Coming Home
Alums Share Homecoming Memories

When Sally Schnaiter Lugar, BS ’56, attends Purdue’s Homecoming this fall, it will mark the 50th consecutive Homecoming for this former Purdue cheerleader.

“We look forward to meeting all our friends for a tailgate … we’ve had the tailgate for many, many years,” says Lugar, who resides in Indianapolis. “We also meet after the game to visit our sorority and fraternity and then have dinner. We love seeing our friends who travel back for Homecoming.”

The opportunity to visit with friends is why many alumni return to campus for Homecoming. Some alums make plans months in advance to meet up with friends, while others are pleasantly surprised by whom they bump into.

Such was the case for Janet Marsh Johnson, BS ’63, from Blacksburg, Virginia, who met up unexpectedly with a former classmate, Betty VanAkkeren Robert, BS ’63, of Holden, Massachusetts.

“Betty and I were classmates, and three years ago, we returned for Homecoming and connected — after only exchanging holiday cards for several years!” Johnson says. “We had so much fun we decided to make it an annual event.”

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This fall marks 10 years since I have been enrolled at Purdue as a student, but I still turn my thoughts towards West Lafayette and Purdue at this time of the year. Fall is my favorite season ... the days are getting shorter, the cold weather is closer than ever, and the leaves will soon be turning brilliant colors. Students are excited about getting back to campus to learn new things and meet great new people, and of course, we look forward to a new season of Purdue football with high hopes!

I fondly remember many things about Purdue as we approach the fall: being scared out of bed by the banging of pots and pans by the men from a cooperative house who woke us up at Glenwood with breakfast on the first day of school (good way to make sure we all got up for class that day!); the long nights studying so that my grades would be good enough and my parents would not be distressed about all of my “extracurricular activities” (both Purdue-sanctioned and not!); and most importantly, the lifelong friendships that I made with fellow Purdue students, professors, and administrators that I treasure to this day.

The *Focus* newsletter allows me to keep up with many of those special people, while also keeping me informed about what's happening in the fast-paced environment at Purdue and CFS in particular. We can all feel proud that Purdue’s strategic plan of learning, discovery, and engagement is making significant progress toward the goal of Purdue becoming a preeminent university.

Inside this issue of *Focus*, you will meet two dynamic CFS alumnae who are making a name for themselves within the worlds of fashion design and family and consumer sciences education. Even more interesting — they are mother and daughter! And we’d like you to meet a group of brand new alumni, the 2005 Outstanding Seniors, who made their mark while at Purdue and are now beginning their professional careers. You will also meet Karen Zotz, the new program leader for CFS Extension, and learn about some exciting new program initiatives being rolled out by CFS Extension.

As we each have our own fond memories of our time at Purdue, I encourage you to reminisce about what made Purdue so special to you, who and what stands out about your time on campus, and how you might reconnect to those memories. Begin by reading this issue of *Focus*, tracking down a fellow Boilermaker whom you’ve lost touch with, or even getting involved with your local Purdue alumni club. I guarantee that it will be a good use of your time and rejuvenate your school spirit!

Hail Purdue!

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Julie A. Eddleman, BS ’92, MS ’95
President, CFS Alumni Association
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Each year, Homecoming draws about 400 CFS alumni and friends back to the West Lafayette campus. They come from across the state, throughout the Midwest, and beyond. Sometimes, they even come from overseas, like when Marcia Cone Esaki, BS ’73, traveled from Aichi-gun, Japan, to attend the CFS 75th anniversary celebration during 2001 Homecoming.

While Homecoming naturally lends itself to memorable moments, some are more memorable than others. Judi Mosser Merkel, BS ’68, and her husband, Mark, of Geneva, Indiana, have only missed three Homecomings since they graduated. Of all the years, the one that stands out is Homecoming of 1968. Why? Because Judi gave birth to daughter, Angie, just days before the game.

“The Wednesday before Homecoming, I was dismissed from the hospital,” she recalls. “I still remember the look of shock and awe the doctor gave me when I asked if he thought I would be able to go to the game on Saturday.”

With doctor’s orders to take it easy and to ‘not climb many steps at the stadium,’ the Merkels left their newborn daughter with Mark’s mother and headed to Purdue. However, upon arrival at the stadium, they found their seats were the second row from the top.

“Mark was concerned, so we would take a few steps, then rest … take a few more steps then rest again. We gradually made our way to the top,” Judi says. “When we finally reached our seats, everyone who had been watching our progression cheered and applauded!”

The Merkels fondly recall attending Homecoming years later with Angie, then a Purdue student. “It was a delight to share some of those Homecoming rituals with her,” she says. “We are so proud that the three of us all graduated from Purdue — that’s where it all began for the Merkel family.”

Many would agree that there is a special magic surrounding Homecoming. Things that were once lost — friendship with a classmate, school spirit … even a sorority pin — can be reclaimed.

It was the spring of 1947, and Barbara Bauman Plochman, BS ’48, of Wilmette, Illinois, had just returned from a basketball game when she noticed that her pearl-encrusted sorority pin was missing. Thinking she lost it at the game, she called the stadium but it hadn’t been turned in. In the following days and weeks, it failed to turn up. The next spring, she married her husband, Carl, and moved to Chicago a year later. In the years that followed, they returned to campus for Homecoming, always taking time to stop by their sorority and fraternity houses.

