



Dr. Whitbeck promoted to Chair

Dr. Duane Whitbeck was announced Chairperson of Family & Consumer Sciences following a national search. Whitbeck has been interim chair since July 1, 2001.

Whitbeck received his doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and his masters in Child Development from North Dakota State University.

Dr. Whitbeck was witnessed many changes in the department since his arrival in 1997. He cited that, "Changes have been made in every facet of the program." This includes the attitude by faculty and students, the visibility and awareness of programs, and the obvious change in facilities. "At times we have unfortunately been a well-kept secret. The faculty and staff, and by extension the students have been very involved in spreading the news that we are here. Now with the demolition of the old building and the future construction of the new facility, we are eager to start the new centennial on campus with a much higher visibility and presence."

Dr. Whitbeck is encouraged by the positive changes within the Family and Consumer Sciences department. "I truly feel that we can become a major player in the region for all of our programs. We have taken the saying to heart, 'If you build it they will come.' We have built a vibrant program and let people know we are here. The result is that we are dealing with a population of students majoring in FCS that is up about 120% over the past five years."

Our department takes pride in the relationship we build with our students. We regularly hear from our graduates regarding their positions and promotions. Dr. Whitbeck hopes this will be a continual pattern. "We hope that our alumni will be involved with the happenings in the department and the special projects that students and faculty are involved with. We have a lot to be proud of and the future is bright with opportunities. We want to connect with our alumni as we share successes."



Our new home

This is the artist's concept of the building that will replace Chandler Hall on the campus Oval. Workmen completed razing the old building and preparing the site early this spring. The new building should be completed by the fall of 2003.

From the Chairperson

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Since the last newsletter came out in the fall there have been many changes again for the FCS program. The most visible of these is that we are now located in Whitesitt Hall and that Chandler Hall has been torn down. The old building, which was built in 1922 as the cafeteria, had been in the planning stage for renovation. In preparation for the renovation, additional problems were discovered that raised the cost of renovation too close to the cost of replacement. Given this and the continued increase in the size of the department it was decided to develop plans for a new building that would meet the needs of the future of the department. Chandler Hall was named for Sarah Preswick Chandler who was the first student to enroll in the college, the first to enter what was then known as Domestic Arts, the first to teach in the college in 1904, and the first director of the Domestic Arts program 1905-1911.

Additions to the building were completed in 1936 and 1952. Chandler Hall had been the home of the Family and Consumer Sciences program since 1951. The new building will have more classroom space, more faculty offices, more storage for materials, more display space, a student lounge area and it will house the PSU Early Childhood Preschool Lab program.

The architectural firm Howard and Helmer in Wichita has been working on the project. The plans and a larger drawing of the building are available to be seen in the department offices. The projected completion date is fall of 2003. This department is one of the original two departments on campus when the school began in 1903. Therefore, we are excited to be starting our second 100 years with a facility that will be prepared to take us well into the next century.

– Duane A. Whitbeck, EdD



Student studies abroad

Holly Page, senior interior design student, spent spring 2001 in Southampton, England. She was a ten-week intern at Merchant Design, a commercial design firm specializing in nightclubs. Her main project was a private members club to be located in London. She chose fabrics, furniture, and accessories that related to the design style and placed orders on final decisions. She also visited showrooms where they would purchase products for clients. Though she learned a great deal through this study, her favorite part of the trip was everyday life in England.

December 2001 Graduates

Ann Altenhofen, Early Childhood Development from Linwood, Kan. Ann is a child advocate at the Children's Advocacy Center, Inc. in Pittsburg.

Tammy Brungardt, Interior Design from Rossville, Kan. Tammy currently lives in Topeka but is seeking an interior design position in the Kansas City area.

Jennifer Cunningham, Teacher Education from Iola, Kan. Jen continues working at Wal-Mart while seeking fall employment in education.

Kirsten Farabi, Fashion Merchandising from Pittsburg, Kan. Current information unavailable.

Tami Gillespie, Interior Design and Fashion Merchandising from Mulvane, Kan. Tami is assistant manager at Stage on Meadowbrook Mall in Pittsburg.

Jamie Harryman, Fashion Merchandising from Pittsburg, Kan. Jamie is managing the food service at Timmons Tea Room at Hotel Stillwell in Pittsburg.

Juliette Viers Lawson, Early Childhood Development from Fredonia, Kan. Julie is director of Wichita Center for the Arts. This is a preschool focused on music and art, with an art gallery on site.

