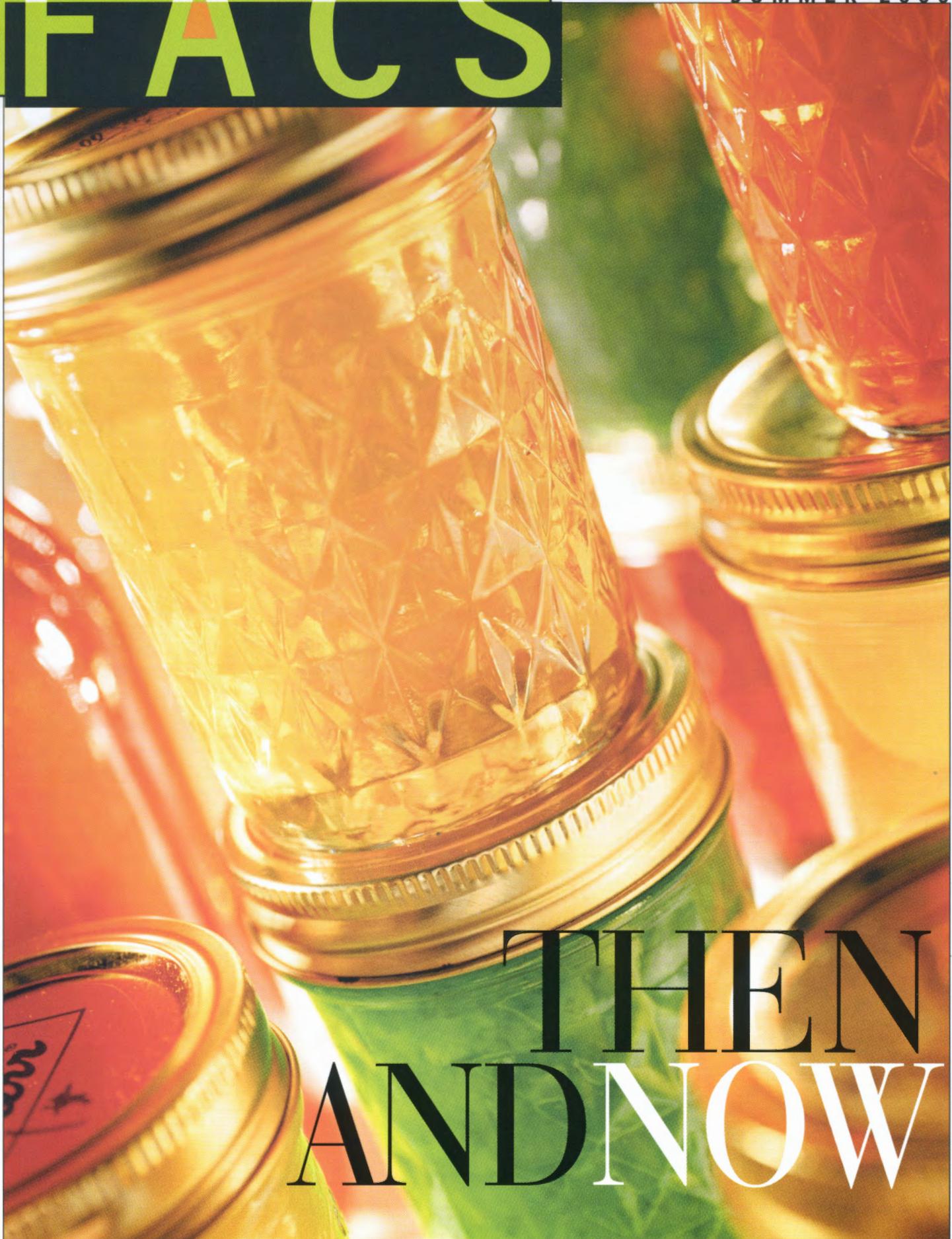


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THEN AND NOW

Memories and Mission

A colleague recently forwarded a list compiled by the National Academy of Engineering of the engineering achievements in the 1900s that most changed our lives. The list included electrification, the automobile, the airplane, safe and abundant water, radio and television, air conditioning and refrigeration, and computers. All of these have affected our health, longevity, comfort, transportation, and communications. Perhaps because we have come to take them for granted, some of these developments, such as safe water, are now threatened.



FACS Dean Sharon Y. Nickols and daughter Shelly Nickols-Richardson, who received her Ph.D. in foods and nutrition, have some fun getting ready for Shelly's hooding ceremony in 1998. Shelly now is on the faculty of the College of Human Resources and Education at Virginia Tech. For more FACS family connections, see pages 12-13.

It is not just our material culture that has changed dramatically in the 1990s. Roles of women, men, and children; careers; relationships between individuals and groups; social norms; globalization; and economic structures have changed. The rapidity of change is fueled by the continuing knowledge explosion. As an interdisciplinary field which brings together scholarship from the social sciences, natural sciences, arts, and humanities, Family and Consumer Sciences—of necessity—must link the past and present as we address our unchanging mission and its futuristic goals.

The mission of the College of Family and Consumer Sciences is **to advance the well-being of individuals and families over the life span and strengthen communities through the generation and dissemination of knowledge, the education of professionals, and the provision of research-based programs.** This issue of FACS Magazine explores some of the situations in which that mission has been implemented in the past and is relevant to the present. With the theme “Then and Now” we reflect on earlier times and inform you about what’s happening today. The strong thread tying together “then” and “now” is the FACS mission.

Family ties are another thread characterizing FACS at the University of Georgia. The “scrapbook” pages in this issue reflect the frequent pattern of mothers and daughters; sisters, siblings, and spouses; and other family ties among FACS alumni, faculty, and students.

When doing the research for my talk to the Georgia Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences and Georgia Association of Family and Consumer Sciences joint meeting last fall, I discovered that such family ties go back to the origins of Home Economics. W.O. Atwater, widely known as the “father of nutrition” because of his pioneering research and his administrative role as the first director of the Office of Experiment Stations in the United States Department of Agriculture from 1888 to 1891, was also the father of Helen Woodard Atwater. Helen Atwater used her strong writing and editorial skills to help her father disseminate his research in publications for the general public. She became the first full-time editor of the *Journal of Home Economics*, and fostered the growth of Home Economics in the second and third decades of the 1900s. Since its beginning at the University of Georgia in 1918, Family and Consumer Sciences has made a difference in the lives of students who studied here and in the well-being of audiences served by our research and Extension/outreach programs. Memories link us to our heritage. Our mission focuses us on what is yet to be done.

Included in this issue of FACS Magazine is the Honor Roll of Donors recognizing those who made monetary contributions to the College during the past fiscal year. More than ever, the FACS margin of excellence depends on private investments. Thank you for your tremendous support of our College through the years.

