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Simply Amazing...



As dean, I am frequently asked to share, “just a few words,” about our college. “*Simply Amazing*” is a powerful two-word response that sums up my assessment of the people, programs and spirit of the College of Family and Consumer Sciences.

In early March, we celebrated the college and seven *simply amazing* award winners at our 31st Annual Alumni Awards Luncheon. Our alumni award winners, Judy Bland, Dot Williams, Judy Hibbs and Cynthia Levatte, as well as, faculty Charlie Wallinga and FACS friend Jeff Whalen were recognized for their accomplishments and dedication to the college. A highlight was the induction of Marian Chesnut McCullers into the FACS Honor Hall of Recognition. Marian blazed a trail for FACS in the business world and especially for women during her career with Atlanta Gas Light. I know you will enjoy learning about our award winners as you read about their accomplishments in this issue. We set a record for attendance and for our silent auction proceeds. It was a great day and I enjoyed meeting and talking with many of you.

On March 31, we exceeded the goal set for our *100 Legacies in the Making* planned giving campaign. A special thank you to Katrina Bowers, our director of development, Janet Jones Kendall, our development officer, and the campaign steering committee for their leadership as well as the 100+ FACS legacies for their generous support. While we will continue to accept planned gifts anytime, we successfully closed this campaign with **106 gifts!** This is, *simply amazing!*

This issue of FACS Magazine highlights a host of *simply amazing* alumni, students, faculty and programs in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences that are touching the community, the state and the world. Faculty in the Housing and Demographics Research Center are enhancing Georgia’s economic development opportunities by working with communities throughout the state in multi-year programs to provide adequate housing. Graduate student Abby Hardgrove has contributed to our understanding of refugees’ lives through her research with families who escaped the violence in Liberia. And, fashion merchandising students are gaining hands-on experience as they learn about the sourcing of apparel products. FACS is addressing critical societal issues with amazing results.

Thank you for your support and contributions to this *simply amazing* college! ■

Sincerely,

Laura D. Jolly

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“Fight BAC” Creator Named Hill Fellow

Judy A. Harrison ▶ a foods and nutrition professor and Extension foods specialist, has been named a Walter Barnard Hill Distinguished Fellow, the University of Georgia’s highest award in public service and outreach.

Harrison’s efforts to educate Georgians and people across the United States about food safety and preservation have included the development of the *Smart Kids Fight BAC!*® series, a collection of animated



food-safety videos and computer games for children that also includes a rhyming storybook about food safety, a *Bac-lopedia* and a *Bac-tionary*. The series

was one of only two programs recognized nationally in late 2007 by the Partnership for Food Safety. Harrison and her colleagues at Mississippi State University and North Carolina State University have received nearly \$1 million in grant funding for food safety education for children.

Harrison also has helped create food-safety educational materials for produce industry workers and first responders to food and agricultural emergencies.

Also recognized at the annual Public Service and Outreach Conference in February was ◀ **Gail Hanula**, a nutrition educator who helps design and implement programs that promote healthy lifestyles, provide foods and nutrition education to youth, and offer health education for families.



Hanula was one of five UGA public service and outreach faculty to receive a Walter B. Hill Award for Distinguished Achievement in University Public Service and Outreach.

100 Legacies Campaign Surpasses Goal

The two-year 100 Legacies in the Making campaign surpassed its goal for planned gifts. The campaign closed March 31 with 106 individuals having committed in their wills to make a financial gift to the College of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Although the total value of the gifts isn’t known, the total amount committed exceeds \$3.5 million, according to FACS Dean Laura Jolly.

Those making gifts ranged in age from 25 to 96 and included alumni, friends, current and retired faculty and staff.

The campaign was the first of its kind conducted at UGA. It was led by Katrina Bowers, FACS director of development, and Janet Jones Kendall, development officer.

The campaign has been recognized at the regional level with an Award of Excellence from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education District III.





GAFCS Developing Centennial Exhibit

In recognition of the centennial of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, which will be celebrated from July 2008-June 2009, the Georgia Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Centennial Celebration Committee is coordinating plans to recognize early home economists and celebrate the history of the profession.

The committee is seeking items for a display, including photographs, clothing and uniforms that represent home economics and FACS careers, books, publications, and small equipment items illustrating the period from the 1880s to the 1930s. The display will be developed by a museum studies course taught by **José Blanco**, assistant professor of textiles, merchandising and interiors.



Anyone who would like to donate items commemorating the history of home economics and family and consumer sciences should contact **Darby Sewell** (BSFCS '00, Family and Consumer Sciences Education; MEd '01, Family and Consumer Sciences Education) at 229-985-4917 or dsewell@abac.edu.



As a part of the celebration, senior consumer journalism major **Ali Spizman** (Above) and **Connie Rash** (Assistant Director, Student Services) compiled 80 years of the history of the Student Association of Family and Consumer Sciences into a single scrapbook, which will be used as part of a presentation at the annual GAFCS meeting.



Among the items already in the FACS Historic Costume Collection are dresses that belonged to the college's first dean, Mary Creswell. The chair can be seen in Creswell's portrait in Dawson Hall.

Family Financial Planning

Nearly 75 undergraduate family financial planning students helped low- and moderate-income families prepare and file their taxes this year as a part of the IRS-sponsored Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program.

The students spent 20 hours in training to become certified to participate in the program, according to **Lance Palmer**, assistant professor of housing and consumer economics. The FFP program sponsored six VITA sites in Athens and students also helped at two additional sites.

Although the VITA program is coordinated through a community coalition, a grant from the Georgia Federal Credit Union and the UGA Alumni Association, along with a donation from former HACE faculty, provided funding for computers and other equipment for the FFP students' participation, Palmer said.

The students spent more than 1,400 hours helping families with their tax forms. **Tom Cochran**, former assistant vice president for student affairs, also volunteered his time working with and supervising the students as well.

Palmer and his colleagues, **Joseph Goetz** and **Nathan Harness**, both of whom are HACE assistant professors, are conducting research in conjunction with this project by documenting what clients know about the retirement savers tax credit. The professors also plan to examine whether students' participation in service learning increases their involvement in professional pro-bono activities after graduation.



G.I.C.H.

GEORGIA INITIATIVE FOR COMMUNITY HOUSING

Giving Communities "Boocoodles" of Housing Tools

By Denise Horton

It's an eyesore seen in towns throughout the nation: A small house sitting on a corner in a depressed part of town. If the windows aren't boarded over, they're broken. The paint has faded and the porch is falling in. It may be a haven for drug users or other criminal enterprises. Local residents ask again and again why it can't be bulldozed to make room for a new home.

To city managers throughout Georgia these houses are ongoing nightmares, but they're just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the housing issues they face on a daily basis. Housing issues that can make a difference in whether a community prospers.

"Quality, affordable housing is critically needed for Georgia's families," according to **Tom Rodgers** (Professor Emeritus, Housing and Consumer Economics). "But Georgia communities have to simultaneously respond to the problems of substandard and dilapidated housing and deteriorating neighborhoods."

Since 2004, the **Georgia Initiative for Community Housing** has provided Georgia communities a systematic way to answer those needs through twice yearly, facilitated retreats that also allow time for the sharing of ideas on subjects as diverse as building codes, land banks and detailed information on federal and state housing-related programs.

The idea for GICH grew out of the National League of Cities' Affordable Housing Program, which identifies several communities in a state to participate in an 18-month program.

"When that program ended, we realized that you can make a great start in 18 months, but to really make progress, cities need three years to determine what needs to be done in their communities and to begin implementing those programs," Rodgers says.

Lead by faculty in the FACS Housing and Demographics Research Center, GICH partners also include the Georgia Municipal Association and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. Funding for the program

has been provided by the Georgia Power Co., the Wachovia Foundation, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development, while the Georgia Electric Membership Corp. and the UGA Archway Partnership Program have provided program support.

2005 marked the kickoff for GICH with the selection of its first class of communities—Cartersville, Fort Valley, Sylvester, Thomasville, Valdosta and Waycross.





Photo by Paul Elland

FACS faculty members Karen Tinsley and Tom Rodgers have served as coordinators for GICH.

Additional communities have been chosen annually. The 2006 class consists of Camden County, Dalton-Whitfield County, Hall County, Moultrie, and Waynesboro. The 2007 class includes Colquitt, Metter, Milledgeville, Newnan and Tifton. The newest class, which attended their first retreat in February, includes Calhoun, Cordele, Douglas, Griffin, and Toccoa.

To be chosen for GICH, communities must develop a team that includes a broad representation of the community, including city officials, local builders, bankers, business owners, representatives of non-profit groups and others who are interested in addressing housing issues. Finalists receive a day-long site visit that includes meetings with the housing team and tours of the community. Those who participate in the site visits make recommendations to GICH’s selection committee and five communities are chosen based on their housing needs and their expressed readiness to participate.

“Primarily we want to know who all they’ve included on their team and how serious they are about committing their time and energy to making changes in their community,” according to **Karen Tinsley**, GICH coordinator.

The first GICH “graduates” were recognized at the August 2007 retreat in Dalton and included Valdosta and Cartersville, two of the program’s success stories.

“When you’re in the business of neighborhood redevelopment, housing is the issue,” says **Mara Register**,

Valdosta’s assistant to the city manager “GICH was particularly helpful to us because we already were four years into our neighborhood redevelopment efforts when we were chosen. What we wanted to determine was, is what we’re doing working?”