“One year following the Homecoming game, I was standing in the living room of my sorority house when a young member of the house walked in saying, ‘Does anyone know a Barbara Bauman?’ In her hand lay my pin! Someone had just spotted it under a small bush in the front yard,” Plochman recalls. “Somehow the pin had found its way there and lay hidden for four or more years, waiting until the owner was back in the house to claim it!”

For every Homecoming story told here, there are thousands of other untold stories. Stories of friendship, good times, love, and even loss. We carry these stories with us — to remind us and keep us connected to our past, our time at Purdue.

We hope you are making plans to attend Homecoming this fall. Invitations were mailed in early August. For information on all Purdue Homecoming activities, visit www.purdue.edu/homecoming. Join us as we make some new memories!
CFS Recognizes Two Leaders with Honorary Doctorates

Dr. Munro Peacock and Peggy Wild received Honorary Doctor of Science and Honorary Doctor of Letters degrees, respectively, from Purdue University in May 2005.

Dr. Munro Peacock has distinguished himself as a world-renowned scientist who has played a central role in developing clinical research at Purdue University. He is currently director of the General Clinical Research Center at Indiana University School of Medicine. Dr. Peacock is internationally known for his work in calcium metabolism and genetic and biochemical determinants of bone mineral density. He has provided great leadership in building collaborative programs between Purdue and the IU School of Medicine.

Born and raised in Darvel, Scotland, Dr. Peacock was educated at Glasgow University, earning a bachelor of medicine degree and a bachelor of surgery degree in 1960, and at the Royal College of Physicians (RCP) in London, where he earned status as a member of RCP in 1968 and as a fellow of RCP in 1978. He did his residency at St. Mary’s Hospital in London and at MRC Rheumatism Unit in Taplow, England, between 1960 and 1965. He held positions at Leeds University in England and Harvard University between 1965 and 1986.

During those 20 years, Dr. Peacock was directly involved in the classification of the hypercalciurias that is now in regular use in clinical practice throughout the Western world.

Dr. Peacock joined the faculty at the IU School of Medicine in 1986. Since moving to the United States, he has widened the scope of his scientific studies. He has increasingly shown interest in childhood growth and development and has made significant contributions to the field.

Peggy Wild has distinguished herself in education as an energizer of teachers across the nation, transforming the way the family and consumer sciences (FACS) curriculum is taught in Indiana and beyond.

She is the state specialist in FACS education in the Office of Career and Vocational Services for the Indiana Department of Education. She is credited with providing leadership, vision, and determination in spearheading both state and national curriculum revisions to move middle and secondary school teaching of family and consumer sciences into the 21st century.

Wild has collaborated extensively with Purdue and is an active member of the Consumer and Family Science Education Advisory Board.

Raised in Tucson, Arizona, Wild received all of her degrees at the University of Arizona, earning a BS in home economics education in 1968, a BA in elementary education in 1971, an MS in home economics in 1975, and a doctorate in secondary education in 1979.

In 1981, she moved to New Hampshire and taught at Kingswood Regional High School, later becoming the state supervisor for vocational home economics for the Department of Education. From there, she became director of education, publications, and annual meetings for the American Home Economics Association and national marketing manager of vocational education for McGraw-Hill School Publishing Company.

Wild has earned numerous career honors, including the Indiana Association of Career and Technical Education Award of Merit in 2004.

Research Finds Races React Differently to Dietary Salt, Calcium

Research in the Department of Foods and Nutrition shows that African American and Caucasian adolescent girls handle sodium and calcium differently, which may help explain why the two races have different rates of hypertension and osteoporosis.

The findings are based on results from Camp Calcium, a summer camp conducted by the Department of Foods and Nutrition and funded by the National Institutes of Health since 1990. The camp is designed to investigate various aspects of calcium metabolism in adolescent girls and boys.

“We found a racial difference in calcium retention in adolescents, we also confirmed that African Americans retain more sodium on a high-salt diet than Caucasians,” said Connie Weaver, distinguished professor and head, Department of Foods and Nutrition.

“This proves that salt is processed differently in the races, but too much in the diet reduces bone density in both races.”

Other camp findings include:

■ Adolescent girls need to have the equivalent of four cups of milk a day to take full advantage of the time when their bodies develop peak bone mass.

■ Adolescent girls keep 25 percent of the net calcium they consume, but by the time they are young women, it drops to 5 percent.

■ Caucasian adolescent girls lose more calcium through their urine than African American girls.

For more information on Camp Calcium, visit www.cfs.purdue.edu/fn/campcalcium or call the department at (765) 494-8228.
CFS welcomes two new faces to the Office of Development and Alumni Relations. Both Lora Adams and Laura Sloop are directors of development.

Hoosier native and Purdue alumna Lora Adams joined CFS in April after first serving as a development officer for the Krannert School of Management at Purdue. Her bachelor’s degree is in theatre design and technology. She also earned a master’s in arts administration and a master’s in business administration from Southern Methodist University.

After completing her education, she joined the Repertory Theater of St. Louis before returning to Indiana. Prior to Purdue, she worked as a fundraising professional for United Way of Johnson County and Visiting Nurse Service.

Adams stays close to her theatre roots by volunteering with Civic Theatre of Greater Lafayette as a costume designer. She also serves on the board of directors of the Indianapolis Arts Chorale, is an advisor to the Purdue Women in Business student organization, and is a faculty fellow at Hillenbrand Hall.

