

Pittsburg State University



Dr. Lynette Olson, PSU Dean of Arts and Sciences and former Chairperson of Family and Consumer Sciences accepts the gavel from Dr. Diane Jackman, Radford University. Dr. Olson will serve as National President for the 2002-04 term. She was installed at Phi Upsilon Omicron Conclave in Muncie, Indiana on September 24th.

Susie Dalton, PHS FCS teacher, pairs up with Lexy Clower, FCS teacher education student, at the National FCCLA CD Training offered at Pitt State in October.





New Initiates to the Phi Upsilon Omicron Honor Society for 2002: Melissa Adamson, Stacy Barnett, Lindsay Ellebrecht, Emily Hung, Brooke Stephenson, Jessica Terrill, Stephanie Schlagel, Dr. Duane Whitbeck

From the Chairperson

As I have watched the construction process on our new building take place over the past six months I am reminded of how critical all the unseen things are to the success of any endeavor. The old building was torn down and there was an excitement about the future. Then came the questions of, "Why isn't anything happening." "Do they need our help?" Progress was happening but it was done behind the scenes to ensure success of the project. Over the past month the structural steel has gone up. Watching them work reminds me of a group of big kids playing with an erector set. I wondered if any of our current students' ever had to follow a plan to build one of the elaborate creations that I use to play with as a child.

Then in the introductory class I was reviewing with the students the history of the Family & Consumer Sciences field and the history of our department on campus. As a part of this, the students were asked to put general historical events and FCS related events into a timeline. Next they were asked to write about

how some of those events have impacted the way they live their lives today. The groundwork that others lay determines the success for us in the future. Knowledge about and appreciation for the past brings a new respect for the efforts of others and



for understanding the potential for the future.

As we move into this next year to begin the centennial celebration of our department and of our institution, we will help students to recognize the value of the past in opening the doors to their future. We will also help students to develop those habits that will allow their knowledge to make a difference. Please join us in our efforts to celebrate as we begin our next 100 years of making a difference.

-Duane A. Whitbeck, EdD

2002-2003 Scholarships

The following students received a total of \$20,375 in various scholarships for the 2002-2003 academic year:

E. LOUISE GIBSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP Rachel Barnes, Interior Design, Leavenworth, Kan.

E. LOUISE GIBSON PHI UPSILON OMICRON SCHOLARSHIP Anne Endecott, Interior Design, Derby, Kan.

Meegan Gatewood, Fashion Merchandising, Frontenac, Kan.

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Fawn Mace, Fashion Merchandising,
Ottawa. Kan.

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Penny King, Family and Consumer Sciences Education, Miami, Okla.

MARY KERN MARTIN SCHOLARSHIP **Kellie Herndon**, Early Childhood Development, Pittsburg, Kan.

GINA SHARP MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP **Brooke Stephenson,** Interior Design, Frontenac, Kan. CARRIE ARLENE WILLIAMS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP Stacy Barnett, Early Childhood Development, Girard, Kan.

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

Amber Beasley, Fashion Merchandising, Pittsburg, Kan. Swanner Beasley, Early Childhood Development,

Joplin, Mo.

Kristin Boyd, Family and Consumer Sciences Education, Redfield, Kan.

Misty Powell, Early Childhood Development, Rose Hill, Kan.

Brooke Stephenson, Interior Design, Frontenac, Kan.

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES INCOMING SCHOLARSHIP

Jennifer Carrel, Early Childhood Development, Olathe, Kan.

Kristi Leal, Family and Consumer Sciences, Joplin, Mo.

Ashlee Shearburn, Interior Design, Parsons, Kan.

Amanda Smith, Interior Design, Nevada, Mo.

Jessica Stoughton, Interior Design, Ft. Scott, Kan.

Denise Trout, Fashion Merchandising, Olathe, Kan.

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Kaleena Daniels, Interior Design, Olathe, Kan.

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Kristen Boyd, Family and Consumer Sciences, Redfield, Kan.

MacKenzie Howland, Fashion Merchandising, Pretty Prairie, Kan. **Brooke Stephenson,** Interior Design, Frontenac, Kan.

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Brooke Stephenson, Interior Design, Frontenac, Kan.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

Kim Jordan, Family and Consumer Sciences Education, Beloit, Kan.

FCS CAREER DAY · February 28, 2003

This is an opportunity for area high school teachers to bring their senior students on campus to explore career opportunities in Family & Consumer Sciences. For further information contact Cris Elliott at 620/235-4512.

Spring 2002 Graduates

Stefanie Durkin Gardner, Early Childhood Development from Atchison, Kan. Stephanie is a teacher of at-risk children at the Family Literacy Center in Atkinson, Kan. Stepanie and Steven Gardner were married on Oct. 26, 2002.

Julie Fleming, Early Childhood Development from Pleasanton, Kan. Julie is employed with Social Rehabilitation Services.