Valdosta has set the ambitious goal of eliminating all substandard housing within the city by 2020. Already, it has demolished 442 substandard houses and brought 301 up to current building code requirements. One hundred families have received help with down payments through the Community Home Improvement Program and Community Development Block Grant Entitlement funding.

The city already has completed revitalization plans for four of its 17 neighborhoods and is in the process of drafting plans for four additional neighborhoods. As each plan is developed, the Valdosta GICH team determines how to accomplish the changes that are needed. In particular, Valdosta has worked closely with Habitat for Humanity and the Group Workcamps Foundation, a nonprofit organization that brings as many as 500 youth and adult leaders to communities around the nation with the express purpose of repairing homes.



Group Workcamp has spent a week in Valdosta each of the past three summers, repairing a total of 144 houses, according to Register.

Although plans are under way for Group Workcamp to continue coming to Valdosta, Register says a group of concerned citizens are advocating for an ongoing, local version of the program that would allow a systematic way for repairs to be identified and completed by local volunteers on the homes of those who couldn't afford them otherwise.

The Valdosta-Lowndes County Habitat for Humanity affiliate has built more than 125 houses since it began in 1988. More recently, Habitat and the city have worked together closely as dilapidated houses are torn down and new Habitat houses are built on the sites.

(Nationwide, Habitat affiliates face the challenge of finding affordable, buildable lots. The Valdosta-Habitat partnership helps address that issue.)

Nearly 300 miles north of Valdosta, the city of Cartersville provides additional GICH success stories. Director of Community Services **Pete Alday** tells of the revitalization that has taken place around the Booth Western Art Museum, located on the northern end of downtown Cartersville.



"When we joined GICH we identified the North Towne area as our focus," Alday says. "It was an area in transition that included a lot of substandard rental property."

Alday says the Cartersville team's first trip to a GICH retreat set the tone for the group.

"That first meeting helped us really get focused," he says. "We listed a bunch of things that needed to get done. Since then, we've had great participation in our projects from local builders remodeling apartments and providing infill development that's taking place on lots that had dilapidated structures."

The Cartersville GICH team also worked with the Hispanic community to develop a community association for the neighborhood.

"We used to host monthly meetings, but not anymore because the community association is now taking the lead and going strong," Alday says.

The Cartersville GICH team has received grants to conduct a housing inventory and to create an urban redevelopment plan. It's also looking into establishing a land bank, a quasi-government entity that acts as a legal and financial mechanism for transforming vacant, abandoned and tax-foreclosed property back to productive use.

"We've been exposed to boocoodles of tools," Alday says. "We've learned so much from other communities that we hate to see our participation in GICH end, but I think with the momentum we have that we'll continue to improve the housing situation in Cartersville."

"Boocoodles" of tools is an essential element of what communities receive when they attend the retreats, according to Tinsley.

"The technical assistance provided by our partners is a unique aspect of GICH," Tinsley says.

Representatives of the state Department of Community Affairs, the Georgia Power Co., the Georgia Electrical Membership Corp., and UGA's Archway Partnership Program are among those who serve as facilitators for the individual community meetings. In addition, the retreats include speakers on specialized topics, such as establishing land banks, applying for grants, building codes and enforcement and other issues.

"The involvement of these partners has played a large part in GICH's success," Rodgers says. "Not only are they available during the retreats, but they remain on-call anytime a team needs advice or help."

Jim Vaseff, an economic and community development specialist with Georgia Power, has been a facilitator at each of the retreats.

"The basic tenet that I use when talking about communities is that they all have common problems and unique situations," he says. "The pattern of ownership in one community may be very different from the pattern in another town, but they all need to deal with issues of a lack of housing."

"There's always a learning curve for the new communities," he continues. "Part of our process is to move them through that learning curve quickly."

Moving quickly toward solutions is clearly a goal for one of the newest communities to join GICH. In fact, by the end of the February retreat the Calhoun team had created a PowerPoint document complete with what they hope to accomplish over the next four years and a timeline to follow.

"The retreat helped us get it together in terms of what we want to do," says **Eddie Peterson**, Calhoun's city administrator.

"We bumped into a couple of problems, but our GICH facilitator would go find out the answer or find someone who could find the answer."

Calhoun's plan focuses on the town's West End Neighborhood, which contains a total of 57 structures,





including six that have been identified for demolition and 15 that can be rehabilitated.

The next major step facing the Calhoun GICH team was an April 1 deadline to apply for a Community Development Block Grant that would provide funding for water and sewer development as well as rehabilitation funds. Emails were flying in the days after the retreat as team members concentrated their efforts on completing the grant application.

Peterson says a particular benefit of GICH was the opportunity to talk one-on-one with a variety of people in attendance and to leave with the emails and phone numbers of all of the participants.

“Everyone we talked to said, ‘Call me if you run into any bumps and I’ll either have the answer or I’ll help you find someone with the answer,’” Peterson says. “I’ve been involved with government stuff since 1980 and I’ve never experienced anything like this.” ■

CHILDREN *and* GOD

Recreating Life in A Refugee Camp

BY DENISE HORTON

When **Abby Hardgrove** was accepted into the child and family development graduate program she wasn't sure what direction her research might take, but a book purchased to read at the beach provided the impetus for Hardgrove to travel half-way around the world and to begin learning the importance of faith for refugees who, in many cases, have lost everything else.

"Notes From My Travels," the published journal of actress Angelina Jolie, documents her experiences visiting refugee camps as a goodwill ambassador for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

"I bought it on a whim and thought it would be this Hollywood princess telling about visiting the little impoverished children," Hardgrove recalls. "Instead, it really opened my eyes. I had no idea how many people, including children, were living as refugees; how many land mines are still out there; the medical situations faced by refugees."



After beginning her classes, Hardgrove began “poking around” the UGA library, looking for research that focused on the lives of refugees.

“There’s been a lot of work on PTSD (posttraumatic stress disorder) among refugees and a lot of anthropological and ethnographic research,” she says, “but I couldn’t find anything about the lived experiences of refugees day in and day out and what are their thoughts about who they are since they’ve become refugees.”

With the support of her major professor, **Lynda Walters**, Hardgrove began planning a research project to address those questions.

A major hurdle was identifying a camp for her research. Not only is safety a concern, refugee camps are frequently known as havens for rebel groups, but Hardgrove also needed support in identifying refugees to interview for her project.

She discovered Buduburam while researching camps on the United Nations website. Established 17 years ago to house those escaping the civil strife in Liberia, it housed 40,000 refugees at its peak. The recent calming of tensions in Liberia, however, has reduced Buduburam’s population to around 25,000.

At Walters’ suggestion, Hardgrove looked for UGA-sponsored study abroad programs to countries with refugee camps. She soon discovered that not only did UGA sponsor a study abroad program in Ghana, but co-director **Alex Anderson**, a FACS foods and nutrition faculty member, was very familiar with Buduburam—it’s located just down the road from where he attended high school in Ghana.

Anderson put Hardgrove in touch with the Rev. Jerry Kande, who is both a refugee and a Methodist minister living in Buduburam. Kande helped Hardgrove find people to interview and also provided her a place to stay during the nearly two weeks she was in the camp. To further defray the expenses of the project, Hardgrove received the Sharon Y. Nickols International Study Award.

Hardgrove began her research by talking with groups of refugee women and children.

“The focus groups gave me the opportunity to get a general sense of how things are and to test my questions,” she says. “The focus groups were a little more casual and there



was more collective story telling that occurred. The individual interviews that I conducted later were more personal and could feel slow at times. I think I was asking them to think about things they had never thought about.”

Among the children she interviewed, Hardgrove found an acceptance of life in Buduburam. After all, most of these young people were born in the camp. It’s the only life they know.

But for their parents, life is hard and they don’t see that ever changing.

“I think every single person told me, ‘I have to pay for water; I have to pay to use the toilet,’” Hardgrove says.

Few of the adults have a regular source of income. Instead they “go around,” Hardgrove says, looking for work each day. However, there are the occasional entrepreneurs, like the woman who has obtained a freezer and makes ice to sell to her neighbors.

Hardgrove says few of those she interviewed have any hope of returning to their homes in Liberia.

“They may be afraid to go back or they may not see a way to go back,” she says. “For many of them, there’s nothing left for them in Liberia.”

Despite the daily hardships and lack of opportunities they face, Hardgrove says the people she interviewed remained

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Students Create, Design & Market New Fashions

By Nicki Sauls

urrounded by 12 sales associates, **Charles Gilbert** requests the sales of the group's fall line—an incredibly soft red T-shirt featuring the University of Georgia Athletic Association's "G" logo and charcoal cropped sweatpants sporting a Bulldog logo.

"We *can't* afford to go down on the price any more," insists **Liz Felter**. "We've already marked them down 25 percent and that's already too low." Felter's colleagues agree. The room buzzes with, "Yes," "I completely agree," and, "We can't lose any more profit."

The associates have sold more than \$12,000 in three months at the University of Georgia Bookstore and through direct sales by the partners. However, they still need to sell 500 garments in order to have the funds to manufacture their next line of sleepwear and dresses.

The motivation to sell the products is different for these associates compared to most. Instead of hoping for an end-of-the-year bonus—they're hoping for a final grade of an A. What distinguishes these colleagues is the fact that they're fashion-merchandising

students in Gilbert's "Survey of Apparel and Soft Goods Manufacturing" and "Global Sourcing of Apparel and Textile Products" courses.

Gilbert, the Georgia Soft Goods Education Foundation Distinguished Professor, joined the faculty in 2006 after 30 plus years in the textile manufacturing industry and draws on those experiences for his courses.

