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FACS Pioneers: Exploring New Frontiers

The email to Alumni Director Suzanne Griffeth was titled “Hello from a Bulldog in Afghanistan!!” U.S. Air Force Major Patrick Ballard was hoping a University of Georgia flag could be sent to him. It was, and through the wonders of email, Communications Director

Denise Horton conducted an interview and Patrick sent us photos, complete with the UGA flag.

Patrick’s career has focused on aircraft maintenance, which is a pretty big leap from his restaurant and hotel administration undergraduate major. Likewise, Pam NeSmith’s most recent endeavors are a long way from her undergraduate degree in teaching children with developmental disabilities. Today, she’s a co-developer of The Bottleworks on Prince, the first mixed-use development in Athens, combining condominiums, professional offices, businesses and restaurants.

Although neither Pam nor Patrick could anticipate where their futures would take them, both decided that a degree in Family and Consumer Sciences would give them the grounding they needed for their lives after college.



On the other end of the spectrum, this issue of FACS Magazine recognizes several alums who have embraced our field throughout their careers.

Debbie Purvis and Sandra McKinney have spent their careers with the Cooperative Extension Service, developing a broad range of family and consumer sciences programs to reach the citizens of their counties. And, although Joanne Cavis didn’t earn her FACS degree here at UGA, she also has dedicated her professional life to the field. All three of these high achievers have been recognized at the university level for their accomplishments as you can see in the Breaking News article.

We also recognized our alumni award winners earlier this spring. Katrina Graham, Wanda Barrs, Debbie Phillips, Kyle Shadix and Suzanne Elbon have each found a unique way of using their FACS education as a springboard to success. And, it is through the financial and personal support of FACS friends like Jerry Warshaw, also an award winner, that our students are prepared to achieve at the highest level.

Finally, there is our most recent inductee into the FACS Honor Hall of Recognition.

Wanda Grogan has given and given of herself, both to the College and to the Athens community. As the first person in the nation to provide continuing education programs to FACS agents, the founder of the College’s alumni program and Leadership FACS, Wanda has been a pioneer. Even a serious stroke only slowed her down a short time.

Whether you are an Extension agent, a school superintendent, a chef, a developer or a U.S. Air Force major, I hope your FACS education has given you the skills to reach a little higher and a little farther and achieve a little more. ■

Happy Spring,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jan M. Hathcote". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Jan M. Hathcote
Interim Dean



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FACS Alums Win University Awards

Three long-time FACS Extension agents have been recognized with some of the University of Georgia's highest honors this year.

► **Deborah Purvis** (BSHE '76, Furnishings and Interiors) has been named the Walter B. Hill Distinguished Service Fellow, UGA's highest award in public service and outreach.

Purvis, a FACS Extension agent in Colquitt County for 30 years, was recognized for developing, testing and implementing a variety of innovative programs in nutrition, food safety, financial education, housing and other areas that have become national models for serving the needs of low-income families.

"Mrs. Purvis understands the impact poverty has on nutrition, lifestyle, mental wellness, and in turn how those problems can affect a whole community," wrote Cynthia Hernandez, director of the Ellenton Clinic.

After recognizing the special needs of the county's growing Latino population, Purvis worked collaboratively with other community organizations to meet those needs. She worked with the Ellenton Clinic to offer healthcare programs for farm workers and their families at farm work camps.

Purvis also developed home ownership workshops for Hispanic families, established a parent training program at a Head Start center, and has worked with the local school system to enhance the learning environment for economically and socially at-risk students.

She has had a key role in development of the UGA Archway Partnership Project, which is a pilot program that gives a community access to a broad range of expertise at the university. She has served on the Archway Executive Committee, participated in needs assessments for the county, and organized simulations to raise awareness of the effects of poverty on individuals and the community.

Purvis has won top awards for her work, including the 2002 Walter B. Hill Award for Distinguished



Achievement in Public Service and Outreach, the 2004 D.W. Brooks Award for Excellence in Public Service Extension, and the 2004 Educator of the Year Award from the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.



► **Sandra McKinney** (BSHE '76, Home Economics Education; MEd '82, Home Economics Education) received the D.W. Brooks Faculty Award for Excellence in Public Service Extension in October 2006 from the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences.

McKinney, who serves as the Extension coordinator for Crisp

County, was recognized particularly for her work with young people. Under her direction, the Crisp County 4-H group was one of five internationally to receive the Albert Schweitzer International Youth Group of the Year Award for their environmental work in waste management, beautification and education. She also developed the "Survive and Thrive in the World of Work" program for youth in rural counties, "Taking the Sting Out of the Mosquito Threat," and the "Down Syndrome Support" program, all of which have received national recognition.

► **Joanne Cavis**, the Extension coordinator and a FACS agent for Muscogee County, is one of five UGA faculty members to receive a Hill Award for Distinguished Achievement in University Public Service and Outreach.



Cavis has spent the past 26 years educating the residents of Muscogee County on issues of child development, child abuse and neglect, parenting education, childcare-provider training and financial literacy.

Purvis and Cavis received their awards in February.

Dean Search Update

Four finalists have been chosen to interview for the dean's position in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences. They are scheduled to spend two days on campus in the coming weeks.

Laura Dunn Jolly, a professor in the Department of Retail, Hospitality and Tourism Management at the University of Tennessee visited April 19-20. **Stephen R. Jorgensen**, dean and professor of human development and family studies at the University of Missouri at Columbia is to visit May 7-8. **FACS Interim Dean Jan M. Hathcote** will interview May 9-10, and **Rinn M. Cloud**, chair of the Department of Textiles and Consumer Sciences at Florida State University, will interview May 10-11.

The finalists were chosen by a committee of faculty, staff, students and alumni led by Scott Angle, dean of the UGA College of Agricultural and Environmental Design.

\$1.9 MILLION GRANT AWARDED

A \$1.9 million grant awarded to the College of Family and Consumer Sciences will ensure that citizens who use natural gas will receive information to make them more informed consumers.

"This grant, funded by Atlanta Gas Light Company and in cooperation with the Georgia Public Service Commission, will allow us to hire at least 10 educators throughout Georgia to provide face-to-face energy education to AGL customers," according to **Jorge Atiles**, principal investigator and FACS associate dean for outreach and Extension.

The four-year education program will include information on choosing a natural gas plan from those offered by gas marketers in the state; energy conservation; weatherization; and the "Home and Heartwarming" program, which provides weatherization services and natural gas equipment repair or replacement for qualified older and low-income Georgians who are on Atlanta Gas Light's distribution system.



HACE Professor Testifies Before Congress

Despite widespread support by Congress for increasing the minimum wage from \$5.15 per hour to \$7.25 per hour, **Joseph Sabia**, a housing and consumer economics assistant professor, testified before the U.S. Senate Finance Committee in January that the plan won't alleviate poverty, just as past minimum wage increases have not alleviated poverty.

"Minimum wage increases are useless at best and downright harmful at worst," Sabia told the committee members. "They should be abandoned and put in the museum of antiquated antipoverty policies."

Sabia discussed the findings of research he conducted with Richard Burkhauser of Cornell University that showed minimum wage increases had no effect on overall poverty rates, on poverty rates among workers, or on poverty rates of working single mothers between 1989 and 2004. The researchers used information from U.S. Census data for their study.

Instead, Sabia advocated that the senators enhance the Earned Income Tax Credit, which provides tax credits to workers in poor families. Currently, a minimum wage worker from a low-income family with at least two children can gain a credit of 40 cents for every dollar in wages earned. Such employees have an effective wage of \$7.21 per hour, according to Sabia.

Sabia told the senators that his research shows that a 10 percent increase in the maximum EITC refundable credit would reduce poverty rates by 7 percent among full-time employed single mothers.

Pam NeSmith

Unbottling the Future

By Denise Horton

As an undergraduate student, **Pam Shirah NeSmith** (BSHE '71) spent hours in child development labs, recording observations and writing lesson plans for preschoolers and children with developmental disabilities.

