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Dean Laura D. Jolly



Moving FACS Forward



By the time you receive this issue of FACS Magazine I will have met dozens, if not hundreds, of College of Family and Consumer Sciences alumni and friends through the “FACS Forward” tour around the state and other events, such as South Campus Tailgate. These visits have given me a terrific opportunity to meet you, share my goals and hear your dreams for our college and where you hope we’ll be in five, 10 or 20 years.

As the sixth dean of the UGA College of Family and Consumer Sciences, I have joined a college with a long history of achievements in the areas of teaching, research and outreach. It’s exciting to be working with a well-established faculty and staff, knowing that we’re building on those accomplishments and moving FACS to even higher levels.

In the article written by Director of Communications Denise Horton, you’ll learn more about my background, but I would like to offer a quick summary of some of the areas I think are important for our college:

- We need to stay engaged with our students and continually seek new ways for them to connect with our faculty, staff and stakeholders;
- Our faculty do a great job of attracting external grant funding, but I believe hiring a grants coordinator will provide added support in that area;
- We need a building large enough to house the majority of our faculty and staff! Currently, we’re scattered among 13 buildings. In order for collaboration to take place (and I’m a strong supporter of collaboration) our faculty need to be located in closer proximity.
- We need more FACS Extension agents. Our agents have the knowledge and skills to provide programs in financial literacy, child development, nutrition and more. Every citizen of Georgia needs ready access to this expertise.

These goals would be daunting if I had not already heard from so many of you. As we’ve talked in Sandersville, Savannah and Atlanta, you’ve consistently told me of your support for our college. Which leads me to a request of each of you. Stay in touch. You are our eyes and ears throughout Georgia and beyond.

In just a few short weeks I’ll complete my first semester as dean of the College of Family and Consumer Sciences and will preside over our college’s commencement ceremony. I’m already looking forward to speaking to our graduates and their families and encouraging them to stay in touch with us. I hope that you’ll do the same. Whether I see you in person at an alumni event or you call or email me, (my phone number is 706-542-4879, my email is ljolly@fcs.uga.edu) I want to hear from you. ■

Sincerely,

Laura D. Jolly

Laura D. Jolly, Dean



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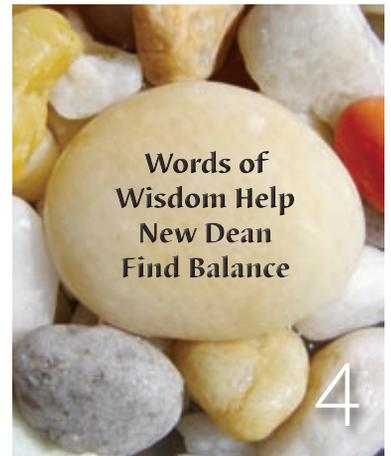
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“Shaping The Silhouette” Museum Exhibit Planned

An exhibition curated by students in **José Blanco's** (Assistant Professor, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors) “Museum Issues in Historic Clothing and Textiles” course will open with a Nov. 29 preview and reception for FACS alumni and friends at the Georgia Museum of Art on the UGA campus.

Titled, “Shaping the Silhouette: A Glimpse into 20th Century Fashion,” the exhibition will feature a collection of garments and accessories from the FACS Historic Costume Collection. Students have chosen items from each decade of the 20th century, including a black silk taffeta ensemble from the turn of the 20th century, a beaded rose-color chiffon dress worn in 1923, and a bias-cut honey satin gown with patch panels from the 1930s. Items from more recent decades will include a black knit dress, designed by André Courrèges, from the 1960s and a cotton-polyester peasant dress from the 1970s.

The reception will be held from 6-8 p.m. and will begin with a program led by Blanco and the students describing the significance of the items chosen. The display will be open to the general public from Dec. 1-March 10, 2008.

For more information on the exhibition or the conference, contact Blanco at jblanco@fcs.uga.edu. For information on the reception, contact **Suzanne Griffeth** (Director, Alumni Relations and Student Leadership) at 706-542-4881.



HUD Conference Draws More Than 220

More than 220 elected officials, planning department leaders in local governments, developers and property owners attended a day-long conference in late September focused on why housing has become so expensive and strategies for building more affordable housing. The conference included a keynote address by Jean Lin Pao, general deputy assistant secretary for policy development and research at HUD.

Sponsored by the FACS Housing and Demographics Research Center and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, conference sessions included a discussion of land use and zoning for housing choices, land development standards, and perspectives on the financial resources and risks faced by lenders, developers and homebuyers.

“Red tape is choking the life out of housing that’s affordable for working families,” according to **Bob Young** (R), a regional director for HUD and former mayor of Augusta, Ga. “There is much work to be done to reach the goal of removing regulatory barriers and providing workforce housing.”

According to **Tom Rodgers** (Professor Emeritus, Housing and Consumer Economics) the median family income in Georgia is \$42,000, allowing them the ability to purchase a home costing \$127,000.

“Try to find one for that price,” Rodgers challenged the group, going on to point out that half of Georgia’s citizens can’t even afford to spend that much for a home.

Russell James (Assistant Professor, Housing and Consumer Economics) pointed out that policies requiring

minimum lot or house sizes and amenities such as granite countertops and brick facades serve to prevent the working poor from buying houses.

Mara Register, assistant city director of Valdosta, said she’s finding that rather than NIMBY—Not In My Backyard—being the acronym of homeowners, the new acronym is BANANA—Build Absolutely Nothing Anywhere Near Anyone.

To view the conference sessions, go to: www.fcs.uga.edu/hace/hdrc/symposium_index.html. Or, for more information on HUD initiatives visit: www.hud.gov.



Andress Wins Outstanding Engagement Award



Elizabeth Andress (Professor, Foods and Nutrition) has been chosen as the second recipient of the Outstanding Engagement Award by the Board on Human Sciences of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges.

The award recognizes “exceptional creativity and scholarship in campus or state level Extension and public service programs,” according to Dennis Savaiano, who chairs the Board on Human Sciences. The award will be presented Nov. 12 at NASULGC’s annual

meeting in New York City.

As director of the National Center for Home Food Preservation, Andress has developed multiple outlets for her research verifying safe procedures for home food preservation, including printed materials, a series of videos, and *So Easy to Preserve* and the *USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning*, which have been called the “Encyclopedia Britannica” of home food preservation.



FACS Specialist, Agents “Teach the Teachers”

Michael Rupured (Consumer Economics Specialist, Cooperative Extension), with the aid of FACS Cooperative Extension agents, “taught the teachers” this summer on the best ways to instruct Georgia’s students about financial literacy.

Rupured and a team of 28 FACS agents met with teachers in six locations around the state for two-day workshops focused on financial literacy. Participants included teachers in the areas of social studies, economics, family and consumer sciences, and ROTC.

“When the new financial literacy standards were announced, several FACS agents contacted me about developing a training program for teachers,” Rupured said. “Although financial literacy education is something that FACS teachers learn in college, that’s not necessarily true for social studies or economics teachers.”

Over the course of the past year, Rupured and the team of agents developed a 10-hour training program that included a variety of activities teachers could use in the classroom to teach students concepts, such as how to evaluate the costs and benefits of using credit cards and how to compare interest rates on loans from different institutions.

“One of the benefits of this program was the introduction of the economics teachers to their school’s FACS teachers,” Rupured said. “Several of the teachers who attended the workshop said they hope to work together with their FACS teachers.”

The Financial Literacy for High School Students workshops will continue to be taught by FACS Extension agents throughout the state. Teachers who are interested in having a workshop offered in their area can contact their local agent for more information.



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FAMILY FINANCIAL PLANNING

Family Financial Planning Establishes New “Boot Camp”

The FACS Family Financial Planning program has teamed with Cannon Financial Institute to offer a “boot camp” for those interested in becoming Certified Financial Planner™ certificants.

The new program will be offered in locations throughout the United States, including Chicago; Charlotte, N.C.; and San Francisco; and at Pepperdine and Notre Dame universities. The program consists of five modules that will be taught in week-long sessions over the course of a year, along with a final six-day review course, according to **Lance Palmer** (Assistant Professor, Housing and Consumer Economics).

“We’re very excited about teaming with Cannon on this project,” Palmer said. “The curriculum and tests are being provided by the Family Financial Planning faculty while the instruction will be provided by Cannon, which has more than 45 years of experience in the financial services education field.”

Palmer said he’s also pleased that the instruction will be face-to-face, rather than offered on-line.

“Although some students learn effectively on-line, we felt like the very best way to prepare those who want to pursue the CFP® credentials was through face-to-face classes taught over the course of approximately a year,” he said.

The courses being offered are: financial planning process and insurance; retirement planning; investment planning; estate planning, and income tax planning. To learn more about the program contact Palmer at lpalmer@fcs.uga.edu.

In addition, the FFP program and Cannon Financial will be offering a six-day CFP® Exam review course. The course will be held in Dawson Hall and will cost \$950. Dates for the course have not yet been decided. For more information, visit the www.fcs.uga.edu/hace website.



