

**SCHOOL OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND FAMILY  
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**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this publication is to present a brief history of the School of Human Resources and Family Studies/Home Economics Alumni Association.

Our future is built upon the success of those who have gone before us. Let us be steadfast in our determination to build a better world through the study and knowledge of home economics.

The idea for a history of our association was promoted by the 1988-90 Alumni Board and was initiated by Susan Funkhouser, President of the Association. Helen Elliott Davies and Wanda Sward Kreig researched and compiled the information within this booklet. Copies can be found in the University Libraries, Archives, the School Office and other appropriate sites to be used as a reference for Board members, faculty, students and others interested in the past records and progress of the association.

Desk top copies were made by students. Appreciation is extended to all who contributed in any manner to make this historical saga a reality. Barbara McGrath, Vice President, and the Program of Work Committee are responsible for the final review and distribution of the document. The value of these efforts will increase through the years as threads of the present become threads of the past.

Kathryn W. Smith  
President 1991

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## **NAMES AND LEADERS FROM DEPARTMENT TO SCHOOL**

1869-1873	Catalog announced a “Ladies” Department
1873-1900	School of Domestic Science and Arts
1900-1917	Department of Household Science
1917-1974	Department of Home Economics
1974-	School of Human Resources and Family Studies

## **LEADERS—FROM HEAD OF DEPARTMENT TO DIRECTOR**

1. Isabel Bevier, 1900-1921  
Head of Department
2. Dr. Ruth A. Wardall, 1921-1936  
Head of Department
3. Lita Bane, 1936-1950  
Head of Department
4. Dr. Janice M. Smith, 1950-1971  
Head of Department
5. Helen D. Turner, 1971-1974  
Acting Head of Department
6. Dr. Pauline C. Paul, 1974-1978  
First Director of School of Human Resources and Family Studies
7. Dr. Marilyn M. Dunsing, 1979-1985  
Director of School of Human Resources and Family Studies
8. Dr. Coby B. Simerly, 1985-1986  
Acting Director of School of Human Resources and Family Studies
9. Dr. Sharon Y. Nickols, 1986-  
Director of School of Human Resources and Family Studies

## **University of Illinois Alumni Association**

### The Structure of the University of Illinois Alumni Association

The purpose of the University of Illinois Alumni Association is to promote the general welfare of the university and to stimulate interest among student, former students and others in its programs and progress. The structure of the Association is complex and what follows is an attempt at clarification.

The parent Alumni Association is guided by a large volunteer board of directors comprised of alumni representing the two main campuses the colleges and satellites of the university. Each board member serves on at least one committee and attends the biannual board meetings. The daily operation of the Alumni Association is conducted by professional staff on both campuses under the leadership of the Executive Director, Louis D. Liay. This parent association maintains alumni records, confers awards, handles cash flow, sets policy for subsidiary and related alumni organizations, and operations certain services for alumni. These services include insurance programs, campus alumni newspapers, tours, alumni networking and service programs, and a variety of educational, social, cultural, and athletic programs which keep alumni in contact with each other and with their university.

The Alumni Association works closely with the university administration and with the staff of the University of Illinois Foundation, the fundraising organization for the university.

Each campus has a volunteer Campus Alumni Council which is concerned with affairs specific to that campus. Members of the council are appointed by the president of the Alumni Association Board of Directors and may or may not be members of the board of directors.

The Alumni Association encourages the establishment and growth of the Constituent Alumni Associations. These are college, school, or department associations

such as Agriculture, Business, Engineering, HRFS, Medicine, and Nursing. Each constituent association is guided by a volunteer board or directors working with the college, school, or department it represents. Alumni Association staff also work closely with the constituent associations which are required to meet certain standards including an annual meeting and at least one newsletter per year. Each constituent association receives a percentage of its alumni membership dues to assist in its operation. Activities include reunions, homecomings, awards and recognition programs, continuing education programs, student/alumni programs, and newsletters.

Alumni Clubs are geographic organizations which sponsor programs to keep regional groups of alumni in contact with each other and with the university. Clubs do not receive direct financial aid from the Alumni Association, although support is provided for printing and mailing of event notices, and scholarship funds raised by the clubs are matched by the Alumni Association. Clubs are required to meet standards of performance before receiving this support or identifying themselves with the University of Illinois.

## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FACT SHEET

- WHO WE ARE: An association of U of I graduates and former students. Founded in 1873. More than 89,000 members worldwide including more than 51,000 life members.
- WHERE WE ARE: Offices serving both campuses: At Chicago—312 AOB, 1201-UH; At Urbana-Champaign—227 Illini Union
- WHAT WE DO:
- Maintain records of U of I graduates. We have more than 285,000 addressable alumni in our system.
  - Publish alumni newspapers – U of I Chicagoan and Illinois Alumni News eight times per year.
  - Promote membership.
  - Help organize college and department constituent associations
  - Provide service and programs for members, such as tours, insurance, continuing education, Chicago-area programs.
  - Organize alumni chapters in targeted geographic regions. Currently we have 50 active chapters worldwide, including one in Tokyo, Japan.
  - Assist departments with programs involving alumni (reunions, career seminars, Law Day, etc.)
  - Involve alumni in Association and University activities such as helping select University trustee candidates and encouraging alumni to serve on a wide variety of University, Foundation and Alumni Association boards, committees, and councils.
  - Represent alumni in relations with various parts of the University family—administrators, faculty, students, etc.
  - Serve as resource for alumni and faculty/staff on alumni matters.
  - Keep alumni interested and involved in their university.

## UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CONSTITUENT ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION

The University of Illinois Alumni Association encourages the development of constituent associations, and has adopted the following minimum standards, recommendations and guidelines, and suggested procedures:

### MINIMUM STANDARDS

1. An organizational structure in accord with Article IX of the Alumni Association Bylaws must be established. This article pays particular attention to dues, membership, representation, and requirements of constituent status.
2. Each constituent association must have bylaws, officers, and a board of directors composed of regular members of the general Alumni Association (student directors are exempted from this qualification). Board members will serve not more than three consecutive terms of two years each. Officers will serve a maximum of two years in each office. The Dean or Director of the unit should serve as an ex officio member of the board. The majority of the board must be composed of alumni who are not full-time members of the faculty or staff.
3. Each college, department, school, or institute represented by a constituent alumni association must appoint a staff member to act as liaison between the constituent alumni association and the campus Alumni Association. The liaison must be acceptable to the constituent association. Duties of the liaison include the coordination of activities and programs of the constituent group, including the constituent newsletter.
4. Membership must be promoted through constituent newsletters, event mailings, and/or special membership mailings. If funds credited to a constituent association from membership dues are used to finance the constituent newsletter, that newsletter may be mailed to nonmembers of the constituent association provided a membership promotion is included. If a newsletter's frequency is more than once annually the subsequent issues should be mailed to members only. If the constituent newsletter is financed by funds from the college (or department) office or dean's fund, the constituent association need not limit its audience in any way. However, the Alumni Association encourages constituent associations not to mail each issues of the newsletter to nonmembers.
5. The Alumni Association has been charged with the responsibility of maintaining official university alumni records. As addresses and other record changes of alumni are received by constituent associations, they must be forwarded to the campus Alumni office.
6. Dues refunded to constituent associations must be used in such a way that as many members as possible benefit. (Newsletters, continuing education programs, career counseling, awards programs, student alumni programs, annual meetings, and social events are some examples of programming for the members.)

7. Each constituent association shall maintain a positive balance in its Alumni Association account. Any negative balance must be recovered within the constituent association's fiscal year.
8. Each constituent association must file an annual report with the Alumni Association, including a financial report showing its previous fiscal year's budget and next fiscal year's proposed budget.
9. If a constituent association wishes to request additional funds from the Association's Constituency Reserve Fund, the officers must file the appropriate request forms as published by a committee appointed by the President of the Association.
10. The Treasurer or appropriate financial member of each constituent association's board shall approve all bills other than University data processing or mailing center charges before forwarding to the Alumni Association for approval and payment.
11. Constituent associations must use the Alumni Association mailing lists rather than maintain separate mailing lists.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS AND GUIDELINES

1. Constituent associations should conduct awards programs. Awards are an excellent means of recognizing alumni for their contributions to the University and to the Association and for encouraging alumni involvement. Constituent associations are encouraged to recommend candidates for Achievement Awards to the Alumni Association by July 1 each year. In addition, constituent associations are urged to make nominations for the Constituent Leadership Awards by September 1 each year.
2. The University of Illinois Foundation should be utilized for any fund raising projects for the college, department, school, or institute.
3. Each constituent association should work closely with the college, school, institute, or department it represents.
4. Limited student representation (without voting power) on each constituent association's board is desirable.
5. Constituent association boards should be aware of their special obligation to life members and handle their funds on a year-to-year basis realizing that they have a longtime commitment to those people who have shown their support through life membership.
6. The liaison ordinarily serves as secretary to the constituent board.

### SUGGESTED PROCEDURES:

1. Copies of each issue of constituent mailings and publications should be sent to the campus Alumni office. (The university mailing center will see that copies are sent to the campus library, administrative offices, other constituents, and the campus information office.
2. Address lists should be ordered at least three weeks before they are needed.
3. If a constituent group is in danger of termination of its charter by action of the Alumni Association Board, officers of the constituency, if there are none, the head of the department, college, school, or institute, must be given prior notice of six months.
4. The Alumni Association office is to be notified of any change in the list of constituent officers/directors.

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**THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS  
SCHOOL OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND FAMILY STUDIES/HOME  
ECONOMICS**

**THE BEGINNING**

In 1973, Helen Drew Turner, Acting Head of the Department of Home Economics, had a vision that many alumni would be interested in forming a Home Economics Alumni Association at the University of Illinois. Her early summer letter to alumni with an explanation of the need for alumni support brought 310 favorable responses.

Mrs. Turner was the prime mover in laying the ground work for the home economics alumni association by securing approval from the staff and approval from the University of Illinois Alumni Association Executive Board.

