

From the chairperson

It seems something new happens every day in Chandler Hall! Not the least of which is realization of the students' dream of a beverage machine in the building!

We are working very hard to enhance the appearance of Chandler Hall and have made great progress through paint, refinishing of antique pieces of furniture, removal of old cabinets and the rearranging of classroom floor plans to accommodate more students, and establishing an entry way display case to promote FCS programs. We also identified space to establish a conference room that can be used for meetings and small classes. In addition, there is now dedicated parking next to the building for parents of children coming and going in the preschool. Speaking of the preschool, with the help of a physical plant "artist," primary color panels brighten the walls. I cannot say enough positive, about our carpenters, painters, electricians, plumbers and others who have used their skills to upgrade Chandler Hall.

The new department office not only added critically needed space, it also contributes to better communication among staff, faculty and students. It's location in the center of the building assures that people stop in often. New counters and counter tops and desk chairs really enhance the space.

Faculty members and I have begun discussing a long range facility use plan. As the department and programs grow, there will be need for a reallocation of space.

All of the changes this past year have been done at minimal cost to the department. Some of you contributed to new draperies for the "living room." As the Chandler Hall facelift continues, we must identify additional resources. A few of the projects we need help with are:

- Display cases, bookshelves and storage cabinets in the living room (estimate \$1,200)
- New furniture for the living room (estimate \$2,500)
- Classroom tables and chairs (estimate \$1,500)
- Work/Cutting tables and stools (\$2,250)
- Preschool Lab Equipment (\$2,000)

If you have ideas for where we might access funds or inkind gifts, please let us know. We appreciate all of your support!

- Dr. Lynette J. Olson



The new FCS office complex consists of three work stations, a copy center, a waiting area, and a separate file room in addition to the chairperson's office.

Physical Plant carpenters Dale Herlocker and Bill Kavanaugh remodel the former home management lab into a new office in spring of 1997.



The future looks bright for vocational education

The bachelor of science in education degree program is experiencing dramatic growth. This past year the number of majors in Vocational Family and Consumer Sciences doubled. With an alarming number of vacancies in Kansas schools and around the country, this rise in interest comes none too soon.

The growth is credited to increased recruitment efforts by the department as well as the profession of family and consumer sciences.

Kansas associations and schools related to family and consumer sciences have marketed the profession well and in particular, the career opportunities found in the vocational area.

This trend must continue, not only for the sake of programs in our middle and high schools but also for continuation of this major at PSU. If you know of a prospective educator, encourage them to prepare themselves through this major and/or refer her or his name to us for follow-up.

FCS December 1997 Graduates

Jill Arck, Fashion Merchandising

Roberta Calvert, *Interior Design*, plans to pursue a masters program in Texas.

Kelly Hammons, *Fashion Merchandising*, is a customer service assistant at the corporate office of Gear Four Sports in Lenexa, Kan.

Sae-Hee Kang, *Early Childhood*, is a graduate student in child development at Michigan State University.

Merike Kolts, *Fashion Merchandising*, is in management with the Limited in Little Rock, Ark..

Camille Leonard, *Interior Design*, is employed at the Home Depot in Kansas City.

Li-Lin Tseng, *Fashion Merchandising*, is living in Indiana. She hopes to complete her graduate education at Johns Hopkins University.

Brandie Moore, *Interior Design*, is assistant manager at Pier I Imports at the Oak Park Mall in Kansas City.

Kim Shoun, *Early Childhood*

Holly Thyfault, *Interior Design*, is employed with Class Limited in Columbus, Kan., and as a free-lance interior designer.

Kathy Woods, *Interior Design*, had a son, Thomas Charles, in March. She is working in the home decorating area of Woods Lumber Yard in Independence, Kan.

VISIT CHANDLER HALL DURING HOMECOMING

October 10, 1998

Enjoy lunch with your classmates
and tour the building

Faculty and current students
will be available to update you on
Family & Consumer Sciences
majors and programs

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Dietary manager training program

The Pittsburg State University Family and Consumer Sciences Department and Mt. Carmel Medical Center Nutritional Services have joined forces to initiate a dietary managers training program. This program began January 15 and will run through July 30.

The program is taught by Registered Dietitian Heather Boline. Boline is a lecturer for Nutrition courses through the PSU Family and Consumer Science Department and consultant dietitian for Mt. Carmel Medical Center.

