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Letter from the President

SEDAAG - TOWARD THE NEXT 50 YEARS

The Golden Anniversary Meeting in Birmingham last November was a truly memorable one. The Sunday night opening session, in particular, provided a nostalgic look at the early days of our Division, especially for those members who had been present during its founding days. Congratulations to the Golden Anniversary Committee for putting together such a heart warming session and to the Local Arrangements and Program Committees for planning a superb meeting! This, together with the November 1997 keepsake issue of the *Southeastern Geographer*, made for a wonderful commemoration of our Golden Anniversary.

The Anniversary celebration not only made us look back with warmth but also turn forward with excitement toward the next 50 years. So much has changed, yet so much remains the same! Among the changes, it is obvious that the demographics of the Division have evolved quite dramatically. Today, women make a much larger share of the SEDAAG membership and are very active in the governance of the Division. The Division's membership is more ethnically diverse than it was fifty years ago. Participation by students has also been increasing over time, making our division more youthful. The efforts by Neal Lineback and the Geography Bowl Committee continue to attract an increasing number of students to our meetings and our membership. Most certainly these changes will continue to affect the demographics of our Division into the next 50 years.

Despite these and other changes, SEDAAG continues to maintain an enduring core essence. Today, as in the past, SEDAAG members maintain a strong sense of identification with the Division. Each year, there is a sense of anticipation in the period leading up to our November meetings which are consistently well attended. Even more notable is the high member participation at the annual SEDAAG Business meeting. I was recently browsing through the Business Meeting minutes of the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers, which noted that the meeting began with 16 members in attendance! I have no count of how many of our members were present at the Birmingham Business meeting, but would estimate it to be 100 at the very least. SEDAAG members also willingly and energetically serve on a range of standing committees. It is obvious that even though the size of our membership has increased greatly since its founding days, the Division continues function as a family more than it does a distant bureaucratic organization. This sense of identification and belongingness is something we should strive to preserve as we embark toward our next half century!

Turning to more current issues, please allow me to draw your attention to a few specific items.

1. Most of you are aware by now that SEDAAG membership dues have increased this year. The modest increase (\$5 for regular members and \$2.50 for students and retired members) was the first since 1992 and was necessary for two reasons. First, our expenditures have been slowly increasing from year to year. Most notable has been the rise in the *Southeastern Geographer* expenditures due to higher page costs charged by the publisher as well as a rising number of pages as more and more quality articles are submitted to the journal. Second, the size of our membership and therefore our revenue has remained steady. Consequently, a rise in dues was necessary to continue operating without annual deficits.

2. A new addition to this year's annual meeting will be a Poster display. This will be an excellent medium for those whose research is better captured through a visual display than the written word. The posters along with the displays by publishers, geography (*continued on page 2*)

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departments, and others, should contribute to a busy and vibrant centralized area for intellectual and social exchange. We hope that poster displays will become a permanent part of our meetings.

3. The Endowment Committee will be working this year to develop guidelines for using Endowment interest, and will make a report to the Steering Committee in November. If you have any ideas or suggestions related to this, please communicate them to any of the Committee members listed in this issue.

4. The members of all SEDAAG Committees for 1998 are listed in this newsletter. If you are not on any committee but would like to be, there are many ways to get involved in Divisional affairs. This issue contains a nomination card for upcoming vacancies on the Steering Committee and for Regional Councillor. If you are interested in any of these, please consider nominating yourself. Nominations for the Honors and Nominating Committees are made at the Annual meeting. Please contact me or any member of the

Steering Committee if you would like to have your name put forward. Finally, for committees that are not elected, please contact the appropriate committee chair if you would like to get involved.

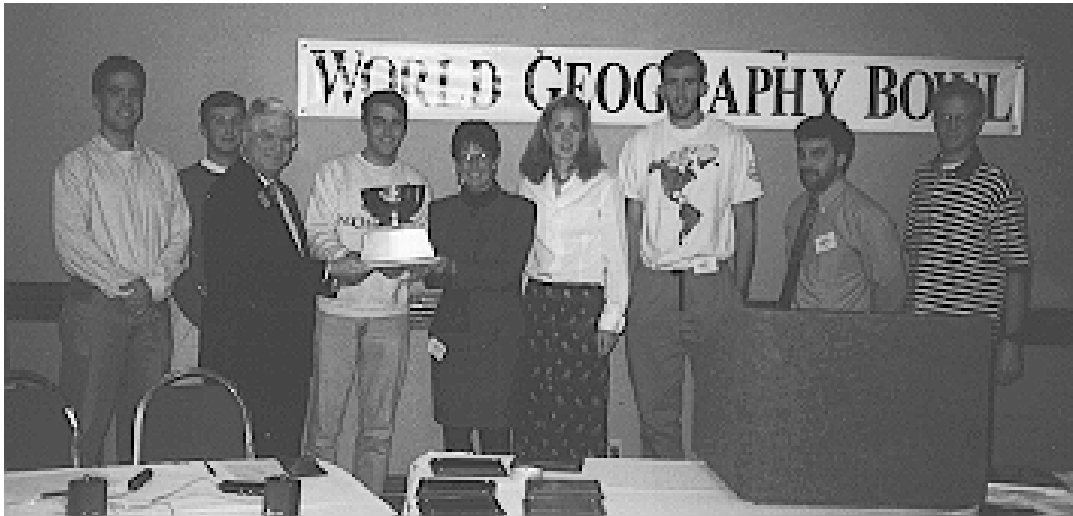
5. Looking ahead, our future meeting sites are as follows: 1998 - Memphis, TN and 1999 - Tampa, FL. We are open to suggestions and offers to host SEDAAG meetings beyond these dates.