Mrs. Turner extended the following invitation to alumni interested in organizing an alumni association to meet and make decisions necessary for making the association a going concern:

**SEE YOU OCTOBER 27, 1973 – HOMECOMING COFFEE  
9-11 AM, STUDENT LOUNGE, BEVIER HALL  
Home Economics Alumni Association, Organization Meeting  
10:00 AM, 242 BEVIER HALL**

The organization meeting resulted in naming the following alumni to the

**STEERING COMMITTEE:**

Mildred Mies Hanley, '33, Chairman, Saunemin, IL  
Roberta Johnson Hopkins, '51, Monticello, IL  
Helen Drew Turner, '32, Villa Grove, IL

**Newsletter:**

Carolyn Montgomery Tucker, '73, Urbana, IL  
Nancy Kay Muirhead, '62, Decatur, IL

**Bylaws:**

Wanda Sward Kreig, '47, Galesburg, IL  
Meta Marie Keller Olson, '49, Oneida, IL

The first meeting of the Home Economics Alumni Association was held, Saturday morning, November 9, 1974, Student Lounge, Bevier Hall. Mildred Mies Hanley presided over the business meeting; the Constitution and Bylaws were approved and the first slate of officers were elected:

**See, STRUCTURE OF ASSOCIATION, for Constitution and Bylaws.  
See, OFFICERS AND DISTRICT DIRECTORS, for first slate of officers and Board.**

District Directors represented the same geographical areas covered by the College of Agriculture Alumni Association District Director and the Cooperative Extension Districts in the state.

Mrs. Turner was Acting Head of the Department of Home Economics at a time of many changes:

- The Department of Home Economics changes from a Department to a School status.
- THE SCHOOL OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND FAMILY STUDIES became the new name for the Department of Home Economics. The name was selected by the faculty, approved by the University Senate, the University of Illinois Board of Trustees and the State Board of Higher Education in 1974.
- The Home Economics faculty believed the School status and name change would give more autonomy to home economics and gain status among sister institutions.
- Financial support was needed. State Funds available for new or replacement equipment, and money for expenses had decreased. Give giving by alumni and friends of the School became increasing important and necessary in order to maintain a continued degree of excellence in education.
- Student recruitment and job placement of graduates was a concern for both faculty and alumni.

Interested alumni realized that an alumni association could be very beneficial at this time. The organizing of the Home Economics Alumni Association was welcomed by both the alumni and the faculty.

**THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS  
SCHOOL OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND FAMILY STUDIES/HOME ECONOMICS**

**CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS**

**ARTICLE I NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the Alumni Association of the University of Illinois School of Human Resources and Family Studies.

**ARTICLE II PURPOSES**

The purposes of this organization shall be:

1. To organize and promote an alumni group of the Department of Home Economics and/or the School of Human Resources and Family Studies of the University of Illinois.
2. To be of service in encouraging high standards of research, teaching, and public service in all areas of home economics.
3. To encourage those activities that help recognize the importance of the profession of home economics and its related fields.
4. To assist the School of Human Resources and Family Studies in encouraging enrollment in home economics.
5. To facilitate the exchange of information among alumni of the Department of Home Economics and/or the School of Human Resources and Family Studies.
6. To encourage, by financial assistance, the development of the profession of home economics.

**ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1.** Active members: Graduates or members of the faculty of the University of Illinois Department of Home Economics and/or the School of Human Resources and Family Studies, and persons who have obtained a master's or doctor's degree in home economics subject matter at the University of Illinois.

**Section 2.** Associate Members: Any person who wishes to support the profession of home economics at the University of Illinois and does not qualify as an active member may be an associate member.

**Section 3.** Honorary Members: The Board of Directors may elect honorary members to this Association who have given outstanding services to the Department or School.

**ARTICLE IV AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS**

This Constitution and By Laws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the membership of this organization by the affirmative vote of two thirds of all the members present at such meeting, provided that notice of the proposed amendment was contained in the announcement of the meeting sent to the membership of the organization at least 10 days prior to such meeting.

## **ARTICLE V ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Robert's Rules of Order shall be the official guideline for conducting business.

### **BY LAWS**

#### **I. MEMBERSHIP**

This Association and the University of Illinois Alumni Association shall have a combined membership. A membership in the University of Illinois Alumni Association automatically makes an alumnus of the Department of Home Economics and/or the School of Human Resources and Family Studies a member of this Association.

It shall be the responsibility of the University of Illinois Alumni Association to collect dues for both organizations.

#### **II. OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Section 1.** Officers of this Association shall be president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, and shall be elected by members at the annual meeting to serve for one year.

**Section 2.** Board of Directors shall consist of 16 members: The four elected officers, one director representing each of the 10 Extension Districts in the State, and 2 directors at large. Directors shall be elected for two years and serve not more than three consecutive two-year terms. The immediate past president of this Association, the Director and a faculty member of the School of Human Resources and Family Studies shall be ex-officio members.

To implement this Constitution and By Laws, at the first election, directors representing odd numbered Districts shall be elected to serve one year; directors representing even numbered Districts shall be elected to serve two years.

**Section 3.** The Board shall appoint one member to the Board of Directors of the University of Illinois Alumni Association for a two-year term. The appointed member shall serve for not more than three consecutive two-year terms.

**Section 4.** Any vacancy occurring among the officers or members of the Board of Directors shall be filled by the Board of Directors for the period of the unexpired term.

#### **III. DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

**Section 1.** President: The president shall preside at all meetings, appoint committees, and call meetings of the Board of Directors.

**Section 2.** Vice-President: In the absence of the president, the vice-president shall exercise all the powers and perform all duties of the president. The vice-president shall be coordinator of projects as approved by the Board.

**Section 3.** Secretary: The secretary shall prepare such reports as directed by the Board of Directors, keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, carry out other secretarial duties as directed by the Board, and shall keep a membership list.

**Section 4.** Treasurer: The treasurer shall maintain records of income and expenditure as obtained from the University of Illinois Alumni Association.

#### **IV. AFFILIATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

This Association shall be a constituent Alumni Association of the University of Illinois Alumni Association. Nothing in these by-laws shall conflict with the purposes expressed in the by-laws of the University of Illinois Alumni Association. This Association will use the same fiscal year as the University of Illinois Alumni Association.

#### **V. MEETINGS**

**Section 1.** Officers: The officers shall meet upon the call of the president.

**Section 2.** Board of Directors: The Board of Directors shall meet upon the call of the president or any other officer. For transacting business, a quorum shall consist of a majority of the Board.

**Section 3.** Association: The Annual Meeting and any special meetings of this Association shall be held at such time and place as determined by the officers or the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall give ten days notice to the entire membership, stating the date, place, and purpose of the Association meeting. For business to be transacted, a quorum of the Board must be present.

June 18, 1974  
Fourth Draft

Meta Olson  
Wanda Kreig  
Approved by Steering Committee

Presented for adoption November 9, 1974

**BYLAWS OF SCHOOL OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND FAMILY STUDIES/HOME  
ECONOMICS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, UNIVERSITY  
OF ILLINOIS**

**Adopted – September 24, 1988**

**ARTICLE I – NAME**

The name of the organization shall be School of Human Resources and Family Studies/Home Economics Alumni Association, College of Agriculture, University of Illinois. (SHRFS is referred to in these bylaws as, “the School.”)

**ARTICLE II – AFFILIATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

This association shall be a constituent alumni association of the University of Illinois Alumni Association. Nothing in these bylaws shall conflict with the purposes expressed in the bylaws of the University of Illinois Alumni Association. The fiscal year shall be the calendar year. A membership in the University of Illinois Alumni Association qualifies a person for membership in this association. It shall be the responsibility of the University of Illinois Alumni Association to collect dues.

**ARTICLE III – PURPOSE**

The purposes of the association are to organize and promote an alumni group of the School of Human Resources and Family Studies:

- \* To be of service in the encouraging of high standards of research, teaching and public service in all areas of home economics.
- \* To encourage those activities which help give recognition to the importance of the profession of home economics and its related fields.
- \* To assist the School in encouraging enrollment in home economics.
- \* To encourage the establishment of scholarships, assistantships, fellowships, and grants for home economics students.
- \* To facilitate the exchange of information among alumni of the school.

**ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP AND DUES**

Membership in the SHRFS/Home Economics Alumni Association, University of Illinois shall be:

**Section 1:** Regular Members. Graduates of the School who have earned a bachelor’s, a master’s or a doctor of philosophy degree, persons who were enrolled in the School for at least one semester, persons who have earned a graduate degree in Home Economics Education at the University of Illinois and graduates of the other colleges of the University of Illinois who are now employed in the field of home economics. All must request and pay membership to the SHRFS/Home Economics Alumni Association.

**Section 2:** Associated Members. Any person desirous of promoting the objective of this Association shall be eligible to become an associate member upon application and payment of dues.

**Section 3:** Gift Members. One year's free membership accompanies each degree earned at the University as a gift from the University of Illinois Alumni Association.

**Section 4:** Honorary Members. The Board of Directors may elect honorary members to this association who have given outstanding service to the School.

**Section 5:** Rights of Members. Only Regular Members have the right to vote and hold office in this association.

**Section 6:** Rules. Robert's Rules of Order govern the transaction of business at meetings of the association.

## **ARTICLE V – OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Section 1:** Election and Appointment. Officers of this association shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The President and Vice President shall be elected by members at the annual meeting to serve for one year, must be graduates of the School of Human Resources and Family Studies/Home Economics, shall not be from the resident faculty of the School and shall not serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected at the first meeting following the annual meeting by the Board of Directors, and shall become members of the Board. No officer, other than the Secretary and Treasurer, may hold the same office for more than two consecutive years.

**Section 2:** One Director shall be elected from each of the College of Agriculture Alumni Districts and two Directors-at-large. Directors representing odd numbered districts shall be elected in odd numbered years; directors representing even numbered districts shall be elected in even numbered years. On Director-at-large shall be elected each year for a two-year term and shall serve not more than three consecutive two-year terms.

**Section 3:** Ex officio Members shall be the immediate past president of this association, the Director and one faculty member of the School, one faculty member from the Division of Home Economics Education, the Dean of the College of Agriculture, a representative from the Office of Resident Instruction and the Director of Programs and Services from the University of Illinois Alumni Association. The Board shall make additional ex officio appointments deemed necessary to carry out its general program work.

**Section 4:** The board shall appoint one person to represent this association on the Board of Directors of the University of Illinois Alumni Association and one person to serve as chairperson of the Resource Development Committee. Both appointees shall serve as Board member for a two-year term and shall serve for not more than three consecutive two-year terms.

**Section 5:** The Board Shall make committee appointments as it considers necessary to carry out its general program of work and require reports and accountability from such committees.

**Section 6:** In the event of a vacancy occurring among the officers or directors, such vacancy shall be filled by the Board for the period of the unexpired term.