This course includes 120 hours of classroom involvement, which covers important information on nutrition therapy, sanitation, human resources, and management. When the students have completed the course, they will graduate as dietary managers. In October, students in the program will take a registration exam. Upon passing the exam, they will be certified dietary managers.

Dietary managers can be employed by hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities and other food service operations. As the population ages, the number of these facilities will increase and dietary managers will be an essential part of each one of these facilities.

Pittsburg and the surrounding communities have a definite need for increasing the number of quality dietary managers. Pittsburg State University in conjunction with Mount Carmel Nutritional Services will provide this educational program to our community and surrounding areas.



Dietary managers trainees (left to right): Heather Boline, Instructor; Marcia Pfler and Kayla Malle from Carthage, Mo.; Tina McHorney from Pittsburg; Rhonda Ivey from Uniontown, Kan.; and John Taworg from Girard.

Early Childhood Student Organization

The inaugural meeting of the PSU Early Childhood Student Organization was held on February 26. Twenty-four interested students met in Chandler Hall to discuss the birth and development of this new group. Students participating include those majoring in early childhood education through the College of Education and those majoring and minoring in early childhood development through the Department of Family & Consumer Sciences.

At the meeting, Duane Whitbeck, FCS early childhood faculty member, discussed the role of student groups in professional development and how similar early childhood groups operate on other campuses. Frank Miller, Curriculum & Instruction early childhood faculty member, talked about the importance of being not only a professional development organization to meet the needs of its members, but to also be a service organization and connect to the community. He used the example of the students' participation this past fall in providing child care during the Parent's University event in the city of Pittsburg.

Eight students volunteered to guide the organization through this semester by serving as the administrative committee. Officers will be elected in April to take the group into next year.



Administrative committee for the Early Childhood Student Organization (left to right): Linda Keefe, Andrea Simone-Call, Frank Miller, Julie Bruce, Duane Whitbeck, Tricia Duffy, Tiffany Gooden, Robyn Stapleton, Anna Deplue

AutoCAD

If you visit Chandler Hall these days you may hear the sound of a new language. AutoCAD spoken here! With the arrival earlier this semester of the new AutoCAD LT software package, interior design students are learning to draw in a foreign language, which is made up of such commands as "pline," "positive and negative coordinates," and, most often, "Oooh, I lost it!"

As with any language, the more we use it, the easier it becomes. In the months to come you can look for computer aided drawings in design presentations of all interior design classes, as students are given the opportunity to learn and speak this new language.

Historic interiors project

Students in the historic interiors class are applying their new knowledge in appropriate style. The nine members of this new course are creating a restoration design plan for the Harold Bell Wright House, a historic house owned by the Pittsburg Little Balkans Heritage Preservation Society. Wright lived in the house, located on West Kansas Street in Pittsburg, during the time that he was writing his book, "Shepherd of the Hills," circa 1891.

Starting with a documented house history, which indicates that the historic structure was built in 1885, the students are gathering information concerning Wright and his life in the house, as well as information and samples of correct interior design of the period. Vendors across the country who specialize in historic reproduction carpets, paints, wallcovering, window treatments and upholstery fabrics, will provide samples for the students to select appropriate materials for their plans. The class will make a presentation of their plans to the board of directors of the Little Balkans Heritage Preservation Society and invited guests in May.

alumni spotlight

Donna Bierbrodt Hamrick, '97, is in her first year of teaching family & consumer sciences at a Topeka middle school.

Christa Finley Jahay, '97, is an interior designer with Schaefer Johnson Cox Frey & Associates PA, an architecture engineering planning and interior design company in Wichita, Kan.

Tzu-Ying Lee, '97, and husband, Roger, are living in Columbia, Mo., where he is working on a Ph.D. in business education. They had a baby boy in January.

Cindy Allen Dean, '96, is a customer service representative at the Labette County State Bank. Cindy and husband, Jeff, live in Oswego, Kan.

Paula Welch Vornauf, '93 and her husband are expecting their second baby. They have a one-year-old son and reside in Welch, Okla.

Linda Wilson, '91, is a new grandmother. She and her husband, Bob, have two sons and a grandson. Linda is employed as project support staff at the Southeast Kansas Education Service Center in Greenbush. She recently became a certified "Master Gardener," doing volunteer work in Crawford, Cherokee, and Montgomery counties. Linda serves on the PSU Family & Consumer Sciences Advisory Board and is co-adviser of Phi Upsilon Omicron, Eta chapter.

