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CHAT WITH THE CHAIR

Welcome! Let me update you on all the changes which have occurred during 2000-2001, and what we are looking forward to for 2001-2002 in Consumer and Family Sciences.

Most exciting is the progress we have made in curriculum revision. Our faculty have worked very hard to consolidate our programs in order to strengthen them and render them more viable for the future. We paired several of our programs into three new majors with two options each, which include: Hospitality Management/ Dietetics (HM/D) with options in Hotel, Restaurant, & Tourism Management and Dietetics; Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) with options in Family Studies and Family and Consumer Sciences Education; and Design, Merchandising, and Textiles (DMT) with options in Interior Design and Textiles and Apparel Merchandising. This last merger will go through the final committee review in Fall, 2001. We are particularly proud of the proposed transformation of the Interior Design program as it will represent a program of study that will meet FIDER accreditation standards, something we have not been able to achieve in the past.

Our HRTM faculty also developed a collaborative minor with Recreation in

the area of Tourism, and we are in the process of developing an associate degree in hospitality, and considering one in the area of dietetic technician.

Our new programs in Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education are attracting a great deal of attention and interest across the country as well in Kentucky, and we are getting many inquiries into the web-based offering of the two undergraduate IECE programs.

We are currently among the leaders in the College and University in the development and delivery of web-based courses and are focusing on continuing to increase our outreach efforts utilizing this and similar strategies. We are blessed with a faculty who are dedicated and productive.

I want to again thank all of you for your continued support of our efforts. We have received many generous gifts from you, both in time and money. I have had the opportunity to meet with a number of you during the year and am grateful for the enthusiasm you have shown regarding our plans for CFS. I hope to meet with more of you during the coming year. I hope to see you at the Homecoming Luncheon on October 20.

Name of Department Head Announced

Dr. Louella Fong was named Department Head of Consumer and Family Sciences this spring after an internal search for this position. She has been acting as Interim Department Head since the retirement of Dr. Carl Hall in 1997. She is also project director for the Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education (IECE) Proficiency Evaluation of Employed Candidates and Related Degrees grant funded by the Kentucky Department of Education.

Dr. Fong has taught in the child development, family studies, and early childhood education programs in CFS since coming to WKU in 1970.

Dr. Fong received her Ph. D. in Child Development and Family Life from Purdue University.

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Meet the Sullivan Sisters

You will never meet two more gracious ladies than Margaret Sullivan Berg and Rowena Sullivan. They were both home economics majors at WKU and then were home economics extension agents in Logan and Simpson Counties, respectively. About a year ago, they moved from their individual homes to Village Manor in Bowling Green, where they share an apartment.

Margaret graduated from high school during the depression, and her intention was to go to Western for a one-year elementary teaching certificate and teach the next year. Back then, elementary schools started in July and ended in January in time for her to enroll at WKU for the Spring semester. She had enjoyed sewing since, at age seven, she made a nine-patch quilt top on the sewing machine, so for her one elective she chose a sewing course. Evidently, she did well in it because her instructor, Miss Taylor, convinced her to take another home economics course after teaching elementary school a year and enrolling for the Spring semester to work on a secondary education certificate. So Home Economics Education became her major. She finished her degree in nine years, working in the field and going to school as feasible.

Meanwhile, Rowena was laying the foundation to follow in her sister's footsteps. Home Economics was added to the Drakesboro High curriculum at the freshman level. Even though Rowena was a senior, she was permitted to take the new course. With her mother in the Homemaker's club and her sister majoring in Home Economics at WKU, Rowena had already decided that Home Economics was the right major for her. Both she and Margaret emphasize that their parents always encouraged them to do what they wanted to do.

Margaret started her career in Home Economics by teaching sewing at the Masonic Home School in Louisville for three years. A fellow teacher who had assisted with the music at 4-H camp encouraged her to consider a career with the home economics extension service. After contacting the state

leader and going to Lexington for an interview at the university, Margaret was hired and sent to Hickman, Kentucky, as the Home Demonstration Agent for Fulton County in September, 1943. Rowena joined her sister in Hickman to teach high school Home Economics because Margaret recommended her when the superintendent asked if she knew anyone who could fill the position. Much to their surprise, Margaret was soon given the opportunity in November 1943 to move to her home area--Logan County--as the Home Demonstration Agent, and she continued in the extension service until December, 1973. Rowena wanted to be a Home Demonstration Agent too, but the agency preferred candidates who had previous experience. After teaching one year in Hickman, she returned to WKU for the Spring semester. In those days, Home

for anyone with home economics training. They found pleasure working with women, boys, and girls providing training and helping them to develop leadership skills and gaining the confidence to participate in other community events. By staying in the same counties for several years, they were able to see 4-H members grow in knowledge and skill and to become successful in their careers and lives.