**Section 7:** Directors absent from more than three consecutive Board meetings may be replaced at the discretion of the officers and directors.

## **ARTICLE VI – DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

**Section 1:** President. The President shall preside at all meetings, appoint committees, and call meetings of the Board of Directors.

**Section 2:** Vice President. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall exercise all the powers and perform all duties of the President. The Vice President shall be coordinator of projects as approved by the Board.

**Section 3:** Secretary. The Secretary shall prepare such reports as directed by the Board of Directors, keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, keep a membership list, keep a record of tenure of officers, board of directors and committee chairperson, and carry out the secretarial duties as directed by the Board.

**Section 4:** Treasurer. The Treasurer shall maintain records of income and expenditure as obtained from the University of Illinois Alumni Association.

**Section 5:** Directors. The Directors shall attend Board meetings and serve on Board Committees, coordinate alumni activities and meetings within their districts (may include activities with the Agriculture Alumni District Director), and carry out other activities as directed by the Board.

## **ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS**

**Section 1:** Officers. The officers shall meet up on the call of the President.

**Section 2:** Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall meet up on the call of the President, or any other officer, for transacting business. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the Board Members present.

**Section 3:** Association. The annual meeting and any special meetings of this association shall be held at such time and place as determined by the officers or the Board of Directors. The secretary shall give ten days' notice to the entire membership stating the date, place, and purpose of the meeting. A quorum shall consist of a majority of regular members present.

## **ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS**

These bylaws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the membership of this association by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the regular members present at such meeting, provided that notice of the proposed amendment was contained in the announcement of the meeting sent to the membership at least ten days prior to such meeting.

**SHRFS/HOME ECONOMICS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
ELECTED OFFICERS AND DISTRICT DIRECTORS  
1974-1976**

President: Mildred Mies Hanley, '33, Saunemin, IL  
Vice President: Wanda Sward Kreig, '47, Galesburg, IL  
Secretary: Norma Hanell Ashbrook, '52, Bloomington, IL  
Treasurer: Carol Bolek, '73, Calumet City, IL

District:

1. Erlene Barron Buford, '49, Stockton, IL
2. Helen Elliott Davies, '41, Downers Grove, IL
3. Meta Keller Olson, '49, Oneida, IL  
Donna Covert Mueller, '70, Williamsfield, IL
4. Dorothy Whitton Herm, '39, Peoria, IL
5. Loretta Nagel Erke, '57, Quincy, IL
6. Delores Parrott Cantlon, '51, Bloomington, IL
7. Helen Drew Turner, '32 (1974), Villa Grove, IL  
Carolyn Montgomery Tucker, '73, '75 (1975), Urbana, IL
8. Jean Dierkes Wehling, '50, Alhambra, IL
9. K. Virginia Seidel, '38, Urbana, IL
10. Brenda Fisher Ferguson, '63, Herrin, IL

At Large: Judith Sims Walsten, '70, Oreland, Pa  
Hope Hotchkiss Niedling, '43, Stevens Point, WI

**1976-78**

President: Wanda Sward Kreig, '47, Galesburg, IL  
Vice President: Lois Mattix Gates, '35, Tuscola, IL  
Secretary: Meta Keller Olson, '49, Oneida, IL  
Treasurer: Catherine Siemen McClelland, '41, Urbana, IL

District:

1. Erlene Barron Buford, '49, Stockton, IL
2. Helen Elliott Davies, '41, Downers Grove, IL
3. Donna Covert Mueller, '70, Williamsfield, IL
4. Betty Johnson Church, '54, '59, Peoria, IL
5. Loretta Nagel Erke, '59, Quincy, IL
6. Delores Parrott Cantlon, '51, Bloomington, IL
7. Patricia Ann McCartney Borelli, '58, Monticello, IL
8. Jean Dierkes Wehling, '50, Alhambra, IL
9. K. Virginia Seidel, '38, Urbana, IL
10. Brenda Fisher Ferguson, '63, Herrin, IL

At Large: Judith Sims Walsten, '70, (1976), Oreland, Pa  
Christine Kaiser Reitx, '71, (1977), Lafayette, IN  
Hope Hotchkiss Niedling, '43, Stevens Point, WI

## 1978-1980

President: Helen Elliott Davies, '41, Downers Grove, IL  
Vice President: Patricia Ann McCartney Borelli, '58, Monticello, IL  
Secretary: Loretta Nagel Erke, '57, Quincy, IL  
Treasurer: Lois Matrix Gates, '35, Tuscola, IL

District:

1. Erlene Barron Buford, '49, (1978), Stockton, IL  
Kathleen Morton Crandall, '76, (1979), Rockford, IL
2. Helen Bitterman Francis, '41, Wilmington, IL
3. Donna Covert Mueller, '70, Williamsfield, IL  
Carolyn Lock Moffitt, '72, Knoxville, IL
4. Betty Johnson Church, '54, '59, Peoria, IL
5. Loretta Nagel Erke, '57, (1978), Quincy, IL  
Ruth Robinson Erb, '47, (1979), Jerseyville, IL
6. Barbara Holford Jurgens, '73, Towanda, IL
7. Barbara Attebery Scott, '50, Champaign, IL
8. Jean Dierkes Wehling, '50, Alhambra, IL
9. K. Virginia Seidel, '38, (1978), Urbana, IL  
Linda Tolan Soltwedel, '66, (1979), Shumway, IL
10. Mary Helen Gelfius (1978)  
Cynthia Glenn Mitchell, '66, (1979), Mt. Vernon, IL

At Large: Christine Kaiser Reetz, '71, Lafayette, IN  
Hope Hotchkiss Niedling, '43, Stevens Point, WI  
Sharon Marshall Hoerr, '71, (1979), Urbana, IL

## 1980-1982

President: Betty Johnson Church, '54, '59, Peoria, IL  
Vice President: Barbara Holford Jurgens, '73, Towanda, IL  
Secretary: K. Virginia Seidel, '38, Urbana, IL  
Treasurer: Patricia Ann McCartney Borelli, '58, Monticello, IL

District:

1. Kathleen Morton Crandall, '76, (1980), Rockford, IL  
Sharon Tonsor Scherer, '71, (1981), Sycamore, IL
2. Doris Ganson Kruger, '45, Peotone, IL
3. Carolyn Lock Moffitt, '72, Knoxville, IL
4. Irene Vogel Freer, '58, Peoria, IL
5. Ruth Robinson Erb, '47, Jerseyville, IL
6. Helen Louise Briggs, '43, Stonington, IL
7. Barbara Attebery Scott, '50, Champaign, IL
8. Anita Turner Rundquist, '47, Butler, IL
9. Linda Tolan Soltwedel, '66, Shumway, IL
10. Mary Campbell Lewis, '43, Simpson, IL

**1980-1982 con't.**

At Large: Janette Mueller, '73, Monmouth, IL  
Sharon Marshall Hoerr, '71, (1980), Champaign, IL  
E. Louise Olson, '73, (1981), Crystal Lake, IL

**1982-1984**

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4. Irene Vogel Freer, '58, Peoria, IL  
5. Ruth Robinson Erb, '47, (1979), Jerseyville, IL  
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7. Barbara Attebery Scott, '50, Champaign, IL  
8. Edith Bassler Duewer, '53, Belleville, IL  
9. Patricia Rider Hildebrand, '61, (1982)  
Martha Bremer, '77, (1983), Mt. Carmel, IL  
10. Barbara Boyd Bauer, '57, (1982), Anna, IL  
Kathryn Bettenhausen, '79, (1983), Carbondale, IL

At Large: E. Louis Olson Rogers, '73, Crystal Lake, IL  
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Doris Neumann Hemstreet, '48, (1983), Kankakee, IL

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4. Joyce Down Shotick, '77, Peoria, IL

**1984-1986 con't.**

5. Ruth Robinson Erb, '47, Jerseyville, IL  
Judith McGrew Taylor, '75, (1985), Chandlerville, IL
6. Beth Morrison Cash, '80, '82, Bloomington, IL
7. Barbara Attebery Scott, '50, (1984), Champaign, IL  
Barbara Hull McGrath, '52, (1985), White Heath, IL
8. Carolyn Rogers Hester, '64, Collinsville, IL
9. Martha Bremer, '77, (1984), Mt. Carmel, IL  
Eugenia Ford Marquart, '50, Effingham, IL
10. Kathryn Bettenhausen, '79, Carbondale, IL

At Large: E. Louis Olson Rogers, '73, Crystal Lake, IL  
Jan Mueller-Temple, '73, (1985), Monmouth, IL

**1986-1988**

President: Edith Bassler Duewer, '53, Belleville, IL  
Vice President: Dr. Kathryn W. Smith, '66, '70, (1986), Urbana, IL  
Susan Kahl Funkhouser, '59, '63, (1987), Mahomet, IL  
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3. Dorothy Giese Emory, '51, Prairie City, IL  
4. Helen Harshman-Edwards, '74, '81, Peoria, IL  
5. Judith McGrew Taylor, '75, Chandlerville, IL  
6. Beth Morrison Cash, '80, '82, (1986), Bloomington, IL  
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7. Barbara Hull McGrath, '52, White Heath, IL  
8. Carolyn Rogers Hester, '64, Collinsville, IL  
9. Eugenia Ford Marquart, '50, Effingham, IL  
10. Brenda Fisher Ferguson, '63, '67, Herrin, IL

At Large: E. Louis Olson Rogers, '73, (1986), Crystal Lake, IL  
Jan Mueller-Temple, '73, (1986), Ainsworth, IA  
Alice Patterson Vernon, '58, '74, (1987), St. Joseph, IL  
Sylvia Wineland Frank, '59, '63, (1987), Murphysboro, IL

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4. Shannon J. McGuire, '87, Chicago, IL  
Cheryl Dobbels, '88, (1989), Oak Park, IL
5. Dorothy Giese Emory, '51, Prairie City, IL
6. Jane Bland Downey, '47, Putnam, IL
7. Sylvia Hardin Thomas, '61, Kankakee, IL
8. Judith McGrew Taylor, '75, Chandlerville, IL
9. Kim Beck, '85, Bloomington, IL  
Dr. Starr Lee Bridge Hull, '64, (1989), Lincoln, IL
10. Mary Ellen Anderson, '84, Springfield, IL
11. Barbara Hull McGrath, '52, White Heath, IL
12. Sharon Tonsor Scherer, '71, Columbia, IL  
Carol Crouch Schlitt, '76, Freeburg, IL
13. Eugenia Ford Marquart, '50, Effingham, IL
14. Brenda Fisher Ferguson, '63, '67, Herrin, IL  
Vera Dean Felts, '63, Carbondale, IL