Sharon Y. Nickols

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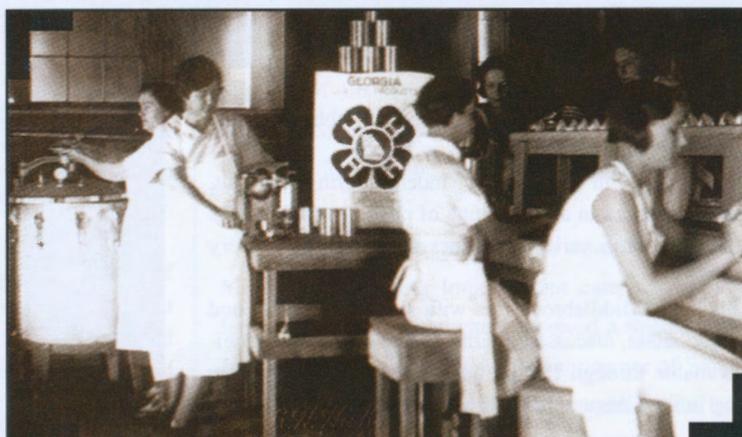
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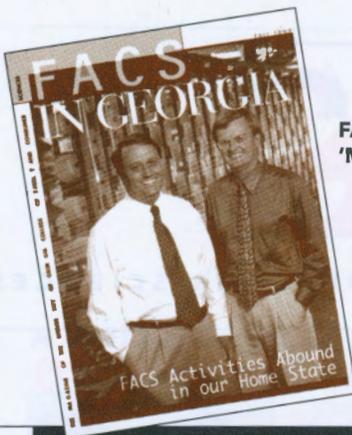
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Awards for FACS ... Welcome Tom Rodgers & Davi

Perkins Named Georgia Power Prof

Warren Perkins, who has received the highest awards offered by the American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists, has been named to the first Georgia Power Professorship in Textile Sciences.

"I sincerely thank Georgia Power for its support of my research which helps sustain the continued viability of this industry that is important to the economic well-being of so many communities and citizens in Georgia," said Perkins, professor of textile sciences in the textiles, merchandising and interiors department of the College of Family and Consumer Sciences.

"Professor Warren Perkins is ideal as the first Georgia Power Professor because his research is responsive to the problems of the textile industry in Georgia, especially as it relates to preserving environmental quality," said Dean Sharon Y. Nickols. "Such a partnership between industry and academia is needed to maintain the eco-

nomie strength of the textile industry in Georgia and assure the environmental and economic integrity of communities where people raise their families."

Prior to joining the TMI department in 1995, Perkins spent 26 years on the faculty

"Professor Warren Perkins is ideal as the first Georgia Power Professor because his research is responsive to the problems of the textile industry in Georgia..."

of Auburn University. He also has extensive experience with both the primary textile industry and with companies that provide supplies to the textile industry, having worked with Ciba Chemical and Dye Co., United Merchants and Manufacturers, Clinton Mills, and West Point Pepperell Inc.

In 1998, Perkins received the Harold C. Chapin Award for service to the textile profession, and the Olney Medal in 1999 for achievement in textile chemistry—the two highest awards offered by AATCC. He also has served as president of AATCC.

"As the holder of the Georgia Power Professorship in Textile Sciences, Professor Perkins will build on research efforts focusing on improvement of energy utilization and environmental friendliness in the manufacture of textile products," according to Ian Hardin, TMI department head. ■

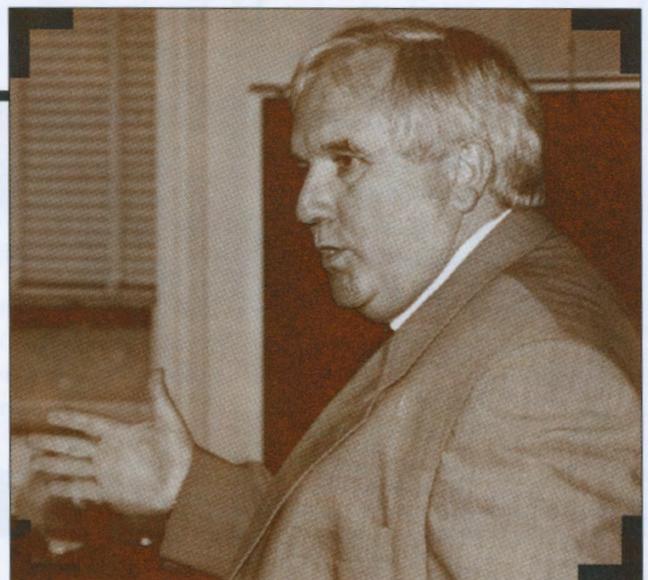
Publix Visiting Practitioner

Sam Middlebrook, director of merchandising for Publix, was the first Publix Visiting Practitioner for two days in March.

Middlebrook met with faculty and students during his visit, drawing on his experiences in a wide range of positions at Publix to help educate students on a variety of issues regarding the grocery industry.

Among his talks, Middlebrook met with students in the "Food and the Consumer" class, discussed internship and career opportunities that are available through Publix, and gave a guest lecture on "Merchandising in the Consumer Foods Market." ■

Sam Middlebrook



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David Wright ... A Power Prof and a Visiting Practitioner...

New Faces

■ **Dr. Tom Rodgers**, who has served as associate vice president for public service and outreach at the University of Georgia since 1994, joined FACS as associate dean for outreach and extension beginning July 1.

"Dr. Rodgers' decision to join FACS is a great move for our college," Dean Sharon Y. Nickols said. "His nearly 30 years of experience in a variety of positions with the UGA Cooperative Extension Service is invaluable to our efforts to expand and enhance our outreach efforts throughout the state."

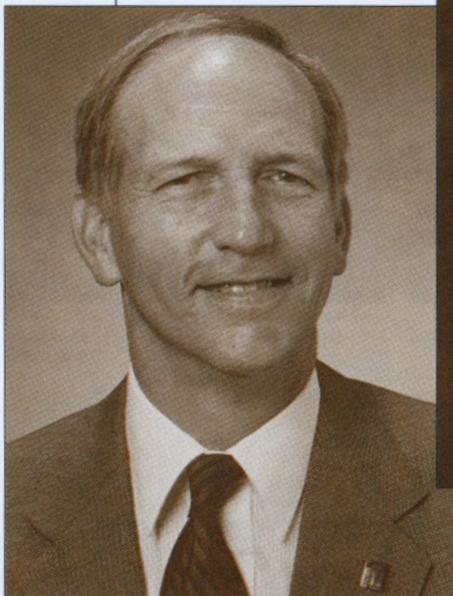
Rodgers succeeds Dr. Chris Todd, associate dean for outreach and extension since 1996, who is joining the faculty in the child and family development department. Rodgers' experience with the Extension Service includes three years as assistant director for county operations, 15 years as assistant director for 4-H and youth, and four years as district agent for community and rural development.

