

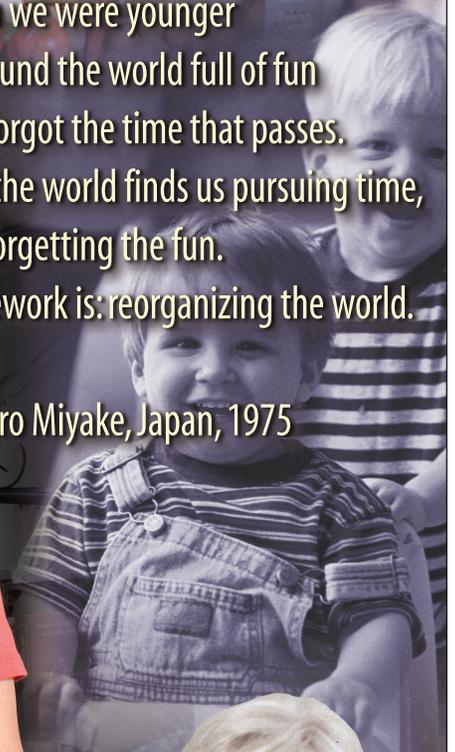
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And forgot the time that passes.  
Now the world finds us pursuing time,  
and forgetting the fun.  
Homework is: reorganizing the world.

-Arihiro Miyake, Japan, 1975



# Reorganizing the World

As president of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, I was a delegate to the International Federation for Home Economics council meeting in Helsinki, Finland in July. I also presented a paper at the International Household and Family Research Conference with a colleague from Cornell University. On a free day, I visited the Museum of Art and Design in Helsinki. A poem in that display intrigued me:

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*-Arihiro Miyake, Japan, 1975*

I have spent considerable time contemplating this poem. It has multidimensional relevance for me, and I hope for you. My interpretation of the poem begins at the end:

*"Homework is: reorganizing the world."*

I replace the word "homework" with "family and consumer sciences knowledge and skills." This new statement comes very close to the mission statement of family and consumer sciences. "Reorganizing the world" means working to enhance the quality of life for individuals, families, and communities. Or as another mission statement puts it: improving the human condition.

Indeed, the practice of family and consumer sciences has enabled women and men, businesses and agencies to reorganize the world through the application of science and art to the persistent practical challenges of life.

As life becomes even more harried for most Americans, the challenge of balancing paid employment with family and personal life (i.e., unpaid home production, volunteer activities, leisure and fitness) becomes more daunting. The world finds us pursuing time, attempting to fit all our obligations and interests into the time available.

Given this condition/situation it is increasingly important that we find time to replenish our physical and spiritual well-being. The Family and Consumer Sciences Alumni Association will sponsor a retreat for alumni and friends of the College at the Old Ebenezer Retreat Center, February 7-9, 2003. Plan now to be a part of this exceptional opportunity.

This issue of the FACS Magazine contains additional features that connect to the poem. It says, "When we were younger we found the world full of fun." The rich learning environment of the McPhaul Center is fun, but play is children's avenue for discovery and in that sense is "children's work."

Our associate deans, Tom Rodgers and Jan Hathcote, guide and facilitate the College's missions of outreach and public service, teaching, and research. While making tremendous professional contributions, they pursue a variety of hobbies to help balance their lives. They have not forgotten fun either on the job or in a boat. Drs. Hathcote and Rodgers are two examples of our multi-talented, dedicated College team.

Sometimes, reorganizing the world requires us to change our view of the world. Responding to the needs of Georgia's growing Latino population for consumer education has been exciting. Providing opportunities for Family and Consumer Sciences Extension County Agents and students to learn about Mexican culture, and the strong family values and relationships at the core of that culture, has placed the College in the vanguard of international programs at UGA.

All these activities reflect the mission-oriented nature of family and consumer sciences — from our applied research to our outreach programs to our education of today's and tomorrow's professionals. Our "homework" is to reorganize the world, creating a better environment for families and individuals and enhancing their competencies to achieve well-being in that environment.

As I represent our College and the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences nationally and internationally, I am extremely proud of our excellent programs and appreciate all those donors who contribute to them. I am inspired by the work our alumni, faculty, and students are doing. It is serious business, but it is also fun and gratifying.



*Sharon Z. Riess*

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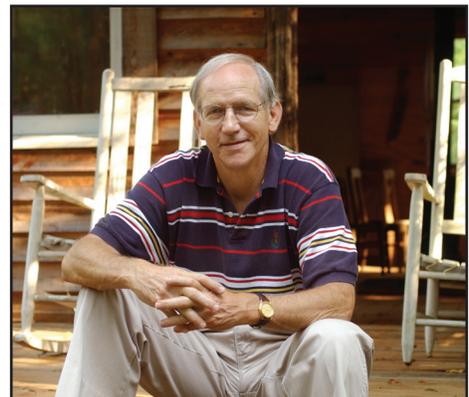
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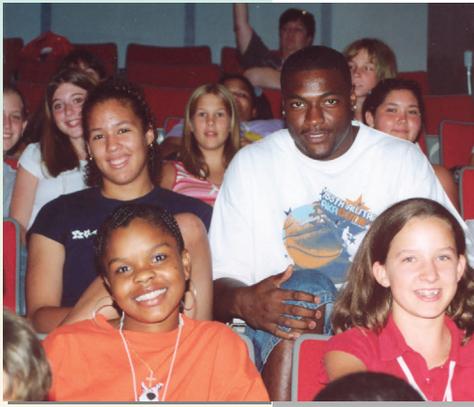
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## Summer Fun

**Christi Thomas** (Junior, Consumer Economics) and **Nick Clemons** (Senior, Child and Family Development) are surrounded by 300 4-H students during one of six weekly visits this summer by 4-H'ers from across Georgia. Christi and Nick also helped Connie Rash, Assistant Director for FACS Student Services, and graduate student Jason Rohacs during orientation sessions for new FACS students. ■



# b r e

Smart Kids Fight

## UGAFACS Dean Installed as President of American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences



**Dr. Sharon Y. Nickols**, dean of the College of Family and Consumer Sciences at the University of Georgia, was installed as president of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences during the association's annual meeting June 22-25 in Dallas, Texas.

As president, Nickols will oversee one of the oldest professional societies in the United States. Founded in 1909, AAFCS has 12,000 members including elementary, secondary, postsecondary and extension educators

and administrators; other professionals in government, business and nonprofit sectors; and students preparing for the field of family and consumer sciences.

"Since 9-11 people are increasingly recognizing that the topics family and consumer sciences researches and teaches are vital to their personal family and community well-being," Nickols said. "Our association helps keep members up to date, advocates for family-oriented public policy, and recognizes excellence in our profession."

Nickols has served as dean of FACS since 1991, when she moved to the University of Georgia from her position as director of the School of Human Resources and Family Studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She also holds the position of associate director of the Georgia Agricultural Experiment Stations and the Georgia Cooperative Extension Service.

Prior to being installed as president, Nickols served as president-elect for the past year. She served as vice president for programs from 1997-99, and during the past 20 years, she also served in a variety of other positions with AAFCS and twice has been awarded the Commemorative Lecture Award and the AHEA Leader Award from AAFCS. ■

## Educational Program Wins Award

**"Smart Kids Fight BAC!"** an educational program that uses animated video, activity books and a picture book to teach children in kindergarten through third grade basic food safety skills, has won first place in the Food Safety Award category from the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. The program also captured second place in the Educational Curriculum category.

Led by Dr. Judy Harrison, associate professor of foods and nutrition and Extension foods specialist, participating FACS Extension agents included Peggy Blesoe, Nancy Bridges, Susan Culpepper, Gloria Drawdy, Lori Howard, Dana Lynch, Joann Milam, and Debbie Purvis. Others involved in the project included Bob Molleur, Extension editor of visual communications, and Susan Conley of the USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service in Washington, D.C.

The multi-state project was funded by the Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The animated video program uses the premise of a group of school children becoming sick from picnic food. The school's drama class develops a four-act play highlighting the four key Fight BAC! (bacteria) messages — clean, separate, cook and chill — as a way of preventing future incidents of food-borne illness.