At Large: Alice Patterson Vernon, '58, '74, (1987), St. Joseph, IL  
Helen Wolcott Horton, '49, (1989), Barrington, IL  
Sylvia Wineland Frank, '59, '63, (1987), Murphysboro, IL

## 1990-1991

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5. Dorothy Giese Emory, '51, Prairie City, IL
6. Susan Colgan Knapp, '77, '82, Magnolia, IL
7. Sylvia Hardin Thomas, '61, Kankakee, IL
8. Judith McGrew Taylor, '75, Chandlerville, IL
9. Dr. Starr Lee Bridge Hull, '64, Lincoln, IL
10. Mary Ellen Anderson, '84, Springfield, IL
11. Lois Bauer Spies, '56, '80, Champaign, IL
12. Carol Crouch Schlitt, '76, Freeburg, IL
13. Eugenia Ford Marquart, '50, Effingham, IL
14. Alice Kay Williams Mayberry, '65, Broughton, IL

At Large: Helen Wolcott Horton, '49, (1989), Barrington, IL  
Mary Manning Mulhall, '76, Chicago, IL

## NEWSLETTER

The first Newsletter of the SHRFS/Home Economics Alumni Association was published in the spring of 1974. The printing and mailing costs were paid for from the membership income of the Home Economics Alumni Association.

Members of the alumni board collected news from the SCHOOL staff and alumni. The production of the NEWSLETTER was a real challenge. Information needed to be gathered, script written, proof reading done, and final printing and mailing. The editors were dedicated volunteers. Jane Buford Scherer persevered and carried the responsibility from 1976-1982. The board members appreciated Jane's dedication for a job well done. Activities and programs demanded more and more time and in 1984 the SCHOOL administrative staff took over the publishing of the NEWSLETTER.

### NEWSLETTER EDITORS

1974-	Carolyn Montgomery Tucker, '73, Urbana, IL Nancy Kay Muirhead, '62, Decatur, IL
1975-	Roberta Hopkins, '51 Monticello, IL Carolyn Montgomery Tucker, '73, Urbana, IL Coena Blair Coffee, '60, Chicago, IL Brenda Ferguson, '63, '67, Herrin, IL Jane Buford Scherer, '69, '74, Urbana, IL
1976-	Diana Henry Moore, '64, '69, Urbana, IL Jane Buford Scherer, '69, '74, Urbana, IL
1977-1982	Jane Buford Scherer, '69, '74, Urbana, IL
1982-1984	Janice C. Olson, '70, '74, Champaign, IL
1984-	Phillip D. Musser, staff
1986-	School of Human Resources and Family Studies staff

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- \* Newsletter, published once or twice a year.
- \* Promoted recruitment of students and job placement of graduates.
- \* Took part in College of Agriculture Guest Day.
- \* Isabel Bevier and Lita Bane portraits rededicated.
- \* Created alumni association membership and network film.
- \* Director's Discretionary Fund established. Representation on College of Agriculture Alumni, Ag Development Fund Committee, Cooperate with Resource Development Council.
- \* Legislative support for strengthening the field of home economics was encouraged.
- \* JBT Scholarship Program supported through recruitment and financing scholarships.
- \* Student Option Clubs given financial assistance.
- \* Redecorating of Student Lounge, Bevier Hall, given financial assistance.
- \* Accreditation by AHEA:

The Home Economics Alumni Association budgeted \$5,000.00 for the two year evaluation process which involved internal analysis and on the sight inspection of the School. Mrs. Turner applied for Accreditation in 1971, however the process was delayed because Mrs. Turner was serving as Acting Head of the Department and resigned before the process started.

Dr. Dunsing and her staff prepared volumes of material as requested by the on site inspection team. On October 28, 1983, Illinois became the first School or Department in the Big Ten to receive accreditation by the Council for Professional Development of the American Home Economics Association.

Excerpts from the AHEA Visit Report Inspection, March 6-9, 1983: Team: Dr. Ruth Deacon, Chairman, Iowa State University, Dr. Martha Jo Martin, University of Missouri, Dr. Nancy Barclay, Virginia Polytechnic Inst., Dr. Judy Annette Jax, AHEA representative/D.C.

A strong home economics alumni group supports the SHRFS. This group is affiliated with the University of Illinois Alumni Association and is active in fund raising and the

recruitment of students into the School. They were instrumental in initiating the AHEA Accreditation process and are extremely supportive of its function. The team commends the home economics alumni for their loyalty to the Director of the School who is, in turn, very supportive of them.

- \* Graduating seniors receive a congratulatory letter and an invitation to become a member of the alumni association. The U. of I. Alumni Association presents each graduate one year free membership.
- \*The District Directors co-hostess with respective Ag alumni Directors for joint Home Economics and Ag alumni meeting within their district.
- \* Cope Report – The Council On Program Evaluation. In 1984-1985 COPE reviewed the College of Agriculture including the School. The College of Agriculture and the School have the most complex mission, program and budget of any college in the University of Illinois. The Advisory Committee on Campus Priorities, functions under the leadership of the Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs and with COPE review colleges and schools throughout the University.

The COPE findings within the School were questions of cost, number of faculty relative to the number of students and structure of administration. In 1983-1984 a \$40,000.00 base budget reduction was made for the School. The following year, 1984-1985 a \$235,000.00 cut was made for the College but the Forestry Department, Urban Extension and the School were specifically targeted. The proposed cuts were severe, making the future of the School questionable and the following had to be considered:

- Disband and reorganize.
- Merge departments within the School.
- Merge Department of Foods and Nutrition with Department of Food Science.
- Reduce faculty appointments from 12 to 9 months.

- \* Jananne Finck, President of the Home Economics Alumni Association, called for a special meeting of the alumni board, on April 27, 1985, to explain the COPE situation and discuss action to be taken in support of the School:
- \* Members of the alumni board sent SOS letters to alumni asking for individual support

and to respond to the Dean. Dean Campbell received over 350 letters in the first week with strong support to keep the School with 4 divisions.

- Letters were written to faculty expressing the concerns of the alumni.
- Dr. Dunsing, Director of the School, and Dean Campbell of the College of Agriculture worked diligently to preserve and stabilized the prime functions of the School and the College.
- On May 12, 1986, Vice Chancellor Goldwasser announced the School would remain with 4 program divisions and under the single administrative structure.

\* Annual Meetings. The first three annual meetings were held Saturday morning, in conjunction with the Homecoming Coffee at Bevier Hall.

October 1, 1977, expanded to all day meeting with business meeting, luncheon and program. September 24, 1988, expanded to include previous evening workshop (2.0 PDU credits, AHEA credits toward retaining the title of Certified Home Economist.)

\* Recognize outstanding alumni. See, "AWARDS".

\* Provide Illini Reception at IHEA and AHEA Annual Meetings.

\* Hostess Young Alumni Meeting in Chicago.

\* "THREADS OF THE PAST A LEGACY TO SHARE", promoted by Jan Mueller Temple and Jananne Finck, alumni board members. Nancy J. Fisher, faculty, and Barbara Black, graduate student, and Dr. Kathryn W. Smith, Board member, coordinated the selection of garments, photography, slide set and script for the booklet. Seventy slides used with an audio tape portray the fine University of Illinois Historic Clothing Collection. Funds are solicited for preservation of the excellent exhibit.

\* A copyrighted booklet, "CARE OF HISTORICAL GARMENTS AND TEXTILES", prepared by the following committee: Dr. Mastura Raheel, Nancy Fisher, Joan Sozen, Susan Funkhouser, and Alice Vernon. Photos and explanations in the booklet accompany 114 slides and an audio tape to be used by students and alumni. This project again supports the historic costume collection.

\* A School Logo, was designed for use on Home Economics Alumni Association stationary, note cards and note pads.

- \* A SHRFS Banner, was purchased for use at School and alumni events.
- \* Certified Home Economist Program supported: The Certified Home Economist Program was introduced at the 1986 AHEA National Meeting of Assembly of Delegates. Certification helps to assure the quality of performance by home economists and interprets to the public the professionalism of the field. The program was received with overwhelming response as 10,000 members made application for the first year.

## SHRFS/HOME ECONOMICS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS

### AWARD OF MERIT RECIPIENTS

1977

#### **KATHERYN VanAKEN BURNS:**

A leader of Home Economics Extension in Illinois from 1923-1956, Burns' dedication to leadership development and improvement of community and family life through extension education had an impact on each county in Illinois. She was the first woman to serve as a member of the Extension Committee on Organization and Policy in the Land Grant College Association. Burns served on the Board of Trustees of the National 4-H Foundation and represented State Leaders on the National 4-H Club Committee. She was very active in state and national home economics organizations, having served as President of the American Home Economics Association from 1936-1938. In 1977, Burns received the AHEA Distinguished Service Award in 1977.

#### **DR. PAULINE C. PAUL:**

Paul was the first Director of the School of Human Resources and Family Studies during 1974-1978. Her career includes teaching, research, and administering home economics programs. In 1974, Paul received the Borden Award for her research work. Her areas of interest included effect of heat on muscle fibers and studies on dehydrated and frozen food. In addition to writing scientific articles, she co-edited, "Food Theory and Applications", a reference work for food laboratories. During 1971-1972, she served as an assistant to the Administrator of Home Economics Cooperative State Research Services, Washington, D.C.

## 1978

### **DR. QUEENIE B. MILLS:**

Mills was honored for her pioneering work in the education of young children. She initiated one of the first intervention programs in the United States for preschool children from low-income families at the U of I Child Development Laboratory. She was instrumental in planning the nationwide Head Start Program. Mills authored instructional materials on effective methods for teaching young children and developed standardized tests that were used nationally, in Canada and Australia.

### **DR. FRANCES O. VanDUYNE:**

VanDuyne was honored for her teaching and research at the U of I. A faculty member for thirty-seven years, she taught advanced level courses in foods and directed research in foods for graduate students. She is the author of numerous journal articles and research publications.

### **MARION KAESER PIPER, B.S. '37:**

Piper was honored for her leadership in business and community involvement. She has served as a member of the board of Pet Incorporated, Missouri Heritage Trust and McKendree College. She has been active in state and national home economics organizations.