Photo by Rick O'Quinn

Words of Wisdom Help New Dean Find Balance

Scattered on the desk in **Laura Jolly's** office are a small collection of polished stones, neither hidden nor obvious to a visitor, but which serve as reminders to the new dean of the College of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Jolly shared three of the stones with students attending the annual two-day meeting of Leadership FACS and explained how the words engraved on them—Focus, Believe, Laugh—help her maintain balance.

“Focus on what’s important and focus on where you can make a difference,” she told the 20-plus students who attended the retreat. “Believe in yourself. Believe in others and support them. And, act on your beliefs.

Laugh. Life is too short. You have to enjoy what you’re doing. Life is so busy that if you’re not careful busy schedules can crowd out the ability to laugh and to be effective.”

Jolly also told the students about a small collection of toys—ranging from a Slinky to a Barrel of Monkeys—sitting in a basket behind her desk.

“They’re a constant in my office,” she says. “They can serve as an icebreaker when a student stops by, but they are also a reminder that a balanced life includes time away from responsibilities.”

As she begins juggling the many roles that come with being both FACS dean and associate director for Cooperative Extension and the Georgia Experiment Stations, finding time outside of work is more of a challenge.

Jolly’s appointment was announced June 26 and she officially began her tenure as the sixth dean of the College of Family and Consumer Sciences on Aug. 15. During the six weeks in between, however, she began meeting with college and university administrators and attending departmental retreats.

By Denise Horton



She will also attend more than 20 alumni events this fall. Already she's spent a week on the road meeting alumni and friends in Jacksonville, Fla., Savannah and St. Simons Island, as part of the "FACS Forward" tour. She also has participated in her first South Campus Tailgate, shared tacos with younger alumni and attended a high tea event in Atlanta.

Of course, there's also the work involved with running a college with more than 1,500 students, 70-plus faculty, about 100 professional and support staff, and an annual operating budget that tops \$8.5 million.

But rather than being intimidated, the Mississippi native, who has been on the faculty of three land-grant universities, is eager to translate her 25 years of leadership experiences into her new position as dean.

"I enjoy seeing the big picture," she says. "I enjoy seeing how different people and programs fit together to make a difference for families and communities and that's a lot of what the dean's position entails." And when considering the current status of the College of Family and Consumer Sciences, Jolly says she finds it particularly exciting to contemplate the "tremendous potential" that can be found in the mix of programs, subject areas and the college's supportive alumni base.

Jolly's path to the dean's office began fairly traditionally. As one of three children, she grew up in a town of about 2,500 in the Mississippi Delta where her father was a rural mail carrier and her mother worked at various times as a county Extension agent, a high school home economics teacher and a chemistry teacher at a community college. With her parents' support, Jolly earned her bachelor's degree in home economics at the University of Mississippi at Oxford.

Recognizing her potential, Jolly's undergraduate professors arranged for her to meet some of the faculty of Oklahoma State University.

"One of my professors invited me to attend the International Textile and Apparel Association meeting in New Orleans," she recalls. "While we were there we had lunch with department members from OSU. I was just enjoying meeting these interesting people. I had no idea that my professor had arranged for this meeting with the goal of OSU considering me for its graduate program."

Jolly uses the story as an example of the pivotal role faculty can play in the lives of their students.

"One of the things I want students to understand is how incredibly helpful their

professors can be to their future," she says. "Attending graduate school would not have been my next step if that faculty member hadn't arranged for me to attend that professional meeting and to meet the OSU faculty."

After earning her master's degree at OSU, Jolly accepted a one-year teaching appointment at Texas Tech University, an experience that offered the opportunity to experience academic life without the commitment that comes with a tenure-track appointment.

"That was a turning point for me," she says. "I was the new kid on the block. I got to see how the organization works and what it's like to be a faculty member."

Jolly returned to OSU, earned her PhD and joined the faculty for the next 12 years.

In 1995, Jolly left OSU to head the Department of Interior Design, Merchandising and Textiles at the University of Kentucky, a position she held for six years.

"My experience at Kentucky required me to look at more of what's for the good of the whole," she says. "It's very different when you're responsible for recruiting and promoting new faculty members and managing the budget."

Jolly's move to Kentucky meant that all the family—husband, David, and children Katherine and Will—practiced their juggling skills.

"For a variety of reasons, my husband's career required him to spend most of each week in Tennessee," she says.

After managing the intricacies of a commuter marriage for six years, Jolly accepted an offer of a senior faculty position at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville in 2001.

"My experience at UT has led to one of my passions: Getting faculty involved in leadership," she says. "I know there are those who say participating in university governance takes away from their teaching, research and

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Ashley Hatcher

A.K.A. *Mother* of Invention

By Ed Lightsey

Editor's Note: Since this article first appeared in the July 2007 issue of Georgia Trend magazine, **Ashley Riccardi Hatcher** (BSHE '88, Furnishings and Interiors) has continued to increase her sales of "Lappers" and now is on her fourth shipping container, having sold more than 20,000. The trays are available in more than 500 stores, including stores in Canada, Mexico, Panama and Sweden. They're also available in the catalogs "Leaps and Bounds," which carries products designed for children and "First Street," which targets older adults. The Atlanta School for the Blind has also bought Lappers for their students to use.

Ashley Hatcher is the kind of woman a SWAT team might like to have to kick in the door and disarm the suspects. Instead, Hatcher uses her fearlessness, singular focus and can-do optimism to open doors for the sale of her invention, a tough, washable, stackable plastic tray that hugs cups, saucers, plates and glasses and keeps them from sliding into a *faux pas*.

Hatcher, a married mother of two, is a pharmaceutical rep by day and a designing woman by night—and weekends, and any other spare moments she can find. She is the stereotypical entrepreneur, a woman who found her inspiration for invention in one of American culture's most mundane—but often aggravating—objects, the bamboo dinner tray.

On a January day in 2005, Hatcher took to bed suffering from a migraine headache. Her 8-year-old daughter struggled up the stairs to the bedroom with a bowl of soup wobbling on a bamboo tray. The tray was difficult for the ailing mom to balance on her lap and the child had to go back downstairs for the drink, believing, correctly, that carrying both drink and soup on the same tray was too daunting.

The episode set the proverbial wheels in motion. "It was more than just being unwieldy," says Hatcher, who lives in Columbus. "I could see in my head the four things I wanted to do."

What she wanted was a tray that would hold firmly its contents, was washable, had sturdy handles and could be stacked – the antithesis of the bamboo variety. The signature feature of her trays would be simple silicone pads that fit into shallow indentations and keep plates and glasses from sliding, even when the tray is tilted to a 60-degree angle.

Getting from the idea to the reality became an obsession for Hatcher. "First, I was frustrated that I couldn't get it on paper the way I wanted it to look," she recalls. "So I went to an artist friend, and we measured plates, glasses, wine glasses, coffee cups. When I thought we had it right, I asked myself, 'What do I do now?'"

After studying how plastic is used in manufacturing, Hatcher came to the conclusion that she had to find a plastic injection molding company, but there were complications. "All of those companies made huge, gigantic things. Who's going to make what I want?"

Using a jewelry importer friend's China connections, Hatcher found a company in Hong Kong and ordered the first prototype of the trays she had christened "Lappers."

"It wasn't what I wanted and neither was the next one," she recalls. "But the third prototype, which arrived on Christmas Eve, 2005, was perfect." Then she discovered that to make her first order cost effective, she was going to have to purchase a ship container full of the trays, some 7,000 of them. "That was a big order, one that I thought was just too big," Hatcher remembers.

So it was back to the drawing board, this time to produce a business plan that would impress a bank enough to give her the loan she needed to get her trays from Hong Kong to Columbus. Enter the University of Georgia's Small Business Development Center (SBDC) in Columbus. "The SBDC was so helpful, and, with their help, I got the loan.

"So here I was with just six prototypes, wanting to take orders for something I didn't yet have," Hatcher laughs. "I had to get to some trade shows and the first one was in January 2006 in Atlanta and my trays might not arrive until April." She booked herself into the Atlanta trade show.

Leap of Faith

“That was a leap of faith, but I went,” she says. Hatcher remembers leaping over her booth to corner prospects as they strolled by until, finally, she made a sale.

Hatcher had a minimum order of 12 pairs of trays – at that time, the trays were wrapped in twos – and her first buyers signed up for the 24 trays. “I knew I was on my way,” Hatcher says. Before the show ended, she had written 80 minimum orders, totaling more than 1,800 Lappers, which retail for \$25 each.

“Then, in March of ’06, I went to an international trade show in Chicago,” Hatcher says. “I only wrote two orders there, but there were other benefits.” While at the show, she cornered a TV cameraman and coaxed him into shooting some footage of the Lappers.