Marjorie Fleming, Individual and Family Management from Columbus, Kan. Marjorie is working for SKIL and taking classes at Labette County Community College.

Kim Leben Walker, Early Childhood Development from Ottawa, Kan. Kim is a lead teacher at Prince of Peace Early Education Center in Olathe. Kim became Mrs. Walker on June 15, 2002.

Jennifer Lord, Fashion Merchandising from Stillwell, Kan. Jennifer is employed at the Jones Store at Oak Park Mall in Overland Park, Kan where she will enter their management training program in January.

Tasha McCoy, Early Childhood Development

from Weir, Kan. Tasha is an accounting assistant in property management development at National Pizza Company in Pittsburg.

Renee Steinlage Mueting, Teacher Education from Lenexa, Kan. Renee is the family and consumer sciences teacher at Edgerton High School in Gardner, Kan. Renee graduated with Magna Cum Laude scholastic honors.

Heather Porter, Fashion Merchandising from Olathe, Kan. Heather is manager of Casual Corner in Olathe, Kan.

Kimberly Smith, Fashion Merchandising from Pittsburg, Kan. Kimberly is keyholder/manager in training at The Shoe Dept in Carthage, Mo. Kimberly graduated with departmental academic honors.

Nichole Valverde, Fashion Merchandising from Bonner Springs, Kan. Nichole is visual specialist at JC Penney in Independence and Coffeyville, Kan. She and Cody Smith are planning a wedding for May 3, 2003.

Ann Vielhauer, Early Childhood Development from Bonner Springs, Kan. Ann is a teacher of 3-year-olds at Hillcrest Christian Child Development Center in Overland Park, Kan. She plans to pursue a masters and possibly a doctorate degree. Ann graduated with Summa Cum Laude scholastic honors.

Chasity Ware, Teacher Education from Mound City, Kan. Chasity is a Family & Consumer Sciences teacher in Amoret, Mo. for the Miami R-1 School. She is also the junior class sponsor as well as the FCCLA sponsor.

Summer 2002 Graduates

Elizabeth Bailey, Fashion Merchandising from Raytown, Mo. Liz is assistant manager for Aeropostale at Independence Center, Kansas City,

Christy Becker, Interior Design and Fashion Merchandising from Overland Park, Kan. Christy is a designer/consultant for Home Depot in Overland Park, Kan. She and Paul Odell have set Oct. 11, 2003 as their wedding date.

Holly Page Sagehorn, Interior Design from Girard, Kan. Holly was married over the summer and is working in the kitchen and bath design area of Home Depot in Topeka, Kan.

Mirjam Toepfer, Early Childhood Development from Finland.



Making Memories, Impacting Generations, an interview with

Ruth Rohde -by Cris Elliott

Making memories, that's what Ruth Rohde has done throughout her life. She has etched the vision of home economics in the minds of countless people. These memories

and visions were acclaimed in the Pittsburg Junior High classroom where Ruth spent 18 years teaching and motivating young people. I am one of those people. Ruth was my supervising teacher for pre-lab back in 1974. I have wonderful memories of observing her classroom and admiring her natural talents with people. She was truly an inspiration to me and many other FCS professionals.

Ruth grew up in Minden Mines, Missouri. In 1937 she got a bachelors degree in home economics from Kansas State Teacher's College (What is now PSU). Her first job was teaching at Lamar High School. It was there that she met her husband, Martin. They were married in 1939 and had three children: Mary Anne, Drexel and Steve. Ruth pursued her career in education by both teaching and serving as principal at South Radley between the years of 1955-1960. She started teaching at Pittsburg Junior High in 1962 where she retired in 1981.

The classroom is not the only place that Ruth has contributed. She has always been an active member of the Pittsburg community. Some of the organizations that she has been especially active in include: Phi Upsilon Omicron, Delta Kappa Gamma, Sigma Sigma Sigma, KNEA and the First United Methodist Church.

Ruth is an outstanding alumnus for numerous reasons. She spent many years educating young people about the philosophy and purpose of home economics. This knowledge multiplied over several generations to improve the quality of family life in the Pittsburg area. Throughout Ruth's teaching career, she also took the time to supervise and train many PSU students. Her classroom provided a stage for future teachers to gain experience and observe a caring and competent professional. Mary Kay Caldwell, former teacher and co-worker said, "she practiced the three F's of teaching: firm, fair, and friendly.

Ruth has witnessed firsthand the revolutionary changes of our profession over the years. She can offer a wealth of information about family and consumer sciences and the journey we have survived. I love visiting with her about her early years in teaching and what her classroom was like. It's a nostalgic trip back through many changes and transformations. Strong, professional women like Ruth made those changes happen.