## 1979

### **DOROTHY J. IWIG, B.S. '18, M.S. '40:**

Twice during her tenure, Iwig was appointed to the Federal Extension Service to plan a national conference for state home furnishing specialists. While on special assignment at U of I, she selected and supervised installations of furnishings for public areas in the new Lincoln Avenue Residence Hall. In 1955, Iwig was named Midwest Woman of the Year by the Illinois Home Fashions League.

**DR. GERTRUDE KAISER, M.S. '46:**

Kaiser is a professor emerita of extension education with the Cooperative Extension Service at U of I. In cooperation with the Agency for International Development and the State Department, Kaiser was involved with seminars for some six hundred students from sixty-eight countries. She taught in programs for groups including the Illinois League for Nursing, Illinois Agricultural Association, American Hospital Association and American Dietetic Association. During World War II, Kaiser served as Executive Secretary for the Illinois Nutrition Committee. IN 1977, she received the Alpha Zeta Outstanding Teacher Award,

**HOPE HOTCHKISS NIEDLING, B.S. '43:**

Niedling has used her education and leadership skills extensively on a volunteer basis and provided free therapeutic diet instructions to hundreds of elderly persons and expectant mothers. In addition, she is a professional nutritionist and registered dietitian conducting a private consulting business. She served as President of the Wisconsin Federation of Women's Clubs, and held state and national offices in the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution. In 1973, she became a member of the Wisconsin Public Health Association Committee on Aging. She serves on the Advisory Board of the University of Wisconsin-Stout Alumni Association, having received her M.S. degree from there in Food Science and Nutrition. Niedling served on the association boards of the U of I Alumni and the SHRFS/Home Economics Alumni Association.

**DR. LOLA CREMEANS TILLY, B.S. '20, M.S. '21:**

Professor Emerita of Home Economics, Tilly retired after twenty nine years as Head of the Home Economics Department of the University of Alaska. She served as President of the Alaska Home Economics Association and the National Retired Teachers Association, an organization of over 500,000 members. In her home city of Fairbanks, Alaska, she served as president of the American Association of University Women, and the Farthest North Girl Scout Council. Till has been awarded the Distinguished Service Award of the American Red Cross and named Fairbanks Outstanding Woman in 1950. Tilly is a loyal Illini, giving financial assistance to the School for a scholarship.

**HELEN DREW TURNER, B.S. '32, B.S. '49:**

Turner started her professional career as a high school home economics teacher before joining the Cooperative Extension Service, serving as a county advisor and then as an Assistant State leader in Illinois. She was employed by USDA as Program Leader of the North Central Region and later became Assistant Director for Home Economics. The USDA honored her with their Outstanding Performance Rating and Superior Service Award. From 1971-1974, Turn was the Acting Head of the Department of Home Economics at the U of I. In October 1973, she appointed the steering committee for the formation of the SHRFS/Home Economics Alumni Association.

**1980**

**MARGARET GOODYEAR:**

An outstanding faculty member of the U of I from 1938-1974, Goodyear was acting head and then Head of the Home Management Division from 1949 to 1974. Later she served as assistant to the Head of the Department of Home Economics. She played an active part in the evaluation of the Core Curriculum and in implementing the changes. She took major responsibility for expanding the curriculum to develop graduate programs in Family and Consumer Economics and the undergraduate program in interior Design.

**DR. CHARLOTTE HERMAN KERB, B.S. '40, M.D. '48**

A research associate under Dr. Janice M. Smith, Kerr received her M.S. in nutrition from Iowa State, her M.D. from U of I, College of Medicine in 1948. She has a private practice in Seminole, Florida and is gynecology consultant at Bay Pines Veteran Administrative Hospital. She is active in American Medical Women's Association, having served the Chicago branch as president and in 1976 became the national president. In 1980, Kerr accepted an assignment as obstetrician-gynecologist in Taif, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

**DR. JANCIE M. SMITH, A.B. '30, M.S. '32, Ph.D. '37:**

Smith obtained her A.B. degree in Home Economics, M.S. degree in Foods and Nutrition and her Ph.D. degree in Biochemistry. She was an Associate Professor of Human Nutrition Research and established the Diet Research House—the only one of its kind in any land grant college. She did consulting for nutritional publications and organizations which have included the National Research Council and the Grocery Manufacturers of America. She served as a member of the President's National Advisory Committee on Food and Fiber.

In 1944, Smith was named Professor of Nutrition, Department of Home Economics, U of I and in 1950 was named Head of the Department of Home Economics, a position she held until retirement in 1971. During her term of leadership she guided the department through the planning, construction and move to the new building for home economics—Bevier Hall, 905 South Goodwin Avenue, Urbana, IL.

**DR. AUDREY GRONERT GIESEKING-WILLIAMS, B.S. '61, M.A. '63:**

Giesecking-Williams joined the faculty of California State University, Los Angeles, CA, for two years prior to undertaking her doctoral studies at the University of Southern California. In 1970, she was named Assistant Dean for Instructional Planning and Research, School of Fine and Applied Arts at California State University. For four years she served as Associate Dean but in 1976 returned to the Department of Home Economics as Department Chairperson. Giesecking-Williams served two terms as National President-Elect of Phi Upsilon Omicron and was National President in 1978-80.

1981

**DR. DOROTHEY D. DUNN, B.S. '39:**

Dunn was Region V Program Manager of Consumer Affairs for the Food and Drug Administration. She earned a Ph.D. at Purdue University and has done post-doctoral work. Dunn was former Professor and Chairman of the Department of Family, Home Management and Equipment at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. She served in many capacities in local and regional Public Health Departments and was recognized with Fellow status by the American Public Health Association, American Association for the Advancement of Science, American School Health Association, American College Health Association and Society of Public Health Educators.

**HELEN BITTERMAN FRANCIS, B.S. '41:**

Francis formerly worked for the National Livestock and Meat Board. During World War II, she organized and supervised nursery schools for children of working mothers. She has devoted much time and effort to her community doing volunteer work with a hospital advisory board and providing leadership to 4-H Clubs. She has done extensive speaking on consumer interests at national meetings and testified at legislative hearings. Francis served as President of the Illinois Home Economics Association and the Illinois 4-H Foundation Board.

**DR. KATHRYN WATFORD SMITH, Ed.M. '66, Ed.D. '70:**

Smith is Past President of the Illinois Home Economics Association. She was Professor in Home Economics at Illinois State University and Coordinator of the University Occupational Education. She coordinated the Division of Child Development and Family Relations and was Executive Director of the accredited Laboratory Day Care Program at ISU. In addition to teaching graduate courses, advising students, chairing theses and dissertations, writing plans and serving as fiscal agent for research grants, she chaired the Occupational Education Coordinators' Council of nine major Illinois universities. Smith has served her profession on national committees, boards and projects. She has done post-doctoral work in Educational Administration.

**DR. MARGY JANETTE WOODBURN, B.S. '50:**

Woodburn was named the first Associate Dean for Research at the Oregon State University School of Home Economics where she was Professor and Head of the Department of Foods and Nutrition. She earned advanced degrees from the University of Wisconsin and did a post doctoral research study with the U.S. Army at Fort Detrick, Maryland. Woodburn had taught and done research at the University of Illinois, University of Wisconsin and Purdue University. An active professional nationally known for her research on food safety, she received the Borden Award from the American Home Economics Association. Woodburn has served on the Editorial Board for the Home Economics Research Journal.

**1982**

**DOROTHY WHITTON HERM, B.S. '39:**

Herm taught grade school over a ten year period in order to earn money to go to college. Her career started as home adviser in Henry County, IL. Later she taught Home Management and Family Health at Bradley University, Peoria, IL. For thirty years, Herm has been partner with her husband and office manager in The Dick Herm Firm, Peoria Union Stockyards. From 1966-1975, she served on the Illinois Central College Board, as President in 1973-1974. She has supported and held offices in local, state and national home economics organizations. At the Bevier Hall dedication, Herm spoke for alumni. She later served as District IV Director for the Home Economics Alumni Association.

**ALICE GOIST HERRON, B.S. '41:**

Herron started her professional career as a home management supervisor for the Farm Security Administration. She also served as an Illinois Cooperative Extension Service Home Adviser in Will and Kendall Counties. For twenty-three years she was part time instructor in adult education for evening schools and the Tuberculosis Sanitarium Homemakers' Rehabilitation Program. As Dean of North Campus, Joliet Junior College, she was responsible for operating full time instructional extension centers in Bolingbrook, IL and supervising ten other evening instructional satellites each

semester. Her community leadership roles included 15 years as 4-H Leader and 20 years as coordinator of local hospitality for international students. Herron is active in AHEA, IHEA and has served as President of the Illinois Home Economist in Homemaking section.

### **LORRAINE DAVIES TREBILCOCK**

Trebilcock joined the staff at University of Illinois as an assistant professor of Home Economics in 1955 and was a faculty member for twenty years. She was acting chairman of the Textiles and Clothing Department from 1960-1962. Five years later she became a full professor in the department. Trebilcock made 15-20 presentations each year for local groups showing various items from the Historic Costume Collection. For twelve years she was Assistant Director in Charge of wives' programs of the Executive Development Program sponsored by the College of Commerce. In 1965, Trebilcock was named the YWCA "Woman of the Year" for outstanding service to the community and the University. Since her retiring in 1975, she has volunteered innumerable hours to the Champaign County Historical Museum.

### **KATHRYN ARMSTRONG VEGSO, B.S. '51:**

Vegso is Associated Dean of Continuing Education and Public Service at the University of Akron. She started her career as a home economist for the Ohio Edison Company. She is the Director of the Adult Resource Center at the University, serving as a consultant to organizations, universities and industrial groups in the development of lifespan planning programs, an area in which she pioneered, investigated and developed materials. Vegso serves on many community boards of trustees, professional and scholastic honor societies, and has been accorded recognition and honors for her work.

**DR. T. GEITEL WINAKOR, B.S. '50:**

Winakor earned advanced degrees from Drexel Institute of Technology and Iowa State University. Since 1960 she has been a Professor of Textiles and clothing at Iowa State University and in 1973 was named Mary B. Welch Distinguished Professor of Home Economics based on her sound teaching and scholarly research. Winakor has authored research publications relating to fashion, clothing economics and energy-related clothing subjects, held offices on Regional Research Committees and provided leadership in research at the national level. As first editor (1971-1975) of the Home Economics Research Journal, she laid a firm foundation and at the end of her term was given a citation by the Research Section of the American Home Economics Association.