“We took it to such a degree that there were teacher instructions on what to do based on the child’s response, and a follow-up plan for what to do if the child’s response wasn’t as anticipated. Often we had to write a third plan,” NeSmith recalls. “This training, plus taking courses in just about every school at the university definitely prepared me for life.”

NeSmith used those skills during her early years as a school teacher in Jesup, but she’s also used them more recently as she and business partner, Smith Wilson, have struggled to teach the Athens community about custom-designed, mixed-use development.

NeSmith and Wilson teamed up in 1999 to develop the former Coca-Cola bottling plant on Prince Avenue into The Bottleworks On Prince, a collection of custom-designed condominiums, offices and retail businesses. But how they came to meet is a story in itself.

“It started over mules,” NeSmith says. Specifically, it began nearly a decade ago when her husband, Dink, decided they should add mules to the growing menagerie at their Hart County farm.

“When Dink started talking about buying mules we were told we needed to know Smith Wilson,” she says. “Smith had grand champions two years in a row. He persuaded us to join the Plow Club, attend mule school in Ohio and many other things you do when you own mules.”

As the three University of Georgia graduates came to know each other better, they learned they had other interests in common, including historic preservation. Wilson, a 1972 business graduate, has restored a number of historic properties in the Athens area, including the Franklin House on Broad Street and the Camack House on Meigs Street. The NeSmiths have renovated houses and newspaper offices. Recently, the rehabilitation of the former post office building in St. Marys, Ga., was completed to house the Tribune & Georgian Newspaper, one of several dozen newspapers in Georgia, Florida and the Carolinas that make up Community Newspapers. Dink NeSmith, a 1970 journalism graduate, is co-owner and president of the company.

When they learned of the opportunity to buy the Coca-Cola bottling plant, the NeSmiths and Wilson decided to combine their interests and begin the learning curve of turning the historic property into something that was new for Athens, a development that amounts to a small village. Although Dink NeSmith has been supportive of the project, he’ll quickly tell you that Pam and Smith have been the driving forces behind the project.

“At the time we began the project, this area looked like one big building,” NeSmith recalls as she provides a brief tour of the seven buildings that make up the complex. “It was just stacks of drinks and forklifts.”

One of the first things the developers did was to peel back the aluminum roof that enclosed the plant, allowing them to see how light flowed among the five individual buildings. NeSmith and Wilson were able to readily visualize the truck bays as combination garage-storage spaces for the condominiums. Another building, built in

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UGA Griffin campus:

A UGA Degree Closer to Home

By Denise Horton

“I was standing in a used car lot with my son, he was buying a motorcycle, in Fayetteville,” says **Angela Allen**. “I looked up and saw a billboard that said, ‘A UGA degree is closer than you think.’”

Lucy Ann Mitchell heard an announcement on the radio and **Laura Anzalone’s** mom saw an ad in the newspaper about the consumer economics major being offered at the University of Georgia’s Griffin campus. These three students, plus two more, each decided the program was a good fit for them and have become the first to pursue their bachelor’s of science degree in family and consumer sciences at Griffin.

The UGA Griffin campus program began two years ago when majors in biological science and environmental resource science began to be offered. It expanded to four majors in fall 2006 when majors in consumer economics and agribusiness became options. A master’s program in math education for elementary school teachers also is offered. In order to qualify for admissions, students must already have completed 60 hours of undergraduate study and have a minimum grade point average of 2.5.

Just as their discovery of the UGA Griffin campus program differed for each of the consumer economics majors, so does their background.

Mitchell, who is known as “Miss Lucy” to both her classmates and instructors, is 76 years old. She earned a two-year teaching degree in 1949 and her four-year degree in 1959 from the University of West Georgia in Carrollton.

“I taught for six years, but I never did like it,” she says. “I was sorry I didn’t take this when I went to school, but at that time they needed teachers so badly.” In addition to her stint as a teacher, Mitchell has taught piano, worked in an office, worked as a licensed practical nurse and raised beef cattle.

Anzalone, on the other hand, fits the more traditional view of an undergraduate student. Anzalone is 23 years old and studied journalism for two years at Georgia State University. For personal reasons, Anzalone decided to leave Georgia State. The transfer to the Griffin campus allowed her to move home to Peachtree City and commute the half-hour to Griffin for classes.

Allen falls in the middle of Mitchell and Anzalone, both in terms of her age and her academic background. Allen earned her two-year associate’s degree from Valdosta State in 1982. She then spent a number of years managing a dentist’s office and raising her



Photos by Peter Frey

HACE Assistant Professor Velma Zahirovic-Herbert

two children, both of whom are pre-med majors at Georgia Southern University.

"After I saw the billboard, I just came in to find out about the program and the adviser started asking me all kinds of questions about whether I had taken this course or that course," she says, laughing. "I was really nervous for a while because I thought I needed to take calculus, but then I saw on my transcript I had taken it. And I had made an 'A!'"

A total of five students began the consumer economics major in fall 2006. All five began classes again this term, although one student has missed several classes recently.

During that first semester, the students took courses in the family economic environment, introduction to consumer economics, introduction to personal finance and housing in contemporary society. This semester, they're taking their first courses from a tenure-track faculty member. **Velma Zahirovic-Herbert**, who earned her PhD in economics at Georgia State, was hired during the fall and began teaching this spring. They're also taking a third course on demographics and some of them are taking a fourth course on environmental law and governmental regulations.

"We had two wonderful people who started us out," Allen says of the adjunct faculty members who taught during the fall semester. "But it's nice having a real 'doctor' teaching us."

Zahirovic-Herbert is teaching two courses this spring – *Family Economic Behavior and Policy* and *Housing and Consumer Economics*. Although the courses were originally supposed to be taught in 1½ hour blocks on Tuesdays and Thursdays, the classes instead are taught once a week in three-hour blocks – one meeting on Tuesdays, the other on Thursdays.

"This makes it easier for the students to concentrate," Zahirovic-Herbert says. "They're not afraid of work, but the material in the housing and consumer economics class can be hard to follow, especially if a student either hasn't taken the introductory economics courses or if it's been many years since they took them."

The students acknowledge both their academic struggles and other issues, such as becoming comfortable with computers.

"I know this would have been easier for me if I was computer literate," Mitchell says. "I don't even own a computer, so I use the ones that are here on campus."

Allen says she's comfortable using a computer, but did need the help of a middle-schooler to learn how to make a graph on the computer.

Anzalone, on the other hand, is up to date with computers, but has faced the challenge of switching from journalism to consumer economics.

"It's definitely been challenging," she says. "Economics is new to me, but the teachers have been incredible."

During the class, Zahirovic-Herbert keeps things lively, moving from a seat just in front of the students to slides projected on a screen to drawing basic economic graphs on the whiteboard. All the while, she's focusing closely on the three students, ensuring they understand the concept before she moves on.

"It that all right?" she asks repeatedly. "Is that all right? Can I move on?"

Recruiting efforts are currently under way for the next group of students to begin this fall. Allen says she hopes UGA will reach out to nearby Gordon College and also will begin to offer more classes during the day.

"I think this program started as more of a working person's degree," she says. "But I think there are a lot of younger students who can't afford to go to UGA in Athens, but still want to take classes during the day."

Zahirovic-Herbert says she also would like to see the program grow, although not to the sizes she taught as a graduate student at Georgia State.

"At Georgia State, I had classes of 110 students," she says. "You couldn't tell who was paying attention and who was instant messaging their friends. Ideally, I would like this program to have classes of about 15 students."

The students are all on track to graduate in May 2008.

Anzalone is looking forward to joining her fellow graduates at Sanford Stadium for the graduation ceremony, but Allen and Mitchell have different ideas.

"I hope they have something here," Allen counters. "This is where I've taken classes."

Mitchell agrees, noting that mobility problems would keep her from traveling easily to Athens.

Regardless of where the graduation ceremony is held, Allen says she's glad that the courses have been challenging.