Initial results have shown that children who are taught using the program showed significant improvement in their knowledge of the food-handling concepts. The program has been distributed to Extension food safety contacts throughout the United States and U.S. territories and is available for purchase.

For more information, call Judy Harrison at 706/542-3773 or email her at [judyh@arches.uga.edu](mailto:judyh@arches.uga.edu). ■



# making news

BAC...Financial Literacy Program...Winners...Latino Conference

## New Financial Literacy Program

**Low-income Georgians** and young people in 14 middle Georgia counties will soon have access to a new consumer financial literacy program.

The program is funded by a \$290,000 grant from the Governor's Office of Consumer Affairs to the College of Family and Consumer Sciences at the University of Georgia.

"The College of Family and Consumer Sciences has a solid track record in the area of financial literacy programs," said Bill Cloud, spokesman for the governor's consumer affairs office. "The Governor's Office still believes that the informed consumer is the best protection from being wronged in the marketplace and we hope that this program will become a model so that in time we will have the best informed and educated consumers in the nation."

During the coming year, two FACS educational program specialists and five assistants will be hired to provide the educational program, according to Dr. Brenda Cude, head of the FACS Department of Housing and Consumer Sciences.

According to Michael Rupured, a consumer economics specialist with the College's Extension program, the program will have four parts.

"About 30 percent of the program will focus on adults who earn up to 200 percent of the poverty level," he says. "For a family of four, that would mean an income of about \$36,000. We plan to enroll these adults in a program for about nine months to ensure they gain a thorough understanding of both consumer issues and financial literacy issues."

Another 30 percent of the program will focus on adolescents in all of the counties.

"For young people, we hope to work with the schools and other organizations, introducing programs such as the High School Financial Planning Program and the Financial Champions program," said Patrice Dollar, a financial management specialist who focuses on programs for adolescents.

Twenty percent of the program will focus on basic taxpayer education.

"Since welfare reform, most financial assistance has shifted to the working poor in the form of tax credits," Rupured said. "However, if people fail to file or don't know how to accurately fill out the tax forms, they miss out on these benefits."

The final 20 percent of the program will include a range of opportunities for citizens in the targeted counties, including sessions for the general public on money management and fraud protection.

Counties benefiting from the program include: Bleckley, Emmanuel, Dodge, Telfair, Toombs, Johnson, Laurens, Pulaski, Wilcox, Candler, Jeff Davis, Montgomery, Treutlen, and Wheeler.

For more information on this program, call Rupured at 706/583-0054 or email him at [mrupured@arches.uga.edu](mailto:mrupured@arches.uga.edu). ■

## Winners & Honors

**Dr. Ian Hardin**, head of the Department of Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors was named an honorary professor of Donghua University in Shanghai, China during ceremonies at the university on September 14.



Hardin was recognized for his research accomplishments, international reputation and his work with Chinese universities throughout his career.

Since 1987, Hardin has been to China seven times, providing lectures at universities in Shanghai, Hangzhou, Beijing, Xian, Dalian, Suzhou.

During his most recent visit, Hardin provided a series of lectures on work conducted by himself and other TMI researchers on the use of particular enzymes in textile production that degrade in a way that has less impact on the environment as opposed to conventional organic and inorganic chemicals. He also discussed research on ways of cleaning up textile waste effluents in environmentally friendly ways. The TMI department is a leader in this area of research in the United States. ■

## FACS Reaches Out To Latinos

*"Salud! Addressing Latino Health Challenges" brought more than 300 people from across the state to the UGA campus to learn about the health needs of Georgia's*



*growing Latino population. The conference was organized by FACS. Shown prior to an evening of salsa dancing are three of the conference organizers: Dr. Rebecca Mullis, chair of the Foods and Nutrition Department; Dr. Jorge Atilas; Assistant Professor of Housing and Consumer Economics and Extension Housing Specialist; and Leslie Rodriguez (BSFCS '98, Dietetics), FDN Nutrition Educator. ■*

# Reaching Out

## FACS Agent works with Spanish and Asian Communities

By Denise Horton

*Liza Augur discusses food safety with Carlita Hernandez (L) and Martin Rodriguez.*



**On an early summer's morning**, the kitchen of Mi Pilon restaurant in DeKalb County is already busy as chef Carlita Hernandez and her helper Martin Rodriguez cook mounds of black beans and rice on the stove and check how well several chickens are roasting in a nearby oven. By lunch time *pollo guisado*, *habicuelas* and *arroz* will fill the serving trays in the front of Mi Pilon and the restaurant will fill with hungry customers.

Posing for a photo in the kitchen, DeKalb County FACS agent Liza Y. Auger uses the opportunity to provide a brief lesson in food safety to owner Josefa Esquea-Cruz and chef Carlita Hernandez. In rapid-fire Spanish accompanied by extensive hand gestures, Auger talks about the importance of using separate knives for cutting meat and vegetables and why the ice scoop should never be left in the ice bin.

Esquea-Cruz and Hernandez respond knowingly. Auger is a long-time friend and they've heard her messages many times before. But on most days, Auger isn't talking to well-educated restaurant owners, she's talking to the Spanish-speaking kitchen workers who are the backbone of many restaurants. Workers who frequently can't read and write in their native language and know little if any English.

"I use this puppet," she says, holding up a silly-looking green monster puppet covered with sticky orange dots. "Reach out and touch it," she instructs, transferring several of the dots from the puppet to the hand touching it. "I tell them that this is how germs move from something like raw meat onto your hands. Then, when you touch other things, like vegetables or utensils, the germs move around and people can become sick."

Food safety is just one of the areas Auger has emphasized during the past eight years in her work with both the Spanish and Asian communities of DeKalb County. Other programs include nutrition, child care, financial management, and indoor air quality.

"Because I am bilingual it's easier for me to work with the Hispanic population," she says. "With the Asian community it's more difficult because there are so many cultures and languages. I've been working with a group of Vietnamese women with the help of a translator from one of their organizations. It's been a wonderful experience because they trusted the translator and came to trust me. Now, when they see me they hug me."

When Auger arrived in Atlanta 27 years ago from Puerto Rico as the wife of an Eastern Airlines pilot she was a part of a small, middle-class Latino population. Auger had taught home economics for nearly a decade after earning her degree in that subject at the University of Puerto Rico, but spent her first several years in Atlanta rearing her small children.

When her children began school, Auger found a part-time position in the customer service department of Macy's and soon found her Spanish skills, her patience and her problem-solving skills in great demand.

"People would call and say, 'I need to talk with the lady with the accent,'" she recalls, laughing. The experience also

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### Those traveling to Xalapa, Veracruz, Mexico

this year included: (L-R, Back) Glenn Ames, International Public Service and Outreach; Anne Hudgins, FACS Extension Agent; Sharon Gibson, FACS Educator; Scott Daniell, College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences (CAES) Extension Agent; Jorge Atilas, FACS Assistant Professor of Housing and Consumer Economics; Reid Torrance, CAES Extension Agent; Patrice Dollar, FACS Family Financial Management Specialist; Miguel Escalona, University Veracruzana; Tom Bass – CAES Extension Program Specialist; (L-R, Sitting) Betty English, FACS Extension Agent; Laurie Cantrell, FACS Program Development Specialist; Helen Carter, FACS Extension Agent; Madeline Glover, FACS Extension Agent; and (Kneeling) Mandy Sheffield, 4-H Extension Agent. ■

## ¿Como Se Dice? Xalapa Experience goes beyond learning language

By Laurie Cantrell FACS Program Development Specialist

“Coming to America,” this phrase began dancing around in my head when I landed in the Mexico City airport and continued as I passed through Hartsfield International Airport in Atlanta on my way home from the International Cross-Cultural Professional Seminar in Mexico. The massive number of people winding their way through the immigration and customs maze was daunting.

Travelling to Mexico hadn’t had the same effect on me two weeks earlier. Perhaps it was what I had learned about the country, the people and the culture, or the experience of living and studying in Xalapa as *la extranjera* (foreigner), which opened me to this emotion. Whatever the reason, I found myself acutely aware of the confusion of where to go and what to do; the apprehension of having luggage opened and searched; and the fear of being lost in the crowd.

And I knew, first hand, how overwhelming this would be for a traveler who didn’t speak the language.