The extension service has grown and changed with the times. When they started their careers with extension, they were Home Demonstration Agents, then Home Economics Extension Agents, and now the positions are called Extension Agents for Family and Consumer Sciences. Originally the agents worked with both Homemakers Clubs and 4-H

Clubs, now most counties have one agent who works primarily with the homemakers and another who works with youth programs. And when the sisters became agents, the services provided was segregated between whites and blacks; however, these services are no longer segregated.

The sisters found much personal fulfillment in the travel experiences, friendships developed through their professional contacts on the job, and through memberships in professional organizations. They spoke fondly of an

Extension Agent from the Philippines who spent 3 weeks in Logan County in 1956 serving the extension program through an exchange program arranged by the University of Kentucky and the Philippine extension service. They became great friends and kept in touch until her death two years ago. When the National Homemaker's meeting was in Honolulu, Hawaii, in 1964, Margaret and Rowena



Sisters, Margaret S. Berg (Left) and Rowena Sullivan

Demonstration Agents could work until they started families (previously one could not work after marrying). When the agent in Simpson County became pregnant, Rowena was hired to fill her position and moved to Franklin, Kentucky, where she continued with the extension service until 1980--more than 30 years. Rowena says she has often thanked the grown daughter of the former agent for giving her the opportunity to become the Simpson County Agent.

The sisters agree that their years in extension coincided with a great time

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Meet the Sullivan Sisters (Cont'd)

attended and traveled on to Manila, where they visited their friend, who made special arrangements for them to visit and enjoy escorted tours of Hong Kong and Tokyo, with only a modest \$18.00 increase in the cost of their original travel plans.

The extension service encouraged agents to attend professional meetings, and the sisters often took advantage of these opportunities. Networking with agents from all parts of the country, they say that the education they received at Western was "right up at the top of the list."

The sisters both have been especially talented in the clothing area, as evidenced by the number of items donated to the Kentucky Museum and the CFS Department. One of the artifacts donated to the department is a complete lady's costume from Norway, which is used to study clothing of different cultures. This was obtained by Margaret while visiting her husband's home country.

Both Western and the CFS Department are indebted to the Sullivan Sisters, not only for such material contributions, but especially for who they are and what they have contributed to the profession through their gracious and loving service. Margaret recalls the Superintendent of Logan County Schools saying, "You are a missionary here", relative to her

work with students in the county. That statement pretty much sums up the careers of two dedicated home economists!

**Interior Design Trade Show & Work in Progress Day,
April 11, 2001**
Sixteen vendors displayed their product lines and then judged the student competition. The award-winning students were:
Best All Around:
Jason Hildabrand
Most Efficient Use of Space:
Celeste Holmes
Most Creative Use of Product:
Jenn Watts
Most Progress during competition:
Leah Christian
Honorable Mention:
Tasha Byrd

CONGRATULATIONS Interior Design Students!

Be sure to attend the Homecoming events:

- *Home Economic Alumni Silent Auction and Luncheon (Preregistration required)
- *HRTM Tailgate Party. Contact Patty Silfies for more info. Patty.Silfies@wku.edu

*Remember...

There's No Place Like Home

ON A SAD NOTE

Word has come to the CFS department of the death of two of our former faculty.

Mrs. Kathryn Calloway was a clothing and textiles instructor in the 1970s. She and her husband had been living in Elkton, Kentucky before her death in June, 2001.

Mrs. Helen Sydnor Kelley, a 1945 graduate of the Home Economics Education program and a former faculty member in the Dietetics area died in Louisville, Kentucky, on July 21, 2001. Mrs. Kelley was a charter member and first treasurer of the WKU Home Economics Alumni Association, a member of Phi Upsilon Omicron, and the American Home Economics Association.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Mrs. Kelley may be forwarded to the College Heights Foundation at WKU and designated for the Lucile R. Stiles and Helen S. Kelley Scholarship Fund.



Western Kentucky Gas Company has invested in WKU students by contributing \$400 toward the purchase of eight new gas stoves by the CFS department this summer. Dan Price, Sales Manager with Western Kentucky Gas, says, "It is a pleasure to be of assistance to WKU, and we appreciate your loyalty to natural gas and the benefits of cooking with natural gas." CFS appreciates corporate contributions, which are essential to upgrading facilities and equipment in the department.