"There is nothing more important to Georgia's future than the health and development of its families and youth," Rodgers said of his new appointment. "I am delighted to have the opportunity to work in a college that makes a difference in the lives of our state's families and consumers."

■ **Dr. David Wesley Wright** has been named head of the Child and Family Development Department.

Wright comes to FACS from Florida State University where he served as chair of the Department of Family and Child Sciences in the College of Human Sciences, but he has ties to the University of Georgia stretching back a number of years. He originally moved to Athens in 1981 to pursue his doctorate in Child and Family Development. While here he worked with the UGA Survey Research Center and on research projects directed by Sharon Price, Karen Wampler and Dennis Orthner.

Wright received his doctorate in 1985 and joined the faculty of what now is the School of Family Studies and Human Services at Kansas State University. There, he trained master's and doctoral level marriage and family therapists until 1998 when he joined FSU.



Tom Rodgers (left) and David Wright.

"The years I spent at the University of Georgia completely changed my life, setting me on a career path I never had imagined," Wright says. "Since it always has held such a special place in my heart, it is an honor to return as head of the Department of Child and Family Development." ■

Award Winners

FACS won two awards at the Council for Advancement and Support of Education District III contest this year. District III includes colleges and universities in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia.

FACS Magazine received an Award of Excellence in the Magazine Publishing Improvement category, while the "Knowledge for Real Life" brochure received a Special Merit Award for Improvement in Design. Gary Smith, owner of Smith Advertising in North Carolina donated the design work for the brochure. ■



Dr. Andress and the science of preserving. Canning centers such as the one pictured above (inset) played an essential role in helping rural Georgians survive the Great Depression and the food shortages of World War II. Established by home demonstration agents in counties across the state, young women learned the requirements of a good diet and how to safely preserve fruits and vegetables for their families.

CanDo

It would be easy to dismiss the importance of food preservation research. After all, mothers and grandmothers canned produce from their gardens with few ill effects.

But what happens when you decide to make salsa for Christmas gifts and you follow the processing time your mom used in canning tomatoes?

Your salsa could be a recipe for disaster, according to Dr. Elizabeth Andress, associate professor of foods and nutrition who has an appointment with the Cooperative Extension Service.

"People tend to think of canning and preserving as a home-art project," Andress said, "Too many people don't think of the risks that are involved when you're processing food."

Those risks include botulism poisoning, which can lead to severe illness and even death, Andress said.

"During the 1970s, salsas suddenly became very popular with home-canners," she said. "But, because there are several ingredients in salsas in addition to tomatoes, a salsa recipe may have a much lower acidity level and need to be processed longer than what's called for in canning tomatoes."

For the past year, Andress has spent nearly a third of her time testing and refining home-processing recipes as part of a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. She and several colleagues currently are seeking funding to continue a National Center for Home Food Processing and Preservation at the University of Georgia that would serve as a national resource on this issue.

According to a national survey by a consumer products company conducted in 1996, nearly 30 percent of U.S. households have canned foods within the past two years, and close to 50 percent of those can more than once a year.

And, 1999 saw a huge increase in the number of people canning and preserving foods for the first time in preparation for any negative effects from Y2K.

"Georgia has been giving leadership to developing new

If you think
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**Dr. Elizabeth
Andress**
bring you
up to date.

products, as well as developing new guidelines for processing foods safely and updating the guidelines for freezing foods," Andress said. "For example, the USDA freezing guide hasn't been updated since the 1950s. There's no information on the freezing of tropical fruits and vegetables, and there are many home processors who want and need this information."

While Andress' work primarily focuses on fruits and vegetables, her colleague, Dr. Judy Harrison has developed new and better ways of preserving meat, such as enhanced recipes for jerky.

Much of the work by Andress, Harrison and their colleagues eventually will appear in the *USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning*, as well as, *So Easy To Preserve*, a 250-plus page recipe book that contains nearly everything a person needs to know to pickle, freeze and preserve foods safely.

So Easy To Preserve, which is updated about every five years, is so thorough that Extension Services in more than 30 states buy copies and many use it as their primary reference book on the subject.

Andress' expertise in the area of home preservation has been recognized by her colleagues. This year she was awarded the D.W. Brooks Award for Faculty Excellence in Extension and the Mid-Career Service Award from Epsilon Sigma Phi, an honor society for Extension Service personnel.

While Andress has concentrated much of her time on home preserving and freezing, she is also involved in several other issues centering on food safety.

One of those duties is coordinating the ServSafe Program, a two-tiered program that provides certification training for food-service managers as well as briefer courses for food-service workers.

"Primarily, we train FACS county agents in this program and then they become certified to teach others," Andress explained. "Our training programs emphasize

small food-service institutions, such as small restaurants and people who run personal-care homes and day-care centers. This is a way of ensuring these small businesses can get the training they need without a large expense.”

Andress also writes fact sheets for FACS county agents and the general public whenever new state or federal regulations focusing on food are issued.

“For example, we had a rash of calls when new regulations focusing on food irradiation and genetically modified foods were issued,” she said. “We try to anticipate

those calls whenever possible and have materials on hand to answer the more commonly asked questions.”

And, she takes lots of calls from citizens throughout Georgia.

“The most important calls I receive are the ones from people who are in the process of cooking or preserving food and they realize they’ve done something wrong,” she said. “Sometimes these are calls from individuals, sometimes they’re calls from people in an institutional setting. It’s good to know I can help them make wise decisions that prevent illness.” ■

Head of the House

Jean Morton Head remembers ‘Home Management’

It’s been 48 years since Jean Morton Head lived in the two-story building that was known as Home Management House B.

Head was only 19 years old when she moved into the house in the spring of her senior year and joined five other young women in what they viewed as the climax course of their college education.

“Oh, we didn’t mind living in the house, because it was what everyone did their last quarter of college,” she recalled. “There were some tasks I’d like to forget, like ironing those linen napkins, but there were a lot of things I learned that have stayed with me.”

Head still remembers three of the students she lived with—Nancy Jackson Wilson of Ringgold, Shirley Tharpe of Vienna and Gail Croom of South Georgia—although the names of her other two housemates have escaped her. She also remembers Matilda Calloway, the “house mom” who was responsible for ensuring that the young women learned all the tasks associated with running a house.

“We would plan our meals and Miss Calloway would come through and say, ‘Let’s have parsley sandwiches for lunch.’ So you’d have to re-arrange things to have parsley sandwiches,” Head said.

During their stay in the home management house, each student was responsible for a particular task for a week—housekeeping, cooking, shopping, baking and laundry were among their duties. Meanwhile, the students also were expected to maintain the rest



The way we were: washing the dishes at “Home Management House B”

of their academic courseload, which in Head's case included a teaching seminar, bacteriology, physics and a home management lecture course.