I knew very little Spanish before leaving on this trip. There were remnants of phrases learned in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade, but not enough to carry on a conversation, but I was determined to have a better command of the Spanish language when I landed on foreign soil. For three months before traveling to Xalapa, I studied diligently, listening to CD tutorials and completing exercises in the accompanying workbook.

I was prepared.

Then, I arrived in Mexico and quickly realized that my “expansive” vocabulary allowed me to speak rudimentary Spanish at best. I hadn’t lived with the language, and didn’t have a high level of comprehension. Our host family spoke very little English, so over the two weeks, we spoke to each

other in broken phrases using some English, some Spanish, and a lot of pointing. We learned to come to the dinner table with dictionary in hand. “*Como se dice?*” (How do you say?) became a well-used phrase.

Language is not the only thing we Americans take for granted.

For lower income families in Xalapa, resourcefulness is more than a desirable quality; it is a necessity of life. Nothing is thrown away until it is completely spent. There is a use for most parts of every plant and animal. Absolutely nothing goes to waste. Still, the aura of poverty is everywhere – shanties with dirt floors and unhygienic living conditions; children dressed in ragged hand-me-downs; evidence of domestic violence and poor health and dental care; children as well as adults living on the street and begging.

It is no wonder that so many Mexicans seek to travel to America for a better way of life.

Got a dream to take them there  
They’re coming to America  
Got a dream they’ve come to share  
They’re coming to America

“America,” Neil Diamond 1980  
Album: *The Jazz Singer Soundtrack*

This phrase, “Coming to America,” evokes vivid images and emotions in me, because now I understand the reason, the intensity and the drive behind the dream. ■

*Laurie Cantrell is a FACS Program Development Specialist in Tifton. She and 10 FACS colleagues participated in the International Cross-Cultural Professional Seminar. Participants spent two weeks in Xalapa, Mexico living with local families and learning about Mexican culture and language. The program is coordinated through the UGA Office of International Development, Vice President for Public Service and Outreach, with support from the College of Family and Consumer Sciences. Dr. Jorge Atilas, assistant professor of housing and consumer economics and Extension housing specialist served as a program leader.*

# Other Duties (AS ASSIGNED)

**Associate Dean's daily tasks include research, budgets, remodeling and more**

**Any mental picture** of Dr. Jan Hathcote (BSHE '74, Home Economics Education) has to include a smile. She's always smiling. Not in an insincere fashion that gets pasted on each morning, but genuinely.

But Hathcote's cheery demeanor is just one part of her



personality. She's also an organizational and analytical whiz with a strong grasp of university policies and procedures who strives to maintain a balance between the needs of students and faculty — along with juggling several other priorities — in her role as Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Research.

"I like having lots of different things to do," Hathcote says. "I love working with the budget because that takes me back to my days as a buyer when I had to decide how much to invest in different products. Every day brings a new challenge, but I've always enjoyed challenges."

When she landed her position in 1997, Hathcote was surprised.

"I thought it would be a great interview experience," she recalls. "I had just become an associate professor and I didn't think there was any way I would get the job this time, but wanted to be prepared for future opportunities."

But Dean Sharon Y. Nickols saw something in Hathcote that persuaded her she was the right person for the position.

"Jan's success in this position isn't limited to just one or two skills," Nickols says. "The whole of her strengths are greater than the individual aspects. She sees the big picture of our profession while valuing the specializations in it, which is important for a college administrator. As a supervisor, Jan is very nurturing, but she's also cognizant of policies and procedures. That's a balance that can be hard to achieve, but Jan does it very successfully."

Hathcote's position includes a range of duties. In the area of academic affairs, she oversees curriculum issues for the College, the summer school budget, appointments to the graduate faculty, and serves on the University's Curriculum Committee. Her research duties include reviewing research grants and working with faculty to iden-

**Hathcote demonstrates her fly-tying techniques.**

tify new funding possibilities for their research, as well as administering the College's undergraduate research grant program.

But it's the generic final phrase "And other duties as assigned," of her job description that frequently keeps Hathcote busiest.

The flexibility of that phrase has led to Hathcote overseeing the offices of Student Services and Computer Services, working closely with Dean Nickols on budget issues, and supervising all of the construction and remodeling efforts that go on in Dawson Hall. There are also the somewhat smaller tasks, such as making sure each classroom has the appropriate number of desks before the semester starts, helping faculty work with sometimes balky overhead projectors or video players, and developing College displays that are easily transportable.

But the endless variety is part of what Hathcote enjoys about her job.

"There are a lot of things about my position that are parallels to when I worked as a buyer," she says. "The importance of networking, overseeing a large budget, juggling multiple priorities are all things that I learned in my former career."

That former career was as a jewelry and cosmetic buyer for the Ira A. Watson Co., a small department store chain headquartered in Knoxville, Tennessee, that included 26 stores in nine states. In that position, Hathcote spent more than 50 percent of her time traveling, either to New York, Dallas or Los Angeles to buy products or to 13 stores every six weeks in small towns such as Welch, West Virginia and Glasgow, Kentucky. "These towns were too small to have an airport, so I drove," Hathcote says. "Some of the towns were too small to have a hotel, or else it was a place like the Beauty Rest which consisted of pink trailers."

Hathcote might have continued as a buyer had she not decided to take a class at the University of Tennessee in order to maintain her teaching certification.

"The Textiles, Merchandising and Design department head got to know me and told me she needed someone to teach retail math," Hathcote says. "Later, she told me she needed someone to teach retail management and buying.

"I told her I traveled too much to be able to be in town to teach a course, and I went back to work," she says. "She started calling me at work, reminding me that if I went to work for her I wouldn't have to travel so much, which was a nice idea since I had a small child. She also told me I'd be able to take classes."



**Jan Hathcote discusses remodeling plans for a FACS laboratory with UGA construction supervisor Clarke Kesler.**

Eventually, the department head wore Hathcote down and she quit her job in August 1986.

"I was really naïve," she says, laughing. "I didn't realize that what she was really talking about was me attending graduate school."

Hathcote found that unlike her brief experience as a student teacher she truly enjoyed teaching college students and, with her advisor's encouragement, began working on her doctorate in textiles, merchandising and design.

Her choice for her dissertation topic shows another aspect of Hathcote's personality – a desire to show qualitatively what she believes.

"When I was a buyer, there was a big emphasis on buying imports, with the belief that imports were less expensive," she says. "I disagreed with that idea. When it came time to choose my dissertation topic, I was able to conduct research that showed that – at least at that time – given all of the variables involved in actual price and markdowns and advertising costs, the actual profit was higher when you bought domestically."

Hathcote could spend every waking moment on College-related work, and frequently she takes work home. But, she also manages to carve out time for herself as well.

Among her hobbies are playing the piano, painting watercolors, working out, fly fishing, and tying her own flies.

Yes, you read that correctly. Among Hathcote's many talents are tying her own fly-fishing dry flies and nymphs.

"Several years ago we vacationed in Montana," she says. "We thought we were going to a ranch like in the movie 'City Slickers,' but ended up at a place that emphasized fly-fishing. We loved it. And, I was fascinated by the flies."

"Matching the hatch" is emphasized in fly-fishing. That is, the lures should match the nymphs and larvae hatching at that time. Since Athens had a limited selection of flies, Hathcote took a class and learned to tie her own.

Juggling multiple priorities could be a burden, but Hathcote says she enjoys the variety her job has to offer.

"When you see a new high-tech classroom completed or a student graduate who has struggled to finish, it's fun," she says. "I work with good people, so I have lots of resources to draw on. I just focus on bringing all the parts together." ■

# Road Warrior

**“A lot of success in outreach and economic development is being at the table...If we're going to have a role, we have got to be at the table.”**

**If it's Tuesday**, it could be Waynesboro, Smarr or Tifton on Dr. Tom Rodgers' schedule. Since joining the College of Family and Consumer Sciences as Associate Dean for Outreach and Extension in July 2000, Rodgers has put several thousands of miles on his truck traveling throughout Georgia and, on occasion, neighboring states.

“A lot of success in outreach and economic development is being at the table,” Rodgers says. “Frequently, you don't come away with anything. But the next time you may secure a contract to conduct a study. If we're going to have a role, we have got to be at the table.”

