



Family & Consumer Sciences Relocates

Anticipating renovation of Chandler Hall, a structural emergency required relocation to offices and classrooms around campus. A second move is anticipated to Whitesitt Hall prior to the beginning of the Fall 2001 semester.



Within a 36-hour period, offices and classrooms were packed for relocation.



Before moving faculty and department offices to Mitchell Hall, rooms had to be cleared, cleaned and painted.



A new sign was placed outside Mitchell Hall to direct visitors.



Students make good use of the portable demonstration table in Foods class at United Ministries Center.



The Interior Design studio and sample room were moved to the Kansas Technology Center.



A small research laboratory in Heckert-Wells loaned by the Biology Department provided space for the construction lab.



After a week of moving and resetting all equipment, the preschool resumed operation at the Hildebrandt house, on the east end of campus.



What was once the house's living room is now an activity space with many comfortable spots around the computer.

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From the Chairperson

Dear Alumni and Friends,

For 48 years, Chandler Hall has been the home of the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences. While I have been here less than five years, as many before me, I too have grown attached to this special place. Walking through rooms and hallways littered with boxes and trash following the initial move the end of January, I was struck by the calm in the midst of the storm. Usually, the building is filled with students and faculty rushing from class to class, voices, laughter and even tears. It is easy to picture this scene repeated over and over throughout past decades.

The past few months have been stressful, challenging and filled with adjustments. Credit is due faculty, staff and students as they have adjusted to being removed overnight from our home in Chandler Hall. The challenge to maintain a sense of community is great. We have created a weekly E-newsletter to keep students aware of meetings, deadlines, and special announcements. In addition, faculty maintain some of their office hours in their classrooms to make better use of their "in transit" time as well as make it easier for students to talk face-to-face with instructors and advisors.

We had planned to invite alumni and others into Chandler Hall this spring to see the building in its historical configuration for the last time. Due to the closing of the building early, we will not be able to do this. We are dedicating this issue of FCS TODAY to issues surrounding the impending renovation of Chandler Hall. In anticipation of financial demands due to growth and a newly updated building, the Advisory Board prepared a letter calling on your assistance. I so appreciate the support of our Advisory Board members and their leadership in asking for your help. Family & Consumer Sciences at Pitt State has a bright future. We want and need alumni and friends to be part of the future just as you have been part of the past. Your legacy will make the difference.

—Lynette J. Olson, PhD, CFLE



New Endowment Honors Retired Faculty Member

We are pleased to announce the development of a new endowed fund within the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences. Established with a generous gift from Doris and Robert Bradley, we have established the Doris Bradley Faculty Development Fund. The intent of this fund is to provide support for faculty members as they enhance their subject matter and instructional skills. Our faculty members often pass up opportunities, as they lack sufficient funds to travel and participate in conferences. The university allocates \$425 a year to support out of state travel for each faculty member. In many cases this does not even cover travel expenses let alone registration fees, lodging and meals.

Doris Bradley taught across the "home economics" curriculum in the department from 1979 to 1986. She and her husband reside in Pittsburg and she continues to be a strong supporter of the department. Since she gave so much of herself while a faculty member, it is very appropriate to have such a fund in her honor. If you would like to contribute to this fund, make checks payable to FCS designated to the Doris Bradley Faculty Development Fund and mail to the Family & Consumer Sciences Office. We would appreciate your support. In order to endow this fund, we must raise \$5,000 within the next three years.

Plans for 2003 Centennial

An exciting event is coming our way soon. PSU will celebrate its centennial during the 2002-2003 academic year. Our department is one of the oldest on campus and will also be celebrating its 100th year. In March, Advisory Board members met to brainstorm centennial events. One possibility discussed was an alumni cookbook featuring favorite recipes, updates on our alumni, and memorable photos and stories about our department. If you think this is a good idea and would like to participate, contact Cris Elliott.

E-mail her at celliott@pittstate.edu, call her at 620/235-4512 or drop her a note. The enthusiastic Advisory Board committee suggested many other grand ideas. Watch for details and plan now to be involved.

Career Day

Career Day 2001 was cancelled due to the unexpected closing of Chandler Hall. Faculty and students were disappointed, but plans are already being made for next year's event, tentatively scheduled for February 25, 2002.

December 2000 Graduates

Tina Camper, Early Childhood Development from Arma, Kan. Tina is substitute teaching.

Crystal Fields, Early Childhood Development from Frontenac, Kan. Crystal has an in-home daycare.

Pam Hartman, Early Childhood Development from Bluemound, Kan. Pam has an in-home daycare and preschool.

Allison Osburn, Early Childhood Development from Nevada, Mo. Allison is librarian at Truman Elementary School in Nevada, Mo.

A Letter from the FCS Advisory Board

Greetings to alumni and friends of Family and Consumer Sciences! The FCS advisory board would like to share with you some of the changes in the FCS department.

Chandler Hall, departmental home of FCS at PSU, is scheduled to be renovated beginning this summer. At that time, FCS offices and classes were to be moved to Whitesitt Hall. Due to structural problems, the department was directed to vacate Chandler Hall earlier than expected. While this sudden move created inconvenience and some confusion for both faculty and students, the advisory board is excited to learn that the renovation will begin sooner. This construction is a giant leap forward towards the expansion and strengthening of FCS as a whole at PSU. The building has not been renovated since 1953.