While Head readily agrees that even in 1952, some of the tasks in the home management house weren't terribly practical—"I think learning to make popovers and soufflés was a waste of time"—she learned a number of lessons that have held her in good stead through the years.

"Learning to manage household accounts and to prepare menus that are flexible enough to accommodate an extra guest or two is something we all need to know," she said.

"I grew up in the country, I was sort of sheltered," she continued. "The women I admired were the home demonstration agents and the home economists with the Farm Bureau and the electric cooperatives who came to our house and helped us bring our standard of living up. I wanted to be like them."

And, in fact, Head did become like them. Following graduation — and still only 19 years old — she was hired by the Georgia Power Co. and spent close to a decade in customer service.

"I did a little bit of everything," Head said. "If someone bought a new range, I'd go to their home and show them the proper way to use it. If the plug on an iron was broken, I'd fix it. If a customer thought her bill was too high, I'd go to her home and talk with her about it."

Head also led cooking schools and learned how to draw kitchen schematics for families building new homes. She knew the ins and outs of washers, dryers, freezers, refrigerators and oven ranges, besides always having spare fuses, light bulbs and lampshades in her car in the event that an electrical circuit became overloaded.

While her education at the University of Georgia didn't teach Head how to replace fuses— she learned lighting and wiring skills after joining Georgia Power—living in the home management house did give the young graduate the skills she needed to go confidently into customers' homes and teach them about their new appliances.

Today, Head lives with her husband George in Milledgeville. She's involved in the Learning in Retirement program sponsored by Georgia College and, perhaps most importantly, is working with the Baldwin County School System to return family and consumer science classes to the high school.

"I think there's a new realization that many of the skills that were viewed as old-fashioned, like being able to handle your household accounts and making nutritious meals at home, are necessary," she said. "And being able to set a pretty table is a nice thing to know, too." ■

Living-in-the-House Tradition Fades

Home management residence courses—"living in the house"—were a tradition for senior home economics majors for several generations.

According to Dr. Brenda Cude, head of the FACS housing and consumer economics department, these courses were intended to give students the opportunity to tie together what they had learned from other courses in their major while increasing students' knowledge of the management process.

While the idea was a good one, by the late 1970s and early 1980s, many students resisted the idea of spending a quarter living in a home management house.

"The personal lives of students today are radically different from those of earlier generations," Cude said. "Today, many of



Jean Head spent the spring of her senior year in Home Management House B.

our students are balancing work and school—and sometimes, work, school and family. Many students take advantage of leadership or athletic opportunities that increase the challenges of managing their time and resources. Also, students today are more likely to be living in a group setting with at least some shared resources, rather than living in a residence hall."

Today, courses in housing and consumer economics (as well as courses in other departments in the college) still attempt to increase student awareness of decision making, goals, values, standards and management of resources, Cude said. In addition to learning the concepts in a classroom setting, students apply those concepts through group projects, volunteer activities, and other opportunities. ■

CashCourse

Associate Professor Joan Koonce helps people make the right decisions with their money.

The young women who lived in home management houses didn't learn about refund anticipation loans and check-cashing businesses, but a housing and consumer economics professor whose office is located in a former bedroom of Home Management House B is exploring why those least able to afford the added expense are willing to give away money in order to have cash in their hands more quickly.

"A local chicken processing plant has made arrangements for employees to cash their checks for free at a nearby bank," according to Joan Koonce, an associate professor. "But every Friday, there's a long line of folks at a check-cashing van that sets up shop at the gate of the plant. The question is why will these employees give away 1½ to 2 percent of their paycheck in order to have that cash a little more quickly rather than going to the bank?"

Koonce believes part of the answer lies in a desire for immediate gratification.

"From what we've gathered in our research, many of these people do understand they're paying a high cost for these services, but to them there are other benefits that outweigh the cost. Look at rapid refund services. You pay a portion of your income tax refund in order to receive the rest of it immediately. To some people who are receiving \$2,000-\$3,000 from the Earned Income Tax Credit, paying that fee and getting that money is a bigger benefit than

waiting to receive all of their money several weeks later."

Koonce finds that those who are willing to pay such fees tend to be very "present-oriented," they want to get their money and spend it quickly, rather than saving it. And, while Koonce is concentrating her research on those with less money, she believes the issue doesn't have to do with poverty so much as it does with education.

"I grew up very poor, but my mother taught me strong money management skills," she said. "I know of people who earn a good income, but they're still living from paycheck to paycheck. The difference is that they have additional resources when money gets really tight — they can increase the level of their charge card or take another loan on their home. Those with fewer resources find themselves pawning their stereos to pay their rent."

Koonce and her colleague Roger Swagler are currently studying "alternative financial services," examining the ways those with the fewest resources handle their finances, such as buying furniture from rent-to-own businesses and getting cash loans from pawn shops or car title loan shops, which will provide cash in exchange for the title to the customer's car. Customers generally pay annual percentage rates of more than 300 percent on these loans and, if they're unable to make the payments, risk losing their car to the lender.

Koonce and Swagler also are interested in exploring why some people with access to credit unions will choose to use alternative



Joan Koonce and signs of "immediate gratification."



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—Ivy Hubler, BSFCS, Dietetics, 1999...in appreciation of the opportunity to participate in the FACS Legislative Aide Program

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—Virginia Robinson, Ph.D. student in Child and Family Development

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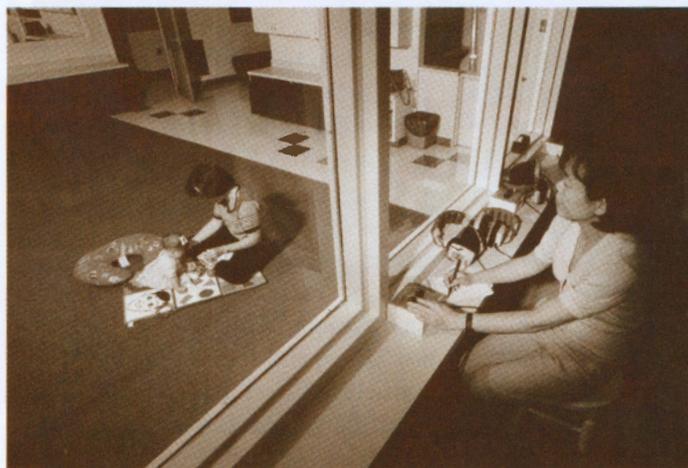
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“Both Julia and I are non-American born. I was

raised in Taiwan and Julia is from Puerto Rico," Hsu explained. "What we found in visiting with each other is how differently we've been socialized in how we understand and interpret emotions."

For example, Hsu said she tends to be more reserved in her expressions, such as when is it appropriate to smile, while Atilas is more expressive.