**MARTHA ROSENBERGER ZIMMERMAN, B.S. '58, M.S. '60:**

Zimmerman is Vice President of Zimmerman Farms, Inc., Harvel, IL, where her husband operates a 1200 acre grain and livestock farm. Her professional career began as a teacher of home economics in Taylorville, IL. Zimmerman is very supportive of community and civic activities and has been justly rewarded. She received the Taylorville Diana Award of Epsilon Sigma Alpha for unselfish service to others; was named the outstanding citizen of 1981 by the Taylorville Optimist Club; is a recognized 4-H volunteer; and has served as President of the Taylorville St. Vincent's Hospital Auxiliary. Zimmerman is an outstanding member of the Daughters of American Revolution, having served as the Illinois State Regent and as a national officer at the national headquarters in Washington, D.C. She is a life member of AHEA and IHEA.

## 1983

### **ROSEMARY ARCHIBALD, B.S. '51:**

Archibald is Marketing Communications Manager for the Harper Wyman Company of Hinsdale, IL. She was active in 4-H as a youth, and was an International Farm Exchange delegate to Ireland. She is a strong supporter of the U of I Alumni Association, AHEA, served as chairman of HEIB in 1968-1969 and was a member of the AHEA council for Professional Development. She has worked as district home economist with International Harvester Co., kitchen planning supervisor of the Wisconsin Gas Co., and was named a Charter member of the American Gas Association Hall of Honor in 1981.

### **VIRGINIA GUTHRIE, B.S. '46, M.S. '51:**

An Associate Professor, Home Management, Emerita, Guthrie retired in 1980 after more than twenty years with the University of Illinois. Her professional experiences include teaching elementary school, serving as Moultrie County Extension Adviser, and teaching Home Management and Child Development at Michigan State University. Guthrie has authored many publications and was on the Excellent Teacher list. She is an active member of the local Phi U alums and Area Home Economists as well as AHEA, IHEA, and International Federation of Home Economists.

### **VIRGINIA WESOLASKI JOHNSON, B.S. '61:**

Nutrition Director of Macon County Regional Office of Education, Johnson has combined her duties as homemaker and mother of four children with a lengthy list of volunteer experiences, including PTA, and Decatur Area Arts Council. She is an active member and supporter of AHEA and IHEA, and has served as featured speaker for several states home economics meetings and an AHEA convention on the topic of metrics. In 1973-1974, she served as Chairperson of Illinois HEIH and in 1980-1982 served as National Chairperson of AHEA/HEIH.

**NANCY KAY WALKER, B.S. '60:**

After serving as color stylist for Martin-Senour Paints for several years, Walker founded Color Counselors, Inc., a Chicago firm specializing in color and home furnishings consulting. Her articles on color trends and selling color have appeared in many national trade publications. She has worked in an advisory capacity to college interior design programs, served as state and national president of the National Home Fashions League, chairman of HEIB and chairman of the Housing, Home Furnishings, and Equipment Section of AHEA in 1982-1983.

**1984**

**HELEN WOLCOTT HORTON, B.S. '49:**

Horton began her career in the foods field with Wilson and Company and the National Livestock and Meat Board. In 1956-1962, she was Director of Home Economics and Account Executive for McCann-Erickson, Inc., an advertising agency, then Consumer Services Director for the Pillsbury Company. In 1975, she became Consumer Services Director for Miles Laboratory, and in 1982 she formed her own company, Consumer Communications, Inc., specializing in the development of profit-oriented consumer affairs programs with particular emphasis on nutrition communication. In 1981 she was named both Chicago and National, "Home Economist of the Year". She has served as Chairman of Chicago HEIB, Nutrition Chairman of the Chicago Heart Association, and is on the Board of Directors of the Chicago Nutrition Association.

**MARY BETH STINE, B.S. '59, M.S. '61:**

A dedicated and honored teacher, Stine recently completed her 25<sup>th</sup> year of teaching Home Economics. Her vocational program was the first approved three-phase vocational program in Illinois and her department served as a demonstration center in 1968-1970. She has been actively involved in 18 American Vocational Association Conventions serving as president of both the state and national Vocational Home Economics Teachers Associations. She has served twice on the Governor's Advisory Council on Vocational Education. Among honors she received, are the 1975 Forecast

Vocational Home Economics Award, the IHEA Teacher of the Year Award and the Family Circle Magazine Award. She has been voted Outstanding Teacher of the Year by her own school Student Council and in 1980 was selected for the first Outstanding Teacher Award by the Illinois Vocational Association.

**CLARETA WALKER, M.S. '47:**

After a 40-year Extension Service career, Walker retired from the position of Child and Family Life Specialist. She emphasized family relations and cross-cultural understanding in work with Illinois 4-H International programs. She initiated Illinois' participation in International Farm Youth exchanges and was actively involved in recruiting and orienting 1,200 host families. Her devotion to her profession has continued since retirement and in 1983 she was given national recognition for 29 years of leadership on the International Farm Youth Exchange Committee. She presently serves as a member of the Illinois Council on Family Relations Board, and the U of I Y.M.C.A. presented her with a certificate of appreciation for outstanding community volunteer services.

**1985**

**ROBERTA LARSON DUYFF, B.S. '70:**

Duyff Associates was founded in 1977, as a means of providing professional support to industry, nonprofit and educational organizations in the field of food and nutrition. Duyff has also coordinated video/teleconference programs and media promotion and public relations events. She is active in AHEA, HEIB Section, the Society of Nutrition Education and the American Dietetics Association. Duyff has been recognized by AHEA as a "Home Economist to Watch".

**SUSAN J. FUNKHOUSER, B.S. '59, M.S. '63:**

Funkhouser served the St. Louis District Dairy Council for ten years in the area of nutrition education and Program Coordinator. She has been an ad hoc instructor at Eastern Illinois University and has assisted the Illinois State Board of Education with the development of nutrition objectives and interpretation and overview analysis of nutrition test results. Funkhouser is an active member of the Illinois Nutrition Association, the Society for Nutrition Education, AHEA, IHEA, and is a Past President of Champaign-Urbana Area Home Economists.

**VICTORIA FEIT HENNENFENT, B.S. '60:**

Hennenfent has served as Public Relations Director at Community Memorial Hospital in Warren County, IL. She developed a curriculum for a pilot program for the State of Illinois whereby a select group of Public Aid recipients were instructed in living skills to prepare them to train other Public Aid recipients to better utilize their limited resources. As a volunteer she has contributed to her community through 4-H, Cooperative Extension Service, the Altrusa Club and the United Way Budget Committee. She and her husband are foster parents of 19 foster children.

**LOUISE A. YOUNG, B.S. '32:**

Young retired as University of Wisconsin Extension Specialist in Home Management, after serving her profession for thirty-one years. Over the years she served as Acting Dean for the School of Family Resources and Consumer Sciences at the University of Wisconsin, and is chairman of the Consumer Science Department. Previously she had been an extension adviser. Young is affiliated with AHEA, the American Council on Consumer Interests, and the International Federation of Home Economics. She has served as a director of the Madison Gas and Electric Board and the University of Wisconsin Credit Union. Young was named a Distinguished Fellow in the American Council of Consumer Interests, the USDA Superior Service Award, and the Florence Folgatter Distinguished Service Award from Phi Upsilon Omicron.

1986

**DR. RUTH MCNABB DOW, B.S. '56, M.S. '61, Ph.D. '80:**

Dow served as professor and graduate coordinator of the School of Home Economics at Eastern Illinois University. She provided strong leadership and service to her community as well as the profession. Dow was awarded the outstanding Faculty Merit award and the Outstanding Teacher award at Eastern Illinois University. The school will continue to benefit from her speaking and publishing expertise.

**DR. CLEO FITZSIMMONS, M.S. '33, Ph.D. '45:**

Fitzsimmons was a pioneer researcher and professor in the area of Family Economics for 45 years. She authored several high school and college textbooks. It is estimated that over 10,000 undergraduates and over 60 graduate students have extended the teaching of Fitzsimmons as they pursued careers in teaching, business and community organizations. She served as Kane County Home Adviser, Head of the Department of Family Economics and Resource Management at Purdue University. Fitzsimmons received several awards including a certificate of Distinguished Service from the Indiana Home Economics Association.

**HAZEL HUGHES HASTY, B.S. '28, M.S. '42:**

Hasty retired after teaching home economics for forty-two years. Her last twenty-six years of teaching were at Urbana Senior High School as department head. She served as cooperating supervisor of student teachers in Home Economics Education for the U of I and Eastern Illinois University. She organized the first all boys class in Home Economics at St. Joseph High School. Hasty wrote several articles and developed a course of study in Home Economics for rural high schools, which was later used as a resource for teacher training classes at the U of I.

**BERNICE ENGELKING HAYES, B.S. '40:**

Hayes served as a home economics teacher, a demonstrator for Amana Cooperation and as DeKalb County Home Adviser. Her most rewarding volunteer experience was teaching clothing construction to blind women for fourteen years in Pasadena, California. She has been a member of AHEA since 1942. Other community involvement includes: 4-H leader, Sunday School teacher, Parent Teacher Association and serving as a RIF (Reading is Fundamental) volunteer for twelve years.

**1987**

**DR. COLIEN HEFFERAN, M.S. '74, Ph.D. '76:**

Hefferan joined the USDA in 1979 after working four years at Pennsylvania State University in the area of Behavioral Economics and Human Development. At USDA, she served as an economist in the Family Economics Research Group and most recently as Research Leader. She also taught at the University of Maryland. Hefferan authored numerous publications in the field of Family Economics and shared her expertise at professional seminars and meetings across the country. Her professional involvement and leadership is extensive, including Chairmanship of the AHEA Center for the Family from 1984-1986.

**CAROLINE FARRAR HEINRICHS, B.S. '35:**

Heinrichs served thirty-seven years in the University School Feeding programs retiring after thirty years as Head of Food Service at Newman Hall, University of Illinois. As a charter member of the 4-H House Cooperative Sorority on campus, she has been noted for her on-going leadership and innumerable contributions to the House. Her numerous professional accomplishments include assistance in the founding of the Eastern Illinois Dietetic Association, in which she served as an officer for at least 25 years. The Chicago Restaurant Association also benefited from her leadership.