When he first taught the courses in fall 2007, Gilbert had one class use a domestic manufacturer while the other class worked with a company in China. The result showed a demonstrable difference in terms of cost, with the product from China incurring added costs in duty, quota and air-freight charges. This semester, the students are only working with domestic manufacturers.

"I wanted the students to learn from start to finish what it means to make a product," Gilbert says.

Along with selling the products created last semester, this semester's students have designed and produced two new garments—a grey, cap-sleeved tunic dress and seersucker sleepwear boxers finished with a grosgrain ribbon.

Accompanying lectures and textbooks, the students' work extends beyond the classroom, including setting up displays, visiting with organizations and creating groups to sell the products on the social website Facebook.

"This isn't the typical class, it's run like a business not a classroom which makes it fun to be in," says **Lorin Partalis**.

"I heard about the class from one of my friends who took it last fall and she really liked how the students decided what products to make, exactly what they will look like, and the best way to sell them," says **Laura West**. "I'm also very interested in the design component of fashion and this class enables me to use that skill."

The two courses are a requirement for the global soft-goods emphasis of the fashion merchandising major offered in the textiles, merchandising and interiors department. The new emphasis was created to meet the growing need of professionals in the global soft goods field.

"Most of these students will be merchandisers or buyers for the retail industry," Gilbert says. "These courses will make them better merchandisers and buyers with the knowledge

Brandice Ware (Junior, Fashion Merchandising) and Charles Gilbert prepare a display at the UGA Bookstore.

Photos by Dot Paul



they have gained on design, production, and sourcing. But it also gives them more avenues in their careers, such as apparel designers, suppliers and sourcing agents.”

Gilbert has years of experience in textile manufacturing, having worked with companies such as Gap, Patagonia, Levi Strauss, Columbia Sportswear and Victoria’s Secret, but working with college students presents new challenges.

“Although it may be difficult at times getting the students to come to a consensus on specifics of the products [such as which color the dress should be] overall their ideas and energy are invigorating to be around,” he says. “On the whole it’s been so refreshing to work with college students compared to the ‘typical’ business person.”

The dresses, made of organic pima cotton grown in the United States and spun into yarn only 20 minutes away in Jefferson by Buhler Yarns, were knit, cut, sewn and dyed in Pennsylvania by Fessler USA. The boxers were made using pre-purchased fabric that was then sent to RCM Enterprises, a contracting firm in the South Georgia town of Baconton.

One point highly stressed by the spring semester students is keeping the costs down, allowing the products to retail for \$25 and \$12 for the dress and the sleepwear bottoms.

“We have to keep our target market in mind,” says **Sarah Anne Spaulding**, a junior fashion merchandising major. “Students without infinite resources are unable to purchase the items no matter how much they may like them.”

Along with issues of price the students must ensure the products’ specifications meet their expectations. The first sample of the boxers falls short.

“I wouldn’t buy them if they fit like that” declares **Katie Lynn** of the first sample’s long length and high waist. “The length-to-waist ratio is off. They have to be shorter for female students to wear them, let alone buy them.”

The students’ involvement in every aspect of the designs—ranging from the color of the grosgrain ribbon, the stores that will



sell the garments, and the pricing—are part of what makes the courses distinctive, Gilbert says.

“The students this semester are able to experience both the retailing and design side to the products and have flourished in both areas, but specifically in the design aspect because they haven’t been able to express their creativity at this level before,” Gilbert says. “I look forward to seeing what future students have to offer.”

The new products are scheduled to hit the shelves this spring. All items produced by the classes can be purchased at the University of Georgia bookstore as well as directly from Gilbert via email at cgilbert@fcs.uga.edu. ■

Marian McCullers

Trailblazer for Women in Management

Marian Chesnut McCullers (BSHE '46, Housing and Consumer Economics) has been a pioneer and a trailblazer for family and consumer sciences graduates in business since she began her career at Atlanta Gas Light Co. in 1946.

"It was my roommate's father who told me that when I graduated I was going to work for Atlanta Gas Light," McCullers recalls. "I wasn't sure if that was what I wanted to do so I interviewed at several other places, too." Although she received other offers, McCullers ultimately chose AGL.

Clearly McCullers and AGL were a good fit since she remained there for 41½ years, rising through the ranks until, ultimately, she was named vice president for consumer information and education in 1986.



Photo by Robert Newcomb

During her earliest years with AGL, McCullers and the other home economists in the Home Services Division spent much of their time traveling to customers' homes demonstrating how to use AGL products. They also served as testers for new products, cooking all types of food on new ranges to determine if they deserved the AGL seal of approval.

"Manufacturers used to say if a product passed AGL standards, it would pass standards anywhere," she remembers.

Throughout her career, McCullers searched for the most innovative ways to reach her audiences. She was among the first home economists to record one-minute educational messages that aired on radio and, likewise, she coordinated an educational TV show for 10 years that taught homemakers new cooking skills.

As one of the first women to move into management at AGL, McCullers worked hard to open doors for others.

"Every time a home economist left, I'd have convince management that we needed to keep the position," she recalls. She also worked to create a career ladder for women in AGL.

"During the 1960s when many women were pushing for opportunities, I advised the new home economists to concentrate on doing their job well and to come up with ideas to help the company because I was on the inside trying to create jobs for them."

McCullers' efforts were successful and a number of women followed her into management positions at AGL.

Despite her demanding career, McCullers has also stayed active with the College of Family and Consumer Sciences and the University of Georgia since her graduation, working closely with faculty and administrators to establish relationships with the business community and create a number of internships. Her support for FACS also led McCullers and her late husband, Wilton "Butch" McCullers, to establish a scholarship in 2005.

"We want to reward those who are deserving of a college education, but may be inhibited because of limited financial resources," she says of the endowment.

McCullers has served as president of the Georgia Home Economics Association and chair of the Home Economists in Business. She also is active in her church, Clairmont Hills Baptist Church, the DeKalb County Historical Society, the High Museum of Art and the Atlanta Athletic Club.

"Until you give something, you're not a part of anything," McCullers has said. "You have to give time, you have to give commitment, you have to give a contribution, and you have to give of your very being."

2008 FACS Alumni Award Winners

More than 170 alumni and friends of the College of Family and Consumer Sciences attended the 31st Annual Alumni Awards luncheon held this spring at the Athens Country Club. In addition to the presentation of awards, a silent auction was held that raised nearly \$4,000, which will be used for student scholarships and activities that benefit students.



Distinguished Alumni Award

Whether it was responding to a crisis in the Hispanic community or collaborating with the local hospital to take nutrition education programs into area classrooms, **Judy Bland** (BSHE '74, Clothing and Textiles) has been the go-to person in Tift County since 1991. Prior to that, she served a similar role in Brooks County for 17 years.

Among her many accolades have been the Walter B. Hill Award for Distinguished Achievement in Public Service and Outreach and the D.W. Brooks Award of Excellence, both awarded by the University of Georgia, and the Athena Award, awarded by the Tifton-Tift County Chamber of Commerce.

"She is without a doubt one of the best, if not the best, FACS county Extension agents in the state," according to Tony Roberts, director of the Southwest Extension District.

Roberts points to Bland, who retired Feb. 1 with 33 years of service, as being instrumental in developing teamwork among all of the Southwest District agents.

Bland's accomplishments have been recognized at every level and she is frequently asked to speak at the local, state and national levels, but it's those she works with daily, like 4-H Development Coordinator Laura Perry Johnson, who speak most eloquently of her contributions:

"Judy Bland's resume and application speak for themselves," Johnson says. "But what makes her truly special... is a genuinely caring spirit, an intense desire to help others, an incredible work ethic and (the) determination to get the job done.

"Co-workers want to serve on committees with her, kids love her, administrators value her opinion and the lives of the families she serves are enriched from the association."



Outstanding Service Award

"Servant leader" is how several of **Dot Williams'** friends describe her. "Grace in action" is another.

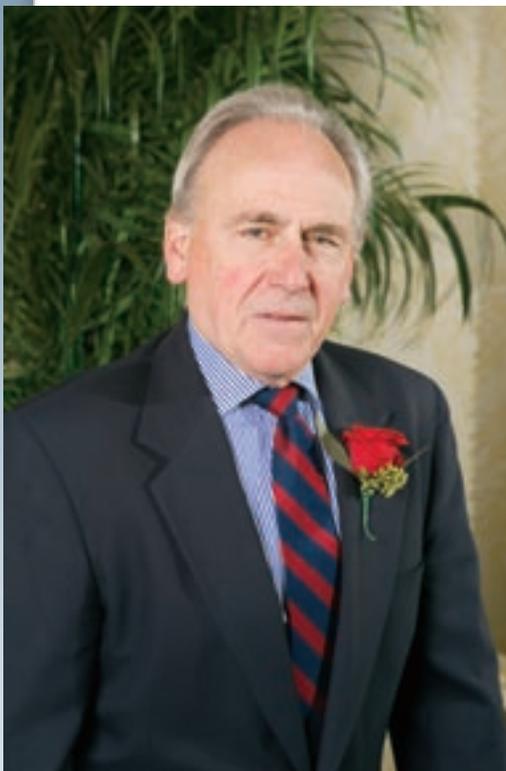
Whether she's running "Only Georgia," the business she founded with daughters Julie and Dawn, publishing *HomeSearch* magazine or volunteering with one of the many organizations she supports, Williams (BSHE '65, Family Development) says, "The work ethic I use today... was founded on the caring atmosphere I received as a student."