Laura Sloop, also a Hoosier native, joined the CFS staff in June. Previously, she worked at Manchester College as the assistant director of development. While at Manchester, she also served as co-advisor to the college’s Student Alumni Council, member of the college’s marketing committee, and cheerleading coach.

A 1999 graduate of Manchester, Sloop earned a bachelor’s degree in communication with a minor in journalism. In 2003, she earned a certificate of achievement from the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University for coursework she completed.

Prior to Manchester College, Sloop was on the editorial staff of the Times-Union Newspaper in Warsaw, Indiana.

She enjoys photography, scrapbooking, reading, and spending time with her fiancé, Greg, and with friends and family — including her 28-pound cat, Kody.

Purdue, IU Work to Improve Early Child Care

Purdue University is teaming up with Indiana University to establish Infant-Toddler Specialists of Indiana, a network for professionals who work with infants and toddlers. The project is made possible by a $275,000 grant from the Indiana Child Care Fund.

“The need for child care and special services for the birth to 3-year-old age group has expanded in recent years, yet there’s very little advanced training in Indiana in that area,” says Jim Elicker, associate professor in the Department of Child Development and Family Studies. “This network will allow us to bring people together from around the state to assess what’s available and to create new professional development tools.”

For more information on the Infant-Toddler Specialists of Indiana, call (765) 494-2938.
Like Mother, Like Daughter

CFS alums Mary Sue and Kristine Burkhardt are leading the way

In the Burkhardt family, the apple doesn’t fall far from the tree. Wife and mother Mary Sue and daughter Kristine are both CFS alums who literally are making headlines in consumer and family sciences, each in different ways.

Mary Sue, BS ’70, a family and consumer sciences educator for more than 30 years, is earning accolades for her recently published FACS textbook, Developing Career and Living Skills (JIST Publishing, 2005). She is department chair of the Family and Consumer Sciences Department and the career education teacher at Twin Lakes High School and the Indian Trails Career Cooperative in Monticello, Indiana. Her book was voted “Best Book” in the education/teaching/academic category by the Publishers Marketing Association.

Meanwhile, Kristine, BS ’01, is starting to make a name for herself as well. Kristine is a fashion designer based in Houston. Her clothing line, West of East, was featured in a June Houston Chronicle article about summer fashion trends.

Real Life Lessons

After 33 years of working in family and consumer sciences education, Mary Sue can honestly say there’s nothing she would rather do. As a teen, she loved her home economics classes in high school, and when it came time to go to college and choose a major, she didn’t have to think twice. At Purdue, she earned a bachelor’s degree in vocational home economics education in 1970 and a master’s in education in 1974.

“My passion is teaching,” says Mary Sue. “Everything I teach is so real world. I never have a student ask, ‘How am I ever going to use this in real life? That just never comes up in my class.”

Mary Sue is lead teacher for the Orientation to Life and Careers course (a class she developed and for which her textbook is written), overseeing curriculum development and teacher training. In addition to teaching other FACS classes, she coordinates the Interdisciplinary Cooperative Education program.

“That’s a lot of hats to wear … I actually met myself coming the other day!” she laughs. “But it’s all for the kids. That’s why I’m willing to teach all these classes and do these programs.”

Mary Sue’s life, which was already quite hectic, became a little more so during the summer of 2002. While attending the Indiana Association of Family and Consumer Sciences conference, she was approached about writing a textbook for the Orientation to Life and Careers class.

“This editor said she had heard I was the ‘expert’ in this subject area in Indiana and asked if I was interested in writing a textbook,” Mary Sue recalls. “I said, ‘Oh sure,’ just like that! I didn’t even really think about it.”

For the next two and a half years, she set a rigid schedule for herself, blocking out time to write every Sunday afternoon and evening and every weeknight after dinner. She credits her husband, Ron, for his willingness to take over many household chores in addition to helping proofread and brainstorm.

“I had no idea what I was getting into,” she says. “I don’t know if I would do it again knowing what I do now … well, knowing me, I probably would!”

Mary Sue’s textbook is garnering praise, in part, because it’s specifically written to meet the state standards for the Orientation to Life and Careers curriculum. She wrote the textbook in a conversational style as if she is talking directly to the students. “I had to fight for that, but now it’s one of the things people really like about it,” she says.

Mary Sue Burkhardt (right) signs a copy of her book at the 2005 annual meeting of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.
This halter top, designed and modeled by Kristine Burkhardt, reflects both Western and Eastern cultures. Her clothing line is called West of East.
Growing Up, Not Apart

Researcher examines ties between adult children and parents

Relationships between parents and their children are among the longest lasting. While marriages can dissolve and friendships can fade, the ties between a parent and child endure — sometimes despite distance, conflicting demands, and differences of opinions. As parents and their children age, the dynamics of the relationship change, but the bond between the generations matures and grows, and can create what Karen Fingerman, PhD, associate professor in the Department of Child Development and Family Studies, calls a “distant intimacy.”

“There are no social or legal sanctions that make you keep in touch with your parents,” says Fingerman. “I’m interested in how people keep these relationships going, especially when parents and their grown children are separated by distance. I wanted to explore how parents and offspring keep connected, what kinds of problems they face, and what their worries are.”