"We don't want this to be an easy program," she says. "It's a UGA degree. It needs to meet the same standards as if we were taking the classes in Athens." ■

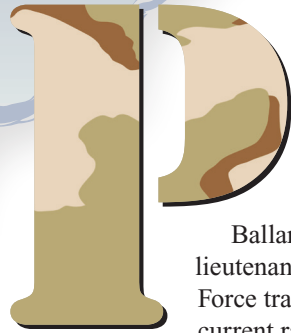


Top-Bottom, Consumer Economics students Angela Allen, Laura Anzalone and Lucy Ann Mitchell.

PATRICK BALLARD

DAWG AT WAR

By Denise Horton



Patrick Ballard (BSFCS '91, Hotel and Restaurant Administration) enrolled in the University of Georgia with the goal of being commissioned an officer in the U.S. Air Force, but with several years of experience working in the restaurant industry, he majored in hotel and restaurant administration as a fallback plan.

Ballard hasn't needed that fallback. He was commissioned a second lieutenant after earning his degree and completing four years of ROTC Air Force training and has spent the past 16 years in the Air Force rising to his current rank of major. In January, he began a four-month assignment in Bagram, Afghanistan, as commander of the 455th Maintenance Squadron.

In an email interview from his base in Afghanistan, Ballard explained that he's responsible for the technicians, equipment and production of the "backshop" capability for the F-15E, C-130, and A-10 aircrafts. Backshop capability means Ballard's troops repair the planes' engines, avionics and fuel cells; manufacture things, such as fabricating the metal parts used in landing gears; oversee detailed inspections of the planes and their systems; and provide support for other units at the base.

Despite his background in the foods industry, Ballard says he had no interest in specializing in that area of the Air Force.

"I originally wanted to be a pilot and was commissioned as a pilot candidate," Ballard says, however, the end of Operation Desert Storm resulted in cutbacks on the number of pilots being commissioned and Ballard was told to choose another specialty. "I figured if I can't fly right away I might as well be as close to them as I can, so aircraft maintenance is what I chose," he says.

Although Ballard doesn't have the opportunity to travel off-base, he describes his view of the Hindu-Kush mountains as beautiful.

"We are at 5,000 feet above sea level and the mountains look like the Rockies so I know they must be about 12,000 feet. At some points, even higher. The base is nestled in a valley in what appears to be a bowl because we are surrounded by mountains on almost all sides," he says, but then goes on to describe the base environment. "However on the valley floor, where we are, there is a lot of construction on the base and de-mining activities so there is a lot of barren earth exposed which makes for a muddy mess when we have snow or rain and a dust bowl when it is dry."

When he's not working, Ballard can grab a snack at the Burger King, Dairy Queen or Orange Julius located on base. There are also "morale tents" that offer movies and a number of video game consoles, but Ballard's favorite activity is talking to his family via a webcam. "I can cam and chat with my family from my room and it makes the separation more bearable," he says.

Ballard's family includes his wife of 13 years, Stephanie, and three daughters, Tarryn, age 9^{1/2}; Kaitlyn, 8; and Julia, 4.

"We met at my first assignment at Minot Air Force Base in Minot, ND, where she was in her master's program at Minot State University," he recalls of meeting Stephanie. "I was a flight-line maintenance officer with B-52 Stratofortresses there."

Since that first posting, Ballard and his family have been assigned to Air Force bases in Columbus, Miss.; Moody Air Force Base near Valdosta, Ga.; Tyndall Air Force Base in Florida; and Randolph Air Force Base in Texas. His current base is Mountain Home



Maj. Patrick Ballard holds a flag sent to him by the UGA Alumni Association.

in Idaho. He also spent a year in Iceland on what he describes as a “remote tour.”

Although it’s clear that Ballard’s heart is in the Air Force, he does hint at another side of his personality – band member.

In describing possible plans after he retires from the Air Force, Ballard says, “I will either go into something in the defense industry or my entrepreneurial side may take over and I could open a nightclub, or a talent agency (I have been in a few bands) or both.”

In a later email, Ballard says he sang lead in a band called The Tremors between 1988-90. He’s performed with two other bands since his college graduation, singing lead and playing rhythm guitar.

Although it seems that Iraq receives more media attention than troops serving in Afghanistan, Ballard says that he and the other troops do receive support from friends and family in the States. “We know the folks back home care about us,” he says. “You should see the care packages that are sent here.”

He also expresses support for the ongoing hunt for Osama bin Laden, comparing the search to that of convicted Olympic bomber Eric Rudolph, who eluded authorities for five years in the Appalachian wilderness.

“That was in our own backyard,” Ballard says. “Now exacerbate that by hiding someone in a place like the most remote part of the Rocky Mountains, being supported by hostile forces and it isn’t any wonder that we haven’t picked him up yet.

“Regardless of how folks feel back home, most of us and our brothers-in-arms here with us from other services and NATO members are here for a reason and we understand the reason,” he says. “We are located about 100 miles from where 9/11 was planned. We are on the hunt for a man who is hiding in one of the most remote and rugged areas on the planet. (Bin Laden) is surrounded by sympathizers who have managed to isolate themselves to such an extent that their own government (Pakistan) can’t go in and help us.”

As he anticipates returning home in mid-May, Ballard says he’s looking forward to seeing his family and friends.

“I miss my girls, I miss my dog and cats, I miss my neighbors,” he says, but he also misses his freedom. “I look forward to being able to go off the base and have the freedom of movement that I don’t have here. We are restricted to base here for our protection, so it will be nice to get in my Jeep and just go somewhere like the lake to go fishing.” ■

FACS Pioneer: *Teaching, Learning Never Stop*

Wanda Grogan still remembers when she first heard about the job that became her career. “There were five of us riding in the car with Dr. Alene Cross and she told us Dean Pou had an idea of starting a continuing education program for home economics,” she recalls. “The girl sitting next to me said, ‘That’d be perfect for Wanda.’” Her classmate was correct.

Soon after completing her specialist’s degree, Grogan (MED ’71, EdS ’73) became the first person in the nation to provide continuing education in the field of home economics. With only a brief two-year-break to complete her doctorate at Iowa State University, she spent the next 20 years providing continuing education and a wide variety of other support to the college. Her long-time support for the College of Family and Consumer Sciences led to her induction in the college’s Honor Hall of Recognition this spring.

“When I started there was me and a third of a secretary,” she says, adding that through the 20-plus years she headed the college’s continuing education program her staff grew at times to more than 20 employees.

Through the years, Grogan led programs in Athens, throughout Georgia, the region and the nation, but she also made sure that fun was a part of her job. Like becoming Hairy Dawg one year at the Sunbelt Expo in Perry.

“I dressed up and really put a show on,” she recalls, laughing at the memory. “The others who were there with the university never did know who was in the suit. I also dressed up as a puppet for the School Food Service conference. I went to Orlando dressed in that costume.”

In addition to her work in continuing education, however, Grogan also served as the college’s first director of alumni relations, helping initiate the alumni association in 1975 and becoming its leader after returning from Iowa State in 1978. She also developed the idea and provided the financial support that led to Leadership FACS, a weekend retreat held annually for the college’s student leaders.

In 1992, Grogan was among the first recipients of the Walter Barnard Hill Award for Distinguished Achievement in Service. The next year, she was named the second Walter Barnard Hill Distinguished Service Fellow.

Grogan’s career was cut short in 1994 after she suffered a severe stroke following surgery for a brain aneurysm.

“After my stroke I couldn’t even turn over,” she says. “I could use my hand, my leg. I couldn’t even wiggle my toes.”

For someone who had always been active, frequently coming in to work at 5 in the morning and staying until 5:30 or 6 in the evening, the stroke was devastating. But Grogan embraced her recovery and just a year after her stroke, with the support of her colleagues, organized a statewide conference for 100 stroke victims and their caregivers.



Nancy Evelyn

Wanda Grogan: 2007 FACS Honor Hall of Recognition inductee.

Although she retired from her position with the university, Grogan is far from retired in her daily life. Instead, she joined the auxiliary program of St. Mary’s Hospital and works with two programs—one for those who have had strokes and another for people with arthritis. She has served on the auxiliary’s board of directors and as chair of its wellness group.