Jennifer Lewis, Early Childhood Development from Kansas City, Kan. Jennifer is teaching three- and four-year-olds at St. Patrick's Daycare in Kansas City.

Wendi Cole O'Rand, Fashion Merchandising from Girard, Kan. Current information unavailable.

Emily Mahan Perry, Interior Design from Deerfield, Kan. Emily is an office assistant in the PSU Admissions Office awaiting her husband's graduation.

Kacey Clark Preston, Teacher Education from Emporia, Kan. Kacey is teaching family & consumer sciences at Emporia High School in Kan. She is also participating in an English as a Second Language grant.

Jennifer Brown Rhodes, Fashion Merchandising from Holton, Kan. Jennifer is assistant manager at Cache, a formal wear shop in Overland Park, Kan.

Margaret Ross, Teacher Education from Scammon, Kan. Margaret is substitute teaching while seeking a fall education position.

Tammy Stephenson, Fashion Merchandising from Wichita, Kan. Tammy is enrolled at Classic College of Hair Design in Wichita. She plans to marry Steven Stucky on December 28, 2002.

Jill VanSlyke Goddard, Interior Design from Webb City, Mo. Jill is employed at Joplin Lighting Center in Joplin, Mo.

Historic building and interiors survey by interior design students

By Denise Bertoncino

The relationship between a university and the community is an important link to establish. The development between the two is significant to the culture and growth of one another. Respect for a community is increased when students are involved with and understand the development or history of that region.

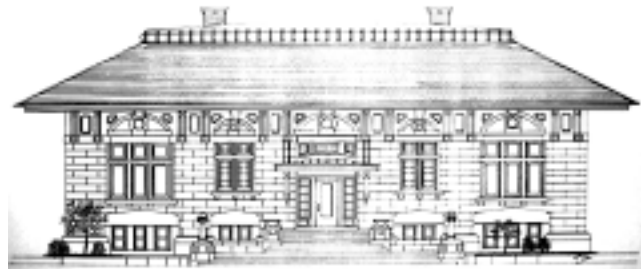
The students in FCS 210 History of Design worked with the Little Balkans Heritage Guild in Pittsburg, Kansas to research, document, and draw elevations of historic residential and commercial buildings within the Pittsburg area. The selection of twenty historical/significant buildings in the area was made by the Balkans committee. The criteria for their selections was based on the buildings significance to a particular style of architecture or the building represented a particular decade. The students worked in pairs and structures were randomly selected. Formal letters were sent to each of the owners describing the project and requesting their participation. The project was enthusiastically received by everyone involved.

The research began with Randy Roberts, Curator of Special Collections, at PSU Axe Library. Randy provided students with information on how to begin research projects as well as giving them locations in which to find their information. He also provided information that was available within the library on particular structures. The students traveled to the county offices in Girard, Kansas to find information provided by the deeds and records of these buildings. Students contacted the present owners and set up appointments to measure and view the structures, to note architectural and interior changes of the structure, and to interview the owners concerning the history of their residential or commercial building.

The students presented their drawings and research on Tuesday, April 9, 2002 at the Pittsburg Public Library to the historical Guild and community. The exploration and documentation of historical structures creates a vital interaction between the university and community. The significance of these actions develops a greater respect of students toward their community and region while understanding the benefits of historic structures. The revitalization or restoration of existing buildings is not only important to our heritage, but in our throw away society we hope to instill an appreciation and value in what can and should be preserved.



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Hands-on experience for FSC students

By Liz Simpson

A widely used and often cited study by the University of Indiana reveals that students retain 10% of what they hear, 15% of what they see, 20% of what they hear and see, and 40 % of what they discuss. This figure jumps to 80% when students do by actively participating in hands-on learning experiences. When students have the opportunity to teach others about what they've learned, their retention rate jumps to 90%.

The disciplines within Family and Consumer Sciences lend themselves to the types of experiential learning activities so important for student retention. At Pittsburg State University, students have come to expect classes in FCS to be hands-on and applicable to the industry they will join upon graduation.

Field experiences our fashion merchandising students have used in the past year include attending the Dallas Apparel Mart Mega-Market. Students interview for positions in wholesale apparel showrooms where they learn the product lines shown in the showroom. The students are responsible for displays and for keeping the showroom in working order. They may have the opportunity to view trend style shows and to work with designers. This is a very intense and exhilarating experience for our students.