CFS graciously thanks

the donors that have given most generously to the CFS department in 2000-2001

Thomas Barnes

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Laurie Froelich

James Johnstone

Eleanor Mitchell

Joanne Nugent

Lisa Smith

Stephen & Natasha Smith

CFS ALUMNI NEWS

Polly (Morse) Baker, (FCSE, '74) is a Vice President/Cashier at the Peoples Bank of Tompkinsville, in Tompkinsville, Ky. She has one daughter, Sarah, who is a 1999 WKU graduate.

Vonda Lee (Hatcher) Ball, (FCSE, '70) has retired after years of service as an occupational food service teacher, child care teacher and consumer home economics teacher in Alabama. She co-authored Alabama's first Child Care Curriculum guide, was Teacher of the Year at Auburn Jr. High in 1995, and state president of Delta Kappa Gamma, 1997-1999. She is married to Dr. Don Ball, who was inducted into the WKU Hall of Distinguished Alumni in 2000.

Norma (Jean) Chapman, (FCSE, '71, '76) has retired from teaching after 28 years in the Owensboro, Ky. school system. She was named secondary teacher of the year for Owensboro in 1998. She states that her CFS degree "helped me to have a successful teaching career."

Teresa (Roach) Cross, (ID, '96) is an interior designer and administrator for Kelley Design Studio in Bowling Green, Ky. She is married to Dean Cross, and their little girl, Hannah, was born on August 4, 2000. She says, "I use the skills [I learned in CFS] on a daily basis."

Carol (Zimmerman) Eicher, (FCSE, '71) is a high school Family and Consumer Sciences teacher at London, Kentucky. She was named ACTE Teacher of the Year in 2000.

Kathleen (Miller) Hosna, (HRTM, '94) is the proud mother of Jack Thomas Hosna, born on November 3, 2000. She says that her "background in tourism & restaurant management benefitted her when working at the Ft. Knox, Ky., Morale, Welfare & Recreation Marketing Department promoting clubs, restaurants, and leisure activities."

Stephanie (Hudson) Hunter, (TAM, '93) is store director of Victoria's Secret in Shepherdsville, Ky. Her duties include overseeing the store,

(**Stephanie Hunter**, Continued) hiring, training, merchandising, inventory, mark downs, payroll, and client services. She is married to Wales Hunter, and they have a little girl, Sarah Corinne Hunter.

Kelli Kinkade, (FCSE, '95) is a training specialist with Computer Logistics in Lexington, Ky. She completes all internal training, trains clients in use of specialized computer software, reviews contracts and special projects, and develops training programs. She says her CFS degree has "given me flexibility, organization and professionalism that has helped advance my career. A variety of skills that raise my value in the job market and socially."

Betty (Pettus) Leasure, (FCSE, '45) is retired but says, "The 4 years I spent at Western...is an experience that I have always been proud of, a great help in a number of ways."

Carolyn (Grant) McMillan, (FCSE, '79) is an assistant cashier at Franklin Bank and Trust in Franklin, Ky.

Grace Evelyn Miller, (FCSE, '50) is living in Elkton, Ky. and taking care of her 100-year-old father.

R. Jarrett Muncy, (ID, '98) is an Interior Designer with Farrington Design Group in Atlanta, Ga. His job includes corporate interior design, specification of materials & finishes, space planning, coordination of team (2-3 persons) in production of construction documents for such clients as WebMD, Neteffect, Kilpatrick Stockton, LLD, and Cisco Systems. Jarrett says, "I feel my hard work and persistence aided me, as well as my degree in Interior Design from WKU, in obtaining a key status at a growing professional architectural design firm with offices all over the U.S."

Brenda (Perkins) Pennell, (FCSE, '72) has retired after 27 years of teaching Family and Consumer Sciences in Jefferson Co., Ky.

Terri Sager, (TAM) is Vice President and General Merchandise Manager for Hanna Andersson. Hanna Andersson is based in Portland, Or. and also has a retail web site.

Karla (Schlensker) Sneegas, (FCSE, '80) was appointed by Governor Frank O'Bannon, of Indiana, on January 18, 2001, as Executive Director of the Indiana Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Agency. This agency will disperse funds received from the national tobacco settlement, totaling \$35 million for this year alone, to prevent and reduce the use of all tobacco products in Indiana. When asked how her CFS degree had benefitted her, she said her, "CFS degree stressed professional approach, problem solving, organization, and management."

Nora (Vaillancourt) Sweat, (FCSE, '70) is the newly-hired coordinator of High School Academy of Hardin County, Ky. schools for advanced students during inter-sessions.

Opal Young Thomas, (FCSE, '37) retired from teaching in 1975. She taught Home Economics and elementary education during her teaching career. She now resides in Leitchfield, Ky.