She’s also busy with her church, First Baptist in Athens, serving as a deacon, chairing the church’s missions committee and serving as a Stephen minister, providing support to those facing serious family issues.

Although she acknowledges regret at never finding the right man to settle down with, Grogan spends a great deal of time visiting her extended family. As one of 12 children, she still has three living sisters, ages 92, 90 and 74, as well as a brother who is 82. In addition, Grogan is close to her many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

She also finds time to travel.

“We have a group of eight friends who have gone on several trips together,” she says, including England, Scotland, countries ringing the Baltic Sea and several trips throughout the United States. In fact, this summer the friends plan to headquarter for several days in Germany and make day trips to four surrounding countries. ■

2007 FACS Alumni Award Winners

More than 125 alumni and friends of the College of Family and Consumer Sciences attended the 30th annual Alumni Awards luncheon held this spring at the Garden Club of Georgia headquarters at the State Botanical Garden in Athens. Five alumni and one friend of FACS were recognized:

Distinguished Alumni Award

Katrina Pittman Graham (BSHE '69, General Home Economics) was awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award in recognition of her ongoing contributions to the family and consumer sciences profession.

For more than 30 years, Graham worked in the natural gas industry, including serving as director of civic affairs of AGL Resources, the parent company of Atlanta Gas Light Co. She currently is vice president for the Georgia Foundation for Independent Colleges and has primary responsibility for fund raising, public relations and developing grant proposals for Georgia's 25 independent non-profit, liberal arts colleges and universities. Most recently, her work has focused on a pilot project developed by four members of GFIC, "Proyecto Graduacion," a new initiative to recruit, retain and graduate Latino students.

Graham also volunteers with a number of other charitable organizations and is a past president of the FACS Alumni Association.



Outstanding Service Award

Throughout her life **Wanda Barrs** (BSHE '74, Home Economics Education) has given back to her community. In being awarded the Outstanding Service Award, Barrs was particularly recognized for her dedication to children and education.

Since 2003, she has served as chair of the State Board of Education, following her appointment to the board by Gov. Sonny Perdue. Prior to that appointment, she served on the Bleckley County Board of Education for 12 years, including chairing the board from 1997-2002.

In addition to teaching for eight years, Barrs has volunteered as a Project Learning Tree facilitator and educator for 16 years, teaching more than 1,000 educators and youth leaders to use the environmental education program with their students, and hosting more than 3,000 students and adults at the Barrs' tree farm during the past decade for activities highlighting natural resources.

FACS Appreciation Award

Jerry D. Warshaw, founder and president of Warshaw Properties in Atlanta, was awarded the FACS Appreciation Award for his ongoing support of the college's Residential Property Management program.

He was among the college's first industry connections to provide support for the Residential Property Management program in the Department of Housing and Consumer Economics. Drawing on contacts he has developed during his more than 40 years in real estate, he helped secure funding to bring specialized instruction to undergraduate students, including encouraging three separate professional associations to make significant financial gifts. These funds have been used to recruit and educate students in residential property management.

Each semester Warshaw lectures students in the residential property management class and goes out of his way to get to know them, including meeting with students individually or in small groups, helping them hone their interview skills and providing insight on career opportunities. Several recent graduates owe their employment to his efforts on their behalf. He also is a member of the Housing and Demographics Research Center's Board of Advisors and a frequent advisor to FACS faculty.



Emily Quinn Pou Professional Achievement Award

As both a Certified Chef de Cuisine and Registered Dietitian, **Kyle Shadix** (BSFCS '94, Consumer Foods) has developed a unique career combining nutrition, education, food science and innovation in institutional food development.

The winner of this year's Emily Quinn Pou Professional Achievement Award for his accomplishments at the midpoint of his career, Shadix writes monthly columns for *Nation's Restaurant News*, *Positive Thinking* magazine and *Today's Dietitian*. He is also a frequent contributor to *Woman's Day* magazine, has appeared on national television news shows and has been a featured speaker at conferences across the country.

Shadix's company, Nutrition and Culinary Consultants, has been purchased by WPP, one of the world's largest communications service groups. The new company will provide food and nutrition services to the food and beverage industry by advising clients on food and nutrition issues and trends affecting consumers nationwide. Shadix also is a part-time instructor at Columbia University/Teachers College nutrition program and the New York Restaurant School/Art Institute of New York City.



Creswell Award

After only two years as a part-time instructor in the Department of Housing and Consumer Economics, **Debbie Phillips** (BSHE '85, Home Economics and Journalism; MS '87, Housing, Home Management and Consumer Economics) has seen enrollment in her property management course jump from 146 to 293 students. Despite the large enrollment, Phillips is known for learning the names of each of her students, her mentoring skills and her tenacity, never giving up on helping a student find an internship or a recent graduate land that first job.

Those were among the reasons cited for Phillips receiving the Creswell Award, which recognizes faculty and staff who have provided leadership in motivating and guiding students.

Phillips, who is owner and founder of Quadrillion, a marketing and image development company, has built close ties between the Georgia Apartment Industry Education Foundation and the Department of Housing and Consumer Economics. Those ties have led to financial contributions from the GAIEF and the National Apartment Association's Education Foundation to help establish the Residential Property Management Emphasis.

Pacesetter Award

Since 2000, **Suzanne Elbon** (PhD '98, MEd, '99, MS, '95) has traveled to China, Spain, Kenya, Zimbabwe and Singapore as a part of her work as an instructional designer in the Coordinating Office for Global Health at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. She designs and develops training materials for international field epidemiology training programs and micronutrient malnutrition prevention and control programs. These projects are developed for classroom, electronic and self-study delivery.

As a consultant with the foods and nutrition department, Elbon is the webmaster for the Nutrition for Older Adults' Health and the FDN and Georgia Division of Aging Services' Live Well Age Well programs. These websites help educators, the aging-services network, older adults and their families easily find reliable information about wellness, nutrition, physical activity and healthy aging.

Outside of work, Elbon competes around the world in athletic competitions for those with physical challenges. She won a gold medal at the USA Triathlon National Championships in 2006, and gold medals in 2002 and 2003 in the International Triathlon Union World Cup Championships, held in Mexico and New Zealand. She also is participating in the Paralympic Triathlon Development Team.



1960s

Carol Ash Bradley (BSHE '68, Home Economics Education; MS '72, Home Economics) is a primary literacy coach at Powers Ferry Elementary School in Marietta.

1970s

Marion Huskey Callaway (BSHE '72, Child Development) is a sales administrator with Celia Dunn Sotheby's International Realty in Savannah.

Beverly R. Littlefield (BSHE '70, Home Economics and Journalism) is manager of the Georgia Department of Human Resources Division of Aging Services.

Sandra Flynt McKinney (BSHE '76, Home Economics Education; MEd '82, Home Economics Education) a 4-H Agent and Crisp County extension coordinator has received the D.W. Brooks Faculty Award for Excellence in Public Service Extension.

Constance Perry Page (BSHE '79, Home Economics Education) is a 4-H county Extension agent for the UGA Cooperative Extension in Emanuel County.

1980s

Katherine Holt Barnes (PhD '87, Child and Family Development) has written two books to help children cope with having a parent away at war. *Daddy Misses Kisses and Candy at War*, and *Son, A Soldier's Work is Never Done: Dad at War-Jackie at Home*. *Son, A Soldier's Work is Never Done* was co-authored by Smith McGarr, Barnes' grandson. Barnes lives in Tiger with her husband, Travis. She is a licensed marriage and family therapist and pastoral counselor.

Joy Cook Coleman (BSHE '81, Furnishings and Interiors) is a showroom manager at Duralee Fabrics and Fine Furniture in Smyrna.

Deborah Long (BSHE '80, Furnishings and Interiors) is employed by the Dalton-Whitfield County Convention and Visitors Bureau in Dalton.

Karen Golden Smith (BSHE '82, Family Development; MS '83, Housing, Home Management and Consumer Economics) is a school counselor at

Warner Robins Middle School. Prior to that, she was a classroom teacher for 19 years. She and her husband have two daughters, ages 19 and 21, one of whom attends UGA.

