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Another year has again passed since we last corresponded, and each year is fuller than the last, even when we think we cannot do more. We have had another productive year and have seen wonderful changes. I am pleased to tell you that we are adding faculty to CFS even though nationally we are seeing programs collapsed or reconfigured. We were blessed with two new faculty lines in the department this year and have filled them with energetic faculty with wonderful ideas: Dr. Rachel Neal from Oklahoma State Univ. and Dr. Darbi Haynes-Lawrence, who recently graduated from Indiana Univ. We have also added Dr. Amy Hood and Dr. Connie Jo Smith, both of whom will be working with us half-time and sharing one position, somewhat of an innovation at WKU. Their other lives are spent in Training and Technical Assistance Services, and they will play a significant role in helping us launch our new (to be approved) option in Child Studies. This new baccalaureate major will serve those students interested in working with young children and families, but not interested in working in the public schools. Thus, we will be focusing on serving the needs of professionals working in Head Start, private early childhood programs, child care, and other agencies. We will also be focusing on serving the needs of students both within and outside of Kentucky, as we will be delivering the program via distance methods as well as face-to-face. We have also added Ms. Sheila Flener, whom will be (Continued on Page 4)
ID Graduates Successfully Complete Exam

Four ID graduates have recently successfully completed the National Council for Interior Design Qualification Exam. These were Victoria Melton Coots, Tammy Sears Brumley, and Dee Dee Murphy in Kentucky, and Sheila Flener in Tennessee. Another ID graduate, Teresa Cross, successfully completed part 1 of this exam in Summer 2004.

Kentucky recently enacted legislation mandating new minimum qualifications for Interior Designers, and the three designers who qualified in Kentucky are among the first to be licensed as Certified Interior Designers in Kentucky.

Congratulations to all who successfully completed the exam. We are proud of you!

CFS Students Receive Awards

Nine CFS Students were honored at the College of Health and Human Services annual Student Awards Ceremony on April 23, 2004, at the Carroll Knicely Conference Center. The guest speaker for the event was Dr. John Krout from Ithaca College in New York. Dr. John Bonaguro, Cindy Jones, and Dr. Doris Sikora made the presentation of awards.

Amber Dockery
Rosarae Tieken
Kaci Markham
Amanda Carroll
Dana Goarly
Kerrington Blair
Melanie Abney
Joanna Waldridge

Phi Upsilon Omicron News

Sixteen people were initiated into Phi U at the Spring Initiation ceremony in April.

Kristy Bratcher, a dietetics major and current president of the Beta Delta Chapter has been elected to serve on the Phi Upsilon Omicron National Council. As the collegiate representative from District 11, Kristy will be able to attend the National Conclave in Lincoln, Nebraska this fall.

Fashion A.P.B. Published

DMT students who make up the membership of Fashion, Inc., have been busy this past year. They have begun publishing their own Newsletter, Fashion A.P.B, which is "An All Points Bulletin brought to you by Fashion, Inc."

Regular features include: the President’s Corner, Eye on Trends, Focus on Faculty, and Upcoming Events. Students also used this newsletter as a way to publicize their line reviews and fashion shows held throughout the year as well as other events such as guest speakers. Fashion A.P.B is published two-three times during the fall and spring semester.
New Faces in CFS

Several new faces will be seen in the CFS Department this coming year. The department has been fortunate to be able to hire the following new faculty:

Sheila Flener comes to the ID area from a position as Program Manager at Infrastructure, Inc. in Nashville, TN. She received her BS degree in Interior Design from Western in 1997.

Amy Hood comes to the IECE area as a half-time appointment. She also works as an Infant/Toddler Specialist in Training & Technical Assistance Services at WKU. She received her Ed. D. degree from NOVA Southeastern University.

Darbi Haynes-Lawrence comes to the IECE area from the CEBS at WKU. This past spring, she successfully defended her doctoral dissertation to earn her Ph. D. degree from Indiana University.