**DR. CAROL LARSON WARFIELD, M.S. '67, Ph.D. '77:**

Warfield began her career in education as a high school teacher in South Dakota. She is an Associate Professor and Coordinator of Industrial Relations in the Consumer Affairs Department in the School of Human Sciences at Auburn University where she has served on the staff since 1977. She is active in AHEA, Alabama Home Economics Association, Association of College Professors of Textiles and Clothing, American Society for Testing and Materials, and Joint Industry Fabric Standards Committee.

**1988**

**CARYL TOWSLEY MOY, B.S. '54:**

Moy is currently Professor of Child, Family, and Community Services at Sangamon State University and Adjunct Professor of Psychiatry and Family Practice at Southern Illinois University, School of Medicine. In her field of family relations, Moy's contributions include classroom teaching, seminars, workshops, numerous speaking engagements, magazine and professional journal articles and a book she co-authored. Her professional and community involvement is extensive. Among recognitions she has received, is that of Fellow, awarded by the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy.

**JANET TURNEY MULVANEY, B.S. '58:**

Mulvaney is Coordinator of Instructional Services for Area III of Fairfax County, Virginia Public Schools which serves over 37,000 students in 50 schools. She has served as an elementary school principal and has classroom teaching experience at the elementary, intermediate, high school and college levels. Her many professional and community activities include serving as President of the Greater Washington Reading Council. Mulvaney has received local, state, and national recognition for her leadership in this organization.

**WILLIAM P. MEYERS, B.S. '56:**

Meyers is owner and President of Franchise Management System which owns and operates eleven Arby's Roast Beef Restaurants and two Ritzy's Restuarants. His professional affiliations include the American Dietetic Association and the National Association of Colleges and Universities Food Service for which he was served as secretary-treasurer, vice president and president. Meyers has been very active with the SHRFS Hospitality Management Association. In 1985, he established a scholarship which has been presented to 14 students in the SHRFS Restaurant Management program.

**E. LOUISE OLSON ROGERS, B.S. '73:**

Rogers is Vice-President, Northwest Division of Northern Illinois Gas Company. In 1973, she began as a Consumer Affairs Representative and has held a variety of positions, advancing to the vice presidency in charge of 200 employees providing natural gas service to 190,000 customers. She is an active U of I alumna and is serving as chairman of the SHRFS/Home Economics Annual Funds Committee. Rogers served as a member of the School alumni board.

**DR. EMMA MAY BRITTIN WHITEFORD, M.S. '51, Ed.D. '55:**

Whiteford retired from the University of Minnesota as Professor of Home Economics Education, Emerita. During a long career she taught at the University of Cincinnati, Florida State, Bowling Green State (OH), University of Illinois and Illinois Wesleyan. Her record of research projects and publications is varied. Whiteford's memberships include AHEA, American Dietetics Association and American Vocational Association.

1989

**BETTY JOHNSON CHURCH, B.S. '54, B.S. '59:**

Currently on the faculty at Bradley University, Department of Home Economics, College of Education and Health Services, she also serves as College Cooperative Education Coordinator. Church served as consultant for Vocational Fashion Merchandising Programs at Eastern Illinois University. She also served as a vocation high school teacher. Among extensive professional activities, she served as President of the SHRFS/Home Economics Alumni Association, as a member of the Illinois FHA-HERO Board of Directors and as President of IHEA. Honors Church has received include U of I Alumni Loyalty Award and SHRFS Director's Recognition Award in 1985.

**DR. BESSIE DIXON HACKETT, B.S. '57, M.A. '83, Ed.D. '70:**

Hackett retired as Professor Emerita from Illinois State University where she was the Chairman of the Home Economics Department until 1985. She also taught at the U of I and in the public school system at various grade levels. Hackett is past editor of the Illinois Teacher. Her record of research projects and publications is commendable. Hackett is an active member of American Vocational Association and AHEA. She was selected as a member of the Illinois Task Force for the Agricultural Academy. Hackett received the American Vocational Association Certificate of Recognition and the Award of Merit from the Illinois Vocational Association.

**DR. ELIZABETH JANE SIMPSON PUCINSKI, B.S. '41, M.S. '49, Ed.D. '55:**

Pucinski is Dean Emerita, School of Family Resources and Consumer Sciences, University of Wisconsin-Madison. At U of I she was a professor and chairman of the department for Vocational Technical Education and served as chairperson for the Bureau of Educational Research Division of Home Economics. She taught at Purdue University and was a research specialist at the National Center for Educational Research. Pucinski provided professional leadership as President of the American Vocational Association, President of the U.S. Office of Education Vocational Association

and by serving on the Governor's Advisory Council on Children and Families. She received the American Vocational Association Achievement Award, the Faculty Professional Excellence Award from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the Professional Achievement Award from Iowa State University.

**DR. HAZEL TAYLOR SPITZE:**

Spitze is U of I Professor Emerita, having taught home economics education from 1962 to 1987. She served as consultant at a number of colleges in the United States, Canada and in other countries, including Singapore in 1989. Her record of publishing is extensive. Spitze was editor of the Illinois Teacher of Home Economics for 15 years. Her professional affiliations include AHEA, Home Economics Education Association and National Association of Teacher Educators of Vocational Home Economics. Among honors Spitze received are U of I Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award, Outstanding Home Economist Award at Illinois Galaxy, AHEA Leader Award in 1985 and the Distinguished Service Award in 1989.

**1990**

**LOUISE RICE HASSENPLUG, B.S. '47, M.S. '55:**

During 30 years as a college teacher, she was a mentor and strong proponent for home economics. Hassenplug was named Teacher of the Year in 1985 at Winthrop College. Now in retirement, she had an interesting career which had its beginning as a home economist for the U of I Cooperative Extension Service, later serving on the Illinois Home Economics 4-H Club Staff. Actively involved in her profession and the community, she is a past president of South Carolina Home Economics Association, a member of the American Association of University Women and the Alliance for the Mentally Ill. She has also done extensive volunteer work with the American Red Cross. Due to her outstanding leadership and involvement with the mentally ill, the Governor of South Carolina appointed Hassenplug to a 5-year term on the Department of Mental Health Commission.

**SUSANNE LAMAR DUNLAP, B.S. '72:**

Dunlap is a very innovated home economist in the field of food service. Due to her teaching and guidance, Valparaiso University entered the 1990s well-prepared to meet the food service needs of the University staff and students. Her professional involvement includes serving as National Publications Officer for the National Association of College and University Food Services. In addition, she has had articles published in the "Food Management Magazine" and has given numerous seminars. Dunlap has the unique ability to determine what can be done to achieve excellence whether it be in food service, management, teaching or in her own family life.

**SHRFS/HOME ECONOMICS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD**

**1986**

**JANET KREIG, B.S. '77:**

Kreig worked with Wally Hanna to form, "Facility Design Association", an interior consulting firm headquartered in Chicago which provides interior architectural planning, design and implementation services to a broad range of clients. Kreig is involved in professional associations, plus she serves on the interior design advisory boards at the U of I and Mundelein College, Chicago.

**1987**

**DONNA J. KWIRANT, B.S. '81, M.S. '85:**

Kwirant joined Kellogg Co. in 1986 as supervisor of Kellogg Kitchens with responsibilities of coordinating recipe development projects and publications to support public relations and marketing strategies. Previous experiences include teaching, and serving as Consumer Relations Director for Illinois Beef Council. Donna is a Registered Dietician.

**1988**

**PATRICIA HERNECHECK CARTER, B.S. '80**

Carter is a Director of Volunteer Guest Services, Marianjoy Rehabilitation Center at Wheaton. She has also worked as an interior designer and served as a Kane County Home Economics Extension Adviser. Professionally active, Carter has served on numerous committees for the IHEA, AHEA, Illinois and National Associations of Extension Home Economists. Honors she received included Outstanding Young Woman of America in 1981 and 1984, Past President's Award and Peer Award from the Illinois Association of Extension Home Economists.

**1989**

**ELIZABETH MORRISON CASH, B.S. '80, M.S. '82:**

Cash is a Registered Dietician with the American Dietetic Association and at present is Dining Service Manager for the Canteen Company at Diamond-Star Motors, Inc. at Normal, IL. She has previous work experience in teaching and researching at U of I and was a recipient of a four-year National Merit Scholarship. Cash's professional affiliations include the Illinois Nutrition Association and the American Dietetic Association. She also served on the SHRFS/Home Economics Alumni Association Board as a District Director.

**1990**

**ALICE JOHANNA ELLIS SHANNON, B.S. '79, M.S. '81:**

Shannon is a Registered Dietitian and taught in the Home Economics Department at Illinois State University before moving to Texas in 1982. Currently, she is an instructor in Community Nutrition and Dietetics in the School of Allied Health Sciences at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. She teaches classes in Food Service Systems Management, Food and Culture and current topics in Nutrition and is working toward a Ph.D. degree in Human Ecology at UTHSC-H School of Public Health. At an earlier time, Shannon was employed by the Rice Council of America, the Klein School District and Lord and Taylor.

## LOYALTY AWARDS

Loyalty awards are presented by the University of Illinois Alumni Association to the alumni who have shown extraordinary interest in and loyalty to the University and/or the Alumni Association. While faculty and staff who are alumni are eligible for this award, it is primarily for other alumni. Members of the SHRFS/Home Economics Alumni Association who have received the Loyalty Award are:

1974	Helen Drew Turner
1975	None
1976	Hope Hotchkiss Niedling
1977	Mildred Mies Hanley
1978	K Virginia Seidel
1979	Erlene Barron Buford Jane Buford Scherer
1980	Helen Elliott Davies Wanda Sward Kreig
1981	Loretta Nagel Erke
1982	Betty Johnson Church
1983	Patricia Ann McCartney Borelli
1984	Linda Tolan Soltwedel
1985	Ruth Robinson Erb Barbara Attebery Scott
1986	Jananne Finck Janette Mueller Temple
1987	None
1988	Edith Bassler Duewer
1989	Doris Ganson Kruger
1990	Susan Kahl Funkhouser
1992	Kathryn W. Smith

**PIONEERS OF OUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HERITAGE**  
**ISABEL BEVIER**  
**LITA BANE**

BEVIER – THE LADY

There is little information about Isabel Bevier's childhood and early youth. However, there are many motivating influences in what was happening all around her.