Rodgers brings more than 30 years of university-related experience to his role as associate dean. But, the big influences in his life date back much further.

“Attending the University of Georgia; learning to run our farm in Evans when I was 14 after my father died; and my experiences in 4-H all had a tremendous influence on me,” he says.

“I grew up in 4-H,” he says. “It taught me how to stand on my feet and speak, how to relate to adults, decision-making skills, the importance of a work ethic, and I formed a lot of friendships through 4-H. My first trip to UGA was with a 4-H volunteer leader for a cattle show.”

For 14 years Rodgers had the opportunity to ensure that other children throughout Georgia had the same 4-H opportunities that he enjoyed.

Beginning in 1977, after having spent five years as a community development specialist with the UGA Cooperative Extension Service, Rodgers took on the role of State 4-H Leader.

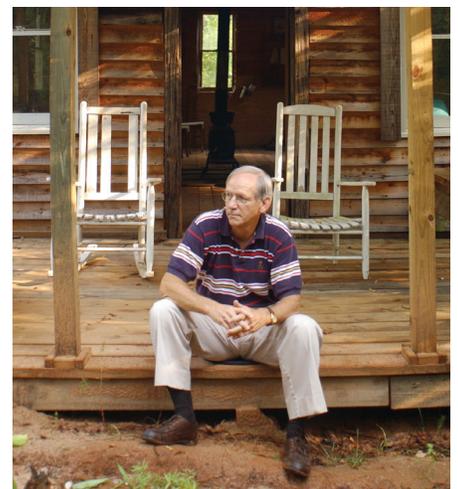
During that time, he oversaw 100 full-time employees, 100 part-time employees, and four campuses, including Rock Eagle.

Rodgers' work with 4-H was followed with stints as the Extension Service Assistant Director for County Operations and as UGA Assistant Vice President for Outreach and Public Service, both of which came with a variety of challenges.

“When I started as assistant director for county operations, we were still trying to recover from the tremendous state budget cuts that occurred in the early 1990s,” he says. “My focus was to help Extension reorganize and restructure.”

During his time as Assistant VP for Outreach and Public Service, Rodgers oversaw a far more

**Restoring this 63-year-old school-house is one of several projects that keeps Rodgers busy.**





positive event — bringing the state’s county agents onto the Public Service faculty.

Rodgers views his current position as another opportunity to make a difference in the lives of Georgians.

“When Dean Nickols called me about this position, I saw it as an opportunity to get back with Extension and work with county agents and to help them make their jobs more effective and to help find resources to expand their programs,” he says.

Rodgers is continuously advocating for local level positions to deliver FACS education to Georgia’s eight million citizens. He says at least 30 additional positions are needed. He also has identified a variety of state agencies that can benefit from the expertise of FACS researchers and educators.

“I had kept my economic development ties,” he says. “But when I started talking to economic developers about Family and Consumer Sciences many of them had no idea about the capabilities we have.”

Those capabilities have already born fruit in the form of the Workforce Housing Study, the first of its kind ever conducted in Georgia, which was conducted by the College’s Housing and Demographics Research Center and funded by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

Based on the HDRC’s findings — particularly the realization that workforce housing information was not being kept — the state DCA has expressed interest in the center conducting additional work and maintaining a database of information.

Other projects that Rodgers has helped initiate include work with the Governor’s Office of Consumer Affairs for a financial literacy program in several of Georgia’s most rural counties and ongoing collaborations with Family Connections, the Rural Council, the Georgia Municipal Association and the Association County Commissioners.

Currently, Rodgers is focusing on increasing the visibility of the College’s work in child-care research and training.

“I don’t think legislators or those with the state Department of Human Resources are aware of our impact on the state’s child-care industry,” he says. “We provide the research base and the required mandatory training for child-care agencies. If we had more resources, we could really help the child-care industry in Georgia and improve the development of young children.”

Whether it’s housing or child-care or food safety, Rodgers says his goal is to ensure that decision-makers in Georgia know how FACS professionals can help them.

“It’s like education programs from the beginning of time,” he says. “You determine their needs from talking with them. You ask, ‘What do you need?’ and then you answer that need. When you do that with enough different groups, they begin to come back to you and look to you as a resource.”

When he’s not working for FACS, Rodgers stays busy with several other activities:

He serves on the board of the 4-H Foundation and is chair of the Athens Area Habitat for Humanity fund-raising

committee. He also teaches Sunday school to high school students at Milledge Avenue Baptist Church. He's traveled to a number of foreign countries, including Brazil, Estonia, Japan, Nicaragua, Honduras and, most recently, the Ukraine, lending his expertise on economic development to countries that in many cases are 30 to 40 years behind the United States in that and other areas. And, he has found time to enjoy fly fishing and restoring a 63-year-old school house that sits on land he owns in Oglethorpe County.

"The school house was established in 1939 as a field school for the children of tenant farmers who worked on the former Barrow plantation," he says.

"It took about a year to restore," he says. "I called Judge (James) Barrow and he knew everything about it. I thought it had some potential as a camp house. Besides, I couldn't stand the thought of it falling in."

Rodgers' fly-fishing interest began three years ago when he was given a fly rod by a nephew.

# Child's Play?



**On a sunny autumn day** a three-year-old runs to the front door of a playhouse on the grounds of the McPhaul Child and Family Development Center.

"I want to come into your house," she tells another little girl. The house's current resident holds tight to the door, contemplating whether she's ready for company.

A few feet away, a younger child struggles to get his hands around a bright green plastic ball before carrying it proudly to a teacher sitting on the ground nearby.

"Thank you," the teacher says, as he half throws, half pushes the ball into her hands. "What color is this ball?" she asks, listening closely as he exclaims, "Eeen!"

"That's right," she says, "Green."

For the 114 children who participate in programs at the McPhaul Center similar encounters are constantly occurring as they learn — without even being aware of it — colors and shapes and sounds and the myriad of other things that are a part of normal growth and development.

"The thing about children is they're always learning," according to Rebecca Olson, director of the McPhaul Center. "When they're playing house, they gradually learn how to mimic the role of a mom or dad. When they're younger, their play may be parallel — two children playing at the same activity, but not interacting with each other. Later they learn to play together and to develop scenarios as part of their play. All of that requires learning to take turns and to share."

As Olson describes the many things children learn from activities as seemingly simple as playing house or riding a scooter, the knowledge and skills gained in early childhood sound overwhelming.

"The first thing a child learns about riding toys is how to sit on them," she says. "Gaining the strength and balance for that is the first step."

The next step is usually learning to push the scooter backwards before a small child eventually learns to maneuver the toy forward and sideways and all around.

"But he still has to learn how to stop. And he has to decide when someone is standing in his way, whether to go around that person or try to go through him or her," Olson says. "So in addition to the physical skills, that child also is learning a wide range of cognitive and decision-making skills."

Specialists in early childhood development emphasize child-directed play as being the

"I took a lesson and went on a guided trip and from there I just started fishing," he says. "I grew up fishing and fly fishing isn't that much more difficult, there are just different techniques. I love the peacefulness and concentration that comes with fly fishing. I've always loved the water and around every bend in a river you see something new."

As he completes his 30th year at UGA, Rodgers shows few signs of slowing down.

"I'm working because I enjoy it and it's a challenge," he

says. "It's a challenge to bring something back that's been cut to smithereens. The reason so many FACS county agents positions have been cut is because people don't understand what it is those folks do. Once we explain it and tell people the things we can do to help their community or their state agency, they get really interested. But most of the time you have to tell that story to people in one-on-one meetings."

And that means more trips to Camilla, Ellijay and Gordon. ■

best way for young children to learn successfully.

"What's important is providing the opportunity for children to learn," Olson says. "Here, it's important that we provide a variety of activities and allow the children to take it from there. We're constantly watching what activities the children choose and how they're interacting with their environment."

If too many options are provided, children can become overstimulated and are unable to concentrate. If too few opportunities are available, they can become bored and find their own — less desirable — activities.

"If a child is dumping everything on the floor, she's probably bored," Olson says, acknowledging that she's encountered both overstimulation and understimulation with her own 3-year-old.

