicki Sauls (Master's Student, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors) has received the Hazel Putnam Roach National Fellowship in the amount of \$3,500. The fellowship is awarded to a master's student through the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. She is studying the historic changes in female clothing due to economic changes relative to specific time periods. Her major professor is Patricia Hunt-Hurst.

Yogendra Shrestha (PhD Student, Foods and Nutrition) has been awarded a doctoral dissertation completion award for the 2006-07 academic year. Her major professor is Silvia Giraudo.

Rebecca Sowell (Senior, Child and Family Development) was selected by Rotary as the FACS Outstanding Student. Each year, Rotary chooses an outstanding student from each college or school on the UGA campus.

Erica Wilson (Master's Student, Child and Family Development), **Ruth Neustifter** (PhD Student, Child and Family Development) and **Nicki Sauls** (Master's Student, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors), were three members of a team of nine students from the university who participated in a multi-disciplinary course and learning service project in Tunisia in July. **Sharon Gibson** (FACS Extension Coordinator for Children, Youth and Families At Risk) was a faculty member on the project.

Hui Yang (PhD Student, Textile Science) received the Endsley-Peifer Student Research Award for his publication record and significant contributions to advancing knowledge in a specialty area in family and consumer sciences. He has received a dissertation completion assistantship for 2006-07. Charles Yang is his major professor. ■



Leadership FACS
Twenty-one College Ambassadors, club presidents and Legislative Aides joined faculty and staff for two days of leadership training at Camp Wahsega in Dahlonega.

new faculty

Eight new faculty have joined FACS this fall. They are:



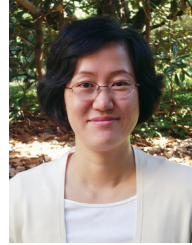
Maria Bermudez, assistant professor in the Child and Family Development Department. She earned her PhD from Virginia Tech in 2002 in the Department of Human Development. Her research interests include examining conflict resolution among Latino couples and families and applying culturally responsive practices in therapy. A secondary interest relates to gender role identity and development among Latinas.

Jose Blanco F. is an assistant professor in the Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors Department. He earned his PhD in theater from Florida State University in 2000 and served on the FSU faculty for several years. Blanco also will serve as manager of the college's historic costume and textile collection.



Ted Futris, assistant professor and Extension state specialist in the Child and Family Development Department. He earned his PhD from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in 2000 in human development and family studies. Prior to joining FACS, Futris was on the faculty of the Department of Human Development and Family Science at The Ohio State University.

Russell James, assistant professor in the Housing and Consumer Economics Department. He earned his PhD in consumer and family economics from the University of Missouri in 2002 and also has a law degree from UM that he earned in 1994. Prior to joining FACS, James worked as an instructor in the department of personal financial planning at UM. He also was president of Central Christian College in Moberly, Mo., from 2000-2005. His research interests include economic models of life satisfaction and their application to the practical issues of tenant satisfaction and tenant mobility.



Jung Sun Lee, assistant professor in the Foods and Nutrition Department. Lee earned her Ph.D. in community nutrition from Cornell University in 2002. Her research interests include aging, epidemiology and nutrition; designing and evaluating community-based nutrition and intervention programs; and nutrition policy. Prior to joining FACS she was a research associate in the epidemiology department of the University of Pittsburgh Medical School and a research investigator in biostatistics at the University of North Carolina.

Katalin Medvedev, assistant professor in the Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors Department. She earned her PhD in design, housing and apparel from the University of Minnesota. Her research interests focus on the cultural, social, political and psychological aspects of dress.



Diann Moorman, lecturer in the Housing and Consumer Economics Department. She earned her PhD in 2006 from Iowa State University in human development and family studies.

Mariana Souto-Manning, assistant professor in the Child and Family Development Department. She earned her PhD in language education from the University of Georgia in 2005. Her research interests focus on the sociocultural and historical foundations of schooling and language development in the early years, including its relationship to areas such as cultural and linguistic diversity in the early years, gender and education and multicultural family issues.



The “PRICE” they paid wasn’t enough...



Iris Price Dover



Marion Price Elkin



During the Great Depression a farmer and his wife reared six children in Washington County. Little did they realize that three of their daughters would graduate with Home Economics degrees and each would establish an endowment to pay back what others had done for them.

“We were Depression babies. Going to college was a luxury,” according to **Iris Price Dover** (BSHE ’42). “Marion (**Marion Price Elkin**, BSHE ’38) respected our home demonstration agent, Ms. Ruby Thompson. As a charter Pringle Community 4-H member, Marion knew she wanted a career with the Extension Service. Daddy only had money for two years of school. Fortunately, Marion was named the national 4-H sewing champion and earned a scholarship. She also taught and saved enough money to attend summer school and finish her degree.”

Mr. Price began a tradition of supporting each child in school for two years. Marion, **Virginia Price Turner** (BSHE ’39) and Iris all held a common interest in home economics and through hard work, patience and ingenuity, graduated from UGA.

The sisters worked in myriad professions. Marion was a home demonstration agent in Evans and Toombs counties before marriage led her to North Carolina where she was the office manager of her husband’s pickle plant. After retiring as a home economics teacher in Wallace, N.C., she moved to her current home in Tennille, Ga.

Virginia taught disadvantaged farm families everything from family planning to food preservation through her job with the Farm Security Administration. Marriage led her to Washington, D.C., where she retired as the top assistant for Indiana Congressman Ray Madden. In her “retirement” she built a motel near the bay in Ocean City, Md., and renovated the family farm in Pringle. Virginia passed away in 2005.

Iris found her love in early childhood education and retired after many years teaching first grade in Buford, Ga., where she lives today.

Our college has quite a few “sibling groups” of alumni, but the Price sisters are the only ones to each establish endowments to support FACS. Iris says Marion has always been the “leader of the pack” and leads with a generous heart. When she moved from North Carolina to Tennille, Marion donated her home to a local boys’ home charity.

“It was always in her plan to endow a scholarship,” Iris says. “Earning a scholarship was absolutely crucial to Marion’s graduation. And her graduating showed the rest of her siblings that we, too, could graduate. Scholarships allowed Depression babies to succeed in trying times.”

While Marion gave to pay back, Virginia gave out of the great need she had etched in her memory.

“Virginia worked with the poorest of the poor in her FSA job,” according to Iris.

Because she worked in Oglethorpe County and became invested in its citizens, Virginia asked that the recipient of her endowed scholarship be either a student from Oglethorpe County or her home county of Washington.

Iris, the youngest of the three sisters, established a FACS Study Abroad award in 2004.

“My sisters each established scholarships, but I wanted to do something a little different,” she says. “I love to travel and even though we don’t have Depression babies now, we do have students who need assistance to make this level of education a reality. This was truly my dream come true. I was the ‘little sister’ and I wanted to do as well as my sisters had. Investing in FACS made me feel like I had become an integral part of a Price family tradition. I don’t plan to stop here. I plan to do more!”

The price that the Price sisters paid for their tuition at UGA wasn’t enough. Through their continuing generosity and their estate plans they continue to invest in our institution and our students...maybe even in three sisters! ■

Katrina L. Bowers is Director of Development for the College of Family and Consumer Sciences. For more information on how to give a current or deferred gift, please contact Katrina at (706) 542-4946, by email at kbowers@fcs.uga.edu, or write to her at FACS, 224 Dawson Hall, UGA, Athens, GA 30602.



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