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Dr. Fong Will Serve Another Year as Interim Head

It gives me great pleasure to be able to report the progress made by the Consumer and Family Sciences department during the 1997-98 year, and to communicate to you the plans for 1998-99. First of all, we welcome the addition of two new faculty who will join our team in August 1998. Dr. Doris Sikora will provide leadership to the Family and Consumer Science Education program as well as teach in the Family Studies program. Ms. Marilyn Mount will be teaching in the Dietetics program as well as the Hotel, Restaurant, and Tourism Management (HTRM) program. We consider ourselves extremely fortunate to have successfully recruited these two individuals and know that their addition will significantly strengthen our program offerings. We are also pleased that Ms. Debbie Shivel will continue to teach full time in Family Studies and Textiles and Apparel Merchandising (TAM) and that Ms. Sheila Ford will continue to teach full time in TAM.

We are very proud of our students who have been recipients of several significant awards this past year. Their achievements will be described in other parts of this newsletter, but I know you join us in congratulating them.

I'm sure all of you are aware of the current emphasis on transdisciplinary and interprofessional collaboration in higher education. I'm pleased to report that several of our departmental programs are ahead of the game in this area. The faculty in the department have been involved in collaborative endeavors during the past year which have resulted in a number of innovative projects being ready for implementation in the near future. The HTRM program will have two WEB courses ready to deliver: one in Fall, 1998 by Ms. Patty Silfies and one in Spring, 1999 by Dr. Rich Patterson. Students from other institutions will be enrolling in these offerings through cooperative agreements which have been established. TAM will deliver a course via Interactive Television (ITV) in the Fall, which will be team taught by Ms. Debbie Shivel and Dr. Martha Jenkins. Plans are in place to deliver a number of other courses/programs from our departmental disciplines via ITV and extended campus.

A group of us have been working with the Community Colleges in our part of the state to determine whether various programs, such as Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education, Hotel, Restaurant & Tourism Management, and Dietetics could be jointly delivered to interested students. The indi-
cators are very positive, and we hope to implement these plans during the coming academic year. In addition, proposals for Associate and Baccalaureate degree programs in Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education have been passed by the appropriate university committees and hopefully will complete the approval process by the state during Fall, 1998. The Family Studies program is a significant component of both curricula. Program-wise, we have revised and updated the major in Family and Consumer Sciences Education, and we are working on an option in Family Studies to be offered in conjunction with FCS Education. This should have the effect of increasing numbers of majors. The revised major will be implemented beginning Fall, 1998 semester and the option should be in place by Spring, 1999. Each discipline is further undertaking program/curriculum review to determine how effectively our programs are meeting the needs of our students and the communities they will serve. Data from these analyses will help us to modify and streamline our training programs to best address societal needs.

We were very fortunate this year to have been the recipient of enough one-time university funds to totally upgrade our computer laboratories for all our disciplines. In addition to upgrading memory and installing Windows 95, we have purchased a new plotter for CAD courses, and have ordered more updated CAD programs (AutoCAD LT and Release 14) to be compatible with industry expectations. We have also increased the number of stations in the computer laboratory to 20 (from 15) and believe that these resources will better serve our students. We have purchased 15 new Singer sewing machines for our TAM studio to replace equipment which was purchased in the 1970s. Some of the purchases were made with a portion of the development funds, and I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have contributed to our department. The above accomplishments could not have been achieved without your ongoing generous assistance and input.

I look forward to an exciting year as our new team comes together and hope to have many new advances to report to you in the near future. We look forward to seeing you during our Homecoming Luncheon on October 24, 1998. In the meantime, please stop by the Academic Complex to visit with us at your leisure and share your ideas with us. We would appreciate your input on the new Alumni Data form included in this newsletter. Our doors are always open!

-Lou Fong

KAFCS News

Dr. Martha Jenkins will be serving as P/GS Advisor for KAFCS, new officers for the state board include the following students from WKU:
Chair: Chanda Raymer
        Beaver Dam, KY
First Vice-Chair: Kristy Vick
        Russellville, KY
Secretary: Melissa Bryant
        Bowling Green, KY
Treasurer: Terry Beth Bivens
        Bowling Green, KY
Newsletter: Jill Arnold
        Beaver Dam, KY

The 1999 KAFCS meeting will be held in Bowling Green,
Phi Upsilon Omicron has enjoyed an extraordinary year. Every year each chapter in the nation chooses a professional project that supports the national theme. This year's theme was "Developing Character through Scholarship, Leadership, and Service". The local chapter of collegiate members titled its project "Developing Leadership, One Step at a Time." The students developed a year long plan of action with Girls Incorporated of Bowling Green. Every two weeks the members of the Beta Delta Chapter went to the girls club and held programs and activities for the members. The collegiate students and members of Girls Inc. benefited from the interaction. The project was written and submitted to the national committee in narrative format. A video of clips and highlights of the year was submitted along with the report. The first place national award and $100.00 was presented to the chapter at the National Conclave held in Fargo, North Dakota in June.