Dana Scott Spears (MS '81, Child and Family Development; PhD '83, Child and Family Development) is a counselor, author and home school parent. She is co-author of "*Strong-Willed Child or Dreamer?*" and author of its companion book, *Teaching Your Dreamer Child*.



The portrait of retired Family and Consumer Sciences Dean Sharon Y. Nickols was unveiled during a breakfast reception held at Dawson Hall on March 3. The portrait was painted by Julie Deane of Gainesville and commissioned by Nickols' four children and their families.

1990s

Renita Anderson (PhD '94, Textile Science) is vice dean of the Goizueta Business School at Emory University, responsible for academic programs, finance and administration.

Timothy David Barrett (BSFCS '98, Consumer Journalism) is a sales manager at Atlanta Arrangements Destination Management Co. in Atlanta.

Sandra Nix Cantrell (BSHE '90, Home Economics Education; MS '91, Housing, Home Management and Consumer Economics) is president of Mountain Ridge Homes in Clermont, a house-building and land-development business.

Joseph Alfred Cetti Jr. (BSFCS '98, Consumer Economics) married Ashley Ivy Hopkins on Feb. 25, 2006. They live in Savannah and he is employed by the International Longshoreman Association.

Bryan Dobson (MS '92, Housing, Home Management and Consumer Economics) is in sales and support for Courtware Solutions, a software company in Acworth.

Paige Moore Fuller (BSFCS '95, Child and Family Development) and her husband, Steven, have two sons. Luke Thomas was born Aug. 22, 2006, while Will is three years old. They live in Watkinsville.

Jennifer Serio Hatton (BSFCS '94, Housing) is group vice president for the eastern traditional four-year division of Follett Higher Education Group. She and her husband, Marc, have a son, Aiden Maxwell Hatton, born May 24, 2006. They live in the Atlanta area.

Stacy Bishop Jones (BSFCS '93, Home Economics and Journalism) has been selected by the Monroe City Council to head their Downtown Development Authority. She and her family live in Monroe.

Saira Khalid (BSFCS '95, Fashion Merchandising) and Mark Rodgers were married May 13, 2006, in Marietta. She is a senior admissions coordinator at the Art Institute of Atlanta and lives in Acworth.

Positive Return



My stock portfolio has had a good return in the past few years, but not as great as the return on my investment in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences Alumni Association.

Since being asked to serve on the college relations committee several years ago, I've served as secretary, vice president of development and president-elect of the FACS Alumni Board. I had the same initial concerns that most have: What is going to be involved? How will I find the time? What's in it for me? Somewhere between work, home and soccer games, I find the time to serve and, like a lot of things, I've received more than I've given.

So, what has my investment returned so far? I have met some phenomenal people and developed friendships that have enriched my life tremendously. It has been great reacquainting with old friends and attending some fun UGA FACS Alumni events.

How can you invest in your college?

- Volunteer with the FACS Alumni Association;
- Nominate candidates for the FACS awards program;
- Attend or sponsor a FACS alumni event in your area;
- Volunteer to speak to a class, club, or at Backpacks-to-Briefcases—a new program to connect current students with graduates in their field;
- Bring a prospective student to campus.

You can find more information on the FACS alumni website at www.fcs.uga.edu/alumni or contact Suzanne Griffith, FACS director of alumni relations at 706-542-4881 or suzanne@fcs.uga.edu.

Mark your calendar now for the 13th annual South Campus Tailgate in Athens on Sept. 15. This is a great family event that allows you and your family to stay connected to UGA. I hope to see you at one or more of our great FACS alumni events in 2007. The return on your investment of time with your alma mater will be very rewarding!

Carol Bugg, 2007-08 FACS Alumni President

Jessica Hardin Kilgallen (BSFCS '99, Consumer Journalism) is an event coordinator for the Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Foundation.

Dwight Daxon Langley (BSFCS '98, Consumer Economics) married Valerie Bryant Vickery on March 18, 2006, at Amelia Island, Fla. He works for Vickery Financial Services in Athens, where the couple lives.

David Lebos (BSFCS '92, Consumer Economics and Home Management) is a courier and administrative assistant for Summit Cancer Care in Savannah.

John Lilly, III (BSFCS '92, Consumer Economics and Home Management) is an accredited asset management specialist working as a financial consultant for AG Edwards in Gainesville.

Shelly Nickols-Richardson (MS '94, Foods and Nutrition; PhD '98, Foods and Nutrition) is an associate professor with tenure at Penn State University. She was previously on the faculty of Virginia Tech.

Christine Ann Price (MS '93, Child and Family Development; PhD '96, Child and Family Development) is an associate professor in the department of family and child studies at Montclair State University in Montclair, N.J.

Cecilia Russo (BSFCS '94, Consumer Journalism) is director of development for the Georgia Institute of Technology's Savannah campus.

Kathryn Scott-Young (MS '91, Child and Family Development; PhD '00, Child and Family Development) is a private practice licensed marriage and family therapist with SEB Health in Athens.

2000s

Jessica Patricia Ann Anderson (MS '06, Child and Family Development) earned her master's degree in December 2006. Her thesis is titled, "Hoping She Will Right My Wrong: An Exploration of What Mothers Say to Their Adolescent Age Daughters About



A group of Child and Family Development graduates joined Department Head Don Bower at an alumni dinner at the Big Easy Coffehouse and Café in Watkinsville. (L-R) Kristi Osborn Greer (BSFCS '00, MEd '05), Ashley Branan (BSFCS '04), Jennifer White (BSFCS '04, MEd '06) and Jill Fowler (BSFCS '00) led a brainstorming discussion on future alumni events.

Their Own Experiences With Sexual Development." David Wright was her major professor.

Jill Fowler Barnes (BSFCS '00, Child and Family Development) married John Barnes Aug. 26, 2006. She lives in Watkinsville and is a jazzercise instructor and manager of The Big Easy restaurant.

Cady Berkel (PhD '06, Child and Family Development) earned her master's degree in December 2006. The title of her dissertation is, "Evaluating the Strong African American Families Program: A Culturally Competent Preventive Intervention for Rural African American Adolescents." Velma McBride Murry was her major professor.

Angela Rose Black (PhD '06, Child and Family Development) earned her doctoral degree in December 2006. The title of her dissertation is, "Re-Examining Health Disparities Among African American Women: Implications for Stress-Coping Behaviors and Role Responsibilities in the Lives of African American Mothers." Velma McBride Murry was her major professor.

Scott Benjamin Boren (BSFCS '05, Housing) married Diane Marie Cooley on July 8, 2006, in Atlanta. He is a sales representative with Associated Truss and Lumber Co. of Dallas and lives in Fort Worth, Texas.

Reggie Brown (BSFCS '05, Child and Family Development) of the Philadelphia Eagles National Football League and **Brandon Carley** (BSFCS '04, Consumer Economics), a sales representative for United Distributors in Atlanta, joined **Connie Rash** (Assistant Director of FACS Student Services) for a recruitment effort at Rockdale High School in Conyers in fall 2006.

Kathleen Erin Cantrell (BSFCS '01, Consumer Economics) married Casey Ryan Lewis on May 6, 2006, in Stone Mountain. She is an account manager with McGinty-Gordon and Associates of St. Simons Island and lives in Brunswick.

Stephanie Nelson Chapman (BSFCS '04, Furnishings and Interiors) and her husband, Kris, live in Candler, N.C.

Jana Lyn Davis (BSFCS '04, Family and Consumer Sciences Education) married Nathan Andrew Hester on Jan. 13 at the UGA Chapel. She also earned her master's degree in education in December 2006. She is a family and consumer sciences teacher at Oconee County High School in Watkinsville.

Travis Dickerson (BSFCS '06, Consumer Economics) is a claims representative for Progressive Insurance in Savannah.

Hamilton Dickey (BSFCS '04, Consumer Economics) is with RBC Centura Bank in Atlanta.