“He was from HGTV [Home and Garden Television],” she says, referring to the popular cable channel. Later, Hatcher caught the aroma of cooking wafting through the aisles of the show. “I thought if someone is cooking, they need this tray to put the food on,” she says. At the cooking pavilion she learned celebrity chefs were preparing dishes, signing their cookbooks and schmoozing with the media. Her tray caught the eye of the cooking show director and was shortly thereafter used in a demonstration.

About that time, Savannah cooking maven Paula Deen swept into the pavilion and began signing her latest book. Hatcher, on the advice of the cooking show director, bought the Deen book and got it signed. “When I got in front of her, she asked me [Hatcher goes into the classic Southern drawl], ‘Sugah, did you make this tray?’ and I told her I did. And not 10 seconds later, here comes the HGTV people with the camera going and they asked her what was the most wonderful thing she had seen at the show and she replied, ‘Dahlin, this tray is about the most wonderful thing I’ve seen in years.’ I was on fire.”

Moving Ahead

Hatcher has sold her first ship’s container of 7,000 Lappers and is halfway through the second. Ever the optimist, she plans to order two more. That fortuitous encounter with the HGTV crew led to her product being featured four times on the cable channel.

In addition, Lappers have appeared on ABC’s “Good Morning America,” in eight magazines and are now being offered in several catalogues. Lappers are available in 300 stores nationwide, including several in Georgia. Additional information is online at www.archerinnovations.com.

Lappers have also found popularity among those suffering from Parkinson’s Disease, as well as patients at rehabilitation centers and hospitals. “To know that people who are physically challenged have benefited from using my product brought tears to my eyes,” she says. Her grandfather, Dr. Lou Riccardi, a Buckhead surgeon, played a role in the founding of Atlanta’s Shephard Spinal Center, where today her trays can be found in the center’s shop, Apothecary. ■



Photo by Stephani Stephens

Discovering the SKINNY on



By Denise Horton

Ruth Harris wants to understand fat in all of its intricacies: How fat increases and decreases; why our bodies sometimes disregard internal signals to quit eating; why we may respond to stress by not eating; and why sometimes we regain the weight we lose during stress and other times we don't.

But despite her more than 20 years of researching the physiology and metabolism of fat, she and her fellow researchers have much to learn. "It seems that each time we answer one question, at least four more crop up," says Harris, a UGA professor of foods and nutrition.

An Influential Hormone

In the early 1990s, researchers at Rockefeller University identified the hormone leptin as playing a significant role in body-weight regulation. Created in fat cells, leptin enters the circulatory system and travels to receptors throughout the body, including those found in the hypothalamus, the appetite center of the brain. It is believed that once leptin binds with receptors in the hypothalamus, signals of satiety are released, leading to appetite suppression.

Leptin is also involved in the loss of fat. When genetically obese mice that do not make leptin were given low doses of the hormone, they lost 30 percent of their body weight within two weeks. Researchers still don't know how the weight loss actually occurs, but Harris is confident that there are factors beyond leptin that are necessary. For example, there may be still-unidentified hormones that are triggered after leptin reaches the brain, or they may be released when leptin binds with receptors elsewhere in the body.

Harris hopes that the results of two studies currently under way will shed light on both issues. One project focuses on preadipocytes, undifferentiated cells that will grow into fat cells. The other looks at mature fat cells. In both studies, with the assistance of UGA protein chemist Lance Wells in the biochemistry department, the Harris lab is separating various proteins out of blood serum that contains leptin. The preadipocytes and fat cells are then exposed to the blood serum. The results are expected to show whether leptin-laced blood serum affects lipid synthesis in mature fat cells or the proliferation of preadipocytes. It may also lead to the identification of other factors necessary for leptin-related fat loss.

A Reversal in Outcome

Harris' research on leptin has shown that it can sometimes lead to weight gain rather than weight loss. In a study conducted with researchers at Georgia State University and the University of Pennsylvania, she and her colleagues gave leptin to rats whose forebrains had been surgically separated from their brain stems. These animals gained significant amounts of weight, while those given similar levels of leptin but whose brains were intact lost weight. The researchers' results will soon be published in the journal *Endocrinology*. In another study, Harris showed that mice kept in a hot environment and fed a high-fat diet also gained body fat when they were treated with leptin. This work has recently been published in the *American Journal of Physiology*.



(This article first appeared in the Fall 2007 issue of UGA Research magazine.)

“Both of these studies indicate that if the leptin receptors located in the hypothalamus can’t be activated, but receptors in the brain stem are available, leptin leads to weight gain rather than weight loss,” she says.

In yet another study, Harris has discovered that rats fed a high-fructose diet quickly become leptin-resistant: They may have plenty of the hormone, but they cannot put it to use. This finding raises the idea that glucose and fructose follow different metabolic pathways that affect how leptin works. It may illuminate links between the human diet and obesity. “It’s worth noting,” Harris says, “that most people consume a large amount of fructose in their diet because the most common sweetener in processed food is high-fructose corn syrup.”

Effects of Stress

Although Harris’ team spends a great deal of time studying leptin, that’s not the only focus of their research. The scientists are also conducting a series of experiments on the impact of stress on body weight.

“I started studying stress because the loss of weight that occurs from it isn’t consistent with what we would have expected,” she says. “When a rat experiences extreme stress it loses weight. When the stress is relieved, the animal resumes its normal eating pattern, but it never makes up for the weight that was lost. That is, it never weighs the same as a rat that did not experience extreme stress.”

In a series of experiments, Harris and colleagues have tried various ways of examining this phenomenon, such as giving the rats drugs that prevented them from losing weight. “It’s clear,” she concludes, “that there’s some sort of metabolic memory that the stress induces. After the stress has ended and we stop the drugs, the rats lose weight to the same level they would have without the drugs.”

Interestingly, Harris has determined that the weight-loss phenomenon is limited to extreme stress—caused, for example, by confining the animal in a small space. Mild stress—induced, say, by moving the rat to a new but amply sized cage, will cause it to lose a small amount of weight,

which it usually regains within 24 hours.

“What these different responses demonstrate,” says Harris, “is that while extreme stress seems to impact the hypothalamus—the part of the brain that regulates food intake—mild stress primarily impacts the brain stem.”

Harris doubts that there’s any one key to body-weight regulation, not just in association with leptin, but overall. Other factors could trigger our bodies to become hungry, for example, or to raise our metabolism rates or lower them.

Moreover, “I think an appreciation of social and behavioral factors is critical to understanding body weight regulation,” she says. “For instance, we know that people eat more in social situations; and that if you put M&Ms on someone’s desk they’ll eat more if the candies are in a clear container than in an opaque one.” ■



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All of the professors and staff are genuinely concerned about helping their students become successful and further their education. Scholarships like this are just another example of how the college works to better its students.

— **Meredith Davis**
Virginia Wilbanks Kilgore Scholarship recipient
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There are so many days when I pinch myself! The faculty have all supported me to try for this research project in Africa, and subsequently, to apply to Oxford for continued study with refugees. I love this subject enough that I would have sunk my last diamond to go to Ghana and give it a shot. I am so grateful for this funding.

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Blitch Ann Bird (BSHE '69, Clothing and Textiles) works as a Certified Public Accountant and Certified Financial Planner for AXA Advisors, LLC, a financial consultant firm in Stone Mountain.

1970s

Cynthia Bankhead Clements (BSHE '72, Clothing and Textiles) works in sales for the National Spirit Group in Roswell.

Judy Herrin (BSHE '72, Clothing and Textiles) works with Holland and Knight, a law firm in Jacksonville, Fla.

Mary Lou Crawford Swift (BSHE '73, General Home Economics) has been named to the board of directors of the University of Georgia Foundation. She earned her master's degree in



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Over thirty FACS students, faculty, and alumni gathered at East West Bistro in Athens for a reception and dinner to network and learn about the latest news in the Department of Foods and Nutrition. FDN alumnae **Meredith Barrs Potter**, (BSFCS '04, Consumer Foods and Dietetics), **Elise Emrath**, (BSFCS '04, Dietetics), and **Heather Bowen**, (BSFCS '00 Dietetics, MS '02, Foods and Nutrition) were among those reconnecting.

counseling psychology from Georgia State University and has been a licensed professional counselor since 1990.

Charlotte Lovell Thompson (BSHE '75, Home Economics Education) is executive director for the Epilepsy Foundation of Georgia in Atlanta.

Lynn Hopper Wells (BSHE '78, Home Economics and Journalism) is the founder and president of Table Decor International in Smyrna. She began the business in 1984 after developing and patenting a shaded candle lamp that is now used at Ritz-Carlton hotels around the world, as well as by other hotels and restaurants.

1980s

Jacqueline Brooks Emmons (BSHE '85, Consumer Economics and Home Management) teaches family and consumer sciences education at South Gwinnett High School in Snellville. A certified kitchen designer since 1996, she continues to sell cabinetry through Schuon Kitchens in Roswell. She, husband, David, and their four children, Tanner, 17; Taylor, 13; Hunter, 9; and Emily, 5; live in Grayson.