Another field experience is working in a retail establishment, either locally during the semester or in Kansas City, Chicago or elsewhere in the summer. When a student chooses to work in the retail setting, they are required to make a list of objectives with their supervisors of new learning experiences they wish to have.

Students may also choose to participate in a variety of other opportunities offered through our fashion courses. Guest speaker topics included, "Buying for a Small, Independent Retail Store" and "The Buying Process for a Large Department Store or Chain Store Operation." In our Textiles class, we had a guest presentation on "Traditional Handicrafts: Fiber Dyeing, Spinning, and Knitting." The students experienced these fiber processes first hand. The Textiles class introduces the student to fiber and textile testing through burn, microscopic, and chemical experimentation.

Field trips provide another avenue into experiential learning. We take a wide variety of trips, including The Lyons House in Fort Scott where a lesson on Victorian Etiquette and a vintage costume review and style show helps students experience history first-hand. We visit Famous Barr in Joplin where a tour and presentation by the visual merchandise manager helps students see first hand the many facets of the visual job. A trip to Loree's Bridal in Pittsburg focuses on the special events planning and production aspect of fashion.

Hands-on learning opportunities abound for students in Family and Consumer Sciences, both in and out of the classroom.

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PSU Family & Consumer Sciences CAREER DAY

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Wednesday, February 26, 2003

Plan to visit campus and bring students interested in pursuing degrees in Family & Consumer Sciences. For more information contact: Ms. Cris Elliott at celliottpittstate.edu or call 620/235-4512

ALUMNI NEWS

Amber Kirkland, '01, is a K-State research and extension Linn County family & consumer sciences 4-H agent in Mound City, Kan.

Jessica Metcalfe Frakes, '01, is an interior designer with Metzler Remodeling in Atchison, Kan. She was married June 2, 2001.

Penny Partakki, '01, is teaching family & consumer sciences at three middle schools in Cyprus.

Crystal Fields, '00, Crystal has an in-home day care in addition to being mom to four-year-old Kennedi and baby Karma.

Courtney French, '00, plans to graduate in March 2002 from Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising in Los Angeles with a major in merchandise marketing.

Allison Hiestand Osburn, '00, is a para professional for early childhood careers class at Nevada Regional Technical Center and teacher for Penn Valley Community College field based classes.

Courtney Rector, '00, is southern division revenue associate at NPC International in Pittsburg, Kan.

Abby Rink Wilhite, '00, is assistant buyer for ladies sportswear with Halls, a subsidiary of Hallmark in the Overland Park area. Formerly she was assistant buyer at Sheplers.

Jayme Ernst, '99, is employed with a finance company in Kansas City. She is the former assistant manager at Lerner.

Cynthia Leniton, '99, and husband became parents on January 7, 2002 to Mary Katherine.

Anna DePlue Muir, '99, was married October 6, 2001. Anna is Rooks County Family & Consumer Sciences extension agent. She and Kelly live in Stockton, Mo.

Holly Thyfault Lawson, '97, is morning co-host on 104.3 KAR radio. She is also working on an interior design project in Joplin, Mo.

Debra Clark O'Doherty, '97, is program manager for Zouiré Promotional Marketing in Pittsburg, Kan. She married Matthew O'Doherty on September 22, 2001.

Jana Dible, '96, is family & consumer sciences teacher at Washburn Rural High School in Topeka, Kan.

Heather Brown, '92, is chief of interpretation at Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve in Strong City, Kan.

S. Elaine Camac Stewart, '78, has been a family & consumer sciences teacher at Marmaton Valley for 17 years. Her daughter,

Cristina, is currently a FCS early childhood development student at PSU.

Susan Gorton Willis, '78, is director of the public library in Chanute, Kan.

Gay Gregg Willon, '78, is elementary counselor at Concordia public schools in Kansas. She also taught high school vocational home economics for eight years.

Sandra Rabourn Carpenter, '77, is a middle school FACS teacher in Hamilton, Kan.

Cathy Skaggs Bolek, '76, is currently a high school guidance counselor and former vocational FCS instructor in Springfield, Mo.

Laura Willard, '76, retired as a home economics teacher at Miller, Mo.

Martha Flanagan, '75, is a FACS extension agent for Cherokee County and was awarded the new professional award. She previously taught home economics for 25 years at Columbus public schools in Kan.