Helen S. Underwood, (FCSE, '57) retired in 1992 from Bullitt Co., Ky. schools with 35 years of service in Home Economics education and food services.

Nikki (Westerfield) Zoglmann, (TAM, '94) became a full-time mom this year. Her son, John Michael, was born on January 24. Before the birth of her son, she was store manager for a specialty shoe store in Maceo, Ky.

Share the good news...

Send us your news and information, so all your WKU friends can keep in touch!

Share Your News

We Want to
Hear From You!

Got E-Mail?

You can also share your news
with us throughout the year by
e-mail. The address is:
CFS@wku.edu

Name: _____ SS# _____
(Include Maiden Name)

Current Address: _____ Phone _____

Major, Degree & Year: _____ E-mail Address: _____ Fax No. _____

Employer: _____ Title: _____ Work Phone: _____
Briefly describe your job duties: _____

Areas of Expertise: _____
Professional Organizations: _____

Personal or Professional Awards: _____

Personal Information: (spouse, marriage, births, other) _____

How has your CFS degree benefitted you since your graduation? _____



Sikora Receives Recognition

Dr. Doris Sikora,
Assistant Professor of

Family and Consumer Sciences, was awarded an Excellence in Teaching award Spring of 2001 by the Associated Student Government at WKU. She was one of only two professors in the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences that received this honor.

Just A Reminder

YES! I would like to join the Home Economics Alumni Association. Enclosed is my check for \$5.00 annual membership made payable to Home Economics Alumni Association.

Name: _____

Address: _____

There's No Place Like Home

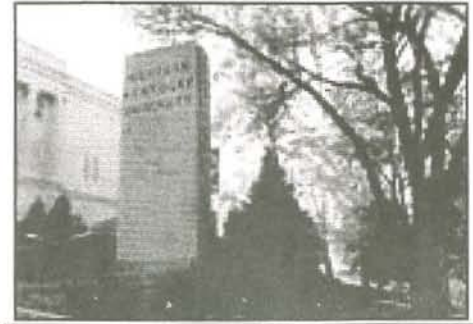
The Home Management House, the Ghost of Potter Hall, the football games, the Hill—they all invoke images and memories of times spent at WKU.

We all know it's true: **There's No Place Like Home**, so come back to Western on **Saturday, October 20, 2001**, and share the memories with your WKU family and friends.

Join other alumni and friends that day at the Home Economics Alumni Luncheon and Silent Auction at 11:00 a.m. in room 213 of the Academic Complex.

The graduates featured this year will be those graduating in the years 1931, 1941, 1951, 1961, 1971, 1981, 1991, and 2001.

So tap your feet three times and say, "There's no place like home...." **See you at Homecoming!**



Yes, I will attend Homecoming. My check payable to Home Economics Alumni Association is enclosed in the amount of \$_____. (Luncheon tickets are \$10.00 per person.) Guests are welcome! Reservations are due by **Oct. 5, 2001**. **Please send in the following information:**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Grad. Yr. _____

Major: _____

Guest Name: _____

HRTM Tailgate Party!

October 20

Homecoming Afternoon

For more information,
please e-mail Patty Silfies:
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SEE YOU THERE!

I would like to nominate the following person for:

_____ Outstanding Alumni Award

_____ Citizenship Award

Name: _____

(Including Maiden Name)

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Yr. of Graduation: _____ Degree Earned: _____

Reason for Nomination: _____

Heritage Collection Cookbook

Many of you have your own personal copy of the *Heritage Collection Cookbook*, but do you know someone that doesn't? Has someone you know moved out on their own or gotten married? These make perfect gifts any time of the year. They are available for shipping or you may stop by the CFS department on campus to pick them up. The cookbook costs \$10.00 plus \$2.50 for shipping. Why not order one or two now?

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

Please send me _____ copies @ \$10.00 plus shipping of \$2.50 each.

Total enclosed: \$ _____



The Home Economics
Alumni Association held their
summer meeting on July 19,
2001 at The Whistlestop
Cafe in Glendale, Ky.



Martha Rogers and Leslie Miller visit.



Nina Bennett, Romanza Johnson, & Mary Ellen O'Connor
talk over old times.



Marilyn Craycroft, Bonnie Claycomb, Daye Young, Guest,
Brenda Pinnell, & Judy Greer join the fun.



Janet Scott and Joan Choate share a laugh.

Peggy Wallace and Becky Harrell, below, reminisce



At left, Carol Molyhorn, Mary Dean Pedigo, Ginny Mae Grider,
Dimple Thompson, Corinne Proffitt, & Linda Willis
are ready to enjoy the food.

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