Susan Buckley Goldman (BSHE '87, Home Economics Education) recently earned her master of education degree in instructional technology. She lives

in Cerritos, Calif., and is an 8th grade science teacher and gifted coordinator.

Susan Heckman Liece (BSHE '85, Furnishings and Interiors) is an owner of The Finished Room, a trade showroom specializing in high-end furniture, lighting and accessory lines. It is an agent showroom for the Atlanta Decorative Arts Center for Kravet, Lee Jofa, Highland Court and Duralee fabrics in Alpharetta.

Sheryl Merritt (BSHE '88, Fashion Merchandising) is marketing director for Rowdy Records in Atlanta.

David Vogel (BSHE '87, Consumer Economics and Home Management) is channel manager of EMEA (Europe, Middle East and Africa) of Red Hat, an open source software company. He lives in the Notting Hill/Bayswater area of London, England.

Vickie Hearn Williamson (BSHE '86, Food Service Management) has been appointed by Gov. Sonny Perdue to the Children and Youth Coordinating Council. She also is a board member for the Walton County Boys and Girls Clubs.

1990s

Maury Beasley (BSFCS '97, Consumer Economics) is a loan officer for Montgomery Bank and Trust in Vidalia.

Brian Benninghoff (BSFCS '93, Consumer Economics) has started his own real estate business in conjunction with Keller Williams in Atlanta.

Regina Cannon Dunn (BSFCS '95, Home Economics Education) is the school food service director for Lee County Schools in Leesburg.

Mike Glennon (BSFCS '98, Consumer Journalism) is an account executive in group sales for the Atlanta Braves.

Elizabeth Hutcheson (BSFCS '94, Furnishings and Interiors) has established her own full service design firm, Classic Design Consultants, in Atlanta.

Sandra Kays (PhD '91, Foods and Nutrition) is a research chemist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Agricultural Research Service, Quality and Safety Assessment Research Unit in Athens.

Onika Bramble Lopez (BSFCS '99, Fashion Merchandising) is a merchandising analyst for The Home Depot in Decatur.



Tammy Tate Gilland (L) and Suzanne Griffeth, (Director of Alumni and Student Leadership)

A Challenge to Reconnect

In July, I was sitting in a pew at Athens First Baptist Church to pay tribute to my college advisor, mentor, and friend – a woman who asked me at the young age of 18, “*Who are you now and who do you want to be?*” I didn’t know the answer then – I just wanted to change my major!

Nonetheless, Dr. Jane Rhoden saw something special in me and the other students majoring in home economics and journalism. She knew with a little time and effort, we would answer her question.

I heard classmates across campus talk about visiting their advisor once a quarter with appointments lasting 10 minutes or less. I visited Dr. Rhoden at least twice weekly and every advising appointment lasted at least an hour. She didn’t just tell us what classes to take. She got to know us – our hopes – our dreams for the future. She encouraged us to apply for scholarships, internships, and student leadership positions. Dr. Rhoden opened her home and made us feel special – we were family. She knew we were some of the best students on campus, and she challenged us to use and share our talents.

Over the past several years, I would see Dr. Rhoden occasionally around Athens. Within a few minutes, I would feel like I was 18 again, sitting in her office, planning my courses and life at UGA.

Who am I now, Dr. Rhoden? I am a wife, mother, UGA staff member, president of the FACS Alumni Association, and community volunteer. *Who do I want to be, Dr. Rhoden?* I want to be like you – seeing the potential in others and striving to motivate and support them to become productive and successful human beings.

As your alumni association president, I challenge you to reconnect with your college and increase your involvement. Let’s work to make our students feel welcome, special, and important. Each of us can be a Dr. Jane Rhoden in a student’s life.

— Tammy Tate Gilland
2007-08 FACS Alumni President

Jon McGavin (BSFCS '91, Hotel and Restaurant Administration) is the newly appointed general manager for the Ritz-Carlton in Buckhead.

Shelly Nickols-Richardson (MS '94, Foods and Nutrition; PhD '98, Foods and Nutrition) has been named president-elect of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.

April A. Riddle (BSFCS '98, Housing) works in management and sales for Dawgwood, a real estate firm in Athens.

April Griggs Smith (BSFCS '99, Child and Family Development) married Trent Smith on June 22, 2006, on St. Simons Island. She teaches elementary school in Gwinnett County. The couple lives in Hull.

B. Lee Vaughn (BSFCS '95, Consumer Economics) is a senior vice president of BB&T in Athens.

Stacey Tweedell Wheeler (BSFCS '94, Consumer Economics) and her husband, Ty, are licensed operators of the New Balance shoe store in Oconee County. She has worked with the New Balance Company for 12 years, originally as a sales representative. She and her husband opened their first New Balance store five years ago in Greenville, SC.

2000s

Jessica P. Anderson (MS '06, Child and Family Development) is the new director for the UGA Graduate School's outreach and diversity office.

Amanda Anglyn (BSFCS '03, Consumer Economics; MS '07, Housing and Consumer Economics) earned her master's degree in spring 2007. Her thesis is titled, "Incidence of Home Modifications Among Younger Old Adults and Older Old Adults Using Longitudinal Analysis." Anne Sweaney was her major professor. Anglyn is currently an associate real estate appraiser for TSH&C in St. Louis, Mo.

Jessica Ann Archer (BSFCS '04, Furnishings and Interiors) is a design assistant at Paramount Pictures in Hollywood, Calif., helping design offices

and meeting rooms. Her work also includes studios owned by Paramount, such as Dreamworks and Vantage.

Laurie Lynn Barton (BSFCS '02, Child and Family Development) is an assistant to Georgia Sen. Cecil Staton, R-Macon.

Riali Marie Blackstock (BSFCS '03, Fashion Merchandising) married Duncan Blake Lyons on April 21 in Augusta. She is an associate buyer for Intimacy Apparel of Atlanta, where the couple lives.

Ashley Claire Branan (BSFCS '04, Child and Family Development) married Brad Sheffield on April 14 in Athens. She is a sales representative for Mal-ad Promotions, a marketing firm of specialty items. The couple lives in Athens.

Candace L. Coats (BSFCS '06, Dietetics and Consumer Foods) has completed requirements for her certification as a Registered Dietitian.

Mandi M. Colson (BSFCS '05, Housing and Consumer Economics; MS '07, Housing and Consumer Economics) earned her master's degree in spring 2007. Her thesis is titled, "Affordable Housing Barriers in Georgia According to Local Homebuilders Association Members." Anne Sweaney was her major professor. Colson is currently an associate real estate appraiser for Southeastern Consulting Group in Cumming.

Jon Daly (BSFCS '04, Consumer Economics) is a mortgage consultant for Wyndham Capital Mortgage in Charlotte, N.C.

Kerry Dobson (BSFCS '04, Fashion Merchandising) is an inside sales associate for Winnie Couture wedding gown designers in Atlanta.

Rachel Victoria Dulebohn (MS '07, Foods and Nutrition) earned her master's degree in spring 2007. Her thesis is titled, "Effects of Blueberry Extract Supplementation on Basal Oxidative Stress in Young, Healthy Rats." Joan Fischer was her major professor.

Elizabeth Tyler Emrath (BSFCS '04, Dietetics) is a metabolic dietitian with Emory University in Atlanta.

Charlotte Fekete (BSFCS '07, Consumer Journalism) placed third in the 2007 Olivado's International Chef Cook-Off in Australia. In order to compete in the cook-off, Fekete was one of three winners in the 2007 Chef Quest Competition, sponsored by Olivado Natural Nutrition and Women Chefs and Restaurateurs. Fekete's winning recipe was for East West Steak and Jalapeno Slaw.

Sara Ellen Fitzpatrick (BSFCS '04, Nutrition Science; MS '07, Foods and Nutrition) earned her master's degree in spring 2007. Her thesis is titled, "Physical Activity and Physical Function in Older Adults in Georgia." Mary Ann Johnson was her major professor.

Brandi Leigh Frazier (BSFCS '04, Child and Family Development) received her master's degree in school counseling from Georgia Southern University in 2006. She is a school counselor for Twin City Elementary School.

Alan Gilmer (BSFCS '07, Furnishings and Interiors) is a junior interior designer for Nathan Egan Interiors in New York

Irene Enam Hatsu (MS '07, Foods and Nutrition) earned her master's degree in spring 2007. Her thesis is titled, "Effect on Infant Feeding on Maternal Body Composition." Alex Anderson was her major professor.

Chad Howard (BSFCS '01, Consumer Economics) lives in Monroe and is a loan originator for SunTrust Mortgage and Banking in Athens.

Kristi Nichole Hughes (BSFCS '03, Child and Family Development; MS '07, Child and Family Development) earned her master's degree in spring 2007. Her thesis is titled, "Summer Camp Staff Development: A Qualitative Study of Work Group Cohesion." David Wright was her major professor.