FCS offices are currently located in Mitchell Hall with the exception of the interior design faculty office. The interior design office and classrooms are in the Kansas Technology Center. The FCS preschool is located in a house recently available to the University on Rouse Street. Other FCS classes are located in five different buildings across campus including the United Ministries Center.

Faculty, staff and students are adjusting to the change but look forward to a fabulous renewed building. Chandler Hall's main floor will have more and updated classroom and office space. The Early Childhood Preschool will be on the lower level. Chandler Hall will have a new and exciting look from top to bottom. Also included will be an expanded playground to the south of the building.

New space is needed as the number of majors grows. The advisory board was excited to learn at our March meeting that there are 114 majors in the department this spring semester, the highest enrollment in the history of the department. We attribute a lot of this growth to the support of alumni and friends of FCS. Thank you for supporting FCS at PSU by encouraging students to enroll in our majors. You also help us portraying FCS in a positive manner and provide internship opportunities for our students. Most importantly, we want to recognize financial donations that provide many things for FCS students. You provide all departmental scholarships!

FCS depends heavily on donations received from its supporters. That money is wisely invested in scholarship funds, supporting special events, furthering faculty professional development and helping the department obtain equipment and supplies. Your dollars are stretched and put to work.

The FCS advisory board has watched the department use every donation from smallest to largest in order to make the department grow. The board knows that FCS alumni and friends want to leave a legacy within the department. Your model in giving is a way for students to see that they have a responsibility to give back to the institution that gave them their start as professionals.

The best way to further your legacy and make a lasting impression on the FCS department is to invest in its future. Any amount given is applied to current needs to accomplish goals. Some current goals are more scholarships, a professional development fund for faculty, and a computer lab for students. In addition, the department is planning a celebration to correspond with the University's centennial in 2003. These are just at the tip of FCS dreams! The department needs a fund to finance unexpected projects. We know there will be special needs associated with the renovation.

Now is your chance to invest your money and watch it grow into something fantastic! Any monetary investment will further the future of FCS. As members of the Advisory Board, we want to encourage your careful consideration of a gift this year as well as an ongoing commitment. Thank you.

2000-2001 Advisory Board Members

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www.pittstate.edu/fcs/

Please send us your comments, address updates, and information for our alumni news!

Our fall 2001 class schedule may be found on the PSU web page www.pittstate.edu

Visit us at FACSNet

FACSNet is a project funded by an AAFCS Massachusetts Avenue Building Fund Grant linking Family and Consumer Sciences teachers at the middle, secondary, and college/university levels in Kansas and the area using technology. Stop in for a visit at <http://www.pittstate.edu/fcs/facsnet.html> and <http://slate.pittstate.edu/courses/01SP-FCS-572-02/>

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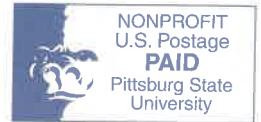
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ALUMNI NEWS

Amiee Jackson Moore, '00, is an assistant with C. B. Richard & Ellis, a real estate firm in downtown Chicago, Ill.

Christine Vaughn, '00, is employed at Names and Numbers in Pittsburg, Kan.

Abby Rink Wilhite, '00, is assistant buyer for Halls at Crown Center on the Plaza in Kansas City, Kan.

Joel Emerson, '99, is employed at Enterprise Car Rental in the Kansas City area.

Sierra Reeves Phillips, '99, had a baby boy on November 25, 2000. Sierra and husband, Craig, reside in St. Peters, Mo.

Jenni (Fox) Diskin, '98, is administrative assistant to the Regional Prevention Center and Youth Friends at the Southeast Kansas Education Service Center in Greenbush near Girard, Kan. Jenni and husband, Doug, have a son, Trenton, born May 10, 1999.

Debra Clark, '97, is program manager for promotional marketing at Zouire's in Pittsburg, Kan. She recently completed her masters of science degree in management through Baker University at their Overland Park, Kan., campus. Debra is engaged to be married in September of 2001.

Jennifer Wilbourn Huff, '97, recently moved to Nixa, Mo. where husband C.J. is principal at Espy Elementary School. Jennifer is a stay at home mom to one-year-old Savannah. Jennifer continues to

be an interior design consultant for Rainforest Creations in Springfield, Mo. She has recently completed projects for the Pasta House restaurant in Springfield and a bank in Thayer, Mo.

Cindy Allen Dean, '96, is the school district secretary for Oswego, Kan. Cindy and husband, Jeff, have a daughter and are expecting a second baby in April, 2001.

Stephanie Beitzinger Watts, '91, is a freelance visual merchandising artist for local companies, residences and the Riverbanks Zoo. Stephanie and husband Lt. Colonel R. Allen Watts have two sons, Wade and Ian. They reside in Irmo, S.C.

Laura Wolfe Willard, '76, a retired teacher is currently volunteer director and teacher for Crosslines sewing classes in Joplin, Mo. Her husband, Dell, is a retired fireman. They have three grown children and reside in Webb City, Mo.

Betty McAttee Bettega, '73, is a middle school computer teacher in Yates Center, Kan. Her husband, Van, is a school administrator. They have four sons.

Mary Lee Justice Edwards, '61, is a family and consumer sciences teacher at Yates Center High School in Kan.

Anna Marie Kennedy Herod, '56, retired in 1997 after teaching 30 years of family and consumer science at Garden City High School. Her husband, Jon, is a retired KSU Economist. They have two children and reside in Garden City, Kan.