With nearly half of American adults residing more than 50 miles from their parents, Fingerman sought to discover how geographic distance affected their ability to engage in emotional and functional exchanges with their parents.

In the study, funded by the National Institutes of Health, Fingerman says she expected to find that the greatest challenges facing adult children and their parents who live far away would be the inability to provide functional support for each other. This might include grandparents providing child care for grandchildren or adult children helping aging parents with tasks around the home.

“Surprisingly, we found that for most adults the greatest challenge was the inability to engage in face-to-face contact with their parents,” she says. “We really thought it would be about the amount of help that children and their parents could provide to each other, but you can compensate for that. You can find someone to watch your kids or do your yard work. You can’t find someone to be your parent or your son or daughter.”

Despite the lack of physical contact, the majority of adult children and parents who live long distances from each other consider their relationship close. According to Fingerman, intimacy between aging parents and grown children is defined by two characteristics: recognition of the other person as an individual with strengths and weaknesses, and a deep concern for the other party’s well being.

“Although parents and offspring who reside at a distance cannot actively participate in one another’s day-to-day lives, they may still experience a sense of intimacy,” she says. “Geographic separation is not a barrier to close relationships.”

Findings from Fingerman’s study suggest that adults who live far from parents find ways to compensate for the distance. For example, adults talked with their parents on the phone an average of one to two times a week.

Despite being able to keep in touch via the telephone and e-mail, most adults in the study wished they lived closer to their parents and that they could see each other more often.

“It’s interesting that despite all the means there are to keep in touch, people still miss the visual element,” she says. “Many of us do live far from our parents, so that really hit home.”

Karen Fingerman is the Berner Hanley University Scholar and an associate professor of developmental and family studies. She has researched the ties between adult children and parents for the past 10 years, including the mother-daughter relationship and the relationship between engaged adults and their prospective in-laws. To contact Fingerman, call (765) 496-6378 or e-mail karenf@purdue.edu.
Each year, the CFS Alumni Association recognizes an Outstanding Senior from each department. Purdue faculty and advisors select the students on the basis of scholarship, leadership, professionalism, and community service. The following Outstanding Seniors either graduated in May 2005 or will graduate in December 2005.

**Hospitality and Tourism Management**

Throughout his Purdue career, **Joshua Alexander** excelled in and out of the classroom. When high school classes visited, he was always willing to share his experiences with these prospective students.

Alexander was a CFS Student Ambassador and a member of the CFS Student Council and HTM Society. He was a Boiler Gold Rush freshman orientation program team leader and a resident assistant at Wiley Hall. In 2002, he attended the Emily Mauzy Vogel Sophomore Leadership Development Conference and returned the next year as a conference leader.

**Consumer Sciences and Retailing**

As a retail management major, **Betsy Gangstad** participated in the CFS Honors Program and, as part of her honors project, developed a research study examining the effect of retailers’ service recovery attempts on the consumer’s choice of shopping channel.

Gangstad served as a CFS Student Ambassador and vice president of member education for Delta Gamma Sorority. She was a member of the Gimlet Leadership Honorary and Golden Key International Honour Society. Active in Purdue’s Panhellenic Association, Gangstad served on the associate board of directors and later as vice president of operations.

**Foods and Nutrition**

An outstanding international student from Peru, **Anunziata Morris** received the Eli Lilly Academic Achievement Award in 2004 and the Hispanic Business Student Association scholarship for most enthusiastic member.

She exhibited leadership in the Foods and Nutrition Society and the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, and served on the college’s Mary Matthews Teaching Award Selection Committee.

To gain professional experience, she worked for the department’s Camp Calcium research project. Her community service includes working with low-income mothers in the maternity ward of a hospital in Lima, Peru.

**Child Development and Family Studies**

As a student at Purdue, **Ann Scott** is no stranger to hard work. A member of the CFS Student Council since fall 2003, she served as council president in 2004–05. She is a member of Kappa Omicron Nu. In April 2004, she was appointed to the President’s Round Table and represented CFS on the committee that selected the 2005 Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award recipient.

She has assisted with a research project in the department on child-parent attachment relationships and has volunteered at a middle school, working with special education students. Following graduation in December 2005, she plans to pursue a graduate degree in marriage and family therapy.
A highlight of the annual Home and Family Conference is the Indiana Extension Homemakers Association Chorus, Melody Makers of Indiana. The conference was a full three days of speakers, workshops, and entertainment.

Spring Fest Thousands of alumni, friends, and community members flocked to campus for the annual Spring Fest event. In the CFS tent, kids’ activities included a sandbox and face painting.

Felker Conference Robert Egger (left), president and founder of DC Central Kitchen, spoke at the Felker Conference about how he got involved in food rescue. His organization produces 4,000 meals per day using rescued food.

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Senior Send-off  As students were preparing to wrap up the spring semester, CFS hosted a Senior Send-off for those students graduating in May 2005. There were refreshments and each senior received a gift.

Camp Calcium  Lu Wu (left), a master’s degree student in the Department of Foods and Nutrition, keeps track of physical fitness scores for students participating in the department’s Camp Calcium research project. This year’s study focused on Asian adolescents and is the first time physical activity has been taken into account as part of the research on how the body processes calcium.

Cooking with Chef Carl  Carl Behnke, chef and instructor, held three cooking classes this summer, showcasing southwestern, vegetarian, and healthy cooking.