"We are comparing children from Latino, African-American and European-American backgrounds who are four to five years old in terms of how they express and understand emotions," Hsu said. "We assume parenting plays a role in this area, but we want to determine the cultural norms and the differences that occur within the cultures."

Hsu also is working on a project that focuses on how relationships develop between mothers and their babies.

"It's very important to find the origins of mother-infant relationships," Hsu said. "In the past, there's been a

tendency to think the relationship was either defined by the baby's temperament or by the mother's sensitivity and responsiveness to the baby. My view is it's an interaction of the two that is quite intricate and complex."

In an effort to explore this relationship, Hsu is developing a research project that will follow mothers and babies over several years, focusing specifically on how the mothers and their young children play together.

"We have a room at the McPhaul Center that is equipped with a remote-controlled camera and observation area, so we'll be able to have mothers and their babies come here and be able to watch and tape their interactions," Hsu explained.

The goal of both of these projects is not to provide parents with step-by-step lessons on how to rear their children, Hsu emphasized. Rather, it is to explore one of the most fundamental outlets for human communication—emotions. ■

History's Closet

Costume collection provides a textile portrait of Georgia's past.

Patti Hunt-Hurst can't remember a time when she wasn't fascinated by clothing and history.

"When I was 10 or 11, I kept a fashion notebook," the associate professor of textiles, merchandising and interiors recalled. "I'd cut pictures of clothing out of magazines and write comments about them."

That early hobby has grown into a career for Hunt-Hurst who now oversees the college's historic costume collection, located in a single room next to her office.

"I wish we had more room," Hunt-Hurst said as she shows guests into the 750-square-foot room that houses the 2,000 individual articles of clothing—ranging from a 1890s bodice that proves the Wonder Bra is not a new idea to a dress designed by Claire McCardell, a mid-20th century designer who created the "blueprint for American sportswear," according to Hunt-Hurst.

While most of the items are women's clothing, there are about 150 children's items and 75 examples of men's

clothing. There are also copies of fashion magazines—*Vogue*, *Harper's*, *Godeu's* and others that date from as early as the 19th century to as recently as last year.

Currently, the clothing is primarily stored in cabinets, which can be closed to prevent further deterioration of the oldest items. Clothing from more recent decades hangs on open racks. Other items, such as quilts and delicate beaded dresses from the 1920s are stored in acid-free boxes.

"I wish we could put more of our most delicate items in these boxes, but they cost about \$40 apiece and we just don't have the budget to buy as many as we need," Hunt-Hurst explained.

The costume collection began with the anniversary of FACS in the 1940s when a request went out to students, alumni and faculty to contribute historical clothing.

"We've received wonderful things," Hunt-Hurst said. "We concentrate on clothing from Georgia, but we have a few ethnic pieces of particular interest, such as a pair of

Alaskan mukluks and a spindle, yarn and hat from Peru.”

Hunt-Hurst’s own involvement in the collection dates back to 1981, when she began work on her master’s degree in historical design.

“I had been working as an admissions counselor at Young Harris College and would help design costumes for the theater department in my spare time. The theater director told me I should get my master’s. I thought about getting it in theater, but realized my real love was true historical research.”

Hunt-Hurst returned to FACS, where she had earned her undergraduate degree in home economics education (although she took every sewing class that was offered) and studied under Lucy Sibley, who had overseen the organization of the collection.

“My master’s thesis focused on three 19th century brown silk dresses that were all from one family,” Hunt-Hurst said. “With them, there was a marriage certificate dated 1864 and two notecards. One said, ‘Mama’s wedding dress—1840s.’ I researched the use of brown for wedding dresses and completed an extensive study of 19th century construction techniques and fabric design and determined which dress was worn when.”

After completing her master’s, Hunt-Hurst followed her mentor, Dr. Sibley, to Ohio State and for her doctorate studied the dress of African-American women from 1865-1914.

During her research, Hunt-Hurst gathered copies of 150 photos from places such as Spelman College and the Georgia archives in Atlanta, along with a few writings by white Southern women that provided information about the clothing of African-American women after the Civil War.

After a year at Oregon State University, Hunt-Hurst accepted a faculty position in FACS in 1989 and assumed guardianship of the costume collection.

In addition to using items from the collection for historic costume classes, they’re also viewed by theater students looking for ideas for costumes. Items also are loaned to various museums, including the Georgia Museum of Art located on the University of Georgia campus.

During the course of an interview, Hunt-Hurst repeatedly emphasizes that she has little room for new contributions to the collection.

“We don’t need any more christening gowns or white petticoats,” she says, “They’re beautiful, but we already have several excellent examples.”

However, she is just as emphatic about the importance of the collection and the need for unique items that will further enhance the collection’s breadth.

“We are saving a part of Georgia’s history,” she said. “In



Not just ‘old hat’: Patti Hunt-Hurst amid FACS’ growing collection of historic costumes.

our collection from the 1960s and early ‘70s, we have items ranging from conservative short dresses to blue jeans with holes in them. What people wore is a part of history. It gives us a picture of what the conditions of the time were economically, politically, culturally and religiously.” ■

FACS Family Affair

Families have always played a key role in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences. While we have many mothers and daughters who have graduated from FACS, we also have spouses who serve on the faculty and the children of faculty members who have graduated from the college. This will be an ongoing feature, so if you have a FACS family connection, please send it to us with a photo.

Double Margarets

Margaret Ruth “Meg” Cook and **Margaret Proctor Dodd** share more than their first names. As of May 13, 2000, they also share the honor of



being FACS alumnae. Mrs. Dodd graduated from what was then known as the College of Home Economics in 1936, and made a point of being on hand when her granddaughter received her degree in furnishings and interiors this spring.

Three Generations

Virginia Thomas Hart and her sister, **Julie Thomas Cook**, fall in the middle of three generations of FACS grads. Their aunt, the late Mary Thomas Wells, was a 1936 honor graduate in home economics. Virginia (pictured on right) received her bachelor's of science degree in home economics in 1970 and in 1985 received her education specialist's degree in home economics education. She currently serves as Albany Area Director of the FACS Alumni



Association. Julie earned her BSHE in 1978 and later earned a master's in housing/home management and consumer economics. Virginia's daughter, **Mary Beth Hart-Watson** (pictured on left), earned a bachelor's degree in family and consumer sciences education in 1996 and serves as chair of the FACS Alumni Association's Young Alumni Organization.



Mothers & Daughters

As a college student, **Gail Darby Thompson**, who earned a BSHE in 1972 and her master's in home economics education in 1979, worked



with Dorothea Edwards in the student services office. Daughter **Darby** (shown above with Dean Nickols and Gail) followed in mom's footsteps in more than one way. Not only is she a FACS graduate, having earned her BSFCS in FACS education this June,



but she also worked with the Office of Student Services and Alumni Affairs. Likewise, **Linda Brogdon Lewis** (right) and her daughter, **Amy Lynn Lewis**, also have made FACS degrees a mother-daughter affair. Linda received her BSHE in 1971, followed by a master's in education in 1973, while Amy is a current nutrition science major. They're pictured in front of the UGA “arch”—or at least a facsimile of it—during the college's area meeting of the alumni association in Hawkinsville.