"I realized he has too many toys," she says. "Some were too challenging and some weren't challenging enough. We've given some away and others are in storage until he's ready for them. And, I've started looking for more puzzles because that's something he's really enjoying right now."

At least as important as the activities is the role of adults, Olson says.

"When a child is playing in the sand, it's important that during some of that time, a parent or teacher or other caring



adult is there, talking about how the sand feels as it trickles through your fingers, what color it is, pointing out whether the sand is warm or cool, grainy or smooth. Children aren't going to learn those things by themselves. They need adults to talk to them and tell them information over and over, until eventually you can ask the child questions and she can answer them."

While Olson occasionally encounters parents who want a more "academically oriented" environment for their children, she explains that the learning going on at the McPhaul Center each day goes far beyond reading, writing and arithmetic.

"Our children are learning motor skills, socialization skills, and cognitive skills all day, every day," she says, smiling. "Once they've conquered those skills, academics are a breeze." ■



# In Tune

## Tragedy transported IATWTC into the public eye, talent is keeping them there

**Amy Dykes**, a textiles, merchandising and interiors master's student, didn't plan to be a professional musician. And, she certainly didn't plan to become the center of a controversy that reverberated around the world before finally settling into support and praise for her and partner Dan Geller, who comprise the group "I Am The World Trade Center."

"As a child I used to sit in my living room and sing Debbie Boone's 'You Light Up My Life,'" Dykes says during a phone interview she's squeezed in between a trip to visit her parents in Alabama and a nationwide summer tour that begins the next day.

"Dan had started writing music on a computer and was planning a solo project, but he asked me to sing one song," she says.

That one song led to Dykes joining Geller in a stage performance in front of 300-plus people during the annual South-by-Southwest music festival in Austin, Texas, in March 2000, a CD in May 2001, and hate mail on September 11.

"We chose the name when we were living in Brooklyn," Dykes explained. "We lived near the World Trade Center and there was this idea of the two of us being one entity."

On the morning of September 11, Dykes was headed to a historic costume class in Dawson Hall and looking forward to traveling to New York City for a September 13 performance at the CMJ Music Festival.

"When we got out of class and found out what had happened my first thoughts were for my friends who worked near the World Trade Center," she says.

Although Dykes wasn't thinking about the effect the tragedy would have on her musical career, others were. Within 20 minutes a British music magazine was emailing Dykes' and Geller's representative in England asking what the group was going to do about their name.

"During that day, we got so many really rude emails," Dykes recalled. "People used a search engine to find information about the tragedy and would find our website. Even though our site is really sophisticated, some people would think we had come up with the band's name and website that

day to capitalize on this tragedy."

For the next three months, Dykes and Geller contemplated changing their name. For a few shows, they listed their name only as "I Am The ..." before deciding to keep their original moniker.

Once word got out that "I Am The World Trade Center" had been around long before September 11, the public began to welcome Dykes and Geller, and their electronic pop sound and their link to pre-September 11. For example, the May 27 issue of *New Yorker* magazine highlighting Geller and Dykes' upcoming performance in the Knitting Factory Club – their first performance in New York City since the tragedy – says, "Thanks to Geller's earnest sampling and Dykes' charming singing, the music is as appealing as the halcyon days when the words 'World Trade Center' conveyed only the notion of an architectural achievement."

"There's no question that we've gotten a lot of press because of the connection between our name and 9-11, and since it happened we've given a percentage of our profits to the United Fund," Dykes says. "Since our new record came out July 6, I hope that the press begins to focus their stories more on our music."

But between the tours in Europe and throughout the United States, Dykes hasn't lost sight of a career outside of performance. She's completed the first year of her master's and although she's taking fall semester off for a tour, plans to return in January to complete her degree.

"I'm obsessed with textiles," she says. "I want to know the history of textiles. Where did a particular cloth or pattern come from? Why was it developed the way that it was?"

Currently, Dykes hasn't settled on a master's thesis topic.

"For a while, I thought I would look at textiles that were used for interiors," she says. "Now, I'm thinking I may look at handbags. I have an obsession with handbags. There are so many different kinds from different cultures."

Dykes says she's interested in some day teaching at the college level, but she's already making contacts that might someday result in a more applied career.

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## Just Dreamin'



By Suzanne Griffeth  
Coordinator of Alumni Relations

**D-R-E-A-M.** Vera Stewart (BSHE, '74) has these letters on her conference room wall in Augusta as a constant reminder to follow her dreams. This was the first thing I noticed when I visited her business, Very Vera, a gourmet cake, catering, and casserole enterprise. She is following her dreams. Vera has expanded from catering out of her home to opening a second store in a neighboring state.

What were your dreams when you were a student at Dawson Hall? Have your dreams come true? Everyone dreams about his or her perfect job (and everyone's perfect job is different). I am happy to report I have found my dream job as Coordinator of Alumni Relations for FACS!

As a fellow FACS graduate, it feels great to be back in Dawson Hall. From the moment I walked in the first morning, I knew this job would be different. I had a creative candy sign to welcome me. Everyone has given me the warmest of welcomes!

One of the favorite parts of my job is listening to alumni reminisce about their times spent in Dawson Hall, in a Home Management house, or on a study abroad trip. The alumni office is here to reconnect alumni with former friends and professors and to keep you informed about the current happenings at FACS. My dream is to help you find your niche to help you stay in touch with one another and with the College.

From this September's South Campus Tailgate to our upcoming FACS Alumni Retreat scheduled for February 7-9, 2003, at New Ebenezer Retreat center near Savannah, your Alumni Board has been planning lots of fun and exciting programs and events to help you reunite, meet old friends, and make new ones! A BIG thank you to current Alumni Board President Kindra Watters and the rest of the Alumni Board for all of their hard work!

I would love to hear from you — where you are, what you are doing, what would bring you back ... I want you to come home to FACS! If you aren't already involved in the Alumni Association, I will be happy to find a way to keep you connected to the people and programs in Dawson Hall as well as to thousands of FACS alumni all over the world!

Are you following your dreams? Let us know – we want to hear from you! Pick up the phone and give me a call (706) 542-4881 or drop me a line via e-mail to [suzanne@fcs.uga.edu](mailto:suzanne@fcs.uga.edu). Check out the Alumni Notes section then send us YOUR news for the next issue of FACS Magazine. ■

**Suzanne Griffeth (BSFCS '99, Consumer Economics) joined FACS on April 22 as Coordinator for Alumni Relations. She was previously a financial planning specialist with IJL Wachovia in Athens.**



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# FACS FACTS

## Alumni Notes

### 1950s

**Gail Paulk** (BSHE '58, Education) retired from her position as a Family and Consumer Sciences teacher at Effingham County High School in 2000. She was featured in the Effingham Herald on February 28, 2002 in an article focusing on the importance of home economics and how the field has changed in the past 20 years.

### 1970s

**Claire Guined** (BSHE '78, Furnishings and Interiors) is a marketing/member services representative for Jackson Electric Membership Corporation in Jefferson.

**Michael Martin** (MS '75, PhD '79, Child and Family Development) has been named director of the University Honors Program at Northern Illinois University. He retains his position as professor in the School of Family, Consumer and Nutrition Sciences.

**Winky Parker** (BSHE '66, Family Development; MAEX '79, Agricultural Extension) has been named to the University of Georgia Alumni Association Board of Directors. Her term of office began July 1, 2002 and will continue until June 30, 2005.

**Mary Ellen Rider** (MS '78, Housing, Furnishings and Management) is an assistant professor and state specialist in health-care policy at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. She has developed an on-line consumer education course on long term care that is available at [www.ianr.unl.edu/pubs/he-forms/hef513.html](http://www.ianr.unl.edu/pubs/he-forms/hef513.html).

**Kathy Floyd** (BSHE '73, Home Economics; MEd '75, Home Economics Education) and **Patricia Fletcher** (BSHE '75, Home Economics Education) have been awarded the 2002 William H. Booth Award for outstanding work as 4-H county agents. Kathy Floyd represents Bartow, Floyd, and Gordon counties, while Patricia Fletcher is based in Butts, Jasper, Monroe, and Jones counties.

**Cathie Wilson** (BSHE '72, Housing

and Management; MEd '82, Home Economics Education) has been named an outstanding teacher at Stephens County High School. Recently, she and her colleague Tammy Gearhart received the Georgia Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Recertification of the Family and Consumer Sciences program.