Western Kentucky was well represented. The students who attended included Amy Foster, Holly McDonald, Leslie Padgett, outgoing President of the collegiate chapter, and Kristy Vick, First Vice-president and President Elect of the collegiate chapter, Dr. Martha Jenkins, Dr. Joyce Radsall, and Ms. Cindy Jones, advisors of the Beta Delta chapter and Romanza Johnson, District II Councilor also attended the conclave.

Miss Kristy Vick who will serve as the president of the collegiate chapter during the 1998-99 school year was elected to the National Council. Kristy is a senior Consumer and Family Sciences Education Major from Russellville, Kentucky.

National Conclave will be hosted by the Beta Delta and the Beta Delta Alumni Chapters in October of 2000. Plans are already underway. Cindy Jones will Chair the Conclave Committee, Martha Jenkins will chair the finance committee, Romanza Johnson will chair the arrangements committee and Joyce Radsall will chair the program committee. All members are encouraged to support this huge undertaking. Please contact Phi U to volunteer for the committee you would like to work on. We need your help!!!!
KY, at the University Plaza Hotel on March 25-26. Central District members can contact Cherie Mingus with ideas for the meeting or contact KAFCS annual meeting Co-Chairs, Martha Jenkins or Janet Johnson.

Nora Sweat Named Outstanding Alumni

Nora Sweat, Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher at Central Hardin High School Cecil, KY, was honored as the recipient of the Outstanding Home Economics Alumni Award at the Phi Upsilon Omicron Spring Brunch on April 18, 1998. The brunch followed initiation and was hosted by the alumni.

Nora has taught Family and Consumer Sciences (Home Economics) for 28 years, 20 years at West Hardin High School before moving to Central Hardin in 1990. For the past 5 years, she has served as Department Chair for Family and Consumer Sciences, Special Vocational Programs, and Technology Education. She is also an Honorary member of Future Homemakers and Future Farmers of America Chapters. She has advised numerous state and regional FHA officers and has received the Decade of Service Award as well as the Two Decades of Service Award.

Nora has been actively involved in the Kentucky and National Associations of Vocational Home Economics Teachers Association, the Kentucky and American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, the Kentucky and American Vocational Associations, as well as the Kentucky Education and Home Economics Education Associations. She received the "Vocational Teacher of the Year" Award in 1993 and the KAVHET Outstanding Service Award in 1997.

Cindy Jones Receives Romanza O. Johnson Citizenship Award

Each year a member of the Association is awarded the Romanza O. Johnson Citizenship Award. This year Ms. Cindy Jones, (M.S. 1983), a faculty member of the Consumer and Family Sciences department was the recipient. The award recognizes an alum of the department who has demonstrated significant leadership and commitment in meaningful work for others at the local, state or national level. Ms. Jones has been a member of the Home Economics Alumni Association since its origin and has been teaching at WKU either part-time or full-time since 1984. Ms. Jones is serving as the Interim Coordinator for the Freshman Seminar, a new course to assist in student success that is required of all freshman as they enter Western in the Fall of 1998.

The Award consists of $100.00 to be placed in a home economics scholarship fund of the recipient's choosing and engraving of her name on a perpetual plaque displayed in the CFS department.

Why not Nominate yourself or someone you know who meets the criteria for one of the two previously mentioned awards? To do so please use the form included in this newsletter.
Homecoming 1998

We hope you have heard that last year's Homecoming was a big success, we even had a graduate here from 1937- Mrs. Ruth Watkins attended from Louisville, Ky. This year we want to salute those of you who graduated from the classes of 1928, 1938, 1948, 1958, 1968, 1978, 1988, and 1998. We all know that Eights are Great! Do you know where your classmates are? Can you get in touch with them? Can you come together to the luncheon? The festivities begin at 12:00 noon. Let's make this the biggest homecoming yet!

If you haven't already, please fill out the back side of this form. Mail to: CFS Dept.