For nearly two decades, Williams has donated a significant amount of time to her sorority, Alpha Omicron Pi. Among her accomplishments has been the development of "Strike Out Arthritis" as the identity used by college and alumnae chapters raising money for arthritis research. In 2005, Alpha Omicron Pi recognized Williams' contributions by awarding her the Hunt Philanthropic Award.

In her hometown of Macon, Williams has helped raise \$75,000 in grants for the restoration and preservation of the historic Neel Reid Federation Headquarters as a part of her involvement with the Federated Garden Clubs of Macon.

On a state level, she serves on both the Executive Board of Directors of The Garden Club of Georgia and on the Trustees Board of Directors. As the house and operations chair for the trustees, she oversees the operation of the headquarters house, located at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia in Athens.

Her love for gardening also applies to her own yard, which was named Macon's "Yard of the Year" in 2007. She also plants and maintains the gardens at the historic Sidney Lanier Cottage.



FACS Appreciation Award

After graduating from the University of Georgia with a degree in history and Russian, **Jeff Whalen** joined the U.S. Air Force and spent several years flying reconnaissance missions over the North Pole and in the Barents Sea, monitoring Soviet military activity. He later served with the National Security Agency before returning to Georgia and his family's apparel manufacturing and marketing business, The Warren Featherbone Co.

In addition to his work with Warren Featherbone, Whalen was very active with the American Apparel Manufacturers Association. While serving on AAMA's Education Committee, he worked closely with the textile, merchandising and interiors programs at several universities, including UGA.

In 2002, during his tenure as president of the Georgia Soft Goods Education Foundation, Jeff approached then-TMI department head Ian Hardin about establishing an advisory relationship. During the next two years that relationship grew into a true collaboration, including the Soft Goods Foundation giving \$40,000 to support the hiring of a part-time instructor to teach courses focused on the apparel industry and global sourcing.

The success of the courses led the GSGEF and TMI to increase their collaboration even more culminating in the 2005 endowment of the Distinguished Professor in Soft Goods Merchandising position and provided funding to develop internships and to establish a study tour to China.

Whalen continues to be engaged with the college in other capacities, including serving on the Campaign Steering Committee.



Emily Quinn Pou Professional Achievement Award

A quick counting of the people **Judy Hibbs** (BSHE '81, MEd '88, EdD '07) has touched through presentations during the past 26 years yields a number of 267,805.

That's 267,805 individuals who have heard Hibbs speak on everything from improving the diets of low-income families with children to the importance of protective clothing for those spraying pesticides.

As the Athens-Clarke County Extension Coordinator since 2004, Hibbs has added administrative duties for an 11-member staff to her already full schedule overseeing the Expanded Food and Nutrition Program in Clarke, Gwinnett, Hall and Walton counties. As coordinator, she has increased funding for the Athens-Clarke County office through a combination of grants and increased funding by the county commission. She also worked with 4-H agents and community leaders to establish a 4-H community club targeting Hispanic children.

But it's Hibbs' work with EFNEP for many years that truly demonstrates her leadership, according to **Gail Hanula** (BSHE '82, MHE '83, EdS '84), Extension EFNEP coordinator.

Hanula cites Hibbs' skills in training EFNEP paraprofessionals to successfully provide programs in the four counties she serves. She was the first EFNEP agent in North Georgia to establish a bilingual program that provides food and nutrition education through programs, materials and articles in Spanish newspapers.

"She is constantly seeking new opportunities to serve those who live in poverty," Hanula says. "Judy Hibbs is an extremely creative, goal-oriented, high-energy individual who has made numerous and significant professional contributions to the field of family and consumer sciences."



Creswell Award

Understanding **Charlotte "Charlie" Wallinga's** impact on her students is as easy as looking at the Outstanding Teacher plaques that hang in Dawson Hall. In 1983, 1988, 1996, 2000 and 2004, Wallinga was named Outstanding Teacher of the Year for both the Department of Child and Family Development and the College of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Wallinga directs undergraduate and graduate programs in the Child Life Emphasis, a program that prepares students to become certified child life educators in hospitals, helping to alleviate the stress of hospitalization for children and their families. During her tenure, she also has served as the CFD undergraduate coordinator and director for the Head Start Program housed in the Child Development Lab of the McPhaul Center.

But to understand Wallinga's impact, it's best to read the comments from the many students who have taken her courses or worked with her as an advisor.

Amy Hough-Simmon (PhD '04, Child and Family Development) says, "Dr. Wallinga is dedicated to knowing her students extensively so that she may encourage them when they are unsure, push them when they are stagnant, and celebrate them as they evolve."

"Dr. Wallinga is my most memorable professor," according to **Elise McKnight** (BSFCS '05, Child and Family Development), a child life specialist in the pediatric and neonatal intensive care unit of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. "She always had a great story, a funny joke, and always made the time to listen to you and help you. She truly inspired me and led me to a career that I love."



Pacesetter Award

As a first-generation college graduate, **Cynthia Levatte** (BSFCS '98, Home Economics Education) has made it her goal to ensure that more high school students make a successful transition from high school to college.

Levatte began her career as the University of Georgia's assistant director of admissions and focused her efforts on recruiting students from Southwest Georgia and Florida. In 2000, she chose to work even more closely with high school students as a family and consumer sciences teacher at her high school alma mater in Blakely.

For the next six years, Levatte taught classes and served as advisor to the Early County High School Family, Career and Community Leaders of America club.

In fall 2006, Levatte took on a new challenge, moving to Daugherty Comprehensive High School in Albany as one of Georgia's first "graduation coaches," a program to provide low-achieving students extra help to get back on track. According to TeShaunda Hannor-Walker, DCHS director of guidance and counseling, Levatte "reaches to the inner core of so many students, especially those from adverse backgrounds." SaJuana Wilson, DCHS assistant principal, says Levatte is always willing to do "whatever it takes" to take students to the next level.

"The children know beyond a doubt that Ms. Levatte cares about them and their future," Wilson says. "She has earned the respect of our children with her genuine caring attitude. Her focus has been on meeting the needs of the 'whole' child."

1950s

Shirley Skinner Lowery (BSHE '57, Home Economics Education) and her husband, C. Ben Lowery Jr., (DVM '60) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 7, 2007. They are retired and live in Warner Robins.

1970s

Jan Taylor Baggary (BSHE '74, Clothing and Textiles; MEd '78, Home Economics Education) received the Thomas F. Rodgers Outreach Agent Award from the College of Family and Consumer Sciences in April 2007. She is a family and consumer sciences agent for Bibb County with the UGA Cooperative Extension and also serves



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More than 100 Athens area and TMI alumni and friends attended the preview night program and reception for "Shaping the Silhouette: A Glimpse into 20th Century Fashion," an exhibition at the Georgia Museum of Art. Students from the "Museum Issues in Historic Clothing and Textiles" course led a program describing the significance of the items chosen.

as county coordinator for Bibb and Crawford counties. She is leading the statewide Extension initiative, Walk Georgia, which encourages Georgians to participate in physical activity. Information on the program is available at www.walkgeorgia.org.

Kay Kilgore Brown (BSHE '79, Home Economics Education; MEd '80, Home Economics Education) is an administrative assistant with the University of Georgia Alumni Association in Athens.

Jane Akins Higgins (BSHE '79, Fashion Merchandising) is a designer for new home construction, sub-contracted through Cottage House Interiors in Alpharetta.

Carolyn Hatchett Newman (BSHE '76, Fashion Merchandising; MS '83, Clothing, Textiles, Interiors and Furnishings) is a Realtor for Harry Norman Realtors in Atlanta.

Donna Harpe Powers (BSHE '72, Home Economics Education; MS '73, Home Economics; EDS '93, Supervision) is the principal of Maxwell High School of Technology in Lawrenceville.

Deborah Scoggins Veal-Hoover (BSHE '78, Home Economics and Interior Design) is the area people director of hiring and developing for Waffle House Inc.

1980s

Elaine Schmelz Bean (BSHE '81, Clothing and Textiles) is a treasury management sales analyst for Bank of America in Morrow.

Kris Buckley Beyers (BSHE '82, Home Economics Education) recently earned her master's degree in instructional technology. She lives in Cerritos, Calif., and is an 8th grade science teacher and coordinator for gifted students. *(Editor's note: This information was erroneously attributed to Kris' sister, Susan Buckley Goldman (BSHE '87, Home Economics Education), in the fall 2007 issue of FACS Magazine. Susan has been a 4-H agent for 20 years and currently oversees 4-H programs in Madison and Oglethorpe counties.)*

Cynthia Leigh Cochran (BSHE '85, Clothing and Textiles; MS '87, Clothing, Textiles, Interiors and Furnishings) is a graduation coach at Burke County High School in Waynesboro.

Victoria Dorsey (BSHE '85, Fashion Merchandising) received her master's degree in instructional design and adult education from the University of Massachusetts, Boston, in 1999. She is the principle owner of Dimension Education Group in Decatur.

Karen King Driskell (BSHE '86, Home Economics and Interior Design) chairs the interior and graphic design department at Bauder College in Atlanta.

Judy Ellis Hibbs (BSHE '81, Home Economics Education; MEd '88, Adult Education) has completed her doctorate in adult education. She is coordinator for the Athens-Clarke County Cooperative Extension and also coordinates nutrition education in four northeast Georgia counties.

