Message From The Chair:

Happy Holidays and Greetings from the Department of Human Sciences at SFA! I hope this greeting finds all well with you and your loved ones and family.

Two thousand seven has been a very productive year. Enrollment is up in the department and we now have 80% of our graduate courses on line (with the hopes of soon having 100% MS in Human Sciences on line) and we have been re-named The School of Human Sciences.

We have added new faculty and have been traveling to many places to broaden our students’ perspectives of the global environment in which they live. Faculty in the department remain as energetic as ever ensuring that our students graduate with a broad understanding of the world!

Our hospitality program is hosting luncheons on a regular basis (if you are in town, please contact Dr. Wittenbach and have our students serve you) and our Fashion Merchandising program placed both 1st place in the Wool and Cotton and 3rd in the Mohair Trend Board Awards at the Fashion Group International Career Day in Dallas (SFA’s name is out there!). It is a fun time at SFA......please come visit and see all the new faces. And, please let us know what you are doing– we want to stay connected. Take time to enjoy your family and friends during this season...........................................Cheers,

Lynda Martin

AAFCS Site Visit= SUCCESS

In February, the Department of Human Sciences hosted the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences accreditation team site visit. The last accreditation was granted in 1996 for 10 years. Accreditation means that the department has met or exceeded the standards established by AAFCS’s Council for Accreditation for the diverse program areas offered within the department. Accreditation is formal recognition that the standards of the programs in which students are enrolled meet nationally accepted standards of quality education.

The department wishes to thank the many students, family, alumni, and employers who met with the team members and shared their experiences and views about the department’s programs and graduates. Their participation contributed to making the visit an informative and successful one. We look forward to hosting another site visit in 10 years.

Food, Nutrition, and Dietetics Still Going Strong

The Foods, Nutrition and Dietetics Faculty and students continue to provide basic nutrition screening and education through public health fairs. During Summer II they worked with the East Texas Health Access Network at a medical camp in Pineland. On September 29, they participated in the Kids Health Fest 2007 with the Child Health Partnership at Few Primary School in Jasper. They are also offering nutrition services through the new SFA Student Wellness Center
What's Happening in Human Sciences

**HMS EXPLORES THAILAND 2007**

Fashion Students at the Meadows Museum

Hospitality Students preparing for Quantity Foods Lab

**Student Forum Fall 2007**

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**Edna Wilkin Teagarden Alumni Award**

**Exemplary Service in Human Sciences**

Amy Huchtons Harper graduated from SFA in 1998 with a major in Fashion Merchandising. As a student, she distinguished herself in academics and leadership. She began her professional career working at The Gap in Dallas where she interned as a student. She progressed to a position as Assistant to the Owner/Buyer of Three Hearts Boutique in Dallas, Texas. From there, she joined the Dallas Market Center where she currently holds the position of Senior Marketing Manager of Retail Development. In addition, she presently serves the Fashion Group International, Inc. as an officer and board member.

Amy maintains close ties with SFA as a member of the Advisory Board for Fashion Merchandising and as a frequent guest speaker for classes. She faithfully supports the alumni activities of the Human Sciences Department by attending annual Dallas SFA Alumni Dinners.

The letters of recommendation offered on Amy’s behalf highlighted many of the keys to her success. She was described as a model student, a success in the fashion industry, an excellent mentor for current students, and above all, a wonderful person. Amy has represented SFA and the Department of Human Sciences well and has achieved a level of success desired by many in the fashion industry.

****OUR FASHION MERCHANDISING PROGRAM IS STILL GROWING.....IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WITH A MS IN FASHION WE HAVE A POSITION OPEN - www.sfasu.edu/hms****

**Leisha Bridwell:**

**Teacher Excellence Award**

Ms. Bridwell has been an outstanding and dedicated professional in the Department of Human Sciences for over 12 years. She’s committed to excellence in teaching as well as her design work. Students appreciate and value her energy and professional expertise and were excited about her nomination for the excellence award.

The faculty and staff also are pleased to have such a quality colleague and friend.