Name ____________________________
Address ____________________________
Graduation Year _______ Major ____________________________
Luncheon Reservations @ $10.00 each
# ________ Total ____________________________


I would like to nominate the following person for:

____ Outstanding Alumni
____ Citizenship Award

Name ____________________________
Address ____________________________
Phone ____________________________
Year of Graduation _______ Degree ____________________________
Maiden Name ____________________________
Reason ____________________________

Heritage Collection Cookbook

Now Available
Several of you have requested more copies of the Heritage Collection Cookbook. They are available for shipping or you may stop by the Consumer and Family Sciences Department on campus to pick them up. The cookbook costs $10.00 and shipping will be $2.50 per book.

Make checks payable to:
Home Economics Alumni Assoc.
1 Big Red Way
CFS, AC 302
Bowling Green, KY 42101

____ Copies @ $10.00
+ Shipping @ $2.50
____ Total
Help us keep our alumni files current by completing the Alumni Update section of this form. We welcome news of your professional accomplishments, personal news and your pictures too. For those interested in assisting current or prospect students, you may wish to fill out any or all sections of the Alumni Networking portion of this form.

Whether you choose to complete some or all please put it in the mail to us. You may also e-mail the information to cfs@wku.edu or look for it on the CFS homepage.

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**YES - I would like to join the CFS Alumni Association.**

Endorsed is my check for:

$5.00 Annual Membership

### Alumni Networking Information (Please check all areas of interest)

I would be willing to help the Consumer and Family Sciences Dept. in the following area(s) by:

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Full-time: Yes No Co-op: Yes No Part-time: Yes No Summer: Yes No

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Benefits of belonging to a professional organization Other:
Brenda (Harris) Glover (FCSE, '71) is now the Director of Professional Development for the Badgett Regional Cooperative for Educational Enhancement in Madisonville, Ky. She works with teachers and administrators in 12 local school districts of Western Kentucky. She also does consulting work in Human Resource Development and Management, Systems Thinking, and Quality of Design.

Melissa Gunner (ID, '98) has accepted a position with Barbara Stewart's Interiors in Bowling Green, Ky. Melissa completed her internship with the firm this spring.

Cara Haggerty (ID, '97) is currently teaching part-time in the Department of Consumer and Family Sciences and this summer has become lead designer at Betty Thomas Interiors in Bowling Green as well.

Melanie Harned (TAM, '91, '93) has experienced severe health problems as a result of her diabetes. In addition to losing her eyesight, she has had kidney and pancreas transplants. The good news is that she is no longer diabetic!

Alley (Bratcher) Hyde (ID, '96) is keeping busy! She is working at Corporate Express in Nashville, Tn., and she married Chris Hyde in May, 1998. She is preparing for her NCIDQ exam in the future.

Barbara Ann Hollywood (FCSE, '69) is an Associate Professor of CAD/Fashion at Centenary College, Hackettstown, N.J.

Connie Gronoke Judge (ID, '82) is working at Ewalds Associates Interior Design firm in Louisville, Ky.

Stephen Martin (ID, '86) has been promoted to Vice President of Operations at Innerspace, Inc., in Louisville, Ky.

Ginger (Lewis) Odom (ID, '94) is now working as a staff designer at Interior Design Services in Nashville, Tn. This firm does commercial design work for the State of Tennessee, Columbia HCA, BellSouth, and Metro Nashville government.

Lynne Everson Pope (FCSE, '76) is a historic costumer for museums, videos, and individuals in Franklin, Tn. She is also Director of the Save the Franklin Battlefield organization.

Ann Beth (Jenkins) Presley (TAM, '84) has earned a promotion to Associate Professor and also received tenure at Auburn University, in Auburn, Alabama. She and her mother, alum

Martha Jenkins, (TAM, '59) attended the Textile/Clothing Technology Center [TC] 10-year reunion and update for [TC] Faculty Fellows at the national center in Cary, NC on July 15-16, 1998. These two alums are the only mother-daughter team ever to participate in [TC], which they did in 1995.

Doris (Smith) Pruitt (FCSE, '59) is Food Service Director for Warren County Schools. On a sad note, her husband, Bob, died this past year.

Martha Raymer (FCSE, '42) and Nora Sweat (FCSE, '70), shown above, were initiated as local honorary members of the Beta Delta Chapter of Phi Upsilon Omicron on April 18, 1998.

Pat (Moss) Russell (FCSE, '74, '78) teaches FCS at Ohio County Middle School. Four of her former students are seniors in the CFS department. Three are
FCSE majors and one is an ID major.

Michelle Sheanshang (HRTM, '98) has taken a position with Bristol Hotels in Alexandria, Ky. Bristol Hotels is a Dallas, TX, based hospitality company.

Anita (Harper) Smith (FCSE, '60) is the principal at Stephenson High School in Stone Mountain, Ga.