Hillary Anne Johnson (BSFCS '02, Nutrition Science and Consumer

Foods; MS '07, Foods and Nutrition) earned her master's degree in spring 2007. Her thesis is titled, "Description, Instrumental, and Acceptability Assessment of Reduced Calorie Cupcakes Prepared with Alternative Sweeteners." Ruthann Swanson was her major professor.

Julie Johnson (BSFCS '05, Furnishings and Interiors) is an outside sales market manager for Kimball Office, a company promoting products to architects and designers in the Atlanta area.

Mandy Wingate Kinsey (BSFCS '01, Family and Consumer Sciences Education) married Kevin Kinsey in March 2005. The couple welcomed daughter, Wynn, in June 2006. The family lives in Moultrie.

Daniel Liberatore (BSFCS '05, Housing) works with Anchorage Homes, LLC and Hudgins Construction Company, Inc. in McDonough.

Margaret Hammack Long (BSFCS '03, Furnishings and Interiors) is president of Margaret Long Designs, a design company focusing on residential design that she started in November 2005. Her headquarters are in an Atlanta carriage house that she and her husband, Jason, renovated.

Alicia Licht Maddox (BSFCS '06, Furnishings and Interiors) is a design assistant for Schuon Kitchens and Baths in Roswell.

Pier Mallory (BSFCS '05, Fashion Merchandising) is office supervisor for Baker, Knapp and Tubbs, an industry partner of Kohler plumbing fixtures in Atlanta.

Dawn Link McDougald (BSFCS '06, Dietetics) is performing a dietetics internship and pursuing a master's degree in foods and nutrition at the University of Georgia in Athens.

Patricia Michaud (BSFCS '05, Family and Consumer Sciences Education) recently received her master's degree in food, nutrition and culinary sciences from Clemson University, Clemson, S.C. She is an intern at the Oxmoor House test kitchen for *Southern Progress* in Atlanta.

Jodi Shideler Mildren (BSFCS '04, Child and Family Development) is a child protection intake caseworker for the Jefferson County, Colo., Division of Children, Youth, and Families.

Joanna Rodrigues Miragaya (PhD '07, Foods and Nutrition) earned her doctoral degree in spring 2007. The title of her dissertation is, "The Effects of Blocking Brainstem CRF Receptors on Stress Responsiveness in Rats." Ruth Harris was her major professor.



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Christina Hanson Mitchell (BSFCS '00, Child and Family Development) received the Parent Choice Award for Center-Based Providers in June from the Child Care Resource and Referral Agency in Athens-Clarke County. She is lead teacher at River's Crossing, a part of the Child Development Lab of the College of Family and Consumer Sciences. Mitchell also has completed the 2007 Front Line Leadership Series, through the UGA training and development department.

Jessica Faye Mitchell (BSFCS '05, Child and Family Development) recently received her master's degree in early childhood special education from Arizona State University. She is a therapist/case consultant for the Center for Autism and Related Disorders in Phoenix, Ariz.

Candiss Mosley (BSFCS '03, Fashion Merchandising) completed her master's degree in fashion design at the Savannah College of Art and Design in 2006. She lives in Manhattan, N.Y.,

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and is a free-lance designer performing an internship with Lectra USA, Inc., a supplier of design software.

Annalisse "AJ" Nelson (BSFCS '06, Consumer Journalism) is an account executive for CBS Outdoor in Atlanta.

John Francis Nerswick (PhD '07, Child and Family Development) earned his doctoral degree in spring 2007. The title of his dissertation is, "Treat Me Like I've Got Some Kind of Ability." Perspectives of Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities of Their Communication with Direct Support Professionals." Zolinda Stoneman was his major professor.

Abbi Francis Odom (BSFCS '05, Child and Family Development) is the spa front desk supervisor for the Sea Island Co. on St. Simons Island.

Christine Lynn Olson (PhD '07, Child and Family Development) earned her doctoral degree in spring 2007. The title of her dissertation is, "An Exploratory Study of Women's Experiences of Parental Divorce." Pat Bell-Scott was her major professor.

Kellie Lorraine Palmer (BSFCS '03, Consumer Journalism) is a marketing director and physician liaison for Metropolitan Diagnostic Imaging Group in New York.

Elizabeth Ann Poulin (BSFCS '00, Fashion Merchandising) is an

account executive with Adam Young, Inc, a television marketing and sales firm in Atlanta.

Megan Lynn Pritchett (BSFCS '07, Family and Consumer Sciences Education) is a FACS education teacher at Bainbridge High School in Bainbridge.

Gene Rice (BSFCS '05, Consumer Economics) married **Isabel Cristina Vera** (BSFCS '06, Child and Family Development Early Childhood Education: Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 2) on Dec. 16, 2006, in Memphis, Tenn. Gene is the owner of Vantage Realty Partners in Atlanta. Isabel teaches first grade at Christ the King School in Buckhead, where the couple lives.

Angela Dewitte Ruhlen (MFCSS '04, Foods and Nutrition) is a clinical dietitian in nutrition services at the Gwinnett Medical Center in Lawrenceville.

Nicki Lurker Sauls (BSFCS '05, Fashion Merchandising and Honors Interdisciplinary Studies; MS '07, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors) earned her master's degree in spring 2007. Her thesis is titled, "Women in Pants: A Study of Female College Students Adoption of Bifurcated Garments at the University of Georgia from 1960 to 1974." Patricia Hunt-Hurst was her major professor. She is currently the academic, international and marketing coordinator for FACS.

Darby Thompson Sewell (BSFCS '00, Family and Consumer Sciences Education; MEd '01, Family and

Consumer Sciences Education) was presented the national Outstanding Advisor Award by the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences at the organization's annual meeting in June. She is an instructor of family and consumer sciences at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, Ga.

Deanne Smith (BSFCS '05, Consumer Journalism) received her Financial Industry Regulatory Association Series 7 General Securities License in August and is employed with Vickery Financial Services in Athens.

Millie Young Smith (BSFCS '03, Dietetics) is a clinical dietitian in nutrition services at the Medical Center of Central Georgia in Macon.

Elizabeth Michelle Speer (MS '07, Foods and Nutrition) earned her master's degree in spring 2007. Her thesis is titled, "Diabetes Self-Management Education for Older Adults." Mary Ann Johnson was her major professor.

Emily Stein (BSFCS '06, Dietetics and Consumer Foods) is performing a dietetics internship while pursuing a master's degree at Georgia State University in Atlanta.

Christine Swafford (BSFCS '06, Dietetics) is performing a dietetics internship while pursuing a master's degree at Georgia State University in Atlanta.

Alice Barron Way (BSFCS '05, Consumer Economics) works in showroom sales for Ferguson, a bath, kitchen and lighting gallery in Athens.

Stephanie Susan Wilson (BSFCS '01, Fashion Merchandising) is owner of Pink Lemonade, a women's clothing boutique in Atlanta.

Katherine Morgan Wood (BSFCS '05, Child and Family Development) is the manager of homeless services for the Community Council for the Homeless at Friendship Place in Washington, D.C.

Qianqui "Max" Zhu (PhD '07, Housing and Consumer Economics) earned his doctoral degree in spring 2007. The title of his dissertation is, "Consumer Preferences for Internet Services: A Choice-Based Conjoint Study." Julia Marlowe was his major professor. ■



Total Knowledge – FACS Summer College

The 30 family and consumer sciences teachers attending FACS Summer College in June practiced their fashion skills as part of a workshop designed to help students learn how to match clothing styles to body types. The program was just one of several featured during the two-day workshop. The teachers also updated their knowledge about early brain development, managing their workplace image, money management, adolescent relationships and anger management strategies.

New FACS Video

Students throughout Dawson may have thought they were being filmed for a new movie. They weren't too far from the truth. Although they won't be seen on any big screens, a new student recruitment video for FACS is now on-line and will be shown to potential students throughout Georgia in the coming months.

Connie Rash (Assistant Director of Student Services) saw the need for a video to reach potential students, their parents, and guidance counselors at recruitment fairs and school visits, as well as offering an on-line opportunity to see the college.

"It's very important for high schoolers to hear directly from college students about their experiences," Rash said. "Since I can't take college students with me to every recruitment event this new video is a good way to fill that void."

The video features **Noah Spitalnick** (Senior, Consumer Economics) and **Katie Gaffoglio** (Senior, Furnishings and Interiors) walking viewers through the halls of Dawson, describing the numerous opportunities offered at FACS. The audience learns about the 12 majors within each department along with potential careers associated with the majors. Study abroad opportunities along with other student activities are also presented. Highlights of the video are interviews with current and past students who discuss their personal experiences with the college.