Laura Holcomb Johnson (BSHE '87, Clothing and Textiles) is a designer and sales representative for Abba Contract, a drapery and window treatment manufacturer in Atlanta.

Marisa Mullis Reynolds (BSHE '89, Consumer Economics and Home Management) is vice president of information technology, as well as operations and



Talents & Treasures Giving Back to FACS

Recently I had the opportunity to speak to some of the upperclassmen in the college. While the large lecture room in Dawson Hall had certainly undergone some seating upgrades since my days, I realized that not a lot else had changed. The college is continuing to produce highly

talented, very motivated students who are prepared to begin their search for careers. However, just like I was at that point in my schooling, they are a little apprehensive of the interviewing process—and exactly how to make the contacts to receive an interview.

As alumni of the college we can make a tremendous difference in these students' lives. How often have you offered internships, provided opportunities for a student to "shadow" you for a day, or even shared networking contacts with these students who are attempting to find their career paths? Have you ever invited a student to attend a career-related conference or seminar with you?

Secondly, as alumni we can also make a difference in FACS students lives by providing enrichment activities that enhance the classroom experience. This past July, the college lost one of the truly great architects of student enrichment, **Dr. Jane Rhoden** (BSHE '60; MHE '64, Child and Family Development). Dr. Rhoden was famous for opening her heart and her home to FACS students. She ensured that students received a great classroom experience and were exposed to activities that would round out their development, ultimately increasing their chances of landing that "perfect job" right out of college.

I, along with two other FACS graduates, **Michele Ellington** (BSHE '89, Home Economics and Journalism) and **Tammy Gilland** (BSHE '88, Home Economics and Journalism), have begun work to endow a Dr. Jane Rhoden Fund. The fund will allow FACS faculty to offer extra-curricular enrichment opportunities to students. If you would like to learn more about this fund or make a contribution contact **Katrina Bowers**, 706-542-4946.

Finally, alumni, you have talents and treasures—much of which I am sure you credit to your education and experiences at UGA. How are you using those talents and treasures to ensure the FACS tradition continues? For information on giving back to students through activities or experiences in your current profession, contact **Suzanne Griffeth** at 706-542-4881, or me, **Jenn Townsend**, 2008 FACS Alumni Board President.

Go Dawgs,
Jenn Townsend

information security officer, for Oconee State Bank in Watkinsville.

Doreen Knapp Riley (MS '87, Clothing, Textiles, Interiors and Furnishings) is vice president for university advancement at John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio.

1990s

Resty Beadles (BSFCS '97, Consumer Economics) is a seventh-grade social studies teacher at Renaissance Middle School in Atlanta. He also coaches football and basketball at his alma mater, Westlake High School.

Matthew Booth (BSFCS '97, Consumer Economics) is a sales representative for New Balance shoes in Atlanta.

Tammy Bradshaw (BSFCS '93, Consumer Economics) is a sales representative in Atlanta for pneumatic tools produced by Senco Products.

Kevin Patrick Brannon (BSFCS '98, Consumer Economics) is a sales representative for A&S Marble and Granite Imports in Tucker.

Pamela Wood Carnes (BSHE '90, Home Economics and Journalism), president and chief executive officer of the Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce, has been appointed to a three-year term on the Appalachian Technical College Board of Directors in Canton.

Damian Carson (BSFCS '97, Consumer Economics) is general manager for Dick's Sporting Goods in Hoover, Ala.

Rania Khedr-Elhadidi (BSFCS '98, Furnishings and Interiors) owns Rania Interiors in Duluth.

Emmanuel Doe Fiadzo (PhD '98, Housing and Consumer Economics), the economic governance cluster leader

Advice from The Cake Doctor



Anne Litton Byrn (BSHE '78, Home Economics and Journalism) signs a copy of her latest cookbook, "What Can I Bring?" for UGA alumna Anne Rayborn Howard during the Women of UGA luncheon in late January. Byrn's talk was co-sponsored by the UGA Alumni Association and the College of Family and Consumer Sciences. The former foods editor of the *Atlanta Journal Constitution* has written five cookbooks including her original, "The Cake Mix Doctor."

for the World Bank in Liberia, delivered the annual Darl Snyder lecture at the University of Georgia on March 6.

Heather Gordy (BSFCS '97, Child and Family Development) is a missionary with the New Tribes Mission in Senegal, West Africa.

Wendy Wolfenbarger Kraby (BSFCS '96, Consumer Journalism) received her juris doctorate from Georgia State University in 2005 and is currently an attorney specializing in business law at Miles & Tallant, LLC in Cumming. She and her husband, Brian, have a son, Alec, born May 23, 2007.

Beth Ann Luensmann (BSFCS '98, Dietetics) married Timothy Mullen on April 14, 2007. She works for the Lane Company of Atlanta. The couple lives in Decatur.

Melissa Morgan (BSFCS '95, Furnishings and Interiors) is a design manager for DeKalb Office Environments in Alpharetta.

Vickie Brown Rundbaken (MEd '92, Home Economics Education) is the state of Georgia's executive director for the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America in Atlanta.

Cecilia E. Russo (BSFCS '94, Consumer Journalism) is senior vice president of account services for Abshire Public Relations in Savannah.

Robert Sharp (BSFCS '95, Clothing and Textiles) is technical operations manager for Tai Ping Carpets Americas in Dalton.

Amanda Blackistone Somers (BSHE '90, Consumer Economics and Home Management) recently celebrated 18 years with Coca-Cola Enterprises. She is currently a procurement specialist for travel with the company in Atlanta.

Courtney Peters Walker (BSFCS '97, Furnishings and Interiors) is owner of C. Walker Designs in Atlanta.

2000s

Britton Adams (BSFCS '03, Consumer Economics) works with the financial services company Ashford Advisors in Gainesville.

Corey D. Allen (BSFCS '02, Consumer Economics) is vice president and relationship manager for commercial banking for Sun Trust Bank in Atlanta.

Shayne Anderson (PhD '07, Child and Family Development) earned his doctoral degree in summer 2007. The title of his dissertation is, "The Therapeutic Alliance in Couple Therapy: An Examination of Actor and Partner Effects of the Alliance on Distress." Lee Johnson was his major professor.

Laurie Lynn Barton (BSFCS '02, Child and Family Development) married Stuart Lee Pippin on Oct. 20. The couple lives in Macon.

Sara Finney Bechely (BSFCS '03, Fashion Merchandising) is an associate store manager for Talbots in Alpharetta.

Leigh Payne Blalock (BSFCS '03, Furnishings and Interiors) is a sales and marketing coordinator for DMD Design Group, a party planner and wedding flowers company in Lawrenceville.

Amy Sanders Cammarota (BSFCS '00, Furnishings and Interiors) is a sales representative for Architectural Stone Accents in Suwanee.

Carol Dahms (MS '07, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors) earned her master's degree in summer 2007. Her thesis is titled, "Optical Blending: A Comparison of Spectrophotometric Measurements and Human Visual Assessments of Blended Color Blocks." Helen Epps was her major professor.

Rebecca Dearlove (MS '07, Foods and Nutrition) earned her master's degree in summer 2007. Her thesis is titled, "Inhibition of Protein Glycation by Polyphenolics." James Hargrove was her major professor.

Marcus Dill (BSFCS '02, Housing) is a residential property appraiser for the Fulton County Board of Assessors in Atlanta.

Laura Eidson (BSFCS '07, Furnishings and Interiors) is an associate with Rabaut Design in Atlanta.

Clarissa Mona Esguerra (MS '05, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors) is assistant curator of the Department of Clothing and Textiles at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art in Los Angeles, Calif.

Geneva Evans (BSFCS '07, Fashion Merchandising and Furnishings and Interiors) is a designer with Idea Span, the interior design department of Stevens & Wilkinson, Stang & Newdow Architects in Atlanta.

Trey Faucher (BSFCS '05, Consumer Economics) is a financial advisor for Edward Jones in Athens.

Priya Gandhi (MS '07, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors) earned her master's degree in summer 2007. Her thesis is titled, "Factors Influencing Performance on Small Apparel Import Firms in the United States." Jan Hathcote was her major professor.

Jessica Ann Glover (BSFCS '02, Child and Family

Development) married Nathan McCord on Sept 8. She is employed by the Industrial Properties Group in Gainesville. The couple lives in Dawsonville.

Joy Goetz (MS '07, Foods and Nutrition) earned her master's degree in summer 2007. Her thesis is titled, "Intake of Fruit and Vegetable in Older Adults with and without Diabetes." Joan Fischer was her major professor.

Kristin Darsey Graham (BSFCS '03, Fashion Merchandising; BBA '03, Marketing) works as regional sales manager for World Kitchen in Atlanta.



Make your nominations for the 2009 Family and Consumer Sciences Alumni Association awards online by going to www.fcs.uga.edu/alumni/nomination_form.html

Awards recognize alumni, faculty, staff and friends who have made significant contributions to the FACS Alumni Association, the College, their profession and/or society in general.

Kristi Osborn Greer (BSFCS '00, Child and Family Development; MED '05, Adult Education) is a training officer for Oconee State Bank in Watkinsville.

Barbara Grogan (BSFCS '00, Consumer Economics; MPA '02, Public Administration) is an assistant to the state director in Atlanta for U.S. Sen. Saxby Chambliss.

Audra L. Heath (BSFCS '04, Nutrition Science) graduated from the Medical College of Georgia in 2007 with a bachelor's degree in nursing. She is a registered nurse at University Hospital in Augusta.