### 1980s

**Michael Hackett** (BSHE '81, Child and Family Development) is the executive director of the Athens Boys and Girls Club. He formerly oversaw the Boys and Girls Clubs in Jacksonville, Fla.

**Patricia McLean** (BSHE '83, Furnishing and Interiors) is the owner of Patricia McLean Interiors, Inc. in Atlanta. She recently designed a living room in the Atlanta Symphony's Decorators' Show House.

**J. Elizabeth Miller** (PhD '84, Child and Family Development) is a coordinator in the Office of Teaching Assistant Training and Development at Northern Illinois University.

**Becky C. Ryles** (BSHE '84, Consumer

## Students Visit Ghana

**Five FACS students** were among a group of 27 UGA students who spent four weeks in Ghana this summer learning about the West African country. CFD graduate student Genese Vertus joined fashion merchandising students Crystal Danforth (shown), Jessica Rhine, Bianca Henderson and Candiss Mosely on the trip.

Dr. Patricia Hunt-Hurst, associate professor of textiles, merchandising and interiors, served as the FACS faculty member on the trip and taught a course on West African Fabrics, Dress and Adornment. All of the participants completed a second course, African Society and Culture.

Vertus, who stayed in Ghana for seven weeks, conducted a research project that included interviewing residents who live near a lagoon in the Osu region of Accra. The fashion merchandising students learned to weave kente cloth from one of the master weavers in the Industrial Arts Department at Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology in Kumasi, Ghana, and explored the role of traditional fabrics in western-style contemporary clothing such as dresses and suits, as well as in traditional forms of dress, such as wrappers and headties. They also had the opportunity to visit with Ghanaian apparel and design students. ■



Economics and Home Management) is the Director of Governmental Affairs for Omni Resource Group, Inc. in Atlanta.

**Patta Wolford** (BSHE '89, Home Economics Education) is a public housing advisor for the Lithonia Housing Authority.

**Teresa Harvey** (BSHE '80, Home Economics Education) has been awarded the 2002 William H. Booth Award for outstanding work as a 4-H county agent. She works in Johnson and Laurens counties.

**Tammy Gearhart** (BSHE '83, Home Economics Education; MEd '85, Home Economics Education) has been named an outstanding teacher at Stephens County High School. Recently, she and her colleague Cathie Wilson received the Georgia Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Recertification of the Family and Consumer Sciences program.

### 1990s

**Pete Arenas** (BSFCS '97, Consumer Economics) is the director of sales for Horton Sports in Eatonton.

**Jimmie Barnett** (BSHE '76, Clothing and Textiles; MEd '82, Home Economics Education; EDS '95, Home Economics Education) is the assistant director of the School Nutrition Program for Muscogee County School District.

**Celeste Green Cannon** (BSFCS '94, Home Economics Education) is a family and consumer sciences teacher at Jasper County High School. She is also a regional director of the Family and Consumer Sciences Teachers Association.

**Elizabeth Guyton Cely** (BSFCS '98, Child and Family Development) married Andrew Michael Johnson on May 25, 2002. The couple lives in Atlanta where Elizabeth is a flight attendant with Delta Airlines.

**Kelly Dean** (BSHE '89, Fashion Merchandising; MS '91, Clothing, Textiles, Interiors and Furnishings) has been named to the University of Georgia Alumni Association Board of Directors. Her term of office began July 1, 2002 and will continue until June 30, 2005.

**Bryan Dobson** (MS '92, Housing and

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JOYCE HILL BARINEAU (BSHE '48) February 24, 2002	DORA PERKERSON GUNTER (BSHE '33) April 11, 2002	LUCY S. SPARKS (BSHE '39, MEd '65) May 27, 2002
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MARGARET ANN JOHNSTON BROWN (BSHE '42) May 26, 2002	ORA BELLE HILL (BSHE '41, MEd '56) March 1, 2002	MARJORIE WALL WATSON (BSHE '36) April 8, 2002
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Consumer Economics) is employed by Christian Remodeling in Watkinsville.

**Glenn T. Ford, Jr.** (BSFCS '99, Consumer Economics) is a representative of Primerica Financial Services in Lithonia.

**Louis Shaun Golden** (BSFCS '93, Consumer Economics) is the assistant coach of the Winthrop College Eagles men's basketball team in South Carolina.

**Judy Harrison** (Ph.D. '92, Foods and Nutrition) has received the Distinguished Extension Award from Gamma Sigma Delta. She is an associate professor and Extension foods specialist for the College of Family and Consumer Sciences and the Georgia Extension Service.

**Harriet Holton** (BSFCS '99, Consumer Economics) is an account executive for Primark Tool Group in Louisville.

**Melissa Mosby** (BSFCS '99, Furnishings and Interiors) is an interior designer for Kay Fuller Interiors in Albany.

**Gina Granato O'Brien** (BSHE '90,

Home Economics and Journalism) will join 4,000 other participants in walking 20 miles per day for three days as part of the Atlanta Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk October 4-6, 2002.

**Daniel Peiken** (BSFCS '92, Hotel and Restaurant Administration) is a Realtor for Upchurch Realty in Athens.

**Michelle Sears** (BSFCS '91, Child and Family Development) completed her master's degree at Cambridge University in December 2001.

**Kyle Shadix** (BSHE '94, Consumer Foods) provides cooking techniques geared particularly toward men on the Slim-Fast website, [www.slim-fast.com/mens/index.asp](http://www.slim-fast.com/mens/index.asp).

**Matthew White** (BSFCS '97, Consumer Economics) is a personal banker with First Commerce Bank in Commerce.

**Allen R. Wilbanks** (BSFCS '94, Consumer Journalism) is a partner with International Stream in Atlanta.

## 2000s

**Amanda Connor** (BSFCS '02, Dietetics) has been selected as a 2002 Blue Key initiate.

**Alison Gordon DeJoseph** (BSFCS '00, Child and Family Development) married Scott DeJoseph in March 2002.

**Chantal Desplanque** (BSFCS '01, Consumer Economics) is a marketing communications associate for CompBenefits in Roswell.

**Megan J. Gates** (BSFCS '01, Furnishings and Interiors) is an interior designer for Image Design, Inc. in Atlanta.

**Shera Gibson-Loveless** (BSFCS '00, Furnishings and Interiors) and Matthew James Loveless married December 29, 2001. They live in Cumming, Ga.

**Juliette Owings Gore** (BSFCS '00, Consumer Economics) married Lyle Gore in November 2001. The couple lives in Suwanee and Juliette is currently employed by Equifax.

**Beth Thompson Gulley** (BSFCS '02, Furnishings and Interiors) is a sales consultant for Bella Maria in Athens.

**Lindsay Harper** (BSFCS '01, Consumer Journalism) is the credit administrator for GoldKist, Inc. in Atlanta.

**Emma Monkhouse Laing** (MS '00, Foods and Nutrition) has been named this year's recipient of the American Dietetic Association Foundation Scholarship honoring Sue Borra, 2001-2002 ADA President.

**Anand Kanchagar** (PhD '02, Textile Sciences) received recognition from UGA's Office of Instructional Support and Development as an "Outstanding Teaching Assistant," prior to his graduation in August.

**Polly Louise Marcum** (BSFCS '01, Consumer Economics) is employed by Flournoy Development in Columbus, Georgia. The company develops, constructs and manages apartment complexes in eight states.

**Laura Henderson Matthews** (BSFCS '01, Child and Family Development) and Patrick Matthews were married January 19, 2002 and have settled in Dacula. She is the assistant women's golf coach at the University of Georgia.



## Habitat Helpers

**Ian Knight** (Senior, Housing) and fellow Georgia Bulldog **John Huber** were among the football team members who participated in building a Habitat for Humanity house in Athens this summer.

This is the first Habitat house anywhere in the nation to be built with volunteers from a college football program, according to Jim Thompson, president of Athens Area Habitat for Humanity. The idea came from former UGA linebacker John Brantley, Athens branch manager for HomeBanc. Brantley approached Georgia Coach Mark Richt during spring practice and the team quickly became partners with HomeBanc and Re/Max of Athens.

