Family and Consumer Science Department: Our History in Pictures

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OUR HISTORY IN PICTURES

From Domestic Sciences to Home Economics to Family and Consumer Sciences

1913 - 2012

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In 1913, Home Economics is created at Eastern Illinois State Normal School as Domestic Sciences. Lola Martin was the first department head.

All Normal School degrees were 2 year degrees with classes meeting Tuesday-Saturday.
Children at Work in the Training School (Blair Hall) where Home Economics was first housed.
In 1920, the Bachelor of Education, a four-year degree, began and the Home Economics major was added. Senator Pemberton sought appropriations to offer Home Economics as a major.
The Smith-Hughes Act (Vocational Act of 1917) stimulates Home Economics programs in high schools, thus increasing the demand for teachers. A Practical Arts Building was proposed.
Practical Arts Building of the Eastern Illinois State Teachers College. Home Economics was re-located here in 1929.
Reception Room and Teachers Offices in the Home Economics Department in the Practical Arts Building.

Home Economics expands from Domestic Sciences to include dietetics, family meals, household equipment, home furnishings, home management, home nursing, and child care.

Practical Arts at Eastern Illinois State Teachers College, The Teachers College Bulletin, No. 109, July 1, 1930 by L.F. Ashley
Sewing Room, Practical Arts Building
Students are wearing smocks made in the Clothing Criticism Class.
Student teachers and training teacher with a class of Grammar School Girls in sewing class.
A Unit Kitchen in the Home Economics Department.
Northeast Domestic Science Room
The Practice Room for Domestic Science, showing a large class of high school girls. Their student teacher is in the corner of room.
Students in the Dressmaking and Design class.
Dining Room where Serving and Dining Room Etiquette Art was taught.
Leading Lady: Helen Devinney

Helen Devinney is a leading lady in the School’s history. She was a student in the 1930’s, then later became a faculty member in 1943. She retired in 1975.
Leading Lady: Ruth H. Gaertner

In 1948, Ruth H. Gaertner became the Head of the new College Cafeteria, which has morphed into the Dining Centers.
Leading Lady: Dr. Ruth Schmalhausen

Dr. Ruth Schmalhausen came to Eastern Illinois Teacher’s College in 1937. In 1959 became the department head until her retirement in 1962.
Students lived with the lead teacher in one of the two homes for a semester. During this semester, they learned how to manage a home, including hosting a weekly guest night.

Pictures taken from Eastern Illinois State College Bulletin, No. 195, July 1, 1951 Issue (picture inserts)
Fall 1968 was the last term requiring girls to live in a Home Management House.

Left - Home Economics students learn the operation of modern household equipment.

Right - Bedroom in Home Management House

Taken from Eastern Illinois State College Bulletin, No. 202, April 1, 1953 Issue (picture insert)
David downs his bottle in arms of one "mother."

Home Economics had its first baby (David) stay in the newly constructed Home Management house.
Baby sitting, mother Vicki Waller and visiting student play with David. Baby, who would otherwise be in a state home or hospital, receives more relaxed, informal care than would be available in an institution. David’s own doctor says that he is in “excellent physical condition” and receives care “far superior” to what he would get in the country’s “best” foundling homes. “What’s more,” he says, “David’s loved, a basic factor in a healthy child.”
David poses with other “mothers” and Dr. Schmalhausen.
Unconcerned at the furor he has caused, David yawns languidly as college president, Dr. Robert Buzzard says, defending the project, “David’s in fine shape.”
Kappa Omicron Phi, a national honor society, was installed in 1950.

FCS has a rich history in serving others through our national honor society.

Kappa Omicron Phi, 1958: Back, Third from Left Gayle Strader; Back right, Helen Devinney
Home Economics in 1960
Dr. Swope came to Eastern as the Department Chair in 1963, and later the Dean of Home Economics in 1969. The budget was $49,685 with 5 faculty and 69 majors.
Home Economics students take notes on child behavior, 1964.
Ground Breaking for the Applied Arts Education Building (Klehm Hall) in 1964. At Left, President Quincy Doudna and Dean Mary Ruth Swope.
In 1966, the Board of Governors approved the change to the School of Home Economics. The School had 170 majors.
New options in Dietetics and Home Economics in Business started in 1965 with first dietetics students graduating in December 1969.
Changes were in the air…

• Under the leadership of Dr. Swope,
  – The Master of Education degree in Home Economics began with Professional Issues and Trends (now Current Issues and Trends) as the first graduate course offered. (Fa 1967)
  – Family Services Option was approved. (1967)
  – Three International students enter the School. (Sp 1968)
Changes were in the air…

• Under the leadership of Dr. Swope,
  – Eastern’s School of Home Economics was the first program to be accredited by the American Home Economics Association. (1971)
  – Bob Butts was hired as the first male faculty member. (1971)
  – First 2 males graduate. (1972)
  – Infant Development Lab opens. (1973)
Changes were in the air…

- MS in Home Economics was approved with 3 Emphasis Areas (1973)
  - Child Development/Family Life
  - Foods and Nutrition
  - Home Economics Education
Leading Lady: Dr. Joyce S. Crouse

Dr. Crouse earned the School’s first MS in Home Economics degree in 1968. She became a faculty member in 1973, becoming the Assistant Dean in 1984 and later the Chair of the School. She retired from EIU in 1995. She continues her commitment to FCS by teaching part-time and serving on the Accreditation Board of AAFCS.
In 1976, the School became the sponsor of the Peace Meal Senior Nutrition Program with Mike Strader named Director, a role he served until his retirement in 2006. The program continues to serve older adults and their spouses in 14 counties in east central Illinois.
Focus on older adults with Peace Meal Senior Nutrition Program and MA in Gerontology in 1981