CFS Graduation  More than 300 students graduated from CFS in May 2005. Here, senior Betsy Gangstad celebrates with her parents, John and Deborah Gangstad, at a CFS reception following the ceremony.
After nearly nine years of living in the wide-open spaces of North Dakota, Karen Zotz has returned to the Midwest. An Illinois native, Zotz is the new program leader for CFS Extension.

She comes from North Dakota State University (NDSU) where she served as assistant director for Extension, associate dean of the College of Human Development and Education, and chair of the Center for 4-H Youth Development. The opportunity at Purdue was one she couldn’t resist, giving her the opportunity to work within the widely recognized Purdue Extension program.

“The opportunities at Purdue are tremendous,” she says. “Great people are already in place addressing the issues that matter. Faculty members who are leaders in their field are involved in Extension’s work. Purdue is recognized across the nation for its expertise and breadth of programs.”

Zotz, who started at Purdue in August, says she looks forward to building relations with faculty in the college and Extension educators in the field. She’s eager to learn more about the programs already in place and to look for ways CFS can partner with other organizations in support of these programs.

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She is also a member of the Purdue Extension team working on a project called eXtension, a nationwide effort to put more consumer information on the Web. Zotz and other Purdue members will be gathering information for the Web site based on the latest research.

While at North Dakota, she led several Extension initiatives to enhance leadership development, communication with diverse audiences, and partnerships to maximize resources and address local and state issues.

Zotz got her start in Extension in 1971 at the University of Illinois Champaign – Urbana where she served first as a county Extension educator before moving to campus in the 1980s as a specialist in leadership development. She joined the faculty at NDSU in 1997. Zotz has a doctorate in education from the University of Illinois Champaign – Urbana, a master’s in home economics education from Northern Illinois University, and a bachelor’s in home economics education from Illinois State University.

Karen Zotz and her husband, John, have two sons and two grandchildren. To contact Zotz, send an e-mail to kzotz@purdue.edu.

CFS Extension is launching a series of “target programs” around the state. Extension educators are currently receiving training and it’s anticipated that all five programs will be available throughout Indiana beginning this fall.

**NEW PROGRAMS TARGET REAL-LIFE ISSUES**

**Children and Weight: What Communities Can Do**
To help reduce the prevalence of overweight children across the nation, this program combines research, education, and innovative approaches with community efforts to help children achieve healthy weights.

**Where Does Your Money Go?**
For individuals and families whose finances always seem to be out of control, this program will help them understand money management practices that promote financial stability.

**Dining with Diabetes**
Diabetes is a serious and costly disease in Indiana. It’s also very common. Dining with Diabetes is a cooking program for diabetics and their families. It shows how to reduce sugar, salt, and fat in foods without giving up good taste.
Class Notes

1940–49

Leona Mermelstein Biro (BS ’40), Carlshbad, California, is retired.

Kathryn Mageau Spencer (BS ’43), Tulsa, Oklahoma, is retired from her career as a chemist and dietitian. She and her husband, now deceased, have three daughters.

Doris Sleet Steider (BS ’45), Albuquerque, New Mexico, has been busy with art shows for the Henington Gallery in New Mexico, Texas, and Tennessee.

Betty Henwood Wittmer (BS ’45), Pierceton, Indiana, is retired and enjoying her lakefront home. She has six great grandchildren and one great grandson.

Carl R. Wienold (BS ’49), Florissant, Maryland, celebrated his 82nd birthday in January. He enjoys golf and singing in the church choir. He and his wife will celebrate their 60th anniversary in August 2005. Carl retired in 1986 as a purchasing manager for McDonnell Douglas (now Boeing).

1950–59

Jean Gross Bruner (BS ’51), Mishawaka, Indiana, and her husband, John, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 4, 2004.

Sally Schraetner Lugar (BS ’56), Indianapolis, Indiana, received the Spirit Award for her volunteer work with Indianapolis Junior Tennis Development.

Patricia Ann Roberts Callantine (BS ’57, MS ’61), La Jolla, California, is a retired teacher.

1960–69

Barbara Menges Brumbaugh (BS ’62), Goshen, Indiana, and her husband, John, are retired and volunteer for several organizations including Welfare to Work and Lutheran World Relief.

B. Joyce Hathaway Cumberland (BS ’63), Claypool, Indiana, is retired after 26 years of teaching FACs at Tippecanoe Valley High School in Akron, Indiana.

Sue Dick Mitchell (BS ’63), McCormick, South Carolina, retired after 30 years as a kindergarten teacher and moved to South Carolina. She now works as a homework coordinator at the McCormick County Children’s Home.

Joyce Beery Miles (BS ’65), Florida, received the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Leader Award.

Jane Herchenroether Kirsch (BS ’69), Malvern, Pennsylvania, accepted a new position as northeastern sales manager with LG Solid Source.

1970–79

Janet R. Achor (BS ’73, MS ’77), retired as professor emerita after 20 years of teaching organizational leadership at Purdue University.

William P. Brady (PhD ’74), Benton Harbor, Michigan, accepted a new position as director of clinical supervision at Riverwood Center.

Janet Maxwell Roseland (BS ’77), Laurel, Maryland, accepted a new position as nutritionist with the USDA Nutrient Data Lab.

Dale Schwan (BS ’79, MS ’80), Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, is president/owner of Environmental Interiors, a distributor for Haworth Inc. Dale is the 2005 president of the Haworth Dealer Council.