The video was produced by Waco O'Guinn of DSP Productions and written by O'Guinn and **Denise Horton** (Director of Communications). The video is posted on the college's website: www.fcs.uga.edu.

in memoriam

Mary Rose Bacon
(BSHE '57; PhD '78)
July 25, 2007

Lila Ragsdale Fuller
(BSHE '37; MEd '70; EdS '72)
August 15, 2007

Ernestine Head Jernigan
(BSHE '30; MSHE '37)
April 16, 2007

Jane Otwell Rhoden
(BSHE '60; MHE '64)
July 4, 2007

Ruth Dillon Brock
(BSHE '56)
May 11, 2007

Helen McKown Gibson
(BSHE '46)
August 2, 2007

Marion Edwards Lewis
(BSHE '41)
July 17, 2007

Emily Heath Smith
(BSHE '45; MEd '48)
April 20, 2007

Vida Haws Brooke
(BSHE '55; MEd '64)
June 24, 2007

Mary Strickland "Sis" Hailey
(BSHE '52)
May 21, 2007

Rhonwyn Lowry
(BSHE '51)
April 15, 2007

Eva Martin Spann
(BSHE '37)
May 14, 2007

Helen Higginbotham Burt
(BSHE '46)
July 3, 2007

Doris Lewis Harris
(Matriculate '38)
April 4, 2007

Billie Jean Jones Martin
(BSHE '52)
April 6, 2007

Maria Markow Turnbull
(BSHE '57)
March 18, 2007

Hazel Smith Capehart
(BSHE '41)
May 6, 2007

Linda Lee Harvey
(BSHE '73; MEd '75)
May 4, 2007

Henryetta Glover McMath
(BSHE '42)
April 20, 2007

Betty Tatum Turner
(BSHE '64)
July 8, 2007

Ruth Trulock Dickson
(BSHE '47)
March 18, 2007

Elizabeth Brimberry Haugen
(BSHE '44)
July 14, 2007

Elizabeth Roach Moyse
(BSHE '40)
May 26, 2007

Florine Strickland Weldon
(BSHE '53)
June 7, 2007

Henrietta Barnett Foster
(BSHE '41; MEd '53)
June 14, 2007

Lucy P. Hilley
(Matriculate '45)
March 3, 2007

Ella Clarke Nuite
(BSHE '27)
June 15, 2007

Gail Word-Hnatusko
(BSHE '59; MS '68)
March 16, 2007



“All-Around Good Spirit” Honored with “Bill Flatt Appreciation Day”

By Denise H. Horton

Since joining the faculty of the College of Family and Consumer Sciences more than a decade ago, **William P. Flatt** has

contributed his time, energy and financial resources to FACS.

In recognition of those contributions, the FACS Department of Foods and Nutrition sponsored “Bill Flatt Appreciation Day” on Oct. 16, including a reception for Flatt and his wife, **June**, on the front porch of Dawson Hall.

“Bill encourages our faculty, he is a strong supporter of our graduate students, and he’s a delight to our undergraduates,” according to **Rebecca Mullis**, FDN department head. “He’s an all around good spirit.”

Flatt is well known in Dawson Hall for his cheery greetings and his “better than ever” response to anyone asking how he’s doing. Although Flatt attained professor emeritus

status several years ago, he is still a favorite lecturer in undergraduate nutrition classes, where he highlights his own successful weight loss efforts. Flatt reinforces his lecture by having students try on a 20-pound “fat suit.” He also “Dances with the Oldies” for the students—demonstrating as he continues his rapid-fire talk—how he used the videotape as a part of his weight-loss regime.

Flatt joined FACS after stepping down as dean of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, a position he held for 13 years. He has been a part of the UGA faculty since 1969 when he was named chair of the animal science division.

In addition to his many other contributions to the college, Flatt and his wife have also been generous in their financial support of FACS.

In August, they established the Bill and June Nesbitt Flatt Professorship in Foods and Nutrition. The Flatts have also established scholarship endowments for both undergraduate and graduate students. A fourth endowment supports first honor graduates and Gamma Sigma Delta outstanding senior award recipients. ■

CDL Named Best in Georgia

The Child Development Lab at the McPhaul Center has been named Program of the Year by the Georgia Association on Young Children, the state affiliate of the National Association for the Education of Young Children and the Southern Early Childhood Association.

The award winner, which recognizes the CDL as the premier program in the state, was selected from among several nominees by a committee of early childhood education professionals.

The CDL was nominated by **Diane Bales**, (Associate Professor, Child and Family Development) who noted that the lab provides a community-wide example of high-quality early care and education that uses developmentally appropriate practices as a guiding philosophy for all aspects of the early childhood curriculum and incorporates inclusion of children with special

needs in all of its classrooms.

The CDL also plays an important role in educating early childhood professionals and contributing to early childhood research, Bales noted. Undergraduate students spend substantial time observing and implementing activities with children at the CDL to get a hands-on idea of typical child development and classroom experiences.

“Many UGA graduates go into the early childhood field with a deep understanding of high-quality early care and learning because they have experienced such high quality first-hand at the CDL,” Bales said.

During a reception for CDL staff, **Dean Laura Jolly** said, “This award is recognition of the excellent work you do and reflects why so many people want to send their children here.”

CDL Director Amy Kay said receiving the award help her staff



in acknowledging the level of professionalism in early learning programs in general and, specifically, in place at the CDL.

“As a group, teachers are particularly self-sacrificial,” she said. “They spend every day focusing on the children and their successes, so it’s hard for them to give accolades to their own successes. But, this award provides the proof that our hard work to build a quality program has been recognized. It makes me incredibly proud to be a part of the Child Development Lab.”

The CDL dates back to 1927. It currently has 106 children, ages 8 weeks to 5 years old, enrolled. ■

SOUTH CAMPUS

Our 13th annual South Campus Tailgate held on Saturday, September 15, 2007 at UGA's Legion Field was a HUGE success – the weather was perfect, the exhibits were great and the barbecue was delicious. UGA cheerleaders, clowns, a petting zoo, ice cream, and face painting all added to the festivities.

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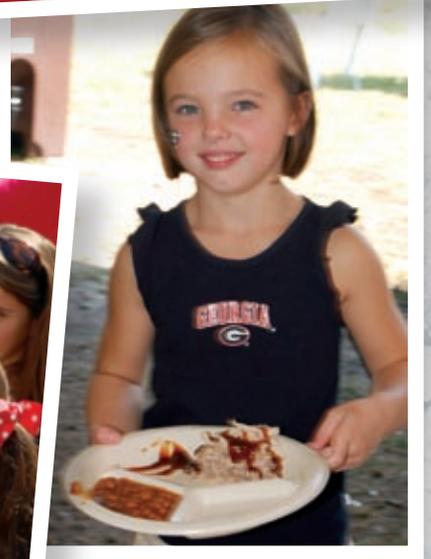
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Tailgate '07



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FACULTY & STAFF

Ramona (Mona) Adams (Public Service Assistant, Cooperative Extension) was promoted to public service assistant on July 1. She is with the Extended Foods and Nutrition Education Program in Richmond County.

Six FACS faculty members have received Scholarship of Engagement Grants, which will allow them to combine teaching, research and outreach activities. **Alex Kojo**

Anderson (Assistant Professor, Foods and Nutrition), will focus on maternal and child nutrition in Ghana.

Julia Reguero de Atilas (Senior Academic Professional, Child and Family Development) and **Silvia Giraud** (Associate Professor, Foods and Nutrition) will focus on obesity education for children in Mexico.

Ted Futris (Assistant Professor, Child and Family Development) will focus on a project called, "Building Relationships: University and Community Partners Supporting Healthy Marriages." **Denise C. Lewis** (Assistant Professor, Child and Family Development) will explore intergenerational service-learning with a project focusing on Cambodian elders raising grandchildren.

Terri Black (Public Service Assistant, Cooperative Extension; BSFCS '01, Child and Family Development; MED '05, Adult Education) was promoted to public service assistant in July. She is a FACS Cooperative Extension agent in Burke County.

Joni Callihan (Business Manager, Cooperative Extension) was selected as the 2007 Epsilon Sigma Phi Meritorious Support Service Award winner for state staff. She has worked for UGA for 20 years and the past 10 years has served as the business manager for FACS Extension. In the nomination letter, Callihan was praised for her knowledge of UGA accounting and budgeting processes, her ability to navigate the university's various systems, as well as her conscientiousness, careful attention to accuracy and timeliness. During the past year, Callihan also completed the university's "Front Line Leadership Certificate."

Renee Dotson (Public Service Associate, Cooperative Extension; BSHE '88, Consumer Economics and Home Management) was promoted to public service associate on July 1. She is a FACS Cooperative Extension agent in Gilmer County.

Sharon Gibson (Multi-Cultural Specialist, Cooperative Extension) and Pratt Cassity of the College of Environmental Design have received a U.S. Department of Agriculture-Rural Business Opportunity Grant for \$50,000 to work with Colquitt County on training community members using the "Your Town" curriculum. Gibson also was promoted to public service associate on July 1.

Joseph Goetz (Assistant Professor, Housing and Consumer Economics) received the PhD Dissertation Award at the American Council on Consumer Interests meeting in April. His dissertation is titled, "A Five

Nation Examination of Financial Risk Tolerance."