Connie Jo Smith comes to the IECE area as a half-time appointment. She also works as an Early Childhood Education Specialist in Training & Technical Assistance Services at WKU. She received her Ed. D. from Nova Southeastern University.

Rachel Neal comes to the FCS area from a position as a visiting Assistant Professor at Oklahoma State University, where she also received her Ph. D.

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majors under other colleges. Keep up the good work CFS faculty!

Something exciting that is going on in our state related to PCS is the Smithsonian traveling exhibit "Key Ingredients: Food Across America." It is scheduled to be in Campbellsville, Princeton, Paris, Benham, and Maysville, and I hope many of our schools will take students to view the exhibit. Make sure your CFS, Agriculture and American History teachers are aware of it. If you live near these locations, consider volunteering to serve as a tour guide or provide a demonstration. For further information, visit the website:www.keyingredients.org or you can contact me at 270-965-5236 or by e-mail: nhunt@uky.edu.

I hope to see a large gathering of our alumni at the 2004 Homecoming Luncheon on October 23. I especially hope graduates from my years as a student (1969-1973) will join us. Help WKU make "Big Red's Birthday Bash" a real party!

CHHS Freshman Academic Achievement Awards Given

The College of Health and Human Services held the first annual Freshman Academic Achievement Awards luncheon on March 11, 2004, to honor first semester freshmen with a GPA of 3.4 or above. There were 58 freshmen total recognized, with 24 of these having a GPA between 3.8 and 4.0. In fact, 17 had a 4.0 GPA!

CHHS Dean, John Bonaguro, and WKU President, Gary Ransdell, congratulated the students. The keynote address was presented by motivational speaker, Mr. Todd Gash.
Dr. Linda Gardner participated in a four-week workshop at the Paris America Academy in July. She learned new couture techniques, fashion designs, and illustrations, as well as seeing the 2004-2005 Fashion Trend report from Trend Union. She met and worked with several designers during the workshop as well as visiting the famous sights of Paris.

**WKU Clinical Education Complex**

The Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education faculty and students of CFS will participate in the proposed WKU Clinical Education Complex (CEC), which is set to open in 2005, after renovations to the former Pepe's restaurant building, where the Complex will be housed, are completed. The CEC will include the following: Child Development Center, Kelly Autism Program, Acquired Brain Injury Resource Program, Family Counseling Clinic and the Communication Disorders Clinic.

"This complex will create a comprehensive clinical setting for education and health and human services professionals. It builds upon a strong tradition at Western to meet community needs, fill service delivery gaps, provide opportunities for applied research and enrich both undergraduate and graduate students' educational experiences through an interdisciplinary team approach," said WKU President Gary Ransdell in a June press release.

The Complex is scheduled to be a three-phase project, the first phase of which was the purchase of the restaurant property. The second phase will require an additional $700,000 to be raised to renovate the space.

Anyone interested in more information or in making a donation for the Complex should contact Tom Hiles at 270-745-6208.

Visiting the Administration and Faculty of the College of Health & Human Services and your fellow alumni for Coffee at 10:00 a.m. in the first floor lobby, Academic Complex at Homecoming on October 23, 2004.
Vonda Hatcher Ball, has retired from teaching and lives in Auburn, Alabama.

Tammy Sears Brunley is an Interior Designer and owner of Artifacts, an interior store in Bowling Green. She recently successfully completed the NCIDQ exam.

Marietta Fuggett Belcher and her husband Benny, announce the birth of their daughter, Lydia Hane, born in October, 2003.

Victoria Melton Coots, is an Interior Designer with Brock McVey in Bowling Green, and successfully completed the NCIDQ exam recently.

Carrie Helm Cox is the Curator of Education at the Kentucky Quilt Museum in Paducah, Ky.

Teresa Cross is an Interior Designer with Tile Trends in Bowling Green and successfully completed part 1 of the NCIDQ exam in Summer, 2004.