1980–89

Benita Landis O’Connell (BS ’81), Exeter, New Hampshire, has “retired” after 20 years in the apparel industry and began a new career in alumni relations at Phillips Exeter Academy, a prep school.

Estella Smith (BS ’81), Holland, Michigan, is listed in the 2005 Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers. Estella is a teacher with Holland Public Schools.

Michael D. Warner (PhD ’81), Granger, Indiana, is CEO and president of The Warner Clinic Inc., a values-based marriage and family therapy clinic. He is an adjunct professor and intern supervisor at a local MFT graduate program.

Lorraine Hacay Cira (BS ’84), Parker, Colorado, is a consultant dietitan in long-term care with C. S. Johnson and Assoc. She and her husband, Bill, have three children, Billy, 15, Lindsey, 13, and Jonathan, 10.

1990–99

Robert Smolka (BS ’90), Pinellas Park, Florida, married Mandy Martin on April 9, 2005. They have a daughter, Alexis, age 2. Robert, a letter carrier for the United States Postal Service, finished in the top quarter of the field at the Professional Bowlers Association Masters. He has rolled 15 perfect games.

Lisa Hurubean Wilson (BS ’90), Munster, Indiana, welcomed a son, Henry, on July 6, 2004. She opened her own retail business, Mama i beba, specializing in children’s and maternity apparel.

Merica Wilcoxon Woods (BS ’91), Indianapolis, Indiana, and her husband, Benny, welcomed a daughter February 25, 2005. Merica is a regional purchasing manager with Sodexho.

Vonni Panfil (BS ’84), Chicago, Illinois, recently celebrated 16 years with Wyeth, where she is a sales territory specialist. Vonni has two sons, Evan, 10, and Isaac, 7.

Nancy Rons (BS ’84), Denver, Colorado, is a sommelier at Del Frisco’s and recently returned from a trip to France.

Bruce Grosbey (BS ’85), Wilson, Wyoming, welcomed a son, Jack, on December 2, 2003. Bruce is the general manager of Snake River Lodge & Spa in Teton Village.

Donna Deufel Hill (BS ’86), Plano, Illinois, accepted a new position as promotions coordinator at Superior Beverage Co. She is also head coach at Fox Valley YMCA for the Aqua Force swim team.

Randi Blackmon (BS ’87), New York City, New York, was recently appointed vice president at Brown Harris Stevens, one of Manhattan’s premier residential real estate brokerage firms.

John Fribley (BS ’87), Auburn, Indiana, is co-owner of Whispering Pines Lodge Bed & Breakfast, which features interior doors from Purdue’s Union Club Hotel. (Purdue alumni save 10 percent!)

Dawn Michaels-Bentsen (BS ’88), Pembroke Pines, Florida, earned an MA in organizational management online from UOP. She has a new position as director of healthcare, eastern division, with Advance Food Company.
Kirstin Tolle Pietsch (BS ‘92), Arlington, Washington, is owner/chef of Secret Ingredient to Hometown.

John Stoops (BS ‘92), Roslyn, Pennsylvania, accepted a new position as national accounts manager for Don’s Food Products. He and his wife had a son, Jack Henry, in May 2003.

Eileen Rapp Miller (BS ‘93), Woodridge, Illinois, married Jeff Miller in September 1999. They welcomed a daughter, Paige, on September 28, 2004. She joins big sister, Audrey, age 3-1/2.

Theresa Valade-Sego (BS ‘93), Chesterton, Indiana, is currently working on her MBA at Indiana University Northwest. She is director of Duneland Health & Wellness Institute and was recently named Ambassador of the Month at work.

Mehmet Erdem (BS ‘94, MS ‘97), Metairie, Louisiana, is an assistant professor in the School of Hotel Administration at the University of New Orleans. He has been invited to serve on a committee for the International Association for Hospitality Finance and Technology Professionals.

Brian Hay (MS ‘94), Austin, Texas, recently completed a two-year sommelier degree from the International Sommelier Guild. Brian is a culinary instructor at Austin Community College.

Tara Stanley Kubicki (BS ‘95), Neenah, Wisconsin, and her husband, Mike (‘93 Purdue grad), welcomed a daughter in March 2005. They also have a son. Tara is a stay-at-home mom.

Kimberly Raab (BS ‘95), Kissimmee, Florida, accepted a new position as logistics coordinator at Walt Disney World.

Laura Blankman Argotte (BS ‘96), Lebanon, Indiana, accepted a new position as staffing relationship manager at Conseco. She welcomed her first child, Sofia Caroline, on July 17, 2004.

Barbara Hertel (BS ‘96), St. Charles, Illinois, accepted a new position as catering director at The Ivanhoe Club.

Shawn Sponhauer Kelly (BS ‘96), Alexandria, Virginia, was married to Robert Kelly Jr. on April 2, 2005. Shawn is a first grade teacher at Samuel W. Tucker Elementary.

Carlton Mitchell (BS ‘96), Maple Grove, Minnesota, was promoted to senior sales at Abbott Laboratories. Carlton says he met and married a “beautiful Scandinavian” in Minneapolis, and their first child is due in September.

Suzanne Peiguss Romans (BS ‘96), Chicago Heights, Illinois, accepted a position in new home sales at Olthof Homes.