Rucha Dixit (MFCS '06, Foods and Nutrition) earned her master's degree in fall 2006. Her research project is titled, "Inhibition of Hyaluronidase Activity by Extracts of Blackberry (*Rubus hybrids*), Blueberry, (*Vaccinium spp*) and Raspberry (*Rubus spp*) Fractions." James Hargrove was her major professor.

Jonathan S. Dobbs (BSFCS '02, Consumer Economics) is a captain in the U.S. Air Force stationed in Edmond, Okla. He and his wife, **Lauren Bragg Dobbs** (BSFCS '02, Fashion Merchandising), have three young children.

Rhonda Faulkner (PhD '02, Child and Family Development) was recently awarded Outstanding Teacher of the Year by Northwestern University Medical School in Chicago.

Kelly Daniel Finger (BSFCS '04, Consumer Economics) is in the brokerage department of Vanguard investment management company in Charlotte, N.C.

Andy Flippen (BSFCS '05, Consumer Economics) is a licensed stock broker with SunTrust Investment Services in Atlanta. He lives in Social Circle and is preparing to become a Certified Financial Planner.

Frances Mann Gatewood (BSFCS '04, Fashion Merchandising) is the executive appointments liaison for Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue.

Jim Hadden (BSFCS '05, Consumer Economics) is with CSRA Land and Home real estate company in Thomson.

Deesha McGee Hagwood (BSFCS '02, Consumer Journalism) is an operations specialist with Oconee State Bank in Watkinsville.

Heather Lynn Huskes (BSFCS '01, Child and Family Development) married Mark Francis Merritt on May 13, 2006, at Claxton Farm in Weaverville, N.C. Heather is in graduate school at Appalachian State University in Boone. She is employed by the Buncombe County, N.C., School System. They live in Asheville, N.C.



Nutraceutical Research Lab Receives Innovation Award

James Hargrove (Associate Professor, Foods and Nutrition) and the Nutraceutical Research Lab have received a Georgia Center of Innovation Award from Gov. Sonny Perdue for its work on the nutraceutical value of the muscadine grape. The \$60,000 grant, funded by the OneGeorgia Authority, will support development of a commercial production process for a concentrated liquid extract from muscadine grape pomace. In addition to Hargrove, other members of the research team are **Diane Hartle** and **Phillip Greenspan**, associate professors in the College of Pharmacy. The muscadine is being developed for its anti-oxidant and anti-inflammatory properties and its action against cancer, aging, osteoarthritis and diabetes.

Marietta G. Jelks (MS '05, Housing and Consumer Economics) is an associate account manager for Empower Media Marketing in Cincinnati.

Jeffrey Johnson (BSFCS '03, Consumer Economics) is principal agent and broker for the Johnson Group, a self-owned insurance agency specializing in life, health, disability and long-term care insurance. His wife, **Anna Brookshire Johnson** (BSFCS '02, Fashion Merchandising) is administrator for the agency, which is located in Statham, where the couple lives.

Margaret Kabahenda (MS '02, Foods and Nutrition; PhD '06, Foods and Nutrition) has a daughter, Eynise Tara, born Sept. 8, 2006.

Matthew Kiefer (BSFCS '04, Housing) is a market research coordinator for Sharon McSwain Homes in Atlanta.

Louisa Knight (BSFCS '06, Furnishings and Interiors) is an associate in sales and account management for Holland and Company at the Atlanta Decorative Arts Center.

Anita Kolmers (BSFCS '06, Dietetics; MS '06, Foods and Nutrition) earned her master's degree in December 2006. Her thesis is titled, "Dietary Patterns and Supplement Intake of Older Adults in Northeast Georgia." Joan Fischer was her major professor.

Ariadne Legendre (MS '06, Foods and Nutrition) earned her master's degree in December 2006. Her thesis is titled, "The Effects of High Fat Diet on the Stress Response." Ruth Harris was her major professor.

Yan Lu (MS '06, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors) earned her master's degree in December

2006. Her thesis is titled, "An Analysis of Service Quality for Customer Satisfaction and Customer Retention: An Empirical Study on the Grey Market in Athens, Georgia." Yoo-Kyoung Seock was her major professor.

Brighan Marsh (MS '06, Foods and Nutrition) earned her master's degree in December 2006. Her research project is titled, "A Pilot Study with Older Adult Women: Does Taster Status, Smell Acuity and Taste and Smell Alteration Affect the Success of a Fruit and Vegetable Nutrition Education Intervention?" Ruthann Swanson was her major professor.

Amanda Wolfe McKasson (BSFCS '06, Child and Family Development) is a program coordinator with the UGA Fanning Institute in Athens.

Anne Wilson McWaters (MS '06, Foods and Nutrition) earned her master's degree in December 2006. Her thesis is titled, "The Status of School-Based Nutrition Education and Physical Education at the State Level." Rebecca Mullis was her major professor.

Jennifer Rebecca Miller (MS '06, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors) earned her master's degree in December 2006. Her thesis is titled, "The Role of Appearance in Sorority Membership Selection." Soyoung Kim was her major professor.

Jessica Principe (MS '06, Foods and Nutrition) earned her master's degree in December 2006. Her thesis is titled, "Effects of 16 Weeks of Isoflavone-Rich Soy Protein on Weight and Fat Gain in Female College Students." Richard Lewis was her major professor.

Christopher Donald Raiford (BSFCS '06, Housing) is a loan officer with Opteum Financial Services in Bogart.

Phillip Duckworth Ray, III (BSFCS '05, Consumer Economics) married Lesslie Elizabeth Hamilton on Aug. 12, 2006, on Pawleys Island, S.C. They live in Charlotte, N.C.

Katie Lynn Resseguie (BSFCS '05, Consumer Economics) and Brett Michael Newton were married on July 1, 2006, in Augusta. She is a financial

service representative with SunTrust Bank and lives in Evans.

Beth Rivenbark (BSFCS '01, Housing; MS '03, Housing and Consumer Economics) is a community association manager in the Athens area with Parker and Associates.

Amanda Robinson (BSFCS '06, Consumer Economics) is a registered sales assistant for the Government Employee Benefits Corp. in Atlanta.

Laura Knowles Ryals (BSFCS '03, Family and Consumer Sciences Education; MEd '04, Family and Consumer Sciences Education) is a family and consumer sciences teacher for the Dodge County Board of Education in Eastman.

Dionne Stephens (PhD '03, Child and Family Development) is an associate chair for the psychology department of Florida International University in Miami.

Jill Roper (BSFCS '00, Family and Consumer Sciences Education) is a guidance counselor at Poinciana High School in Kissimmee, Fla.

Ashley Streb (BSFCS '06, Housing) is an assistant property manager for Greystar in Smyrna.

Phillip Taylor (BSFCS '05, Consumer Economics) works in sales for Ferguson Co., distributors of plumbing, utility and industrial tools in Marietta.

Jessica Tripp (BSFCS '04, Consumer Economics) is completing her first year as an assistant manager and marketing representative for Post Properties, a real estate resource in Atlanta.

Kenneth Veal (BSFCS '06, Child and Family Development) has a cottage staff position at Murphy-Harpst Children's Center in Cedartown helping disadvantaged youth.

Carlton Walstad (BSFCS '03, Consumer Economics) is a portfolio manager of forestry analytics for Timbervest in Atlanta.

Josh Whitfield (BSFCS '06, Consumer Economics) is a project manager for DeNyse Signs,

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manufacturer of a variety of 3-D, illuminated and architectural foam fabricated signs in Douglasville.

Anna Burgess Wilson (BSFCS '00, Child and Family Development) is a social services case manager for the family and children services department in Cedartown.

Kathryn Wood (BSFCS '03, Child and Family Development) is pursuing a master degree in speech and language pathology in UGA's College of Education.

Katie Yarbrough (BSFCS '03, Furnishings and Interiors) is a design consultant for John Wieland Homes in Smyrna.