Sheila Flenner is leaving her job as Interior Designer with Infrastructure, Inc. in Nashville, Tn. to teach in the ID program at WKU. She recently successfully completed the NCIDQ exam.

Amy Repsher Gerbig is an Interior Designer with an architectural firm in Nashville, Tn. She works on national accounts for commercial and health care facilities.

Alison Cobb Gregory is a FCS educator, Department Chair, and cheer coach at John Hardin High School in Elizabethtown, Ky. She was married to Lance Gregory in March, 2003.

Susan Hahn Hagood is a primary care dietitian at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Atlanta, Ga. She is a Certified Diabetes Educator, a research food intake recorder for Lipitor (VAMC site) and a nutritionist for the National ACCORD research study (current). She has been married to her husband, Tom, for 25 years and has a daughter who is a junior at Woodward Academy.

Romanza Johnson was honored with a Distinguished Service Medal at the 2003 WKU Summit Awards Dinner, which is held each year to show appreciation to outstanding volunteers. She also received a Jefferson Award in 2004, which is a national award honoring volunteers.

Ann Cheryl Cavender Lacefield is a FCS teacher in Caldwell County, Kentucky.

Amber Jones Lambert is a clinical dietitian at Clermont Nursing Facility, a 205 bed facility in Highland Heights, Ky. She married Will Lambert in September, 2003.

Carol Wheeler Light is an Exceptional Education Teacher at Monroe County High School in Tompkinsville, KY.

Lorin Marcio is working for Stein Mart in Jacksonville, FL, as a buyer in the petite area.

Holly Mitchell is an Assessment and Referral Clinician with Rivendell Behavioral Health Services in Bowling Green and a part-time Skin Care Specialist at Nashville Skincare. She will be married to Mark Fairhurst in September 2004.

Dee Dee Murphy is an Interior Designer with Cardinal Office Design in Bowling Green and successfully completed the NCIDQ exam recently. She is also teaching an ID class in CFS this fall semester.

Lori Noble is a Technical Assistant for four Lord Taylor Lines with the May Company in St. Louis, Mo.

Barbara Ann Sanders Penn lives in Louisville, KY, and is retired from teaching FCS courses in several schools. She is married to Clarence Penn, Jr., has 3 sons, 1 daughter, and 12 grandchildren.

Alethia Prettyman is working with the Christian Co., Ky. Extension Service and is also a free-lance designer working with an architect in her hometown.

Fatia P'Pool was named the 2003 New Outstanding Teacher for Kentucky from the Association of Career & Technical Educators.

Joyce Rasdall completed a MissionFest project in April 2004 involving rehabilitation of housing and community facilities in several KY. cities.

Stacey Bell Sawicki is a Registered Dietitian and Bariatric Program Coordinator for Wellmont Health Systems in Kingsport, TN. She is responsible for patient education and program administration for the gastric bypass surgical program. Stacey was married in fall 2003 in a beachside wedding in Santa Rosa Beach, FL.
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**Martha Travis Sayre** moved to Louisville, Ky. to live near her daughter in 2003. She enjoys getting out and about, reading, and sewing. She says, "Home Economics was a wonderful course and covered all phases of my life!"

**Britney Schneider** is an Interior Designer with Olympia Homes in Louisville, Ky. Her job involves selecting all options for residential new construction, spec homes and model homes.

**Cameron B. Smith** is an Associate Product Manager in Garment Development at Fruit of the Loom in Bowling Green, Ky. Her job includes helping Design/Merchandising to come up with style ideas and making prototypes.

Cameron works for another CFS alum, Pat Chapman in the Men's and Boy's Underwear division.

**Cherry Kay Smith** is working on a doctorate in Educational Leadership and Organization Development at the University of Louisville.

**Kristy Vick** is a Staff Attorney for the Warren County Family Court in Bowling Green, KY.

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**Jenkins Receives Award**

Neva Kenner Jenkins was awarded the Romanza Johnson Outstanding Citizenship Award for 2003-2004.