She was born on a farm in southwestern Ohio, the youngest of nine children, in a rich and populous region. She taught in a country school the summer before she was 16, and taught for three consecutive summers before going to Wooster Preparatory. Living in a farm home and in an atmosphere of interest for education, Isabel could not escape the impulse which women's education was receiving. Languages, art appreciation, music and literature were considered proper for a woman, if she must be educated.

Miss Bevier was interested in science and her friendship with scientists made it possible for her to envision a scientific approach to human well-being and homemaking. From this beginning, she studied to obtain information on which to form "household sciences." Miss Bevier graduated from the University of Wooster in 1885 and obtained her master's from the same institution in 1888. In that year tragedy struck, changing her whole life. Her fiancé, whom she had known at the University of Wooster, had just completed his course at Harvard Medical School and was taking a short vacation. While swimming with several companions, he drowned. She rarely spoke of this tragic experience.

In tribute to Miss Bevier and her professional life, Dr. Janice M. Smith, Head of the Department of Home Economics, 1950-1971, prepared the following article for Illinois Research, Fall 1962.

## **BEVIER – THE BUILDING**

The first Bevier Hall was built on the campus quadrangle at the University of Illinois. The seven-pillared building was designed by the renowned New York architectural firm of McKim, Mead and White. The building was constructed in two stages, the first completed in 1905 and the second in 1913. Originally named the Women's Building, it contained club rooms and gymnasium just for women, as well as the School of Domestic Science and Arts. This was the first home economics school in the entire country. Today Bevier Hall is the English Building and is occupied by the Department of English.

In 1947 the University honored Isabel Bevier's memory by naming a building for her. In a ceremony on April 17, the Women's Building became Bevier Hall, "Old Agriculture" became Davenport Hall, and "New Agriculture" became Mumford Hall for the two deans, Eugene Davenport and Herbert W. Mumford – "Three Great Leaders" at the University of Illinois.

The following article, from *The Illinois Agriculturalist*, May, 1947, includes a just tribute to Miss Bevier.

## **BANE – THE SCHOLAR**

Juliet Lita Bane and her sister Geneva (Bane) Herzog attended Milliken University, Decatur, IL for two years before studying Household Science at the University of Illinois. The Ban sisters were members of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority and both received B.S. degrees in Household Science in 1912. Both were very active and supportive of the home economics profession. During World War I Lita served in war emergency work in Washington, D.C.; Geneva in government food conservation work, Springfield, Illinois.

Miss Bane's career as a scholar and a professional home economist is highlighted in the following article from The Crescent, the December 1956 issue of the national magazine of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

**Rededication of Portraits of Isabel Bevier and Lita Bane**  
**School of Human Resources and Family Studies**  
**Alumni Meeting**  
**October 18, 1975**  
**Margaret Goodyear**

Thank you for inviting me to have a part in this rededication of the portraits of two of our most distinguished and beloved home economists. I know they will continue to be a source of inspiration to students and faculty in their new locations.

Both were made possible through gifts of alumni and friends.

Miss Bevier's was presented to the University in May 1921, the year she retired. It is the work of Louis Betts, a distinguished portrait painter of New York City, and has long been considered one of the best examples of portrait painting on this campus. To Miss Bevier, Mr. Betts said, "I can paint the executive, the woman, or the scholar. Which shall it be?" Her prompt reply was "the woman." She chose the beautiful blue velvet gown and the artist added the lace scarf. He also removed all her jewelry and anything that would date the painting. He wished it to be a portrait of and for all times.

Of it, Miss Bane wrote, "The portrait pleased Miss Bevier. This portrayal of the kindness, the calmness that bespeaks faith, will be enjoyed by generations who never knew Miss Bevier in her exactitude as a teacher or in her vigor as an administrator, but who will always feel pleasure in this beautiful portrait of the woman."

In the 1950's we were not as farsighted as our predecessors, for Miss Bane's portrait was painted after her death in February 1957.

It is the work of Professor Charles Earl Bradbury of our Art Department, and painter of many of the portraits of University Greats seen on campus.

Of the portrait, he said at the unveiling, "It was a genuine privilege to paint the portrait of Miss Bane. I had always been impressed by her strength of character, and by her attractive personality, sweetness, and charm."

"I painted Miss Bane as I remembered her, and I found the task most engaging. A portrait of Lita Bane would inevitably reflect her love of color. Accordingly, the costume selected for the portrait was one which was quite typical of her taste in dress."

Miss Bane's academic attainments were noted in the painting, by the gown and hood. Her scholarly writings were represented by copies of her books, THE STORY OF ISABEL BEVIER and her INTRODUCTION TO HOME ECONOMICS.

We cherish these portraits as material witness of these gracious women, but more highly valued is the rich heritage they left to home economics at the University of Illinois and the profession as a whole.

Both served as president of the American Home Economics Association, Miss Bevier as the second and Miss Bane as the tenth. Miss Bevier was among the pioneers who charted our course at the Lake Placid Conference. She worked and studied at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Yale, and Columbia Universities, and with the leaders in chemistry and nutrition, such as Ellen H. Richards, W.O. Atwater, and Henry Sherman.

In 1933, Sherman said, "The scientific esteem in which Home Economics is held in any comparable institution is closely proportional to the fidelity with which it has followed the standards set by Miss Bevier."

In 1910, Alfred True, Chief of the Office of Experiment Stations, said, "If anyone should ask me to see a real college department of Home Economics, I should send him first to the University of Illinois."

Her philosophy of education has stood the test of time, for we still believe as she did—that home economics courses should make up approximately 25 percent of the curriculum, and science, history, literature, and art make up the other 75 percent.

The first Home Economics courses at our University were interdisciplinary in nature. One offered in 1900, entitled Home Architecture and Sanitation, was taught by an engineer, an architect, and Miss Bevier.

In 1918 she made this statement:

“Home economics has the chance to teach something of the beauty of life and the unity of life, to teach that there is an art in a well-ordered home and a well-ordered life; and that perhaps is the greatest thing that home economics has to do.” (1918)

And Miss Bane said this regarding her friend: “Miss Bevier’s fine spirit of high courage, strictest honesty, great tolerance, and keen insight were illuminated by a sprightly and kind humor. She was distinguished for the superiority of her intellect, the accuracy of her judgment, the fine flavor of her words and the greatness of her generosity and human kindness.”

Miss Lita Bane, an alumna of this University, became the third Head of the Department in 1936. She brought a broad background of experience and education—graduate study at the University of Chicago and Columbia University, teaching at Washington State University and the University of Wisconsin, work with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, associated editor of the Ladies’ Home Journal, Executive Secretary of the American Home Economics Association.

At the dedication of the new Bevier Hall, Dr. Janice Smith paid this tribute to Lita Bane:

“As head of the Home Economics Department at the University of Illinois she placed high value on scholarly attainment and worked diligently to further the department in sound scientific research, inspired undergraduate and graduate teaching and an

efficient extension service. To this academically strong program, which had been the aim of many of the pioneers in Home Economics, she added a warmth and understanding of the needs of human beings which was peculiarly her own.

“As one of the few women administrators on the campus she guided the department through the difficult years of depression followed by World War II and recovery. Her door was always open to students, her staff, other faculty members and administrators. She had a ready ear for their problems and a manner which enable the person to work out his own solutions and to leave her presence with self-respect intact and some plan for carrying on. Her ready humor, her fund of quotations appropriate for many situations, and her respect for the dignity and worth of man were a source of inspiration to all who came in contact with her.

“Miss Bane has been described by one of her colleagues as the ‘poet’ of Home Economics. Because of her clear thinking, her understanding and love for people, her dedication to home economics, she was often called on to write and speak for and about the program.

“This leader had a compelling influence on the advance of Home Economics in the United States and hence on the training of women throughout the world. A scholar, philosopher, and gentlewoman who was revered by many. People who met her casually and for a short time said, ‘I felt I knew her; she was so real and genuine.’ Literature, history, economics, management, understanding, and love of people were her tools. With these she shaped a philosophy of home economics which is respected by both men and women and by professional as well as non-professional people.”

Most of you know that one of her famous philosophical statements is inscribed on the wall of the lobby of this auditorium. It is worth reading again and again.

Both Miss Bevier and Miss Bane were very close to their alumni. I’m sure they would be proud of all of you—and our alumni organization that has made such good progress in its short life.

10/22/75

## **BEVIER – A NEW BUILDING**

The second Bevier Hall was built in 1956-1957 and dedicated April 6, 1957. This fine new home for home economics was located on the south campus at 905 South Goodwin, Urbana, IL. Dr. Janice M. Smith, Head of the Department of Home Economics, supervised the planning and execution of the new five story contemporary home for home economics. Bevier Hall was designed to house the multi-faceted programs of resident teaching, extension, and research in home economics.

At the same time, a new home for the Division of Child Development and Family Relationships was completed two blocks northeast of Bevier Hall, on Nevada St., Urbana, IL. This building, located in a residential neighborhood, afforded more opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students, to observe and participate in the teaching and research programs in child development, family relationships, and parent education.

## **“THREADS OF THE PAST”**

The following random notes are from the annals of the Board of Trustees, University of Illinois:

- March 1868:** Resolved to admit female students “as soon as means are at our command to furnish proper buildings for the purpose.”
- August 1869:** It was finally decided, by vote of 5 to 4, to admit women to the University.
- March 1879:** A committee of the Board of Trustees reported its approval of Woman’s Hall, but had no money with which to build it.
- June 1881:** A petition to re-establish the School of Domestic Science was refused.
- March 1889:** Women of the university petitioned the board asking for a gymnasium. Referred to a committee to decide whether it was advisable to allow women to take calisthenics.
- June 1889:** Above petition refused.
- November 1892:** Trustees voted appropriation for Woman’s gymnasium. Petition of women’s dormitory received. December 1892 refused.
- September 1895:** Trustees decided to reorganized College of Agriculture. Voted to pave Green Street through the campus.
- March 1896:** Office for Dean of Women created.
- June 1897:** Board voted to admit women to School of Medicine.
- May 1900:** First Maypole Dance by women’s physical training class.
- September 1900:** Organized Department of Household Science. Construction of College of Agriculture building contributed to growth and expansion of college.
- June 1903:** The first graduating class of the Department of Household Science consisted of 3 young women.
- April 1904:** Work begun on Woman’s Building. (first stage completed in 1905, the second in 1913).
- June 1911:** Miss Isabel Bevier delivered AHEA President’s address, at San Francisco. Her topic was, “The Home Economics Movement.”