The interdisciplinary MA in Gerontology degree began in 1980 with approved courses in Home Economics, Physical Education, Educational Foundations, Sociology, and Psychology.
Leading Lady: Dr. Mary Ruth Swope

Dr. Swope retired in 1980. Upon her retirement, the School had 20 faculty and 525 majors with an undergraduate degree and 2 graduate degrees.
Dr. Owens was named the Dean of the School of Home Economics in 1981, and then, became the Dean of the newly formed College of Applied Sciences, in 1983. Dr. Hill retired in 1995 as the Vice President for Academic Affairs.
Dr. Laurent Gosselin in Child Development Lab, 1981.
Student Home Economics Association (SHEA) makes Christmas Boxes for the needy, 1981.
Carol Armstrong, Faculty Excellence Award in 1983.
Students and Faculty honor the American Home Economic Association’s 75th Anniversary, 1983.

Dean Barbara Owens beats the drum for Home Economics in 1983.
Student Home Economics Association (SHEA) Picnic, 1983.

Above: Mary Lou Hubbard  
Right: Martha S. Brown
Left: Tina Fang and Carla Honselman packing an infant nutrition box, 1983.

Right: Students in the Infant Development Lab, 1983.
Hospitality Services program began in 1986.

Students in the New Hospitality Services Program make presentations, 1988.
In 1988, the Applied Sciences building was renamed Klehm Hall in honor of Dr. Walter Klehm, a former faculty and administrator for the School of Technology.

Klehm Hall (Former Applied Arts Building) in 1995

Walter Klehm and family
Helen Devinney, Outstanding Alumna and Dr. Jayne Ozier, 1989.
In 1990, Kappa Omicron Phi and Omicron Nu merged and became Kappa Omicron Nu. Numerous Chapter of Excellence awards have been earned through the years.

Kappa Omicron Phi Cookie Sale, 1986.
Construction begins on Lumpkin Hall adjacent to Klehm Hall. Lumpkin Hall opened in January 1990.
Leading Lady: Dr. S. Jayne Ozier

Dr. Ozier earned both a BS (1963) and MS in Home Economics (1971). She served as a faculty mentor for many students in all areas of our discipline until her retirement in December 2003. She has earned many prestigious awards for her continued commitment to the well-being of families and children.
Founded in 1990 under the direction of Dr. Ozier, CCR&R offers referrals of child care providers to parents and families, provides child care resources and technical assistance to parents, families, and child care providers, and assists families in paying for child care.

One of the 2 vans purchased in 2000.
EIU reorganizes colleges in 1993

Eastern reorganized from six colleges into four. Home Economics was placed in the newly formed Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences.
In the summer of 1993, the profession proposed a name change to Family and Consumer Sciences. Our School adopted this name change in January 1995.
Professional Advising within the Major

FCS is one of the few schools on campus to offer professional advising. Paula Snyder (center) was the first professional advisor with Rose Myers-Bradley serving as our current advisor.

C. Ries, P. Snyder, M. Burns at Mrs. Snyder’s retirement party, 1996.
Dietetic students completing their quantity foods experience in the dining centers. 1996.
Leading Lady: Dr. Ruth McNabb Dow

Dr. Dow worked tirelessly to move the dietetics programs forward from early 1970s until her retirement in 1998. She continues to educate individual, families, and communities on the benefits of healthful eating.
Introductory Foods Lab Moved

The introductory foods laboratory was moved from Buzzard Hall to the second floor of Klehm Hall in 1998.
Leading Lady: Dr. Linda Simpson

Dr. Simpson offered the School’s first (and one of the University’s first) online class, Consumer Education (FCS 3300) in 1999. She continues to serve as a leader in online education and technology.
Dr. Prater joined the School in 1997, and was a creative partner in many advancements in the School, including the development of the CLAS program. She secured funding for many areas within the School. She left the University in 2003.
In 2000, the Certification by Learning on an Alternate Schedule (CLAS) Program began in partnership with CCR & R and the School of Continuing Education. Today, the Alternate Bachelor’s for Child Care Education (ABC Program) provides the curriculum needed to apply for the Illinois Director Credential.
FCS hosted its first Elderhostel Intergenerational Camp for grandparents and grandchildren, 2000.
Through the efforts of Professor Jean Dilworth and a sizable grant from Lectra, a textile industry leader, the textiles area within FCS grew.
PeaceMeal Program

In 2006, Barbra Wylie was named the Director of the PeaceMeal Program. Although the program has suffered through federal and state budget cuts, older adults still receive a hot meal 4 days a week.
Pantera

Pantera is a student-operated, full-service restaurant that has served the campus and community since 2007. Students enrolled in the Commercial Food Production course plan, manage, and serve the meals.
Kappa Omicron Nu

Current Kappa Omicron Nu members honoring the faculty and staff at Booth Library, 2012.
Leading Lady: Dr. Kathleen O’Rourke

Dr. O’Rourke is the President-elect of the National Kappa Omicron Nu Honor Society Board. She has served as a co-advisor for the Kappa Alpha Theta chapter since 2002 having assisted in our School’s rich history of award-winning chapter honors.
Master of Arts in Gerontology program continues to grow and be a viable part of the School. The MAG program is one of two graduate gerontology programs in the country with the Program of Merit designation.

Jacob Ozier with President Perry, 2011.
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