Today, Ruth continues to support our department through her ongoing encouragement and support of students, faculty and staff. We extend our heartfelt appreciation for her continuous efforts as we recognize her as an outstanding alumni of our department. Thanks, Ruth.

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New Faculty



Angie Dowell, Fashion Merchandising Instructor

Angie Dowell is new to Pittsburg State University this year as an assistant professor in the department. Her primary responsibility is overseeing the Fashion Merchandising part of the

program. Ms. Dowell is originally from Center, Missouri. She completed both her B.S. and M.S. degrees in Human Environmental Sciences: Textile and Apparel Management from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Ms. Dowell gained valuable field and teaching experience through her employment in retail sales, management, and buying positions, and in teaching as both a graduate assistant and adjunct instructor at the University of Missouri. She also worked as the assistant to the curator in the costume collection at Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri. Ms. Dowell's research interests include dress and gender, and social appearance.

In discussing her interest in fashion she said, "I enjoy teaching Fashion Merchandising related courses because the industry is one that is everchanging. Cultural, social, political, and economic factors all influence the world of fashion.

"In this respect, I need to teach and learn about a variety of factors that impact the business of fashion. It is this variety that makes the study and teaching of Fashion Merchandising so interesting."



Sarah Bigler, Preschool Lead Teacher

Sarah Bigler, has joined the department as the lead teacher in the preschool lab. She is a recent graduate from Southwest Baptist University, in Bolivar, Missouri where she earned a Bachelors of

Science in Elementary Education and a minor in Early Childhood. While earning her degree she gained experience working with children ages two to 15.

Sarah said, "On August 15th, I began planning the year I would spend with fifteen busy 3-5 year olds. Now as their teacher, I work with the children day by day preparing them for kindergarten. We work on basic everyday skills as well as knowledge I feel will help them to be successful when they leave the preschool and journey off to kindergarten. I have greatly enjoyed the past two months of working with the children and their families and look forward to watching the children learn and grow."

Alumni News

Jessica Metcalfe Frakes, '01, had a baby girl named Lillian Marie in August, 2002.

Tami Gillespie, '01, works as a floating manager for Bath and Body Works in Joplin, Mo. and Pittsburg, Kan.

Jill Vanslyke Goddard, '01, had a baby girl named Elizabeth Ann in June, 2002.

Emily Perry, '01, is an admission counselor for Pittsburg State University.

Aimee Jackson Moore, '00, works in sales for Serta Mattress in Arlington Heights, Ill. She is taking classes and plans to pursue a masters degree.

Jamie Rasmussen, '00, is a Family & Consumer Sciences teacher at DeSoto High School in Kansas.

Angela Stefan Thomas, '00, lives in Jasper, Mo. with her husband and two children, She is working as a ninth grade FCS and Health teacher at Carthage Jr. High.

Kari Carlile, '99, works as a sales representative for TGI Enterprises in Tulsa, Okla.

Gina Kimble, '99, recently moved to Wichita where she is Director of Campus Life at Southwestern College in Winfield, Kan. She is the advisor for student government, student organizations and the greek programming board as well as assisting with new student orientation.

Cynthia Lenition, '99, teaches Family and Consumer Sciences at Cedar Vale High School in Kansas.

Sierra Reeves Phillips, '99, lives in St. Peters, Mo., with her husband Craig and their two sons Orrin and Mostyn.

Orawee Rittisakdanon, '99, is working at an advertising agency Spaulding & Co. as a management assistant in her hometown, Bangkok, Thailand.

Amy Polston Canada, '98 is manager for Old Navy in Springfield, Mo. She married Casey Canada on October 12, 2002.

Camille Leonard, '98, works part-time as an interior designer for Design Gallary in Wichita, Kan. She and husband, Steven, became parents of a baby boy, Cal, in February, 2002.

Jennifer Wilbourn Huff, '97, works part-time as a freelance interior designer. She lives in Springfield, Mo., with her husband and their children Savannah and Keaton.

Barbara Winslow Cook, '91, resides in Overland Park with her husband, Tony, and their children Adam, Molly, and Annabelle.

Stephanie Beitzinger Watts, '91, works as a freelance/visual interior designer. She lives in Lansing, Kan., with her husband and children Wade and Ian.

Carol Skillman Lounsbury, '90, works as a sign language interpreter. She lives in Eudora, Kan., with her husband, Rick, children Scott and Bobby.

Linda Keyser Rickman, '87, is an office manager at Ash & Brown Engineering, Inc. at Texas A & M. She lives in College Station with her husband and children Jacob, Zachary, and Claire.

Dana Chubb Lynch, '78, is a Family & Consumer Sciences instructor at Cornerstone High School in Galena, Kan. She resides in Baxter Springs with husband, Kent, and daughter Elizabeth.

Linda Callow Biles, '73, is a selfemployed home economist judging 4-H events and making and selling crafts. She is a former state clothing specialist with the cooperative extension services in Pennsylvania, Nebraska and Illinois. She lives in Topeka, Kan., with husband, Rick, and children William and Elizabeth.