Mrs. Jenkins was honored with a plaque and a $100 donation was made in her name to the Marie Adams-WKU Home Economic Alumni Scholarship Fund.

Mrs. Jenkins was a 1948 graduate of WKU and was a home economics teacher for 33 years.

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**Payne Receives Scholarship**

Heather M. Payne, a Dietetics major, received the 2003-04 Phi Upsilon Omicron National Honor Scholarship in the amount of $750. This award is given based on scholarship and service to the profession and the honor society.

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**Stagner Receives Outstanding Home Economics Alumni Award**

The 2004 recipient of the Outstanding Home Economics Alumni Award was Patricia Stagner, a 1977 graduate of the Textiles and Apparel Merchandising program. Ms. Stagner is Vice President, General Merchandise Manager, Home Store, Stein Mart, Jacksonville, FL. She is accountable for $300M sales volume for the Home Store and manages two Divisional Merchandise Managers and a staff of 20. She provides leadership in developing proprietary products and brands and develops 20 color advertising books per year. In her first year as General Merchandise Manager, she was responsible for a 20% increase in sales through exploitation of business trends and aggressive product development to maximize opportunities.

Ms. Stagner started her career with Castner Knott in Bowling Green when she was a Western student. She has held numerous management positions in the retail industry, and several of her positions were with Federated Department Stores (Shillito’s, Shillito-Rikes, and Lazarus) and Upton’s Department Stores, as well as Stein Mart.

Ms. Stagner visited CFS and spoke to several TAM classes, sharing her experiences in textiles, career opportunities, and tips on career advancement. She was generous with her time and offered critiques of the student's portfolios from the management point of view. She stressed to students the importance of staying current in the field, so they would be more marketable.

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**In Memory of Sue Myers Young**

Mrs. Bettye Pettus Leasure has notified us of the death of Sue Myers Young in September, 2003.

Ms. Young was a 1945 graduate of WKU and received further education at Purdue University. She had been a Home Demonstration Agent for Muhlenberg Co., KY and was active in the American Association of University Women, Evansville Home Economists, and United Methodist Church in Evansville, In.

Mrs. Leasure said, "Sue and I met on the first day in Ms Day’s Foods I class in September 1941 and became partners in that class and friends for 62 years."
So, What's New? Share Your News With Us!

Update us throughout the year with the CFS Department e-mail. The address is: CFS@wku.edu

Name: ____________________________
(Please include maiden name)
Current Address: ____________________________
Major, Degree, & Year: ____________________________
Employer: ____________________________
Briefly describe your job duties:

Personal information or news:
(spouse, marriage, births, promotions, etc.)

How has your CFS degree benefitted you since your graduation?

Join the HE Alumni Association!
YES! I would like to join the WKU Home Economics Alumni Association. Enclosed is my check for $5.00 annual membership made payable to Home Economics Alumni Association.
Name: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________
Please mail to: HE Alumni Assoc., CFS Dept., 1 Big Red Way, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY 42101.

I would like to nominate the following person for:
_____ Outstanding Alumni Award
_____ Citizenship Award
Name: ____________________________
(please include maiden name)
Address: ____________________________
Phone No. ____________________________
Degree Earned: ________________ Yr. Grad. ________________
Name of Nominator: ____________________________
Attach a sheet with reason for nomination.

YES! I will attend the Alumni Luncheon on October 23 at 11:00 a.m. My check payable to Home Economics Alumni Association is enclosed in the amount of $ ______. (Luncheon tickets are $10.00 per person.) Guests are Welcome! Graduates from 1944, 1954, 1964, 1974, 1984, and 1994 will be honored.
Reservations are due to the CFS Dept., 1 Big Red Way, AC 302, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY 42101, by OCTOBER 8, 2004.
Please send the following information with your check:
Name: ____________________________
Grad. Yr. & Major: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________

Guest(s) name(s): ____________________________