Gail Hanula (Public Service Associate, Cooperative Extension) has been named a national winner in the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences in the Distinguished Service Award category. She was presented the award during the NEAFCS meeting in St. Paul, Minn., in September. Hanula also has been promoted to public service associate.

Judy Harrison (Professor and Extension Foods Specialist, Foods and Nutrition), Melissa Mixon of Mississippi State and Angela Fraser of North Carolina State University were one of two teams of recipients of 10th anniversary "BAC Fighters!" awards given by the Partnership for Food Safety Education. The award was presented at a Washington, D.C., breakfast on Capitol Hill that included policymakers and members of the partnership.

Valerie Havill (Assistant Research Scientist, Institute on Human Development and Disability) has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant to lecture and conduct research at the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia. She will serve as a U.S. Fulbright Scholar from February-June 2008. Her work will focus on including families and children with disabilities in education, research and social communities.

Denise H. Horton (Director of Communications, FACS) was presented the 2007 Mass Media Friend of Extension Award at the annual meeting of the Georgia Extension Association

of Family and Consumer Sciences. Earlier this summer, she also received the Power of Prevention volunteer award for the north Georgia region during the annual meeting of Prevent Child Abuse Georgia. She has served on the board of directors of Prevent Child Abuse Athens for the past seven years.

Susan Howington (Public Service Associate, Cooperative Extension) was promoted to public service associate on July 1. She is a FACS Cooperative Extension agent in Henry County.

Francine Jones (Director, Georgia Traffic Injury Prevention Institute), **Linnie Martin** (Research Coordinator, Foods and Nutrition) and **Andrew Turnage** (Public Information Coordinator, Georgia Traffic Injury Prevention Institute) have completed the 2007 UGA Managerial Leadership Series.

Lee Johnson (Associate Professor, Child and Family Development) was promoted to associate professor and received tenure on July 1.

Esther Maddux (Professor Emeritus, Housing and Consumer Economics; BSHE '72, Housing and Management) has earned a certificate in addiction and prevention studies and has gone into private practice in Lawrence, Kansas, with a focus on helping those with severe financial problems through intensive clinical guidance. She also continues to teach part-time at Kansas State University in Manhattan.

Julia Marlowe (Associate Professor Emeritus, Housing and Consumer Economics) received the Distinguished Fellow Award at the American Council on Consumer Interests meeting in April.

Joann Milam (Public Service Associate, Cooperative Extension; BSHE '74, Home Economics Education) was promoted to public

F new faculty S

Margaret Woosnam, assistant professor in the Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors Department. She earned her PhD in Educational Leadership from Clemson University in 2007. Her research interests include the study of feminine leadership in the male-dominated fields of architecture and higher education as well as in the female-dominated field of interior design. Woosnam will be teaching Historical Homes and Furnishings as well as Contemporary Homes and Furnishings.



Swarn Chatterjee, assistant professor in the Housing and Consumer Economics Department. Chatterjee earned his PhD in Consumer Economics from Texas Tech University in 2007. His research interests include investments, behavioral finance, and real estate. He will be teaching Financial Planning and Family Economic Environment at the Griffin campus.

Nathan Harness, assistant professor in the Housing and Consumer Economics Department. In 2007, Harness earned his PhD from Texas Tech University focusing on personal financial planning. His research concentrations include: personal financial ratio analysis, social security dependency, and factors that impact wealth accumulation across the life cycle. Harness will be teaching courses for the Family Financial Planning major.



Emily Blalock, lecturer in the Textiles, Merchandising, and Interiors Department. In 2006, Blalock earned her Master of Science from the University of Georgia in Fashion Merchandising. Her research interests include: Consumer Behavior, African American Studies, Social-Psychology, and Textile Testing. She will be teaching courses in Textile Testing, Fundamentals of the Fashion Industry, and Internship Orientation.

Karen Schlanger, Family and Consumer Sciences Evaluation Specialist. Schlanger received her Master of Public Health from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Her job will focus on reinforcing the ability of FACS state and county faculty to create, distribute, and communicate useful educational programs in order to advance the well-being of individuals and families in the community.



Amy Kay, Director of the Child Development Lab. Kay earned her Master of Science from the University of Georgia in 1996 in Elementary Education as well as her Bachelor of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences in 1992 in Child and Family Development/Early Childhood Education. She currently is pursuing her PhD in Language and Literacy Education with a research focus on parent involvement, primarily looking at non-traditional means of involvement.

service associate on July 1. She is a FACS Cooperative Extension agent in Washington County.

Diane Miller (Senior Public Service Associate, Cooperative Extension) was promoted to senior public service associate on July 1. She is a FACS Cooperative Extension agent in Bulloch County.

Robb Nielsen (Assistant Professor, Housing and Consumer Economics) has been chosen as a Service-Learning Fellow for 2007-2008. Nielsen will develop an undergraduate course that will explore the research and information needs of a non-profit organization in Georgia.

Lance Palmer (Assistant Professor in the Department of Housing and Consumer Economics) and his wife, LeAnn, welcomed a new baby, Megan Terry Palmer, on May 25. The Palmers three other daughters are Amber, Mary and Amy.

Martha Partridge (Public Service Assistant, Cooperative Extension) was promoted to public service assistant in July. She is a FACS Cooperative Extension agent in Lincoln County.

Jane Rhoden (BSHE '60, MHE '64, Child and Family Development) died

July 4 at age 68. She retired in the early 1990s, having served in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences in a variety of roles, including as assistant to the dean and director of what was then known as home economics journalism.

Mariana Souto-Manning (Assistant Professor, Child and Family Development) was awarded the 2007 Robert C. Anderson Memorial Award for outstanding research during graduate study or immediately afterward. Souto-Manning earned her PhD from the University of Georgia in language education. Her research focused on the use of critical narrative analysis and has been published in the *Bilingual Research Journal*. Souto-Manning and her husband, Dwight, are also the parents of Thomas Souto-Manning, born in July.

Zolinda Stoneman (Director, Institute on Human Development and Disability) is the principle investigator for a \$1.1 million grant to research ways to prevent young people from being injured while working on farms. The grant is from the U.S. Centers for Disease Prevention and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. The three-year project, titled AgTeen, will focus on farm families

who have children ages 10-19 who are working in cotton and/or peanut farming. In addition to IHDD, FACS and College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences faculty will be involved.

Linda G. Tepfenhart (Lecturer, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors) died July 20 after an extended illness. She retired from FACS in 2002.

Livia Wade (Office Manager, Child and Family Development) has completed the 2007 UGA Front Line Leadership Series.

STUDENTS

Several Foods and Nutrition graduate students won awards at the Georgia Nutritional Council's statewide meeting in February. **Irene Hatsu** (MS, '07, Foods and Nutrition) was awarded the Holly Alley Scholarship and placed second in the graduate research oral presentation category; **Sara Hendrix** (MS '07, Foods and Nutrition) won the Rita Waters Scholarship; **Sara Fitzpatrick** (BSFCS '04, Nutrition Science; MS '07, Foods and Nutrition) won first place in the graduate research oral presentation category, and **Elizabeth Speer** (MS '07, Foods and Nutrition) won first place in the graduate research poster presentation.

Tiffany M. Cummings-Aholou (PhD Student, Child and Family Development) received the UGA-NAACP "Outstanding Social Justice Research Award," which is given to a student involved in research that advances the ideals of social justice, racial diversity or equity with the potential to impact public policy, this fall. Cummings-Aholou and **Jerry Gale** (Professor, Child and Family Development) are conducting research on premarital counseling in African-American churches and HIV-AIDS.

Katy Gregg (PhD Student, Institute on Human Development and Disabilities and Child and Family Development) has been accepted for the UGA Graduate School Future Leaders Program. ■



More than 24 student leaders and a dozen faculty and staff attended this year's Leadership FACS retreat in Madison County. The retreat provides an opportunity for FACS Ambassadors, Legislative Aides and the presidents and vice presidents of student clubs to learn more about the college as well as a variety of leadership skills.

FACS Administrative Assistant Receives Outstanding Staff Award



By Nicki Sauls

An enthusiastic employee and friend to many received this year's FACS Nettie Marie Nichols Outstanding Staff Award.

Linda Toney has been an administrative assistant in the FACS Department of Housing and Consumer Economics for 14 years.

The Nettie Marie Nickols Outstanding Staff Award was established by former Dean Sharon Y. Nickols and her husband, Sam, in memory of his mother. The award was created "to honor individuals whose work and personal interests enable others to accomplish goals."

Toney's work ethic, moral encouragement to faculty and students, along with her community involvement were cited by her colleagues in nominating her for the award. "Linda's work ethic is that no job is too small or too insignificant. She feels that if the department needs it, she will give

110 percent to make it happen," according to **Nikki Williams**, HACE graduate coordinator assistant.