Cammy Harmon Blackman (BS ‘97), Fishers, Indiana, and her husband, Jon, welcomed a daughter, Brenley Shaye, on December 3, 2004. Cammy is an executive sales representative with GlaxoSmithKline.

Seth Eviston (BS ‘97), Indianapolis, Indiana, is busy refurbishing an old house on the city’s east side. Seth is a senior retirement specialist with Charles Schwab.

Vern Jackson (BS ‘97), Swartz Creek, Michigan, and his wife, Kristi, welcomed their second daughter, Madison Lynne, on February 16, 2005. She joins Taylor Rose, age 2. Vern is an account executive with Yellow Book USA.


Wendy Asaro Kincaid (BS ‘98), Lafayette, Indiana, accepted a new position as assistant community director at Green-tree Assisted Living. She and her husband, Brett, have two children ages 4 and 2.

Christina Longsworth Bahan (BS ‘99), Fort Wayne, Indiana, accepted a new position as clinical supervisor/dietitian at St. Joseph Hospital. Christine welcomed Abigail Marie on December 14, 2004.

Lori Breidenbach Pasheilich (BS ‘99), Carmel, Indiana, is a stay-at-home mom to Jackson, 2, and Allison, 1.

Shari Navis Willy (BS ‘99), Louisville, Kentucky, accepted a new position as clinical nutrition manager with Norton Suburban Hospital. She married Robert A. Willy on May 15, 2004.

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Sara Hudkins Kroft (BS ‘00), Medaryville, Indiana, and her husband, Kent (‘96 Purdue grad), welcomed Audrey Elaine on January 17, 2005. She joins brother, Zane, age 3. Sara works for the Pulaski County Community Foundation.

Bernard Packard II (BS ‘00), South Bend, Indiana, and his wife, Amy, welcomed their first child, Delaney Joy, on October 22, 2004. Bernard is a financial planning specialist with Smith Barney.

Angela VanderVinne (BS ‘00), Warsaw, Indiana, is the marketing coordinator at Kosciusko Community Hospital. She is vice president of the Warsaw Education Foundation.

Shannon Gardner Vukosa (BS ‘00), Quincy, Massachusetts, accepted a new position as a clinical nutrition manager/patient services manager at Somerville Hospital. She was married on November 6, 2004, to Steve Vukosa.

James Carpenter (BS ‘01), Crown Point, Indiana, and his wife, Kelly (‘01 Purdue grad), welcomed twins, Andrew James and Grace Elizabeth, on February 8, 2005. James is assistant manager of research at the Chicago Convention & Tourism Bureau.

Ann Dorich Daniel (BS ‘01), West Lafayette, Indiana, was married on April 9, 2005, to James Daniel (‘01 Purdue grad). Ann is a marriage and family therapist with Raj Clinics.

Mark Gehring (BS ‘01), Indianapolis, Indiana, accepted a new position as group housing coordinator at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown.

Niki Geurkin (BS ‘01), Brownsburg, Indiana, is engaged to be married to Chris Yehrman on December 31, 2005. Niki is a market sales manager with Marriott Hotels.

Jason Hertel (BS ‘01), Mishawaka, Indiana, and his wife, Amanda (’00 Purdue grad), welcomed Aidan Lewis on October 5, 2004. Jason is a sales manager with Nelson’s.

Sarah Davis McLaughlin (BS ‘01), Lansing, Michigan, married Michael McLaughlin on December 4, 2004.

Kelly L. Mudd (BS ‘01), St. Louis, Missouri, accepted a new position as territory manager with U.S. Foodservice, Allen Division. She joined the Purdue Alumni Association of Greater St. Louis last fall.

Lis Iltsche Ring (BS ‘01), Fort Wayne, Indiana, is an occupational therapist with Possibilities Northeast.
Amy Sarah Wright (BS ’01), New Castle, Indiana, and her husband, Matt (’02 Purdue grad), welcomed Jacob Carson on April 26, 2005. Amy is a WIC coordinator and registered dietitian for ICAP.

Nick Crist (BS ’02), Tampa, Florida, is manager of Jackson’s Bistro, Bar, and Sushi.

Nicole Jenkins Flanagan (BS ’02), Prospect Heights, Illinois, is working on a master of education degree at North Park University. She is a paraprofessional at Highcrest Middle School.

Robyn Andrews (BS ’03), Hayward, California, accepted a new position at Mervyn’s as assistant technical designer. Previously, she worked as spec writer and assistant patternmaker at Byer California.

Susie Argersinger (BS ’03), Alameda, California, accepted a new position as pre-K assistant teacher at Bright Horizons Family Solutions.

Justin Dunbar (BS ’03), Fort Wayne, Indiana, was promoted to branch manager of Hertz Local Edition in Fort Wayne.

Nicholas Locke (BS ’03), Stafford, Texas, accepted a new position in sales and marketing with BVH Gregg Inc.

Bethany Madsen (BS ’03), New York City, New York, is an account executive with Nicole Miller.

Jessica Roberts Mannon (BS ’03), Pompano Beach, Florida, married Christopher Mannon on December 18, 2004. She is assistant housekeeping manager with Marriott Vacation Club International.

Douglas Sullivan (BS ’03), San Diego, California, is a CMT graduate. He is the assistant front office manager at the Manchester Grand Hyatt.

Jason Benish (BS ’04), Columbus, Ohio, is publisher at J. Alexander’s Restaurant.