Gena Paulk Tyler

perched on her mom's knee in this early photo, but she grew up to follow in her mother's footsteps. **Gail**



McCormick Paulk earned her BSHE degree in 1958 and has been a long-time FACS teacher at Effingham County High School (she was named the Georgia Vocational Association's Teacher of the Year in 1997). Gena earned her BSHE in 1986 and a master's degree in home economics education a year later. She currently serves as President of the FACS Alumni Association.



Betty Sewell Ragland, BSHE '59, has been a long-time supporter of FACS, serving as Vice President of the FACS Alumni Association as

well as Macon Area Director. She also was supportive by encouraging daughter **Kay Ragland Groover** to earn her BSFCS in furnishings and interiors in 1995.



Mom **Connie Norwood**, a secretary in the Department of Foods and Nutrition, has been able to keep a close eye on daughter **Holly**, a senior dietetics major.



Mom **Diane Wood** was able to keep track of daughter **Becky's** progress while in FACS. Diane is a degree



program specialist in the Office of Student Services. Becky earned her BSFCS in 2000.



Anne Sweaney is a professor in the Department of Housing and Consumer Economics, while **Heather** is a recent graduate of the same department with a degree in consumer journalism.

Sisters, Sisters

Sue, Bonnie and Kathy Stephens all earned FACS degrees. Sue Stephens (left) earned her BSHE in



1972. Bonnie Stephens Peterson (center) earned her BSHE in 1979. And, Kathy Stephens Palmer earned her BSHE in 1976 and went on to earn a law degree from UGA in 1979. Kathy was the 1999 recipient of the Emily Quinn Pou Professional Achievement Award.

Husband-Wife

When TMI Professor **Nolan Eppers** isn't teaching or conducting research



he can be found cruising on his new Harley, frequently with TMI Lecturer **Betty** along for the ride. Of course they wear helmets when on the road.

Great-Grands

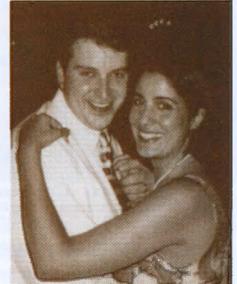
The late **Elizabeth Hatcher** set an example for her great-granddaughters back in 1921 when she received her bachelor's degree in home economics.



Seventy-three years later, great-granddaughter **Amy Thompson Beckham** received her bachelor's degree in furnishings and interiors. Sister **Lee Anna Thompson** also earned a FACS degree. She majored in fashion merchandising and graduated in 1997.

Close Together

TMI Lecturer **Thea Ellenberg** has been with FACS for several years, while husband **Mark** only recently joined the college as director of computer services.



Long-Term Legacy

Throughout her life, **Leolene Chapman Montgomery** (BSHE '32) maintained a close connection to her alma mater. Her three daughters, (L-R) **Betty Lane M. Yates** (BSHE '60), **Anne M. Haltiwanger** (BSHE '67, MS in Child and Family Development '69), and **Leolene M. Tate** (MSHE '70), all followed in her footsteps. In addition, they and their father, **George Montgomery**, chose to honor Mrs. Montgomery following her death by establishing a schol-



arship in her name. Mrs. Montgomery is featured on the FACS Honor Hall of Recognition, which hangs in Dawson Hall. ■

F A C S F A C T S

Alumni

1950s

Rose Baugh Bacon (BSHE '57), hosted a morning coffee for Milledgeville area Family and Consumer Sciences alumni in February. Co-hosts were **Frances Torrance** (MHE '55) and **Jean Morton Head** (BSHE '52).

1960s

B. Jean Cogburn (BSFCS '60, Clothing and Textiles) continues to work part-time as a grants specialist with the UGA Cooperative Extension Service. She lives in Marietta.

Mildred Huff Coleman (BSHE '65, Home Economics and Journalism) served as the tour lecturer for the American Orient Express train trip that began in New Orleans and included stops in St. Augustine, Fla., Savannah, Ga., Charleston, S.C., Monticello, Ga., Richmond, Va., and Washington, D.C.

Katrina Pittman Graham (BSHE '69, General Home Economics) is vice president of the Georgia Foundation for Independent

Colleges. She had previously retired from AGL Resources after 31 years.

Patricia McMillan Hammond (BSHE '60, Home Economics Education) is retired from the Cobb County Board of Education. She was a home economics teacher for 30½ years.

Ann Ellis Kuzniak (BSHE '69, Home Economics Education; MS '72, Home Economics) retired in December from the Whitfield County Cooperative Extension Service after 26 years of service.

1970s

Bridget Weaver Greene (BSHE '76, Dietetics and Institution Management) was among 28 area volunteers honored at the 11th Annual Deen Day Smith Service to Mankind Awards Banquet in May 1999. She also was named "Nurse of the Year" for 1999 by the Rural Southeast Georgia Black Nurses Association.

Bonnie Stephens Petersen (BSHE '79, Consumer Economics and Home Manage-

ment/Home Economics Education) is vice president and director with Balsler Financial Corp. in Atlanta.

1980s

Kelly McGill Dean (BSHE '89, Fashion Merchandising; MS '91, Clothing, Textiles, Furnishings and Interiors) is operations manager of Scofield Timber Co. in Atlanta.

Jennifer W. Richardson (BSHE '88, Consumer Economics and Home Management) is a health educator at the Athens Neighborhood Health Center.

David Vogel (BSHE '87, Consumer Economics and Home Management) is a senior sales representative in Dublin, Ireland, promoting electronic business in the Irish Republic and Northern Ireland.

Jennifer Wiggins (BSHE '89, Consumer Economics and Home Management) is the group tour coordinator with the Cartersville-Bartow County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

I N M E M O R I A M



MOLLY AECK
(BSHE '23)
December 19, 1999

DOROTHY BAYLOR
(MED '67)
July 16, 1999

IRA CORNELIA FOSTER
(BSHE '32)
May 16, 2000

RACHEL McLARTY HARRELL
(BSHE '35),
May 1, 2000

EVELYN HARRIS
(BSHE '38)
January 29, 2000

DOUGLAS GRIMES HARRISON
(BSHE '37)
August 7, 1999

CARDEN BELL HUBERT
(BSHE '30)
March 3, 2000

GRACE BARNARD HUGHS
(BSHE '31, MSHE '32)
February 27, 2000

FRANCIS KING
(BSHE '42, MED '58)
April 28, 2000

VIRGINIA NAN DANNER SMITH
(BSHE '59, MED '63)
March 15, 2000

NANCY DAVIS PRIMM
(BSHE '73)
April 20, 2000

FARRELL OWENS WATSON
(BSHE '44)
May 10, 1999

ROXIE GOSS WEST
(BSHE '37)
October 24, 1997

1990s

Ashlie Anderson (BSFCS '99, Child and Family Development) is the development manager for Junior Achievement in Atlanta.