Janis Grimes Stebbins (ID, '88) has begun teaching part-time in the Interior Design area of CFS at Western.

Lyndell Sydboten (ID, '91), died in Paducah, Ky. in July of this year. He was an Interior Designer in Bowling Green, Ky. and Atlanta, Ga.

Amy (Maxwell) Taylor (FCSE, '95) will replace Sherri (Perkins) Kilgore (FCSE, '91, '94) as FCS teacher at Greenwood High School in Bowling Green, Ky. Sherri will be a full-time wife and mother to her new daughter.

Peggy Vessels (TAM, '83) has worked many places since graduation including: Stewart's, The Limited, Saks Fifth Avenue, and even managing the Lynchburg Hardware & General Store for Jack Daniel's. Currently she is developing a line of children's clothing and gifts made from vintage and new textiles.

Michael Westerfield (ID) is a Manager of Visual Merchandising for Opryland USA in Nashville, Tn.

1997-98 Donations

CFS alumni and friends of the department donated over $4,000 in cash this past year, but cash donations were not all we received. A donation of computer software valued at over $15,000 was made by an alum who saw the opportunity to give back to her alma mater. As you can see, there is more than one way you as alumni can help support the department.

A BIG THANKS goes out to all the donors this past year for making an investment in our future. All donations from alumni are so important because without them current students would not have the up-to-date materials, software, and equipment that they need to be competitive and successful in the job market.

Those listed in the box below have donated generously to the department this year. They deserve special recognition for their dedication to the success of future CFS students.

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Ashbrook
Mrs. Margaret E. Berg
Ms. Sharon Bryant
Dr. Mary Crenshaw
Dr. Mary Heltsley
Mrs. Mary Eleanor Mitchell
Mr. & Mrs. Roger Olds
Ms. Tracy Pace
Mr. & Mrs. Alan Revelette
Ms. Karin P. Walker
Mrs. Ruth Everson Watkins

Greetings WKU Home Economics Alumni!

Hope you enjoyed a fun-filled, restful summer wherever you might be. It was especially good to see those who participated in our annual summer activity in July.

The group spent a day in Nashville touring Belle Meade Mansion in the morning, lunching in Cheekwood's Pineapple Room, and taking a guided tour of some of Cheekwood's eleven lovely gardens in the afternoon. Even though our group was smaller than anticipated, the day was so enjoyable that there was talk of adding a fall excursion to our calendar of events!

Please mark your calendars for October 24, 1998, for WKU Homecoming! Our homecoming luncheon and program will be at noon in Room 213 of the Academic Complex on "The Hill." The cost of the lunch will be $10.00 per person. Please make plans to attend and warmly renew old friendships and acquaintances. The lunch will be delicious, the company great, and your presence appreciated. Please find the reservation sheet in the middle of this newsletter, fill it in (be sure to fill in both sides), and return it now.

This will be an opportune time to pay your alumni dues of $5.00. If you cannot attend homecoming, you may mail a check to Dr. Martha Jenkins, Consumer and Family Sciences Dept., AC 302, WKU, Bowling Green, KY 42101-3576. Please make your check payable to: Home Economics Alumni Association.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our homecoming luncheon. Our business meeting will be short, leaving ample time to attend the ballgame.

Your 1997-98 President,
Mary Lou Wood

Have you ever tried to reach someone in the department and just didn't know how? Well, here is all the information you need to reach you!

Phone: (502) 745-4352
Fax: (502) 745-3999
E-mail: CFS@wku.edu
Sheila Ford will be teaching her second year in the Textiles and Apparel Merchandising area. She received her MS from University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Sheila will be getting married during our fall break. CONGRATULATIONS, SHEILA!

Marilyn Mount is the newest member of the faculty. She joins the Dietetics/HRTM team. She received her MS from Rutgers University. She comes to us from Texas.

Doris Sikora will be taking over as the Consumer and Family Sciences Educator. Doris received her Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee. Doris joins our faculty this fall and is coming to us from Knoxville, Tenn.

Deborah Shivel is teaching in the CFS department. She comes to us from the Extension office in Louisville, Ky. Deborah received her MS from the University of Kentucky. She will be offering Clothing and Human Behavior through interactive television learning this fall as well as teaching Family Relations and Management of Family Resources.
CALLING ALL
HRTM GRADUATES

Are you willing to participate in a website focusing on newly successful graduates?

If so, please contact Ms. Patty Silfies, the developer of the website, by phone (502) 745-4352, by fax (502) 745-3999, or by e-mail: Patty.Silfies@WKU.edu

This is a GREAT OPPORTUNITY to let other people (including prospective employers) know of your success!

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