Mary Margaret Johnson Gilpin, '75, is an early childhood disability teacher with Tri County Interlocal #607 in Cherryvale, Kan. Past positions include a home economics teacher, preschool director and SEK-CAP Head Start coordinator.

Norma Wilson Smith, '74, is director of child nutrition at the public schools of Coweta, Okla.

Susan Zollar Kumer, '73, is a school psychologist for Barton, Dade and Jasper county Special Education Coop. She is a former family & consumer sciences teacher in Pittsburg, Kan.

Debby Bennet Morrow, '73, is a prekindergarten teacher in Warsaw, Mo.

Dianne Taylor Owens, '73, is principal of Wingate Elementary School in Fort Wingate, NM and serves on New Mexico Professional Standards Commission. Former positions include vocational home economics teacher, high school and junior high counselor and federal programs director.

Sheila Wolf Parsons, '73, is director of family and home studies at God's Bible School and College in Cincinnati, Ohio for 25 years.

Charlotte Richey Brownlee, '72, a former teacher, resides in Derby, Kan.

JoAnn Clouse, '72, is manager of the college bookstore at Northwest Kansas Technical College. She is a former middle school teacher.

Donna Coburn, '72, family & consumer sciences teacher at Arkansas City High School in Kansas.

Virginia Yager Lawrence, '71, is a homemaker in Pittsburg, Kan. She and husband, Paul, have three daughters.

Karen Roberts Reyburn, '72, is human



Eight PSU Teacher Education students attended the joint State Conference in Wichita for KAFCS, KATFACS, KAFCE, and 4-H in March. These students are shown with Rose Williams, President of Kansas Association of Family & Consumer Sciences. Back row (1 to r): Shelly Smith, Rose Williams, Lacey Harmon. Front row (1 to r): Chasity Ware and Rene Mueeting.

resource manager for Marketshare Group. She was formerly a home economist for extension service in Gray County, Kan.

Linda Rogel Roberts, '72, was a home economics teacher at Northeast High School in Arma, Kan. for ten years. She completed her Master of Science and is now the library media specialist at the same school.

Paula Beebe Schnaw, '72, is a former home economics teacher and resides in Olathe, Kan.

Nancy Swanwick, '72, is family & consumer sciences teacher and national honor society sponsor at Ft. Scott High School in Kan.

Glorianna Tolly Ford, '71, taught special education at Delphos Attendance Center before becoming a fourth grade special education resource room teacher at Concordia Elementary School in Kansas.

Joyce Miller Stainbrook, '71, is office manager for a family business in LaCygne, Kan. She is a former teacher and currently serves on the LaCygne FACS steering committee and school board.

Sandra Lawhorn Wagerle, '70, is retired as home economics teacher and cooperative occupational training teacher at Parsons High School.

Shirley Hansen, '69, is principal of a christian school in Joplin, Mo.

Judy Barnes, '68, is teacher at an alternative high school in Bartonville, Texas.

Rosemary Cromer, '68, is retired from a middle school teaching position in Shawnee Mission schools in Kansas. She is a past Wilson

County extension home economist.

Jeannetta Dahl, '67, is an accelerated math assistant in Woodbridge, Va. She is a former home economics teacher in Liberal, Mo.

Marquita Lacy Boehnke, '66, is a children's consultant at Central Kansas Library System in Ellinwood, Kan.

Patricia Hill Lewis, '65, resides in Thayer, Kan. She is a former home economics teacher at Oswego, Galesburg, and Erie High Schools.

Elberta Spence Clinton, '64, is an early childhood care and education teacher in Coatesville, Penn. She is a former family & consumer sciences teacher and a former food service manager.

Kay Ireland Dunning, '64, has retired from teaching secondary home economics and counseling at St. Paul High School in Kansas.

Judy Menghini Giroto, '64, has been a junior high and sixth grade teacher.

Margaret Brown Bryan, '61, is a retired vocational home economics teacher.

Betty Hoover Jeans, '61, is a former home economics teacher in Neadesha, Kan., Wamego, Kan., and Amarillo, Texas.

Charlene Hardwick Mikel, '61, is a social work supervisor in several nursing homes around Oswego, Kan. Past positions include SRS social worker, case manager for family preservation and a home economics teacher.

Mary Katherine Brooks Arnold, '60, is a retired teacher in Nevada, Mo.