Sara Hendrix (MS '07, Foods and Nutrition) earned her master's degree in summer 2007. Her thesis is titled, "Fruit and Vegetable Intake and Knowledge Increase Following a Community-Based Intervention in Older Adults in Georgia Senior Centers." Joan Fischer was her major professor.

Stephanie Leigh Hodges (BSFCS '06, Housing) married Eric Bissell on April 21, 2007. She is employed



Backpacks to Briefcases

More than 40 FACS students learned about life in the "real world" from a panel of FACS graduates during the Backpacks to Briefcases event held Feb. 6 in Dawson Hall. Shown are (L-R): **Melissa Bastanpour**, senior, child and family development; **Candler Wingo**, senior, consumer economics and housing; **Trey Sanders**, junior, consumer foods and dietetics; **Alaina Garrett**, sophomore, dietetics; **Allie Eckman**, senior, child and family development; **Victor Sullivan**, senior, family financial planning; and **Jane Lee**, junior, child and family development.

by Ambling Development Partners in Atlanta. The couple lives in Sugar Hill.

LaShondra Jackson (BSFCS '07, Child and Family Development) is a research technician for the Institute for Behavioral Research at UGA in Athens.

Lee Jackson (BSFCS '05, Housing) is in the management program of Colonial Properties Trust in Birmingham, Ala.

Justin A. Jenniges (BSFCS '06, Consumer Economics) is a financial advisor for Morgan Stanley in Atlanta.

Susan Manown Johnston (BSFCS '02, Consumer Journalism) is owner and chief executive officer of Susan Johnston Pottery in Vestavia Hills, Ala.

Amanda Jones (BSFCS '05, Furnishings and Interiors; ABJ '05, Advertising) is outside textile sales representative for Terris Draheim in Seattle, Wash.

Sho Yeung Kang (PhD '07, Textile Sciences) earned her doctoral degree in summer 2007. The title of her dissertation is, "Investigation of

Color Change and Moisture Regain of Naturally Colored Cotton." Helen Epps was her major professor.

Margaret Cook Kennedy (BSFCS '00, Furnishings and Interiors) and Steve Michael Kennedy are the parents of Margaret Kaitlyn Kennedy, born on Oct. 23. The family lives in Woodstock.

Kelly Anne Kilgo (BSFCS '02, Consumer Journalism) is executive director for the Women's Texas Golf Association in Dallas, Texas.

Ashley Lester (BSFCS '06, Housing) is management coordinator for Greystar, a property management firm, in the Atlanta corporate office.

Chen Lin (MS '07, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors) earned her master's degree in summer 2007. Her thesis is titled, "An Analysis of Self-Concept, Store Image and Store Behavior Patronage from a Cross-Cultural Perspective." Yoo-Kyoung Seock was her major professor.

Tiffany Sellers Lommel (MS '06, Foods and Nutrition) is a research and wellness coordinator for the University of Georgia in Athens.

Save the Date:

June 23-24

Total Knowledge:
FACS Summer College
Athens, Georgia

September 6

South Campus Tailgate
UGA's Legion Field

November 13

Donor/Scholar Recognition Reception
State Botanical Garden of Georgia

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Brandy Tolbert Martin (BSFCS '00, Furnishings and Interiors) has established her own interior design firm, Brandy Martin Interiors, in Commerce.

Laura Barton Martin (BSFCS '00, Clothing and Textiles; MEd '01, Marketing Education) is a career center consultant for Campbell High School in Smyrna.

Mack McClung (BSFCS '04, Consumer Economics) has opened an Allstate Insurance Co. office in Watkinsville.

Rachel Pierce Merry (BSFCS '02, Consumer Journalism) married Edward Cagle II March 31, 2007. She is a registered investment advisor for AXA Advisors in Augusta, where the couple lives.

Candace Morgan (BSFCS '05, Fashion Merchandising) is a sales executive for Oka b, a reflexology designed sandal company in Buford.

Jessica Morgan (BSFCS '02, Child and Family Development) married Eric Capossela on May 4, 2007. She is an account executive for RBS Link in Atlanta, where the couple lives.

Joshua Morris (BSFCS '06, Housing) is a sales manager for Floor Depot in Savannah.

Amanda Nicole Nash (BSFCS '05, Housing) is a Realtor for Coldwell Banker in Athens.

Kendra Waincott Nau (BSFCS '03, Furnishings and Interiors) works in sales for Moattar Ltd., an antique Persian and Oriental rug company in Atlanta.

Tiffany Parker Nelson (BSFCS '03, Furnishings and Interiors) is an interior designer for DMD Design Group, a party planner and wedding flowers company in Lawrenceville.

Steven Oxford (BSFCS '05, Consumer Economics) is training administrator for Athens First Bank and Trust.



Dawgs with the Dean

FACS Dean Laura Jolly hosted her first "Dawgs with the Dean" event Oct. 30. More than 400 Varsity hot dogs, bags of chips and Cokes were given away to students, faculty and staff on the front lawn of Dawson Hall. Dawgs with the Dean dates back to 2002.



Marcus Howard (BSFCS '07, Housing) was named Most Valuable Player at the 2008 Sugar Bowl. Howard led the defense with three tackles, two of which led to fumbles, and one of which he recovered for a touchdown. Howard, the first defensive player to win the award since 1979, is the third UGA player to be named Sugar Bowl MVP in the history of the game.

FACS Facts continued

H. Kyle Palmer (BSFCS '06, Consumer Economics) is an associate with GVA Advantis, a commercial real estate service, in Atlanta.

Sohyun Park (PhD '06, Foods and Nutrition) has been awarded the Star Achiever Award by the Division of Family Health Services in the Florida Department of Health. The award recognizes "remarkable productivity and exceptional skill" in conducting nationally important scientific work in maternal and child health. He is employed with the Epidemic Intelligence Service of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Tallahassee, Fla.

Marcy McElveen Pugliese (BSFCS '03, Dietetics and Consumer Foods) is a renal dietitian for the Harbin Clinic in Rome.

Megan Ring Ramey (BSFCS '01, Fashion Merchandising) has opened MoCo Market, a "lifestyle store" in Madison, Wis. The store caters to urban residents, offering everyday accessories for an urban lifestyle including magazines, healthy to-go food, and independent pop CDs.

Beth Rivenbark (BSFCS '01, Housing; MS '03, Housing and Consumer Economics) married Greg Ricketson in January. She is a manager at Parker and Associates in Athens, where the couple resides.

Megan Ruehle (BSFCS '07, Furnishings and Interiors) is an interior designer for Mary-Bryan Peyer Designs, Inc. on St. Simons Island.

Christopher Shannon (BSFCS '06, Housing) is a home builder for Summit Homes in Norcross.

Kishia Shooks (BSFCS '00, Fashion Merchandising) is the mother of a son, Greyson, born Jan. 6. The family lives in Douglasville.

Yogendra Shrestha (PhD '07, Foods and Nutrition) earned his doctoral degree in summer 2007. The title of his dissertation is, "Ghrelin and Its Role in Energy Balance." Silvia Giraudo was his major professor.

Danny J. Soule (BSFCS '06, Consumer Economics) is national sales manager for Certified Leasing and Sales Specialists in Atlanta.

Heather Sweaney (BSFCS '00, Consumer Journalism) is a home-delivered-meals program specialist with the Athens Community Council on Aging in Athens, which serves the Northeast Georgia area.

John H. Taylor (BSFCS '06, Consumer Economics) has passed the Certified Financial Planner Board examination and is a portfolio analyst with Liberty Street Group in Athens.

D. Michelle Thomas (BSFCS '01, Consumer Economics) has completed a master's degree in school psychology at Georgia Southern University. She is a 4th grade special education teacher in Savannah.

Jessica Lindsey Tripp (BSFCS '04, Consumer Economics) has been promoted to property manager of Post Ridge apartments in Atlanta.

Katie Van Tone (BSFCS '07, Furnishings and Interiors) is an architectural intern/interior designer for Alex Munoz and Associates in Atlanta.

Katherine Vonderhaar (BSFCS '07, Furnishings and Interiors) is employed by Clive Christian, a residential kitchen and bath design company in Atlanta.

Anna Noel Watkins (BSFCS '02, Furnishings and Interiors) is an interior designer for Beverly Hall Galleries in Atlanta.

Des Williams (BSFCS '07, Consumer Economics) is the manager for outside sales of Innovative Outdoors, a landscape design and maintenance company headquartered in Dacula that specializes in high-end outdoor living spaces.

Heather Lee Williams (BSFCS '01, Child and Family Development) married Matthew DeJong on Sept. 9. She is a parent educator with the Greenville County School District in Greenville, S.C., where the couple lives.

Hui Yang (PhD '07, Textile Sciences) earned his doctoral degree in summer 2007. The title of his dissertation is, "Flame Retardant Finishing of Cotton Blend Fabrics Using an Organophosphorus-based system." Charles Yang was his major professor.

Hong Yu (PhD '07, Textile Sciences) earned his doctoral degree in summer 2007. The title of his dissertation is, "The Effect of Chemical Finishing on the Microbial Transfer from Carpets to Human Skin and Selected Fabrics." Karen Leonas was his major professor.

