

## FROM THE EDITORS

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Over twenty years ago, the members of the National Association of Vocational Home Economics Teacher Educators voted to establish the *Journal of Home Economics Education*. Passing the hat at the annual business meeting of the association collected the start-up funds for the *Journal*. Dr. Elizabeth Ray, Pennsylvania State University, served as Editor and Dr. Twyla Shear, Pennsylvania State University, served as the Associate Editor. Dr. Aleene Cross served as the first Managing Editor for the *Journal* that was published at the University of Georgia. Volume 1, Number 1 appeared in the winter of 1993. In it, Dr. Ray observed, “The process of creating a journal is interesting and challenging. As we respond to the needs of our readership, it is to be expected that the journal will evolve. Nevertheless the essential elements are here.”

One aspect of the evolution was to change the name to the *Journal of Family and Consumer Sciences Education* in 1995 to align with the official name changes of the professional organizations such as National Association of Teacher Educators for Family and Consumer Sciences, the Family and Consumer Sciences Education Division of the Association for Career and Technical Education, and the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. Throughout the history of the *Journal*, each team of editors dealt with challenges such as financial stability, recruiting reviewers, unpredictable numbers of submissions of manuscripts, and technological advances. Guest editorships have provided opportunities for issues to focus on special topics. A relatively new addition to the *Journal* is a PRAXIS section, Promising Practices, that offers authors opportunities to disseminate information on significant topics related to practice and pedagogy in the field of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Volume 20, Number 1 is another milestone in the history of the *Journal*. Many individuals have contributed to the *Journal* as editor, associate editor, editorial board member, and author. The officers of the national association have provided the leadership necessary to the continuation of the *Journal*. Beginning with Volume 17, the *Journal* has been published online. In 1983 it would have been hard to image the electronic format of the *Journal* today. We, too, have found the work of the editors to be interesting and challenging. And, as the editors and officers responded to the needs of the readership, the *Journal* has evolved, while the essential elements remain today.