Dixie McCoy and her son, Andrew, moved into the 1,100-square-foot home after it was dedicated in August.

Other Georgia Bulldog players who also are FACS students and participated in the Habitat build are **Bruce Adrine, Kenneth Bailey, Reggie Brown, Decory Bryant, Cap Burnett, Christopher Clemons, Nicholas Clemons, Patrick Croffie, Terrence Edwards, David Jacobs, Michael Johnson, David Kendrick, Clint Larkin, Johnathan Loftin, Kareem Marshall, Randy McMichael, Jermaine Phillips, Darrius Swain, Bruce Thornton, Kenneth Veal, and Shedrick Wynn.** ■

**Alison Quod** (MS '01, Child and Family Development) is the program coordinator for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Foundation.

**Darby Thompson Sewell** (BSFCS '00, Family and Consumer Sciences Education; MEd '01, Family and Consumer Sciences Education) and Jeffrey Lee Sewell were married May 18, 2002. The couple has settled in Moultrie. Darby is coordinator of the Family and Consumer Sciences program at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.

**Carlos Toledo** (MS '98, Child and Family Development, PhD '01, Child and Family Development) has accepted a post-doctoral position with the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

**Melissa Yonce** (BSFCS '02, Fashion Merchandising) was named to the 2002 SEC Track and Field Honor Roll by SEC Commissioner Roy Kramer.

## Students

**Elizabeth Buck** (MS, Foods and Nutrition) received recognition from UGA's Office of Instructional Support and Development as an "Outstanding Teaching Assistant."

**Ruth Gildea** (Junior, Dietetics) was named to the 2002 SEC Track and Field Honor Roll by SEC Commissioner Roy Kramer.

**Margaret Kabahenda** (PhD, Foods and Nutrition) received a 2002 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award from the University of Georgia. She has been a graduate assistant in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences as well as the Institute of African Studies. She recently completed her master's degree and has begun the PhD program.

**Robyn Mowery**, (PhD, Child and Family Development) received an American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Fellowship during the annual AAFCS meeting in Dallas, and also received the 2002 GAFCS Graduate Student Member Scholarship Award at the Georgia Association of Consumer Sciences Annual Conference.

**Emilia Papakonstantinou**, (PhD, Foods and Nutrition) received an AAFCS Fellowship in Dallas. She has been selected as a 2002 Blue Key initiate and received the Holley B. Alley Scholarship from the Georgia Nutrition Council as well as the June and Bill Flatt Nutrition Excellence Graduate Scholarship from the College of Family and Consumer Sciences. She also won the 2002 Georgia Nutrition Council Student Presentation Award.

**Virginia Robinson** (PhD, Child and Family Development) received an AAFCS Fellowship in Dallas.

## Faculty & Staff

A program developed by **Carolyn Ainslie** (BSHE '74, Home Economics Education and FACS Extension Agent, Morgan, Putnam and Green counties) and her colleagues were selected as a national 4-H Youth Development Program of Excellence for 2001. The Georgia Egg Commission was also a collaborator on this project, titled "Kids in the Kitchen."

**Brenda Cude** (Department Head, Housing and Consumer Economics) has been selected to receive the 2002 ACCI Stewart M. Lee Consumer Education Award for her long-term contributions to innovative educational programs and her effectiveness in representing consumers in industry and government agency boards.

**Sandra Gabriel** (Assistant Teacher, McPhaul Child and Family Development Center) has been selected by the FACS Staff Council to receive the Nettie Marie Nickols Outstanding Staff Award. Ms. Gabriel has been with McPhaul since

1990. In her letter of nomination, McPhaul Director Rebecca Olson writes, "She is easy going, fun loving, but always conscientious and aware of the magnitude of her position. She is the nurturer, the peacemaker, the comforter, the planner, and the decision maker every minute of every day. She works tirelessly to make sure each child is safe, and above all, loved."

**Mary Ann Johnson** (Professor, Foods and Nutrition) and her colleagues have been awarded the Dannon Institute Award for Excellence in Community Nutrition for the "Take Charge of Your Health" program. The program teaches older adults the benefits of

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exercise and good nutrition in a creative way. Dr. Johnson is spending fall semester in Germany studying with colleagues at the German Center for Research on Aging.

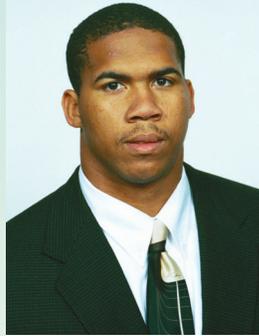
**Joan Koonce** (Associate Professor, Housing and Consumer Economics) was the recipient of the American Council on Consumer Interests Mid-career Award during the council's annual meeting in April 2002.

**Karen Leonas** (Professor, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors) has been selected as an Outstanding Advising Certificate of Merit recipient by the National Academic Advising Association and will receive the award at their annual meeting in October.

**Velma McBride Murry** (Associate Professor, Child and Family Development) has been selected as a Senior Teaching Fellow at UGA for the 2002-2003 academic year.

**Gladys Shelton** (Professor, Housing and Consumer Economics) has accepted a new position as chair of the Department of Human Environment and Family Studies at North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro.

**Anne Sweaney** (Professor, Housing and Consumer Economics) has been selected as the 2002 FACS Teacher of the Year. ■



## Jacobs Honored

**David Jacobs** (Senior, Housing ) has been awarded the 2002 Wilma Rudolph Student-Athlete Achievement Award for the strength and courage he showed in battling back from a stroke.

Jacobs was a standout defensive lineman for the UGA Bulldogs when he suffered a stroke in November 2001 and spent weeks in rehabilitation before returning to school and his classes in January 2002. During his recovery, however, he knew he was remembered by his fellow classmates.

“We had so many students stopping by and asking how to send David a card that we kept an up-to-date address posted outside of our office,” says Connie Rash, assistant director for student services. “He was inundated with cards from FACS students.”

Jacobs returned this fall to continue work toward his degree in housing. He coached a Little League baseball team this summer and now is working with freshman football players as they adjust to playing college-level football.

“D.J. is going to help our freshmen along because he can relate to them. He will help teach them and help them get better. He’s an inspiration to the entire team,” says Mark Richt, head coach for the Georgia Bulldogs. “He loves Georgia, he loves the coaches and players, and he wants to be productive. I think he’ll be an inspiration and a motivation for years to come.”

The Rudolph Award honors student athletes who have overcome great personal, academic and/or emotional odds to achieve academic success while participating in intercollegiate athletics. It is sponsored by the National Association of Academic Advisors for Athletics. ■

## Reaching Out *continued*

provided her skills that she uses in her current position, she says.

“Customer service is a large part of what FACS Extension county agents do,” she says. “We find out what information our clients want to know and we find the best ways of providing that information and that training.”

In addition to the many days she spends working with clients, Auger also is looking at the big picture of the needs of Georgia’s ever-growing Latino community.

“I belong to a lot of associations and organizations,” she says. “I helped with the planning for the Latino conference at the University of Georgia and I’ve called the College of Education to see if there are ways I can be involved in the grant they’ve received from the Goizueta Foundation to improve Hispanic education in Georgia.”

As she continues her work with both the Latino and Asian communities, Auger says she also has a special message for her clients.

“I always emphasize that I want everyone to integrate, but not assimilate,” she says. “They should not lose their roots and they should be proud of their homeland.” ■

## InTune *continued*

“We’re working on our second video now and I’m working as the stylist for it,” she says. “Maybe that could grow into a career of working as a stylist for movies or videos. It’s really fun to watch movies – particularly period pieces that were produced during the ’70s – and try and spot the inaccuracies. There will be clothes that aren’t accurately portrayed or hair-styles. There’s one movie that’s supposed to be set in the 1850s, but the actresses have feathered hair.”

Meanwhile, Dykes says she’s enjoying the fun and excitement that comes with being part of a music group.

For example, the British pop group The Pet Shop Boys, which has been around since the early 1980s, attended a recent performance, an event that could signal an invitation to perform as the group’s opening act.