Linda Boots Wilson, '72, works as a substitute teacher and does temp work for Office Team. She and her husband, Jim, reside in O' Fallon, Mo. They have two children. Travis and Derick.

Ruth Babb Anderson, '71, is currently a Title I second and third grade teacher in Columbus, Kan. She and husband, Neal, are parents of two PSU graduates, Sarah and Aaron.

Linda Snyder Denny, '70, was honored with the PSU Alumni Meritorious Achievement Award for 2002. Linda is a member of many organizations such as the Women's Leadership Board for the Kentucky School of Government, the National Women's History Museum, the Women President's Organization, the Women's Economic Summit, and is the founder of the Association of Women's Business Development Centers. She lives in Arlington, Va., and has two daughters.

Linda Jane Kirchoff Pugh, '70, works as a Family & Consumer Sciences instructor at Lowville Academy Central in Lowville,

New York. She and husband, Donald, are the parents of Lori, Greg and Kurtis.

Carol Wilkinson, '69, has retired from teaching Family and Consumer Sciences from the sixth through twelfth grade. Carol resides in Liberty, Mo.

Sharon Brant Frankenbery, '68, currently teaches Family & Consumer Sciences at Fredonia. She was honored in 1989 as KVA and KAVHET Educator of the year, in 1990 as KHEA teacher of the year, in 1998 as FHA Master Advisor and 1997 advisor of the year. She and husband, Marlen, are parents of Matthew and Nicholas.

Betty Hoover Jeans, '62, works is a homemaker in Amarillo, Texas. She and Carl have two children and one grandchild.

Mary Lou Dungan Kiser, '55, is a housewife in Drumright, Okla. She and husband, D.P., have three children and six grandchildren.

Demarice Coats Brown, '54, lives in Joplin, Mo., with her husband, Harold. They are retired and have two children.

Lucretia Cushman Peterson, '54, is as a private accredited piano teacher. She is active in Federated Music Clubs of America. She lives in Salt Lake City, Utah, with her husband. They have four children.

Dr. Charleen LaVerne McClanahan Varner, '53, is the owner and operator of Consulting Enterprises, Diet-con and Health-con. She has been honored many times for her biographies.

Laura Paige Holland, '46, is a retired cartographer. She is married and has four boys and one girl.

Marjorie Bricker Booker, '43, has been a high school home economics teacher for 35 years. She lives in Lawrence, Kan and has three children, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Mary Drumeller Lumbley, '43, is retired. She is married and has three children, five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Barbara Batter Readecker, '42, is retired and resides in Bella Vista, Ark.

Marjorie Pittenger, '38, is a retired home economics teacher. She and her husband have been married for 61 years and have two children.

Interview with Ann Altenhofen, Class of 2001 -by Duane Whitbeck



Some students come into the department not sure where they want to go, but knowing they have it within their power to make a difference. Ann was one of those students. As a senior, Ann was voted by her peers as the outstanding senior in Early Childhood Development during

2001. Ann is currently working for the Child Advocacy Center in Pittsburg. Her job is to work with families where abuse has taken place and prepare them for their court experience. Ann was interviewed because she is one of the new professionals from FCS that is quickly making a difference in her chosen professional field.

Following a class tour to The Children's Center of Southwest Missouri during her freshman year, Ann set a new career goal to work in the field of children's advocacy. That experience led her to her current position working in a similar program in Southeast Kansas. Ann currently helps to establish case review processes and assists in facilitating interagency communication. She is anticipating future training in forensic interviewing, and graduate school in social work or law.

When asked what helped her to be successful, Ann said that she learned through her courses and work experience to analyze things and look at the big picture. Other important lessons were to be politically astute, learn to listen before you talk, be willing to take initiative when you can make a difference and to be self-confident.

Ann said she regularly uses what she learned in her FCS courses. One point she made was that students don't realize that "having to write papers and make presentations helps to develop critical skills necessary for working as a professional after graduation." Students need to put themselves in positions where they can attend professional meetings, take on leadership roles in student organizations, and to network. "College is as much the habits you pick up while there, as it is the knowledge you learn about your specific discipline."



A display of garments from the Fashion Merchandising costume collection. Those shown above range from 1920 to 1970, but there are pieces in the collection that date as early as the 1870s.



The Future Home of Family and Consumer Sciences
The structural steel is up and the cement foundation should be completed soon.



Teacher Education students receive outstanding scholarship awards. Shelly Smith and Stephanie Schlagel with advisor Cris Elliott.



Interior Design student Janna Dunn completes an AutoCADD assignment in the new computer lab.

Early
Childhood
Development
major Kellie
Herndon
teaches
children in
the preschool
lab to play
musical
instruments.



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