**Human Sciences Takes Walt Disney World**

Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida is the #1 resort in guest service training for those going in the hospitality industry and other related fields. The world-renowned company was named No. 1 in Business Week’s “Best Places to Launch a Career” list. Each semester, SFA is represented in Orlando by many students. Bradford Whitmore, a Hospitality Junior, was named Cast Member for March 2007, Cast Member of Semester 2007, and won the Manager’s Choice Award. The Disney College Program Cast Members have the opportunity to build transferable skills that include relationship building, problem solving, and written and verbal communication. Interns also can explore networking opportunities and take classes that will provide additional insight into leadership and management concepts. Last but not least, students make friendships that cover the globe.

**Congrats to…….**

- Phyllis Gilbert, Spirit Award
- Chay Runnels, named Coordinator for Hospitality
- Dr. Lisa Mize, named Associate Dean
- Dr. Lynda Martin, named full Professor
- Our HMS FND Major, Michael Bonessi named Homecoming King 2007!

**Surprise Dr. Martin!**

Happy New Year
Fashion Merchandising Students Sweep Dallas Career Day

Forty SFA fashion merchandising students, along with three faculty members attended the Fall 2007 Career Day at the Dallas World Trade Center, hosted by Fashion Group International of Dallas. Career Day is a 38 year tradition that has recognized over 6,000 young designers and provided an educational forum for as many as 30,000 students. SFA students have attended the event for at least 25 years. This year, 41 universities and approximate 1,000 students attended Career Day. Faculty members that attended the event were Dr. Becky Greer, fashion merchandising professor, Dr. Lynda Martin, Department Chair, and Dr. Janie Kenner, fashion merchandising professor. Every year, students enter competitions, including trend boards, associated with Texas natural fibers, such as Cotton, Wool, and Mohair. Two students placed first and one placed third.

Child and Family Development Visit Children’s Medical Center in Dallas

This past fall, a group of Child and Family Development students and Phyllis Gilbert, Dr. Marie Saracino, Dr. Lynda Martin and Dean Jacobson, toured one of the top children’s hospitals in the nation, Children’s Medical Center of Dallas. The primary purpose of the program was to tour the Child Life facilities and meet with the Child Life Director and staff. Child Life Specialists use their background growth to help children and parents understand what to expect throughout the hospital experience. Child life specialists meet and provide appropriate explanations of upcoming procedures that help a child with any questions and fears.

The Department of Human Sciences Welcomes New Faculty

MARY OLLE

Mary Olle is a true SFA alum with both a BS and MS in Family and Consumer Sciences. Along with a food and beverage background, Mary has taught Family and Consumer Sciences for the past 14 years in public schools in Laneville and San Augustine, Texas. Mary will be great leading the Family and Consumer Sciences Program. Welcome Mary!

CAROL BRADLEY

Carol Bradley came to SFA from Lufkin with an extensive industry background in nutrition. With a Masters in Nutrition from the University of Texas in Austin, Carol has spent the last 20 years working in hospitals and companies such as Brookshire Brothers where she was the Corporate Dietitian and Food Safety Trainer. We are proud to have Carol as part of our Food, Nutrition, and, Dietetics team. Welcome Carol!

DONNA PHARRIS

Donna Pharris came back to SFA from Sam Houston State University and Kingwood College where she taught interior design classes for four years. Her background includes a BS in Interior Design from SFA and a MA in Architecture from the University of Houston. Donna has 14 years experience in the Interior Design Field and is currently working towards her Ph.D at Texas A&M. Welcome Donna!

Hospitality Senior Awarded Scholarship

The International Association of Conference Centers (IACC) awarded Samantha Mora third place recognition in their annual scholarship competition in February of 2007. IACC is the professional association for members of the conference center industry. IACC establishes very high standards of operation for its members that make meetings the focus of any gathering. Samantha is a senior in Hospitality Administration with a 4.0 overall GPA. Part of her award was a trip to the IACC annual conference in New Jersey where she made valuable networking contacts with professionals.