“We play at all sorts of places,” Dykes says. “We’ve played shows before a thousand people in Austin and some with 600 people in the audience and we’ve played in really small clubs. We always try to get people to dance. Dan breakdances on stage and I like to dance. We want to get the crowd involved so that they are having as much fun as we are.” ■

## FACS Alumni Award Winners

More than 100 FACS alumni and friends turned out at this year's annual meeting and awards luncheon. In addition to hearing from alumnus Anne Byrn (BSHE '78, Home Economics and Journalism), author of *The Cake Mix Doctor* and *Chocolate from The Cake Doctor*, those attending helped raise \$2,500 by participating in the silent auction. The funds will be used by the Alumni Association for student scholarships and on-campus activities.

*Winners of this year's awards were:*

**Katy O'Neal Arrowood** (BSFCS '94, Child and Family Development), director of the YWCO's Young World Learning Center, received the Outstanding Service Award.

Arrowood's volunteer efforts have included work with the Athens Rotary Club, the Junior League of Athens, the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia, Success by 6, the Georgia Association on Young Children, and the College of Family and Consumer Sciences. She also has written a book, *A Woman's Recipe for Life*, which was published by Lifetime Books in 1996.



**Stacy Bishop Jones** (BSFCS '93, Consumer Journalism), a management/public relations consultant with the Carl Vinson Institute of Government, received the Pacesetter Award, which is given to an individual who has graduated within the past 10 years and who actively promotes the beliefs and values of family and consumer sciences.

Jones has contributed many hours to the Georgia 4-H program, including serving as chair of the State 4-H Advisory Committee and co-chair of the Inaugural Georgia 4-H Legacy Ball, which raised nearly \$100,000 in 2001. She is president-elect of the FACS Alumni Association.

**Rose Simmons** (MEd '75, Home Economics Education), who recently retired from her position as accountability specialist with the Cooperative Extension Service, received the Distinguished Alumni Award which goes to FACS graduates who have made life-long contributions that sustain the beliefs and values of the college.



Simmons is a past recipient of the D.W. Brooks Award of Excellence, the Kellogg Career Enhancement Award, and the Distinguished Service Award from the National Extension Association of FACS and the National Association of Extension 4-H agents. She also serves as president of the Georgia Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.

**G. Danny Stevens** (MS '95, Child and Family Development), adoption coordinator for the 12-county Athens area of the Georgia Department of Human Resources, received the Emily Quinn Pou Professional Achievement Award. The Pou Award is given to graduates who have attained substantial achievements and are in the midpoint of their career.



In addition to his job, Stevens also serves as a consultant to families interested in adoption and to the Department of Family and Children Services in administration of its adoption programs. He also is a supervisor to other coordinators in the state.

Stevens works as an instructor in the Department of Child and Family Development and has served with several organizations that focus on children, such as the Athens Area Child Abuse Prevention Council, Bentwood Children's Home, Healthy Families Georgia, and the Athens Area Association on Young Children.

**Beverly Gray**, office manager of the textiles, interiors and merchandising department, received the Creswell Award, which goes to a current or retired faculty or staff member who has provided leadership in motivating and guiding students.



Gray has worked in TMI since 1979. In his recommendation letter, Department Head Ian Hardin said he has often witnessed Gray going "extra miles to help a student with a difficult problem."



**Carl W. Proehl, Jr.** of Promotional Marketing Concepts Inc. of Atlanta was awarded the FACS Appreciation Award for volunteering many hours to assist FACS students as they make the transition from college to work.

### Mark Your Calendars for a New Event!

The College of Family and Consumer Sciences, College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, and the Warnell School of Forest Resources, are partnering with The University of Georgia Career Center to sponsor a **Career Fair**, scheduled for **Tuesday, February 18, 2003**.

This event will allow students, employers, and alumni to connect and expose UGA students to FACS majors. In addition, it will allow employers to highlight their internship and employment opportunities.

We need your help to make this event a success!

If you are interested in representing your organization as a potential employer, or can refer us to the appropriate person in your organization, contact **Suzanne Griffeth** at **706-542-4881** or **suzanne@fcs.uga.edu** for more information. ■

*Calling all nominations for the*

**2003 FACS**

*Alumni Association Awards!*

**Distinguished Alumni Award:** Presented to a FACS graduate who has made life-long contributions that sustain the beliefs and values of Family and Consumer Sciences.

**Creswell Award:** Named for the first dean of the College, recognizes a current or retired faculty or staff member who has provided leadership in motivating and guiding students.

**FACS Appreciation Award:** Given to an individual, other than a College alumni or faculty, who has contributed significantly to the support of FACS either financially, programmatically, or legislatively.

**Outstanding Service Award:** Presented to a graduate for continued involvement in his/her community, faith community, helping organizations, the College or the Alumni Association.

**Pacesetter Award:** Given to an individual who graduated from the College within the past 10 years and actively promotes the beliefs and values of family and consumer sciences.

**Emily Quinn Pou Professional Achievement Award:** Presented to a graduate who has attained substantial achievements and is in the midpoint of her/his career.

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*I would like to nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for the*

**Distinguished Alumni Award**

**Creswell Award**

**FACS Appreciation Award**

**Outstanding Service Award**

**Pacesetter Award**

**Emily Quinn Pou Professional Achievement Award**

*Your name:* \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominations are due November 30, 2002.**

Submit your nominations to Suzanne Griffeth, 224 Dawson Hall, UGA, Athens, GA 30602  
or via our online form located at [www.fcs.uga.edu/alumni](http://www.fcs.uga.edu/alumni)

# Flatts Create a FACS First!



**June and Bill Flatt are shown with the Gladys F. (Nannie) Nesbitt/Flatt Scholarship recipient, Brent Sapp. Brent (BSFCS '00, Dietetics) is now the chief clinical dietician at Montgomery County Hospital in Christiansburg, Virginia.**



*FACS Director of Development  
Katrina L. Bowers*

**Every development program dreams** of having supporters like June and Bill Flatt. Not only does Bill light up the classrooms with his energetic guest lectures in the beginning nutrition course, but he and June are making a significant difference to the College of Family and Consumer Sciences through the wise investment of their personal resources.

Bill and June have created the first Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA) for the College of Family and Consumer Sciences. This couple has established both undergraduate and graduate scholarships benefiting the Department of Foods and Nutrition.

“June and I each received tuition assistance when we were college students,” Bill says. “Now that we’re in a position to give back, we derive more pleasure from helping others than we ever did as student recipients!”

The Flatts want to ensure the growth of these endowments while at the same time retaining the necessary resources to take care of their own long-term needs. The CGA is a new tool of giving for The University of Georgia. It’s a wonderful way to make meaningful gifts while enjoying income and tax benefits.

The Flatts created this annuity through our development office with a simple, one page planned gift agreement. Yet, the benefits of using this tool are many. By transferring appreciated stock, cash or other income to the UGA Foundation, they established a fund that will pay them income for the remainder of both of their lives, removed these assets from their estate, deferred capital gains on their sale, and received a significant income tax deduction.

“This is a win/win situation! Not only are we able to provide funds for FACS projects in which we believe, but we receive fixed income for the rest of our lives,” Bill and June say. “With the market fluctuating so widely recently, we have less anxiety knowing that we are locked in at a rate of return higher than we would receive if we had chosen many other investment options. We also get the tax deduction today for a gift that UGA won’t actually use until it is realized through our estates.”

If you’re curious how the CGA works, ask me for more information. You may also visit our website at [www.alumni.uga.edu/giving/plan](http://www.alumni.uga.edu/giving/plan). There you will find an online calculator to help you determine what benefits might be derived from a particular gifted amount.

More than 1,200 alumni and friends made a donation to the College of Family and Consumer Sciences this year. We hope many of you will follow the example of Bill and June Flatt and make plans for a deferred gift as well as an annual gift. No matter your age, through creative financial planning, you can indeed make a significant difference and leave YOUR legacy to your alma mater.

Who will create the second Charitable Gift Annuity for the College of Family and Consumer Sciences? You?

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



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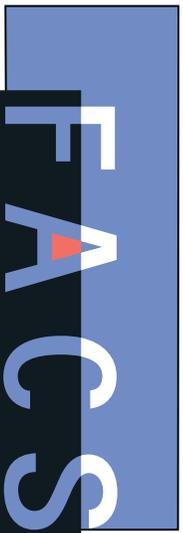
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