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

ELBERTA SPENCE CLINTON - Class of 1964

Like so many individuals who choose family & consumer sciences as a field of study, Elberta was greatly influenced by her high school Family and Consumer Sciences (Home Economics) teacher in Diamond, Missouri (Loanna Rupp) and her experiences in 4-H. After graduation she worked with Southern Illinois University dormitories for two years as the food production manager and then taught eighth grade social studies for one year. She feels that she began her teaching for the first time when they moved to Elizabeth, New Jersey in 1970.

She has greatly enjoyed seeing her students excel in Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA). The school where she has been teaching for seventeen years, the Center for Arts and Technology, Brandywine Campus, (CAT Brandywine) Coatesville, Pennsylvania has sponsored six state FCCLA officers and over thirty students have represented the state at the national level in various competitions. This year, the students won five out of the seven events entered at the state level and nine students are eligible to compete at the national level.

Elberta started the CAT Brandywine Program, Early Childhood Care and Education, in 1985, and it was selected as one of the top twenty vocational programs in the nation in 1992. She is listed in Who's Who in American Education and she is currently nominated for listing in Who's Who Among America's Teachers.

When asked about how her PSU experience served her throughout her career and in places far removed from southeast Kansas she said PSU affirmed and sharpened her Midwest values and anchored her roots in solid knowledge. At this point she has taught for almost thirty years, with only one year in the Midwest. She has shared her knowledge of Family and Consumer Sciences with
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DEPARTMENT NEWS



Fashion Merchandising students Elizabeth Bailey and Corrin Wagner during their presentation at FCS Career Day in February, 2002.



Misty Powell and Kim Leban conduct a class on Early Childhood Development.



Interior Design and Fashion Merchandising students attend the WIM Meeting in Chicago during February of 2002. Students are shown during a tour of HOK Architecture & Interiors Firm.



Fashion Merchandising students Stephanie Frame and Joo Hee Choi help Harleigh Drake select her outfit for the Spring Fashion Show presented by students in the Special Events Planning Class.



Chandler Hall, plagued by problems associated with age, water, mold and structural deficiencies, made way this spring for a new building to be constructed on the same site. Work is expected to begin soon on a new structure that will provide a welcome and well-planned home for the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Spotlight (from previous pg.)

children as young as kindergarten age through the 12th grade, including pregnant teens for eleven years. She has also had the opportunity to teach adjunct classes at a local Pennsylvania college.

Elberta was asked about her advice to someone just starting college in our department. She responded, “Be open minded. Think of the field of family and consumer sciences as being the hub of the wheel—all other disciplines lead into it, and it strengthens and supports others. Be proud!”

Her advice to someone just graduating from our department is, “Still, in our ever-changing world, nothing is more important than the family. This is what we are: family and consumer sciences. Inspire in your students a love for family and community. Impart to them the skills and knowledge to guide them to make informed decisions, based on the application of their past knowledge, but always to be open to life’s ever changing lessons. Keep current in the field. Blend the past with the present. Change, but always be anchored.”

Alumni (from pg. 5)

Carol Roseboom Clark, '60, is a family & consumer sciences teacher in Wichita, Kan.

Georgine Ciet Johnson, '58, is a retired home economics teacher and industrial buyer.

Gretchen Glick Gahagan, '56, has been a home economist with the Gas Service Company and a nutrition coordinator with ECKAN Head Start.

Anna Marie Kennedy Herod, '56, is retired after 30 years of teaching family & consumer sciences at Garden City High School in Kansas. She was a runner up for state outstanding vocational home economics teacher.

Cleo Campbell Frederick, '55, retired from teaching at Carl Junction Mo. High School in 1977.

Margaret McCormick Christian, '53, retired from teaching high school in Phoenix, Ariz.

Sharon Shouse Hamilton, '53, is an assistant prekindergarten teacher in Wichita, Kan. She was former director of the homemaker program and the child care program for the Vocational Technical College in Wichita.

Janet Eastwood Dalton, '47, taught family & consumer sciences at Pittsburg High School for 29 years.

Marie Lafferty, '29, is a retired teacher living in Fredonia, Kan.

Elliott named 2002 Educator of the Year

Cris Elliott, Family & Consumer Sciences Teacher Education instructor and advisor, was selected as 2002 Educator of the Year by Kansas Association of Teachers of Family & Consumer Sciences. Recently, she was awarded Leader of the Year by the Kansas Association of Family & Consumer Sciences on both the local and state level.



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