Sarah Jones (BS ’04), Schaumburg, Illinois, married Brian Enlow (’04 Purdue grad) on May 7, 2005.

Deanna Lazowski Schoof (BS ’04), Kouts, Indiana, married Michael Schoof (’02 Purdue grad) on August 7, 2004.

Kellie Wellman (BS ’04), Kansas City, Missouri, accepted a new position as assistant front office manager at the Hotel Phillips, a historic art deco hotel.

April 26, 2005. Amy is a WIC coordinator and registered dietitian for ICAP.

After nearly 20 years of working in the restaurant industry, Nora Spitznogle, BS ’86, finally has a job that lets her enjoy her weekends and not work through them. “I finally have a Monday to Friday job,” she laughs. “My first!”

As the new volunteer director at Second Helpings in Indianapolis, Indiana, Spitznogle leads a corps of more than 350 volunteers that help the organization provide hunger relief and job training through food rescue. Second Helpings, which began operations in 1998, pick up unused food from its partners in the foodservice industry, turns it into high quality nutritious meals (about 2,500 daily), and then delivers the meals to participating programs that feed the hungry. While there are some paid staff, volunteers are the heart, soul, and engine of Second Helpings.

And keeping that engine up and running is Spitznogle. In addition to recruiting and scheduling the volunteer staff, she provides training in job responsibilities and safe food handling.

“It’s just like managing a restaurant, but one that is staffed by volunteers,” she says. “I still get a little freaked out when someone calls and says they can’t come in to work that day. But then I just roll up my sleeves and get in there!”

Spitznogle, with a bachelor’s in restaurant, hotel, and institutional management (now hospitality and tourism management), has industry experience that includes nine years as general manager of a Houlihan’s restaurant in Philadelphia, manager of Some Guy’s Pizza in Indianapolis, and most recently, nearly eight years as manager at CATH (Coffee and Tea House), a coffee shop in Indianapolis, now closed.

“Second Helpings seemed a perfect fit for me,” she says. “My heart has always been in food and hospitality, and Second Helpings definitely fit the food part. Also, I was active in the community and this organization was too.”

In fact, Spitznogle was familiar with Second Helpings because she had served as a volunteer for the organization’s annual fundraising event, the Tonic Ball, since its inception in 2002. Through her volunteer work at Second Helpings, she became aware of just how many hungry people were out there. And through her experience in restaurants, she was all too familiar with the amount of food that went to waste.

When asked what is the most rewarding part of her job, she doesn’t hesitate. “That’s easy! Feeding people every day. It’s that basic. It feels good to be part of the solution. I love to be there at 11 a.m. when the trucks pull out, full of food. I still get chills when I see that.”

In February, Nora received the ROSE (Recognition of Service Excellence) Award, presented by the city of Indianapolis and the Indianapolis Convention and Visitors Association for outstanding hospitality. To contact Spitznogle, e-mail nora@secondhelpings.org. For more information on Second Helpings, visit their Web site at www.secondhelpings.org.

Joshua Alexander (BS ’05), New Palestine, Indiana, accepted a new position as assistant front office manager at Hyatt Hotels and Resorts.

Ryan Harris (BS ’05), Las Vegas, Nevada, accepted a new position in the slot marketing department at the Bellagio Hotel & Casino.

Mary V. Patterson Hammel (BS ’77), of Indianapolis, Indiana, died April 26, 2005. She was 102. She served as chair of the Home Economics Department at Broad Ripple High School, where she taught from 1950 through the 1970s.
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| September 26–27 | **HTM Career Day**  
For more information, contact the Department of Hospitality and Tourism Management at (765) 494-4643 or e-mail htm@purdue.edu. |
| September 29–October 1 | **Foods and Nutrition Corporate Affiliates Meeting**  
For more information, contact the Department of Foods and Nutrition at (765) 494-8228 or fandn@purdue.edu. |
| October 6 | **Eva Goble Lecture Series**  
**Purdue Memorial Union**  
“A Perspective on Family Meals: Do They Matter?” will be presented by Mary Story, PhD, RD, a professor and associate dean in the School of Public Health at the University of Minnesota. Invitations will be mailed in September. Registration is required. |
| October 7 | **President’s Council Annual Weekend**  
CFS will host a Back-to-Class session and a Dean’s Club Luncheon for President’s Council members. Invitations will be mailed in September. Registration is required. |
| October 14 | **CFS Alumni Association Board Meeting** |
| October 14–15 | **Festive Friday and Homecoming**  
Make plans to join us as Purdue takes on Northwestern. To order tickets, call the Purdue Athletic Ticket Office at (800) 49-SPORT. For details on CFS activities during Homecoming, visit www.cfs.purdue.edu. For information on the University-wide celebration, visit www.purdue.edu/homecoming. |
| December 18 | **Winter Commencement**  
For information on commencement ceremonies, visit www.purdue.edu/registrar and click on “Commencement Information.” |
| February | **CFS Alumni Association Board Meeting** |
| February 7–8 | **Midwest Career Conference**  
For more information, contact the Department of Consumer Sciences and Retailing at (765) 494-8292 or e-mail csr@purdue.edu. |
| April 7 | **Felker Leadership Conference CFS Alumni Awards and Outstanding Senior Dinner**  
Mark your calendar for next year’s Felker Conference and Alumni Awards celebration. Watch for details in the spring 2006 issue of Focus. |