Linda Keyser Rickman, '87, is manager of the General Nutrition Center in Kennett, Mo. She became Mrs. Richard Rickman April 13, 1996. Their son, Jacob Paul, was born last September.

Karen Taylor Mason, '81, is a vocational family and consumer sciences teacher at East Newton High School. Karen is currently president-elect of Missouri Educators of Family and Consumer Sciences and has been teaching for 17 years. She and her husband, Perry, have a 14-year-old daughter, Miranda. The Masons reside in Stella, Mo.

Susan Daniel Brey, '80, and her husband, Ed, have a daughter, Stephanie Kay. They live in Burlington, Kan., where she is pastor of the United Methodist Church.

Betty Bennington Rocker, '77, owns and operates the Bennington House Bed and Breakfast in Ft. Scott, Kan.

Alumni, keep your cards and letters coming so that we can keep our records updated. We enjoy hearing from you!

R. Lee Joseph Haik, '71, owns James Home Decorating in Springfield, Mo. This business has recently expanded and moved to a new location.

Doris Cordier Bradley, '67, a former instructor of PSU Family & Consumer Sciences, keeps involved with Little Balkans Quilting Guild, church and civic organizations as well as the Faculty Wives Club. She and husband, Robert, have a daughter, Candace Parker, who is a registered nurse.

RoJean Franz Loucks, '67, completed her master of science degree in early childhood education at KSU in 1994. She is the coordinator and parent educator of Parents as Teachers in Salina, Kan. Her husband, Loren, is a human resources manager for Elliot Turbo Charger Group. Their son, Jeff, is a publications translator in Tokyo and their daughter, Debra, is a freelance writer in Denver. They have three grandchildren.

Mary Lee Justice Edwards, '61, was finalist for Kansas Teacher of the Year for 1998. Mary teaches at Yates Center High School in Yates Center, Kan.

E. Louise Ravenstein Baker-Kahle, '57, recently retired as executive director of Owensville Chamber of Commerce. In 1996 Louise wrote and published a book, "Memories of Special Four Letter Words." She lives in Owensville, Mo.

Rose Shular Campbell, '42, was a teacher for 40 years. She spent 33 years as the clothing instructor at Hootawa High School. Rose is also a voter volunteer and works with the bloodmobile.

Mildred E. Thompson, '39, enjoys a hobby of tapestry weaving. She has landscape displays in a local gallery. Mildred studied in France, and resides in Albuquerque, NM.

Edith Eugenia Martin, '29, died Dec. 8, 1997, at her Pittsburg home following a short illness. Edith was a member of the Phi Upsilon Omicron Eta Chapter. She is survived by a son, Danny Martin, of Asbury, Mo., and a daughter, Katherine Knabach, of Brookings, S.D.

In memory of Alfred Ashcraft

Alfred Ashcraft, an interior design student in the Family & Consumer Sciences Department died in February in an automobile accident. Alfred, a non-traditional student and Vietnam War veteran, was well known for his courtesy, good personality, and his willingness to help others. Alfred and his wife, Linda, are from Mapleton, Kan.



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We are very interested in what our alumni are doing these days. *We have not heard from some of you for years!*

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Addie Johnson will be missed at Pitt State

After six years at Pitt State, Addie Johnson will return to her "birth" state of Arkansas following the spring semester. Johnson has provided strong leadership for the fashion merchandising program during her time at the university. Beyond teaching, she serves as academic adviser to about 30 students a year, currently serves as adviser for KAFCS student chapter at PSU and is on the College of Arts and Sciences curriculum committee. While here, she has contributed much to the department, always ready to help with special events, visit with prospective students and build positive relationships with community businesses.

You are invited to a going-away reception for Addie Johnson. The event will be held on Sunday, May 3, from 2 - 4 p.m. in room 127 Chandler Hall. Please RSVP to 316/235-4457 if you will be attending.



Clockwise from upper left: Addie Johnson taught fashion merchandising classes for six years. Fashion Merchandising students with Mrs. Johnson at the Dallas Career Fashion Mart, spring of 1997. Addie and husband, Doyme, at a chili feed fund raiser for memorial scholarships during the fall of 1996. Li-Lin Tseng, Addie Johnson, Tzu-Ying Lee, and Jui-Jung Lin at the fall 1996 style show.



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