Jeff Yeomans (Matriculate '01, Consumer Economics) is a mortgage banker for the HomeBanc Mortgage Corp. in Athens. ■

in memoriam

Celeste White Becker
(BSHE '72)
November 25, 2006

Barbara Bruce Bledsoe
(BSHE '36; MEd '69)
September 21, 2006

Jeselyn Creasy Block
(BSHE '76)
November 9, 2006

Martha Bowen Brown
(BSHE '46)
November 8, 2006

Inez Nordan Carter
(BSHE '58)
December 17, 2006

Jeanne Mann Giles Cartledge
(BSHE '40)
August 3, 2006

Marianna Winn Casey
(Matriculate '53)
October 5, 2006

Juanita Ridley Champion
(BSHE '45)
January 5, 2007

Lunnie Mae Clifton
(BSHE '42)
July 30, 2006

Vickie Ward Davis
(BSHE '77)
February 2, 2007

Mary Will Warren Dunson
(BSHE '41)
March 10, 2007

Mildred Reeves Fite
(BSHE '42)
February 23, 2007

Taska Stonecypher Fitzgerald
(BSHE '50)
November 12, 2006

Sara Bryson Franklin
(BSHE '68)
November 16, 2006

Jerry Hunter Hall
(BSHE '38)
January 11, 2007

Margaret Wall Higgins
(BSHE '49)
December 21, 2006

Nelle Norman C. Johnson
(BSHE '40)
November 10, 2006

Louise Young Kelley
(BSHE '36)
February 22, 2007

Marjorie Powell Masee
(BSHE '38)
November 18, 2006

Geraldine Meaders Moncrief
(BSHE '39)
December 24, 2006

Jean Pittman Moore
(BSHE '40)
October 2, 2006

Mary Catherine Morgan
(BSHE '60)
November 11, 2006

Elizabeth Gordon Nix
(BSHE '47; MEd '67)
November 5, 2006

Eugenia Collins Rea
(BSHE '39)
October 21, 2006

Jessie Vannerson Seckinger
(BSHE '45)
February 23, 2007

Betty M. Sherrill
(BSHE '45)
November 22, 2006

Virginia Parks Souther
(BSHE '41)
January 2, 2007

Sybil Burt Still
(Matriculate '33)
January 3, 2007

Marcia Ann Fisher Swanson
(BSHE '42; MEd '71; EdS '73)
December 21, 2006

Margaret R. Wagener
(MEd '67; EdS '85)
October 22, 2006

Clara McGuire Wendt
(BSHE '48)
November 13, 2006

Pattie Atkinson West
(BSHE '63)
September 8, 2006

IN THE Halls



FACULTY & STAFF

FACS faculty received four of five grants offered under the 2006-2007 Poverty and the Economy Faculty Research Grants Program by the Office of the Vice President for Public Service and Outreach. Faculty and their projects are: **Sue Chapman** (Extension Coordinator, Cooperative Extension) and **Sharon Gibson** (Children, Youth and Families At-Risk Program Coordinator, Cooperative Extension), "The impact of poverty simulations on attitudes about and perceptions of poverty;" **Lee Johnson** (Assistant Professor, Child and Family Development), "The effectiveness of life skills literacy;" **Jerry Gale** (Professor, Child and Family Development), "Creating a conjoint financial counseling and couple counseling treatment model for couples on the threshold of poverty;" and **Anne Sweaney** (Professor and Department Head, Housing and Consumer Economics), **Tom Rodgers** (Associate Professor Emeritus, Housing and Consumer Economics) and **Karen Tinsley** (Associate Director, Housing and Demographics Research Center), "Manufactured housing: Expanding housing options for Georgia's families." These grants, sponsored by the University of Georgia Research Foundation, provide funding to support and encourage applied research and creative scholarship related to poverty and the economy in Georgia. The grants ranged from \$16,000-\$24,000.

Connie Crawley (Nutrition and Health Specialist, Foods and Nutrition) was co-chair of the Georgia State Team at the national Team UP Conference in August 2006. Georgia was recognized as the Best State Team by the National Team UP partners. Team UP is a cancer prevention project targeting African-American women who are rarely screened for breast and cervical cancer.

William Flatt (D.W. Brooks Professor Emeritus, Foods and Nutrition) has been appointed as a Fellow of the American Nutrition Society. According to the ANS, Flatt was chosen "for his creative and innovative contributions to the development of the field of nutritional energetics or energy metabolism, for his leadership in formulating the Nemiilk feeding system, for the effective job he did in convincing the very conservative dairy nutrition community that it was superior to the TDN system then in use, for the visionary leadership he demonstrated during and after his service as research leader of the energy metabolism unit at USDA and for the more recent, penetrating studies of energy balance and obesity and leptin actions he and his colleagues have reported."

Joseph Goetz (Assistant Professor, Housing and Consumer Economics) and Lindsay Elwood were married on Dec. 20, 2006, in St. Mary, Jamaica.

Lance Palmer (Assistant Professor, Housing and Consumer Economics), **Joseph Goetz** (Assistant Professor,

Housing and Consumer Economics) and **Joan Koonce** (Associate Professor, Housing and Consumer Economics) were awarded a Scholarship of Engagement grant from the Office of the Vice President for Outreach to establish a service-learning income tax assistance partnership in Athens during the 2007 tax season. The three faculty members worked with undergraduate students in providing tax assistance in the Athens area.

Mariana Souto-Manning (Assistant Professor, Child and Family Development) has been awarded the 2007 Robert C. Anderson Memorial Award. This award, named in memory of the former UGA vice president for research, is awarded annually to two recent graduates of the UGA Graduate School. Its criteria is "an outstanding record of research accomplishment carried out as part of a candidate's graduate studies and during the period immediately following receipt of the terminal degree." Souto-Manning earned her PhD in language education in the UGA College of Education in 2005.

STUDENTS

Three Child and Family Development graduate students are recipients of the Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award for 2006-2007. **Kelly Campbell**, **Jaime Dice** and **Rachel Tambling** will be recognized at the UGA Honors Day ceremony. Outstanding teaching assistants are those whose teaching performance ranks in the top 10 percent of all teaching assistants

Professorships Named

The recipients of the college's newest professorships were recognized at the spring college assembly.

Sharon Y. Nickols, retired FACS dean and a housing and consumer economics professor, has been named the Janette McGarity Barber Distinguished Professor.

The professorship was established with a gift from J. Mac Barber, in honor of his late wife. Janette Barber earned her bachelor's of science in home economics degree in 1938 and her master's degree in 1966. Among her other accomplishments, Mrs. Barber was the first person in the nation to be designated as a state adviser for the Future Homemakers of America programs, a position she retained until her retirement in 1970. She received the first Distinguished Alumni Award awarded by what was then the College of Home Economics Alumni Association and is in the FACS Honor Hall of Recognition.

Charles S. Gilbert has been named the Georgia Soft Goods Education Foundation Distinguished Professor. Gilbert has more than 40 years of experience in the soft goods industry, including consulting experience



with more than 150 companies in countries ranging from Australia, Japan, Taiwan, Nigeria, Mexico and throughout the United States.

The Georgia Soft Goods Education Foundation Professorship was established with a gift from GSGEF, an organization composed of members of the apparel and textile industry in Georgia and the southeast. ■

at the university. In addition, **Kelly Campbell** has been named to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Who's Who is a nationally recognized institution of the American academic community designed to recognize outstanding academic achievement and student leadership.

Joanna Miragaya (PhD Student, Foods and Nutrition) has passed the last of her board exams and is now a medical doctor. She will begin a residency

following completion of her PhD with the goal of becoming an endocrinologist. Miragaya finished her medical school training in Brazil prior to entering the PhD program two years ago and has been on an accelerated program to finish a PhD within the time limits allowed between finishing medical school and beginning a residency. Her major professor is Ruth Harris.

Dawn Penn (PhD Student, Foods and Nutrition, MS '03, Foods and Nutrition) has been awarded an ARCS

Foundation Scholarship. ARCS is a non-profit, national volunteer organization of women dedicated to providing scholarships to academically outstanding U.S. citizens studying to complete their degrees in science, medicine and engineering. This scholarship will supplement Penn's assistantship every semester until she graduates. Penn is a Registered Dietician. Her doctoral research focuses on the role of leptin, a hormone produced by the fat cells, in regulating fat cell growth. Ruth Harris is her major professor. ■

FACS STUDENTS WIN IN NATIONAL COMPETITION

Three furnishings and interiors seniors were among the top winners this year in the National Kitchen and Bath Association's annual design competition.