Wei Zhang (PhD '07, Foods and Nutrition) earned her doctoral degree in summer 2007. The title of her dissertation is "Real-time RT-PCR and Proteomic Analysis of Adipose Tissue from ob/ob Mice with Leptin." Clifton Baile was her major professor.

in memoriam

La Rose Stephens Adkins
(BSHE '45)
December 1, 2007

June Clarke Beall
(BSHE '45)
February 25, 2008

Rebecca B. Bryan
(BSHE '34; MSHE '44)
September 13, 2007

Mary Broach Felker
(BSHE '41)
October 22, 2007

Dorothy Marshall Foreman
(BSHE '38)
November 3, 2007

Susan Riggs Garrett
(BSHE '76; MHE '79)
February 1, 2008

Brenna Garrison
(BSFCS '05)
November 4, 2007

Dorothy Bailey Ginn
(BSHE '40)
November 24, 2007

Frances Storey Irwin
(BSHE '34)
January 12, 2008

Clara Campbell Lawrence
(BSHE '37; MSHE '44)
October 23, 2007

Martha Elizabeth Moseman
(BSHE '33)
November 14, 2007

Betty Dulligan Pritchett
(BSHE '49)
December 21, 2007

Cindy Tandy Quilling
(BSHE '80)
September 25, 2007

Geraldine McBrayer Scarborough
(BSHE '40)
October 7, 2007

Toby Sturman Shainberg
(Matriculate '54)
November 6, 2007

Josephine Johnston Starnes
(BSHE '41)
December 24, 2007

Dorothy McPhaul Stewart
(BSHE '39)
September 23, 2007

Nora Newsom Stone
(BSHE '46; MSHE '50)
October 15, 2007

Sara Whiddon Sutton
(BSHE '66)
December 20, 2007

Lillian Langley Woody
(BSHE '44)
September 9, 2007

IN THE Halls



FACULTY & STAFF

Patricia Annis (Professor, Textiles, Merchandising, and Interiors) has been awarded the Senior Distinguished Teaching Award from Gamma Sigma Delta.

Jorge Atilas (Associate Dean for Outreach and Extension) and **Julia Reguero de Atilas** (Senior Academic Professional, Child and Family Development) were named as 2008 program chairs for Leadership Georgia, a statewide leadership program for young business, civic and community leaders.

Don Bower (Department Head, Professor, and Extension Specialist, Child and Family Development) will retire effective June 30, after spending a total of 32 years with Cooperative Extension and the College of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Diane Costyn (Academic Advisor, Housing and Consumer Economics) has been selected as the 2008 FACS Advisor of the Year. Departmental Advisors of the Year are **Anne Allen** (Academic Advisor, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors), **Alex Anderson** (Assistant Professor, Foods and Nutrition), **Connie Rash** (Assistant Director, Student Services), and **Chris Todd** (Professor, Child and Family Development).

Brenda Cude (Professor, Housing and Consumer Economics) has been awarded the Senior Distinguished Extension/Outreach Award for Gamma Sigma Delta.

Helen Hall (Professor, Workforce, Leadership and Social Foundations) will retire effective June 1. She has been with the University of Georgia for 18 years and has a total of 39 years of service.

Ann Hudgins (Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Agent, Seminole County) is the recipient of the 2008 Thomas F. Rodgers Outreach Agent Award. **Luz Cooper** (Extension Program Assistant, Colquitt County) received

the Outreach Paraprofessional Award, and **Mary Ann Johnson** (Professor, Foods and Nutrition) received the Outreach Faculty Award.

Diann Moorman (Assistant Professor, Housing and Consumer Economics) has been selected as the 2008 FACS Teacher of the Year. Departmental Teachers of the Year are **Emily Blalock** (Lecturer, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors), **Tracey Brigman** (Lecturer, Foods and



Anne Sweaney (Professor and Department Head, Housing and Consumer Economics) has been named the 2007 Affordable Housing Champion of the Year by the Georgia State Trade Association of Nonprofit Developers.

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Nutrition), and **Mariana Souto-Manning** (Assistant Professor, Child and Family Development).

Velma McBride Murry (Professor, Child and Family Development) is the principal investigator on a \$3.7 million grant from the National Institute of Mental Health to continue work on an at-home computer-based program that increases the strengths and pride of rural African-American families and communities. The grant extends the work Murry started with the Strong African American Families program which helps identify and solve challenging child and family relationships.

Robb Nielsen (Assistant Professor, Housing and Consumer Economics) has been named Teacher of the Year by the Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity.

Leslie Simons (Associate Professor, Child and Family Development) has been promoted to associate professor with tenure.

Anita Smith (Senior Public Service Associate, Child and Family Development) received the 2007 Jo Cato Perseverance Award for her long-standing support of children and child care providers across Georgia.

Mariana Souto-Manning (Assistant Professor, Child and Family Development) has been named the 2008 Language and Social Processes Emerging Scholar recipient by the American Educational Research Association.

Zolinda Stoneman (Director, Institute on Human Development and Disability) is the 2008 recipient of the Heart of Gold Award, the highest honor bestowed by the Atlanta Alliance on Development Disabilities.

Lynda Walters (Professor, Child and Family Development) retired April 1, after completing 29 years of service.

Angela Allen (Senior, Consumer Economics) has been awarded the Outstanding Senior Award by Gamma Sigma Delta.

Amber Brewer, Michele Parker, and Luciana Silva (PhD Students, Child and Family Development) all received Outstanding Teaching Assistant Awards for the 2007-08 academic year.

Won Jee Cho (PhD Student, Child and Family Development) and **Desiree Seponski** (PhD Student, Child and Family Development) have been recognized by the Southern Gerontological Society for their research. Cho's research focuses on how the meaning of time affects Korean adults' views of themselves as they age. Seponski has studied the relationships of grandmothers and granddaughters.

Caree Jackson (PhD Student, Foods and Nutrition) has been awarded a two-year fellowship in the Kellogg Health Scholars Program at Morgan State University of Public Health and Policy in Baltimore, Md.

Mary-Kerstin Lindqvist (Sophomore, Fashion Merchandising) has been awarded the Outstanding Sophomore Award by Gamma Sigma Delta.

Ruthie Neustifter (PhD Student, Child and Family Development) has been awarded the Trailblazer Award by the Domestic Violence Task Force of Clarke and Oconee counties for her innovative and new work with survivors of domestic violence in the Athens area. Neustifter and **Luciana Silva** (PhD Student, Child and Family Development), also has been awarded a Graduate School Dean's Award, which provides \$1,000 of funding for dissertation research.

Lauren Elizabeth Nutt (BSFCS '07, Fashion Merchandising) was recognized as the Outstanding Senior at the December 2007 convocation.



Sarah Madebach (Senior, Fashion Merchandising) has been named the 2007 SEC Female Cross Country Runner of the Year.

Norman Pollack (PhD Student, Foods and Nutrition) and **Hamida Jinnah** (PhD Student, Child and Family Development) are the recipients of the 2008 Endsley-Peifer Student Research Award for their publication record and significant contributions to advancing knowledge in a specialty area in family and consumer sciences.

Luciana Silva (PhD Student, Child and Family Development) has been accepted into the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists minority fellowship program.

Xialing Wu (PhD Student, Textiles, Merchandising, and Interiors) won second place in the student paper competition at the International Conference and Exhibition of the American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists. Her paper, titled "Flame Retardant Finishing of Cotton Fleece Using Maleic Acid/Sodium Hypophosphite" represents the third time during the past four years that a TMI graduate student has won either first or second place.

Family Impact Seminar Examines Childhood Obesity in Georgia

Rick Lewis (Professor, Foods and Nutrition) was among the experts addressing Georgia senators and representatives at the 2008 Family Impact Seminar, held during the 2008 session of the Georgia General Assembly. The seminar focused on the ongoing issue of childhood overweight and obesity in the state and programs developed by other states to address this increasing problem. The seminar was co-sponsored by the Senate Health and Human Services Committee and the House Committee on Children and Youth. Other speakers included **Rodney Lyn** of the Institute of Public Health at Georgia State University and **Joe Thompson**, director of the Arkansas Center for Health Improvement and state surgeon general.



GOING GREEN – *F&I Students Develop Eco-Friendly Plans*

By Nicki Sauls

“It’s not easy being green” is a frequent excuse for avoiding environmentally friendly products. But furnishings and interiors students spent the spring semester working with University of Georgia architects to demonstrate that not only are “green” materials available, they’re also affordable.

Throughout this semester, the students focused on an “eco-friendly” renovation of the Rogers Road family housing units.

“The education in this project goes both ways,” says **Kevin Kirsche**, assistant director of planning for university architects. “The students learned first-hand experience from professionals, especially about green products; but we also gained so much from them—unique ideas and a refreshing way to approach projects.”

“I wanted to make the students aware that there are sustainable solutions out there that are better for our environment and for future generations—especially in light of the water crisis,” says **Margaret Woosnam** (Assistant Professor, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors), who credited work by UGA’s Academy of the Environment for providing the impetus for the project.

The 30 seniors worked in groups, each redesigning a floor of the units.

“For the first time we’ve seen what it’s like to work with real limitations like minimal space, specific clients and a budget,” says **Peyton Cheely** (Senior, Furnishings and Interiors). “Instead of having make-believe restrictions, this project trained us to work at our first job with the limitations that designers encounter.”

This “green flip,” as called the project, required them to find and incorporate the best green products at the lowest cost while trying to keep as many of the current items as possible.

“Many people don’t usually think about the waste that’s

created with renovations,” Woosnam says. “The students were challenged to keep as much of the old items as possible in order to lessen the amount of waste in the landfills that many projects create.”

Although some groups elected to keep the original kitchen cabinetry and update it with a fresh coat of paint in order to minimize waste, when it came to the 1970s flooring and countertops, the students agreed that replacement was necessary.

