

## **FSHN Report – December, 2007**

The Spice Box renovations are complete! Thanks to a generous gift from Phillip and Juanita Francis, the Spice Box, located on the north side of Bevier Hall, has received an exciting new and trendy look. The Spice Box will once again open its doors to the unique, and organoleptically pleasing, dinners organized by the students in our Fine Dinning course in the Spring 2008 semester. The Spice Box will also be utilized for departmental meetings, short courses, and for other instructional needs. It really looks lovely, so if you have a chance, stop on by.

The department's annual External Advisory Committee (EAC) meeting kicked off with a multiple course dinner in the newly renovated Spice Box on Thursday, October 18, 2007. The business meeting, which included a very busy agenda, was on Friday, October 19, 2007. Overall, the EAC was quite pleased with the progress the department has made over the last year and noted the following as strong achievements:

- Continued growth in enrollment despite funding challenges
- Establishment of graduate student advisory committee
- Spice Box renovations and plans for food and research lab upgrades
- Progress promoting better interaction between FS and HN program and students (e.g., USDA National Needs grant; seminar speakers addressing topics that cover both food science and human nutrition)
- "Mezzanine" courses that create exposure and awareness across programs seen as a good idea. Suggestion was made to get student feedback as well.

Overall, it has been a busy, but very productive 3 months in the FSHN department, and we look forward to continued success in the new year.

Happy holidays from FSHN!