Michelle Wilcher from Milledgeville placed second among the 152 student entries in the kitchen competition, while **Alan Gilmer** from Atlanta, received an honorable mention in that category. Meanwhile, **Coleby Joyner** from Watkinsville received an honorable mention in the bathroom category.

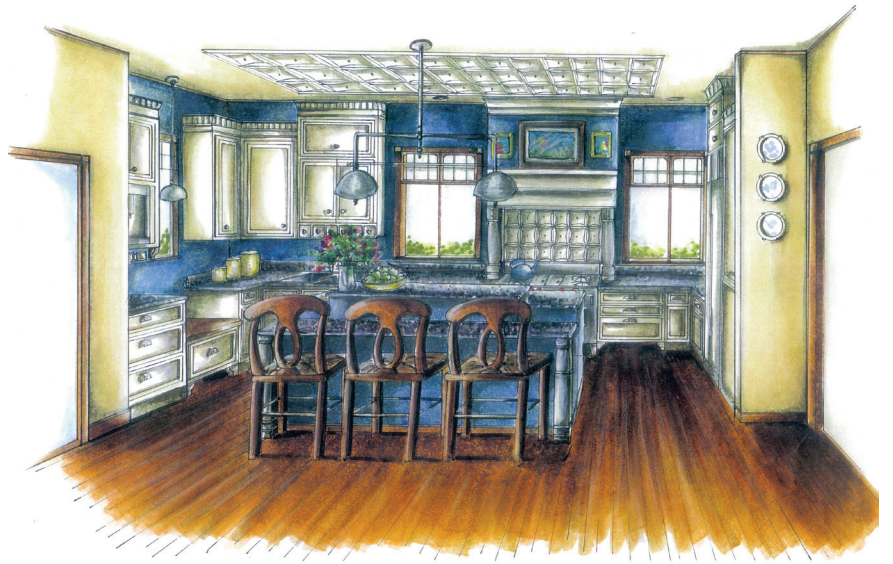


Wilcher will be recognized at the Kitchen and Bath Industry Show in Las Vegas in May. The show is the largest international trade event dedicated to the kitchen and bath industry. In addition to the free trip, Wilcher also received \$1,500.



This is only the second year that furnishings and interiors students have joined the competition, according to **Becky Gill** (Lecturer, Furnishings and Interiors), who teaches the kitchen and bath studio course. Last year, an FI student received honorable mention in the competition.

In early April, the program received endorsed status from the National Kitchen and Bath Association. ■



Forth & Towne Gathering

Atlanta area alumni gathered at Forth & Towne dress shop in Perimeter Mall in March for a reception and networking. Shonica Crocker, a Forth and Towne sales representative, explains details about a blouse to **Elizabeth Bagarozzi Hutcheson** (BSFCS '94, Furnishings and Interiors) and **Krista O'Sullivan** (BSFCS '06, Fashion Merchandising).



HACE Spring Game Tailgate



Despite chilly temperatures, several Housing and Consumer Economics alums joined faculty and staff on the front porch of Dawson Hall for a tailgate prior to the Bulldogs spring game. Among those attending were the family of alum **Tim Powell** (BSHE '87, Consumer Economics and Home Management). Shown are (L-R), Tim's mother, **Kishiko**; his wife, **Gina**; sons, **Michael** and **Kyle**, and **Tim**. Tim's father, **Russ**, also attended.

“The idea that we will finish a space to meet their needs has been a difficult concept to convey.”



1900, that had been used for on-site repair for the delivery trucks was transformed into the Bischero and Quizno's restaurants. The main building facing Prince Avenue, which was the original bottling company, became the headquarters for Community Newspapers and houses several other offices and retail space.

In order to maximize the bottling plant's footprint, NeSmith and Wilson chose to build a new three-story building and to add a third floor to an existing one. The result is seven buildings divided relatively evenly among residential, office and retail space. The residential spaces are all being sold to the homeowners. A couple of the commercial spaces also have been sold; the rest have been leased.

“One of the learning experiences has been the idea of custom design,” NeSmith says. “I'll show a blank space and people want to know how it will look when it's finished. I say, ‘How do you want it to look?’ The idea that we will finish a space to meet their needs has been a difficult concept to convey.”

The final tally of spaces includes 13 residential units ranging in size from 982 square feet to 2,000 square feet, three restaurants and several other businesses and attorney offices. On Jan. 2, 2000, the Athens-Clarke County Board of Commissioners unanimously designated The Bottleworks as a local landmark. The development also has been named an award winner for excellence in rehabilitation by The Georgia Trust and in community revitalization by the Athens-Clarke Heritage Foundation. On Feb. 1, 2006, The Bottleworks On Prince was entered in the National Register of Historic Places.

As NeSmith continues to market space at The Bottleworks, she also continues to educate the broader

Athens community on the benefits of this type of development.

“Could we have done this in a cookie-cutter style?” she asks rhetorically. “Yes, but would it have kept its uniqueness? With custom design we're able to maintain the character and uniqueness of the spaces.”

NeSmith says the project was a couple of years ahead of its time—both in the development of an in-town, mixed-use project, but also in the redevelopment of this area of Athens.

“Prince Avenue was the road that connected Cobbham, Athens' first suburb, with downtown,” she says. “Now, with The Bottleworks, the purchase of Prince Avenue Baptist by Piedmont College and the plans for the redevelopment of the Navy School, I think this area is going to really grow.”

Although The Bottleworks has taken up a great deal of NeSmith's time, she has been involved in a variety of other projects since she and Dink moved to Athens in 1991 from their long-time home of Jesup. She served on the Athens-Clarke Heritage Foundation Board for several years, including as president from 2003-2004. In 2004, she was appointed by the Athens-Clarke County Commission to a citizens advisory committee that conducted a comprehensive study of historic designation boundaries and design standards for downtown Athens.

“It took our committee three years, but downtown is now designated!” she says proudly.

The NeSmiths also are proud of their UGA ties. In addition to both Pam and Dink being UGA graduates, so are their three children, Alan, Emily and Eric, as well as son-in-law Tom Wilson. The couples' two grandsons, Wyatt, age 3, and Hayes, age 5 months, have already been signed up as lifetime members of the UGA Alumni Association. ■

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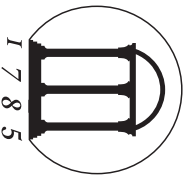
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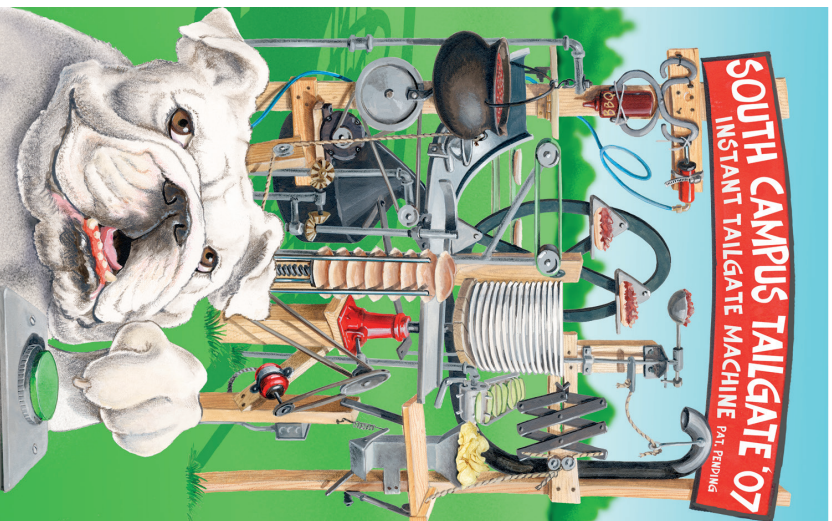
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