“There’s a student in the class who’s parents lived in the units...we were all surprised to learn that the vinyl flooring is the exact same!” Woosnam says.

Among their choices for replacement were tile floors made from recycled materials and countertops made from paper that resist mold and bacteria.

“The countertops definitely need to be replaced,” Cheely says. “They are covered in stains and have a funky smell that no one would want to cook on.”

“These students have done their research and have excelled,” Kirsche says. “They’ve really taken into consideration the lifestyle of the clients and have learned to prioritize the use of green products within the budget.”

Woosnam says she hopes future Rogers Road residents will benefit from the new designs.

“Because there’s such a high turnaround of residents this project enables us to reach many people,” she says. “Hopefully each resident will take away a new and improved, environmentally friendly way to live.”



Project Identify and Recognize Searches for Those In The Military

Project Identify and Recognize, initiated by the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences and the International Federation for Home Economics, honors current and former members of the Armed Forces who have degrees in home economics, family and consumer sciences, or related areas.

“The goal is to identify professionals and give them the recognition which they rightly deserve,” according to **Janett Gibbs**, the program’s director. Currently, more than 185 women and men have been recognized by the program. The honorees are from 40 states and represent all branches of the military service.

To register for Project Identify and Recognize, contact Janett Gibbs by phone at 706-546-6372 or jangibbs@ix.netcom.com. Personal data forms will be sent and can be filled out by those wishing to be recognized or, in the case of the elderly or deceased, by family members.

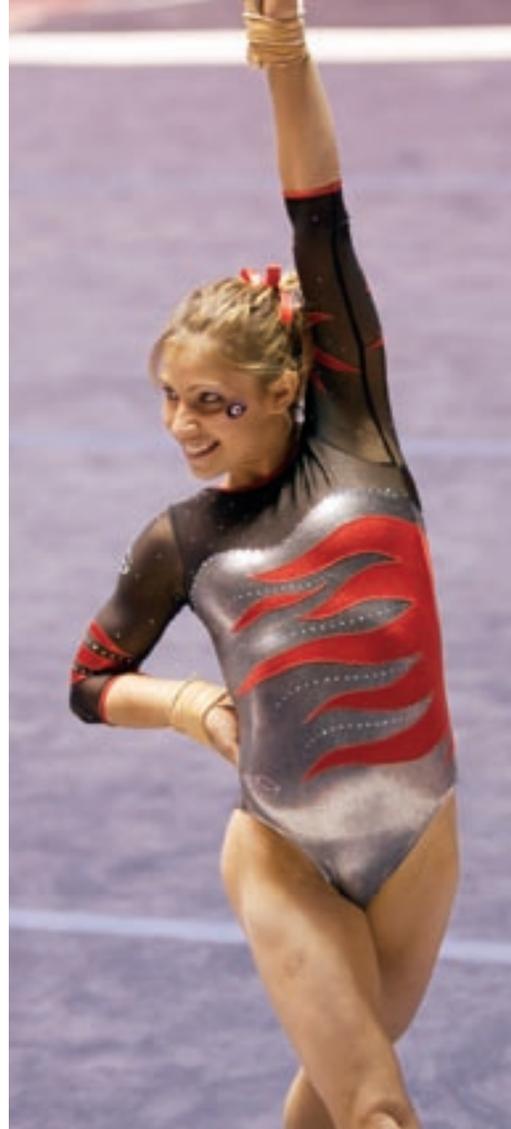
From Billy Beer to Redneck Power

José Blanco (Assistant Professor, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors), director of the FACS Historic Costume Collection, is consulting with the Plains Better Hometown Association and the Carter family in the future opening of the Billy Carter Service Station Museum in Plains.

Billy Carter, brother of the 39th President of the United States Jimmy Carter, became well known during his brother’s presidential campaign. During Jimmy Carter’s tenure in the White House, Billy appeared on several television shows, including “Hee Haw,” and endorsed products including Billy Beer and the “Redneck Power Pickup.”

Several items from Carter’s wardrobe, as well as other memorabilia, have been under the department’s custody for processing and preparation for future display at the museum. The family agreed to allow the department to show a sampling of the items for a short period in the new Barrow Hall gallery.

Titled, “The Other Man from Plains: Billy Carter’s Wardrobe Revealed,” the display included everyday clothing worn by Carter, such as cowboy boots, shirts and hats, as well as iconic “redneck power” T-shirts. Also on display were items revealing his celebrity years such as colorful “Hee Haw Show” overalls, a NASCAR racing jacket, and a Billy Beer shirt.



Courtney Kupets (Junior, Furnishings and Interiors) and her teammates on the 2003 U.S. Women’s World Championships team will be inducted into the USA Hall of Fame in June. The team was the first from the U.S. to win the world title. Kupets and three of the team members went on to win the team silver medal at the 2004 Olympic Games. Individually, Kupets won the silver and bronze medals. Kupets also excels academically, having been named a member of ESPN The Magazine’s Academic All-America women’s at-large team and the National Association of Collegiate Gymnastics Coaches’ Academic Team in 2007 for maintaining a grade point average that is above 3.5.

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focused on two areas: their children and God.

“They don’t see options beyond the future of their children,” she says. “They hope their children will get an education and move out of the refugee camp, if possible, to the U.S., the U.K. or Australia.”

Although children in Buduburam can attend classes either inside the camp or at nearby Ghanaian schools, education isn’t free. For most, the cost of uniforms and fees comes to about \$90 annually. To help cover those costs, some of the refugees receive funds from a charitable organization overseen by Hardgrove’s host, Jerry Kandeia.

Of all that she learned from the refugees in Buduburam and how they have managed to re-create their daily lives, Hardgrove says their belief that God is watching over them was perhaps the most surprising.

“To them, God is as present as the air they breathe in and out,” she says. “That wasn’t something that I asked about, they volunteered their belief that God was their helper. It was so common to walk down the street and hear, ‘God bless you.’”

Hardgrove says she never heard anyone blame or question God about their circumstances. Instead, God was viewed as a source of help.

“Isn’t that fascinating?” Hardgrove asks. “(To imagine) living hand to mouth in a place where people don’t like me, in a position where I can’t move, when I’ve watched my daughter raped in front of me. You get somebody like that who still will say, every time they’re asked about it, no matter how they’re asked about it, ‘It’s by the grace of God that I’m here. It’s by the grace of God that the children that I have are healthy. It’s because of God that I will eat later today.’”

Faith wasn’t among the ideas Hardgrove had planned to explore in her thesis, but the wealth of spontaneous comments made its inclusion essential. In fact, she is now considering studying the role of faith and religion as a part of her doctoral studies, which she’ll begin this fall at the University of Oxford, England.

“I want to look at two religious groups and compare them in refugee situations,” she says. “I wonder if we can look at, for example, Muslim refugees and how they’re making sense of their experience and then visit a refugee camp that is more Hindu, for example. The question is, how does religion set you up to deal with your experience?”

For the residents of Buduburam the answer is clear.

“I think faith is that kind of vehicle through which they can handle life,” Hardgrove says. “A woman in one interview said, ‘I know God will fight for me. I know God will fight for me. He will make a way.’” ■

Planned Gifts – Transforming FACS now and for years to come



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As you read this, we will have successfully closed our *100 Legacies in the Making* campaign. During the past two years, it has been invigorating, yet humbling, to see the scores of people who are dedicated to leaving a gift to FACS through their estates. Our Legacies range from ages 25 to 96. They are men and women of all races, and they all have a common desire: Seeing FACS continue to thrive and positively impact the lives of Georgians and others beyond our state lines. Because people can typically make a larger gift through their estates than during their lifetimes, we are now in a position to transform our college with this new level of private giving.

Unfortunately, during the course of this campaign, two of our planned gifts were realized. **Ruth Rowan Morrison** (BSHE '44) and **Elise Bruce Bray Richey** (BSHE '38) passed away, leaving significant portions of their estates to FACS.

"Brucie," as Mrs. Richey was affectionately known, was a home economics teacher in South Georgia as well as a home management house director at the University of Georgia. She also owned the Rochelle Telephone Co. in Rochelle, Ga., operating the switchboard in her home at night while grading papers. Upon retirement, Brucie returned to Rochelle, where she was active in all aspects of community life and enjoyed farming until age 87. The picture you see of her is how most remember her—driving her truck with her Irish Setter, Rowlett, riding on top.

Ruth Morrison came to UGA from Tifton. As an undergraduate, Ruth fell ill with peritonitis following an appendectomy. After narrowly escaping death, Ruth was told by doctors she might never walk again. She never forgot the overwhelming concern and kindness exhibited to her by professors and fellow students during her lengthy convalescence. This illness was instrumental in Ruth's decision to dedicate her life to public health, with an emphasis in nutrition.

Although neither Mrs. Richey nor Mrs. Morrison had children of their own, they dedicated their lives to educating young people. Because of their foresight and love for our college, collectively their gifts have transformed FACS. The new Elise Bray Richey Fund will create a sizeable scholarship endowment for an undergraduate student, while the Ruth Rowan Morrison Fund, earmarked for graduate education, is the most significant single gift in the Department of Foods and Nutrition.

"Because of these women, we will attract higher caliber students and be able to reward their outstanding academic work," FACS Dean Laura Jolly said of Mrs. Richey and Mrs. Morrison. "There are no words to reflect how important these two gifts are to our college."

Thanks Brucie ... thanks Ruth ... for being two of our *100 FACS Legacies in the Making!*



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