Katy O'Neal Arrowood (BSFCS '94, Child and Family Development) has been named director of the YWCO Young World program. She has worked as a teacher in several child-care facilities and served as a child-care and family issues consultant on Channel 11's noonday program.

Timothy Blanco (BSFCS '99, Housing) now works for Chubb Group Insurance as a commercial underwriter trainee.

Loretta Cleveland (BSFCS '96, Housing) is a community development administrator with the Human and Economic Development Department in Athens-Clarke County.

Dawn Fowler (BSFCS '92, Fashion Merchandising) is the family and consumer sciences extension agent for Evans and Tattnall counties.

Kristi L. Franklin (BSFCS '98, Child and Family Development) is an enrollment adviser with DeVry Institute of Technology in Alpharetta. She lives in Roswell.

Kelly Suzanne Glude (BSFCS '93, Child and Family Development) is a substitute teacher in Fulton County and lives in Roswell.

Lori Hackney (BSFCS '94, Home Economics and Journalism) is the family and consumer sciences extension agent in Gordon County.

Lisa Shore Hatcher (BSFCS '92, Home Economics and Journalism) and her husband Todd Emory Hatcher are the proud parents of a son, Davis Emory Hatcher, born January 30. They live in Marietta.

Ledondria S. Hunter (BSHE '92, Hotel and Restaurant Administration) is an attorney with the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, in Atlanta.

Marcus Hunter (BSFCS '98, Consumer Economics and Housing) is a financial adviser with Olde, an H&R Block Company, in Atlanta.

Mike Kiewart (BSFCS '98, Consumer Economics) is a client representative for Spectra Precision Software, Inc., in Atlanta.

Dina Ehrenzweig Messina (MS '98, Housing and Consumer Economics) works

Alumni Award Winners

Alumni, faculty and friends of the College of Family and Consumer Sciences were recognized at the FACS Alumni Association annual meeting held March 18.

Dr. Carolyn D. Berdanier, professor emerita of the FACS foods and nutrition department, received the Creswell Award, named in honor of the late Mary Creswell, first head of the department of home economics and first dean of the School of Home Economics.

Berdanier was recognized for mentoring and motivating students during her career at the college. According to Dr. Shelly Nickols-Richardson, who nominated her for the award, Dr. Berdanier instilled "unique teaching methods, stellar research programs and service to others" in the students who worked with her.

Dr. Jan Montgomery Hathcote, associate dean for research and academic affairs, was honored with the Emily Quinn Pou Professional Achievement Award. This award, established in 1998, recognizes University of Georgia graduates who have attained substantial achievements in their professional careers.

Hathcote received her bachelor of science degree in home economics in 1974. After a career as a buyer, she returned to the university as an associate professor of textiles, merchandising and interiors. In 1992, Hathcote was named FACS Outstanding Teacher of the Year. She was appointed to the associate dean position in 1997.

Gail McCormick Paulk, a FACS teacher at North Effingham County High School, received the Outstanding Service Award, which recognizes an alumna for services to the community and to the college.

Paulk received her bachelor of science degree in home economics in 1958. In addition to teaching, Paulk is the advisor to the Family, Community, Career Leaders of America (FCCLA) Club at North Effingham County High School and is also actively involved with her church and the Guyton Historical Society.

Winky MacAllister Parker of Pine Mountain, retired extension director/coordinator for Harris County, and Betty Sewell Ragland of Macon, vice president for programs of the FACS Alumni Association, both received the Distinguished Alumni Award. This award is presented to graduates who have made lifetime contributions that sustain the beliefs and values of family and consumer sciences.

Parker received her bachelor of science degree in home economics in 1966 and her master of agricultural extension in 1979. She is a FACS Alumni Association Board Member and is involved in 4-H and church activities.

Ragland received her bachelor of science degree in home economics in 1959 and has devoted much of her life to volunteer activities in her community. In 1999, she established the Betty S. Ragland International Study Award to provide stipends to FACS students studying abroad.



(L-R) Jan Montgomery Hathcote, Betty Sewell Ragland, Gail McCormick Paulk and Winky MacAllister Parker with their awards. Not pictured are Carolyn Berdanier and Renita Jones.

for Consumer Research Services, a marketing research company, in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Kimberly Mitchell (BSFCS '97, Consumer Economics) is a manager at First Market Bank in Buford.

Gina Granato O'Brien (BSHE '90, Home Economics and Journalism) is a medical sales representative for the Searle Company in Alpharetta.

Leslie Potts (BSFCS '98, Consumer Economics) is associate sales representative for the Southern region for BellSouth Wireless Data.

David Powell (BSFCS '97, Consumer Economics) is an internet advising consultant

with Cox Communications-Auto Trader.Com.

Kelli Osborn Powell (BSFCS '96, Child and Family Development) has been named branch manager/banking officer for Oconee State Bank in Watkinsville.

Kyle Warner Shadix (BSFCS '94, Consumer Foods) is a graduate student in the nutrition and food studies department at New York University.

Kelly Stephens Smith (BSFCS '93, Housing) is in real estate sales with the Carlyle Group in Atlanta. On June 17, she married Craig Smith, a '93 College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences graduate. The couple lives in Kennesaw.

Robin Vance (BSFCS '94, Consumer

Economics) is a real estate assistant and correspondent for Roberts Properties in Roswell.

Mary Beth Hart-Watson (BSFCS '96, Home Economics Education) and her husband James are the proud parents of a daughter, Mary Grace Watson, born March 28. The family lives in Athens.



Double Reunion

These graduates of Headland High School in East Point have more than one alma mater in common. They also are all graduates of Family and Consumer Sciences. They are (L-R) Margaret Durham Renner (BSHE '65, MED '67), Betty Sewell Ragland (BSHE '59), Emily Stanfield Burch (BSHE '46, MED '72, EDS '75), and Sally Schley Stith (BSHE '65).

Jennifer White (BSFCS '98, Consumer Economics) is employed by Gagwear, a sportswear company in Norcross.

Matt White (BSFCS '97, Consumer Economics) is a mortgage loan originator with SunTrust Bank's Oconee County branch.

Dr. Maysel Kemp White (PhD '92, Child & Family Development) is with the Bayer Institute for Health Care Communication in West Haven, Conn.

Sarah Wohlleb (BSFCS '98, Fashion Merchandising) is a VeriFone representative for MarketSource in Cranbury, NJ.