"In her life there are no strangers, just friends she has yet to meet," according to **Joan Koonce**, (Associate Professor, Housing and Consumer Economics), "She gives her absolute best always. If we all gave our best like Linda, this world would be a far better place."

Toney's commitment to the community through numerous activities is also noted by her colleagues. Her ongoing involvement at Faith Baptist Church, local shelters and through random acts of kindness shows her devotion to excellence both at work and throughout the state, they noted. Toney also supports mission work through the Ladies Fellowship at her church as well as sponsoring walkers for cancer, Alzheimer's and other fundraisers for children in local schools.

"She's like visiting a good friend who also will bend over backwards to make your life better," Williams said. "She can only say good things about any person; she communicates everything with an open and loving heart. She's refreshing to be around. As a team member of Linda's, I can say with all sincerity that she is someone that I look up to—someone that I hope to one day say I could be as good and as nice as."

This is the second time Toney has been awarded the Nettie Marie Nickols Award. She also received it in 2001.

Other winners of FACS faculty/staff awards this year were: **Brenda J. Cude** (Professor, Housing and Consumer Economics), who was named Outstanding Teacher of the Year; **Dawn Schueneman**, (Instructor, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors), who was named Advisor of the Year; **Jan T. Baggarly** (Public Service Associate, Cooperative Extension), received the Thomas F. Rogers Outreach County Agent; and **Maily Perez** (Program Assistant, Cooperative Extension), received the Outreach Paraprofessional Award. ■

Dean Laura Jolly and her husband, David, greet visitors, including Professor Emerita Wanda Grogan (MEd '71, EdS '73) at one of the more than 20 receptions planned for this fall.



outreach responsibilities. That's never been my experience. For me, it's been very energizing. It allows you to get out of your office and to interact with faculty from other parts of the campus."

Although Jolly was approached about administrative positions almost as soon as she moved to UT, she and David were committed to staying in Tennessee until their children had completed high school— an event which occurred in May when their youngest child, Will, graduated.

Will's matriculation as a freshman at the University of Tennessee has heightened Jolly's sensitivity to the struggles many new students face.

"We make a lot of assumptions about what new students know and understand," she says. "But we do know that if students don't connect with college life they aren't going to stay. FACS has a long-time reputation for being attuned to our students, but I want us to find even more ways to be sensitive to how we communicate and support them."

While students are one area of Jolly's responsibilities as dean, equally important are the college's alumni and friends.

"We have a responsibility to keep our alumni informed and engaged," she says. "They chose FACS and invested four years or more with us. They're our family and we need to stay in touch."

As state support for higher education continues to decline, Jolly is also acutely aware of the need to grow the college's endowment and to carefully consider how funds are allocated.

"FACS had a banner year in fund raising last year, so at this point I'm looking at how I can support and augment our current development plans," she says. "Obtaining a new

building continues to be at the top of our list, but we'll refine our development plans as we continue to assess our needs."

Two areas that Jolly already knows she wants to enhance are increasing the college's grant dollars and growing the number of FACS Extension agents in the state.

"Our faculty do a tremendous job bringing in grant dollars, but they want to do even more," she says. "One of my immediate goals is to hire a grants coordinator to provide our faculty more support in this area."

In regards to FACS Extension agents, Jolly noted that there are too few currently serving the state's 159 counties.

"By talking with our agents, our Extension faculty and our stakeholders, I want us to gain an even better sense of the needs of the state and to use those needs as a powerful selling point for getting support so we can do more for Georgia," she says.

Jolly seems to thrive on the fast pace and tight schedule that defines her days as dean, but she's quick to note that balance continues to be a priority.

"My comments to the students at Leadership FACS weren't platitudes," she says. "I'm very focused on learning as much about the college as I can, as quickly as I can. But I enjoy meeting new people and going new places, so I have found this series of FACS Forward receptions very energizing, and I've had lots of opportunities to laugh with new acquaintances" she says. "We've had a few late nights, but I believe in the abilities and skills of my new colleagues to help me prioritize my energy."

Focus, Believe, Laugh. The new dean of the College of Family and Consumer Sciences seems to be keeping her balance and moving the college forward. ■

Remembering Our Moms



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If you can't remember meeting Jessie Mize, then you probably didn't. "Jessie" as we felt comfortable calling her, was unforgettable. She was a FACS alumna who earned two bachelor's degrees, one in physics and a second in home economics and a master's in mathematics at UGA before enrolling in Cornell University and earning her Ph.D. in family economics and household management. Jessie spent more than 30 years working for UGA, including 22 years on our faculty.

Jessie accomplished much during her life, but then, she had a good role model. Her mother, Leila Ritchie Mize, earned her bachelor's degree in home economics in 1924 and—at the same time Jessie was earning her first bachelor's degree—her mom was earning her master's. The photograph shows Jessie, on the left, and her mom at the time of their 1930 graduations.

Leila Mize was a pioneer Extension leader in Georgia, having been appointed the first home demonstration agent in Jackson County in 1916. She was also one of the first four district home demonstration agents, a state home demonstration agent and a state Extension specialist. She was also a charter member of the Georgia Home Economics Association.

In her estate, Jessie demonstrated how much she loved and honored her mother by establishing two funds: the Leila Alberta Ritchie Mize endowment, which supports FACS faculty; and the Mize-Ritchie endowment, which supports the FACS Legislative Aide program, a program Jessie was instrumental in establishing.

Jessie chose to remember her mother in her estate, partly because she could make a larger gift through her estate than during her lifetime and partly because she wanted to ensure that her mother's name would live on forever.

As the college's development director, I've seen commitments like Jessie's many times. Recently, a FACS alumna in her 90s created a new graduate support fund in honor of her mother. I've also worked with a faculty member who may include her mother's name as well as her own on a new endowment. This spring, a non-FACS alumna gave a gift to our college following her mother's death.

Even when our moms are gone they are with us, especially when their names are kept alive through the College of Family and Consumer Sciences. Making a charitable gift in honor or in memory of your mother is a very significant "present" that can be given after you've had a chance to grow and reflect on her influence in your life.

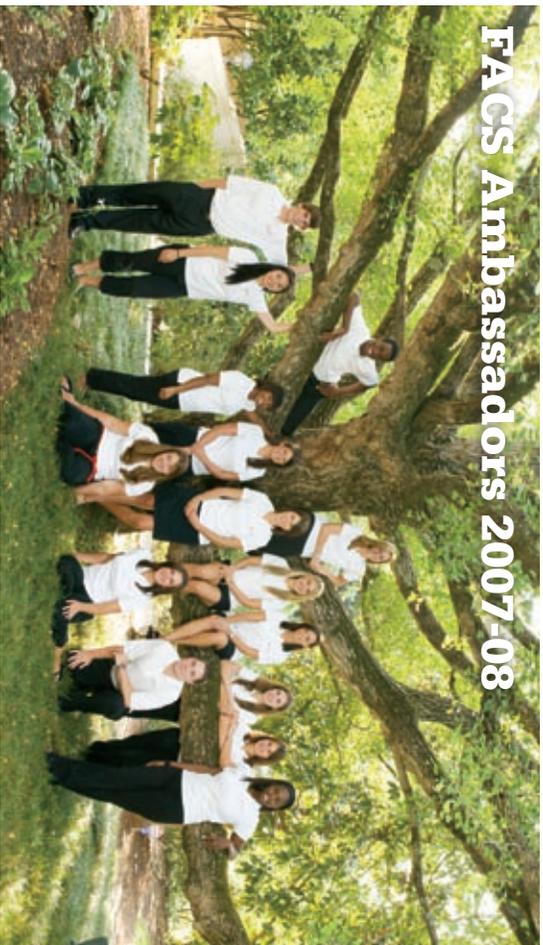
Have you thought about honoring your mother or that special someone who guided you? Annual fund gifts, memorial gifts and major gifts can all honor that special someone. There is never a minimum amount.

As we begin the home stretch in our *100 FACS Legacies in the Making* campaign, please consider making a gift through your estate in honor or in memory of another individual. We'd be honored if that gift was given to our college. Please contact me and I'll help you through the process. It truly could be the best gift you ever give...not only to the named individual, but for future generations of deserving students and faculty who will benefit from your generosity. ■



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The 2007-2008 FACS Ambassadors pose with a tree planted by Mary Creswell, the first dean of the College of Family and Consumer Sciences, as well as, the first woman to receive a bachelor's degree from the University of Georgia. (In Tree, L-R) **Trey Sanders** and **Lori Walker**. (Standing, L-R) **Victor Sullivan**, **Jane Lee**, **Katryna Langhorne**, **Kathleen Carpenter**, **Katie Gaffoglio**, **Melanie Hollingsworth**, **Megan Brannen**, **Laurin Nutt**, **Carmen Guisasaola**, and **Jessica Cooper**. (Seated, L-R): **Allison Eckman**, **Melissa Bastanpour**, and **Candler Wingo**. (Photo by Peter Frey, UGA Public Affairs Photography)



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