Faculty/Staff

Dr. Lynda Henley Walters (Professor, Child and Family Development) has been selected to be a Senior Teaching Fellow at UGA for the 2000-2001 academic year. This program provides an opportunity for eight outstanding faculty members each year to focus on issues of teaching and learning. In addition to providing opportunities for professional and personal renewal, the program also provides funds for an instructional project.

Dr. Don Bower (Associate Professor, Child and Family Development, and Extension Specialist) received a Leader Award from the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences at the annual meeting in June. This recognition is given to individuals who have provided scholarly leadership for programs in FACS, service to the profession, and who are highly respected by their peers.

Dr. Esther Maddux (Professor, Housing and Consumer Economics, and Extension Specialist) retired from the University of Georgia on April 1. She has accepted a position as a retirement planning specialist with VALIC, serving clients in the Athens-Clarke County area.

Dr. Nina Marable (Instructor, Foods and Nutrition) has been selected as the Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher of the Year. Dr. Marable teaches courses in food systems management. She incorporates technology and experiential learning in her courses.

Dr. Anne Sweaney (Professor, Housing and Consumer Economics) has been selected as the Family and Consumer Sciences Advisor of the Year.

Dr. Joan Koonce (Associate Professor, Housing and Consumer Economics) has been selected as the Gamma Sigma Delta Distinguished Teacher for 2000. This honor is given to outstanding teachers who are dedicated to helping students achieve their best.

Sharon J. Price (Professor, Child and Family Development) was one of seven selected for Fellow status within the National Council on Family Relations at the annual meeting in Irvine, Calif. Dr. Price retired from the college at the end of spring semester.

Thea Ellenberg (Lecturer, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors) has opened a design consultation business in Watkinsville. "Design Inspirations" provides all ranges of consultations, from a single room to an entire house. Ellenberg is a member of the American Society for Interior Designers.

Susan Brooks (Office Manager, Housing and Consumer Economics) has received the Nettie Marie Nickols Outstanding Staff Performance Award in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences. The newly established annual award recognizes support staff for high performance, personal support of others to achieve departmental and college goals, loyalty to the college, and community involvement.

Students

Deborah Joy Clegg, (Ph.D. student, Foods and Nutrition) was one of 30 new UGA inductees into Blue Key National Honor Society.

Robyn Baxter (BSFCS '00, Consumer Journalism and Child and Family Development; master's student, Family and Consumer Sciences Education) has been awarded the Aleene A. Cross Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship was established in 1994 in memory of Dr. Cross, who was head of the Department of Home Economics Education from 1959-1988.



Fellowship Recipients

Six FACS students received fellowships from the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences for the upcoming year. They are (L-R) Jane Defenbaugh, master's student in Housing and Consumer Economics; Megan Murphy, Ph.D. student in Child and Family Development; Lisa Belliston, Ph.D. student in CFD; Dione Stephens, Ph.D. student in CFD; Virginia Robinson, Ph.D. student in CFD; and Margaret Kabahenda, master's student in Foods and Nutrition.

Scholarship Winner

Annette Burnsed (R) was the first recipient of the Claudia Stowers Noell International Study Award, presented at the annual FACS Alumni Association meeting in March. The award is named in honor of Claudia Stowers Noell (L), a 1964 graduate, former Clarke County Extension agent, and 1999-2000 president of the alumni association. Funding was contributed by friends and family, including her husband John. Annette, a master's student in textiles, merchandising and interiors, used the award to help fund her study in Oaxaca, Mexico.



Moving?

If you're moving, let us know! You may email your new address to Ruhanna Neal, Director of Alumni Relations, at rneal@fcs.uga.edu. Our "snail mail" address is Ruhanna Neal, Director of Alumni Relations, College of Family and Consumer Sciences, Dawson Hall, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602-3622.

Good-Bye

Lynn Hogan heads to FSU

On September 23, we'll have a chance to see each other at South Campus Tailgate. However, something will have changed. At South Campus Tailgate 2000, I'll be a guest. That's right, I won't have spent Friday setting up tables and I won't have to worry about the caterer arriving on time. This year, I get all the enjoyment with none of the work.

I assumed the position of Associate Dean for Academic and Student Services for the School of Theatre at Florida State University on July 3. (Never fear, my blood will always run red and black.) Making the decision to leave the College of Family and Consumer Sciences did not come easily, but this new position offers some wonderful challenges and a chance to work more closely with faculty and students.

When I came to FACS in August of 1993, my plans were to be here for about 5 years and then move on to the next position. Well, it's been nearly seven years and as I told the Dean, "We've had a good run!" I've learned a lot, had some wonderful experiences and most importantly made some outstanding friends.

As I leave UGA (for now), I have to say thank you to the faculty, staff and students in FACS for their support over the years. I also have to say a very special thank you to the alumni for making the program grow. In particular, I want to thank the presidents, officers and boards of directors with whom I have had the privilege to work. They are an outstanding group of people who are dedicated to both the College and the Family and Consumer Sciences Alumni Association. You are in excellent hands! I leave knowing that Ruhanna Neal will be a great asset to the Association.

Thank you for seven wonderful years and I wish you the best in the future. ■



Hello

Ruhanna Neal takes charge of Alumni Relations

I'm a creature of habit. Somewhat. I've lived in the same house forever, I enjoy the same vacation spot every year, I eat the same thing for breakfast every morning, my closet is even pretty much monochromatic. There is some comfort in things staying the same. But, I understand that change is part of life and I don't necessarily fight change when it happens. Change is good. It keeps me from becoming too rusty in my routine. And, it's a good thing that I'm not cemented into my life's style, because change has moved into all that I am this summer, turning what was once me into someone different in many ways.

I reached a milestone birthday early in May. That wasn't too bad. My daughters surrounded me with friends and family to help welcome a new decade to my life. Late in May, I watched my younger daughter walk down the aisle and add a new last name to what was, formerly, a perfectly good name all by itself. That wasn't too bad. And, as of July, I became a grandmother. Talk about change! A grandchild might help make this restructuring of the old me a little more pleasant. (I didn't say "old," did I?)

Now the biggest change to my life, as I've known it for some time, has happened. I once stepped into the offices at 210 Dawson Hall as a FACS student. Now I walk through these doors each morning as the new Director of Alumni Relations.

Having directed the alumni office at the Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication for the past six years, I'm not new to keeping graduates connected to UGA. I loved every minute of working with Grady Grads and Dean Tom Russell. But when I had the opportunity to "come home" to work with Dean Nickols and for a program in which I believe so strongly, I knew immediately it was time for a "change."

There is much to do and many of you to meet. I'm looking forward to working with the faculty and staff, and with the many alumni whose continued interest and support of the college make the difference between a FACS education being just a good one, and it being a great one! Now, that is something that won't change! ■



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