In conclusion, let me take this opportunity to ask you to encourage those geographers new to the Southeast - students, faculty members, professionals, or just "friends of geography" - to join the Southeastern Division (a membership form is included in this newsletter). Let us continue to nurture our valuable legacy from the past as we move forward to the next 50 years!

Kavita Pandit
President, SEDAAG

NEWS AND NOTES

THE TROPHY GOES TO NORTH CAROLINA



The 1997 North Carolina Team with AAG members: (from left to right) Juan Battle (Duke), Michael Russell (ECU), Ron Abler (AAG Executive Dir.), Dave Wrubel (UNC-Charlotte), Pat Gober (AAG President), Katherine Nichols (Duke), Baker Perry (ASU), William Welch (UNC-Chapel Hill), James Pleasants (UNC-Pembroke), (not shown) Benjamin Gersh (UNC-Pembroke).

The 1997 SEDAAG World Geography Bowl, held in Birmingham in November, was a resounding success for all 60 participating students and more than 300 spectators. Nine of the ten SEDAAG states brought teams to the competition.

The North Carolina team, coordinated by Elizabeth Hines (UNC-Wilmington) and John Florin (UNC-Chapel Hill), won the final championship round over last year's defending champion, Alabama. The winning team's members were Juan Battle (Duke), Benjamin Gersh (UNC-Pembroke), Katherine Nichols (Duke), Baker Perry (Appalachian State), James Pleasants (UNC-Wilmington), Michael Russell (East Carolina), William F. Welch (UNC-Chapel Hill), and David Wrubel (UNC-Charlotte). The event's most valuable player was Geoffrey Smith (U. of Memphis), who averaged 35 points per round.

Thanks go to the WGB Committee, whose members put together one of the best events ever. Questions were all well-

written and well-conceived. The number of questions answered per round was among the highest in the history of the event, a credit to both the Committee and the student participants.

We have plans for an innovative championship event in next year's 1998 SEDAAG World Geography Bowl in Memphis. Prior to the championship round between the two top teams on Monday Night, a "Dream Team" comprised of some of the nation's top geography faculty will "play" a six-member, all-star team chosen from the remaining teams. This should be an exciting and well-attended event that should be fun for students and faculty alike. We urge the SEDAAG membership to put this one on their calendars. See you in Memphis.

Neal Lineback
World Geography Bowl Coordinator

IN MEMORIAM

The deaths of three members of the Division were noted at the 1997 Annual Meeting: **Richard Palmieri**, Professor Emeritus of Geography at Mary Washington College; **Kirk H. Stone**, Professor of Geography at the University of Georgia; and **Robert Cramer**, Professor of Geography at Eastern Carolina University.

Richard P. Palmieri, Professor Emeritus of Geography at Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Virginia, died at his home, November 18, 1997.

A native of Boston, Dr. Palmieri held a bachelor's degree from the University of Massachusetts at Boston, a Master's in Geography from the University of Texas, and a Doctorate in Geography from University of California at Davis. Dr. Palmieri joined the faculty at Mary Washington College in 1977.

Widely recognized as an expert in Asian cultural geography, he spent 1972-73 conducting field research in the Nepal Himalayas under the sponsorship of the National Geographic Society.

At Mary Washington College, he taught a variety of courses in the Geography Department and earned acclaim as one of the College's most dynamic and respected professors. He received the Mortar Board Outstanding Professor Award in 1997, an honor bestowed by the vote of the students.

He was an active member of various professional organizations, including the Association of American Geographers and the American Geographical Society, and was the author of numerous publications in the fields of cultural geography and economic geography.

Dr. Palmieri was also extensively involved in the historic preservation program of the College, serving in 1983-84 as interim director of the College's Center for Historic Preservation. For a number of years he was a member of the Board of Regents of the James Monroe Law Office and Memorial Library.

An authority on antique furniture, he had served since 1980 as the College's Curator of Furniture and was widely known in the Fredericksburg area for the public service course that he taught annually on antique American furniture.

Dr. Palmieri is survived by his wife, Nancy L. Palmieri; a son, Matthew Palmieri, a daughter, Jessica Palmieri, both of Fredericksburg; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Palmieri of Boston; three brothers and two sisters; and several nieces and nephews.

A scholarship fund in his name has been established at the **Mary Washington College Foundation, Post Office Box 1908, Fredericksburg, Virginia 22402.** (submitted by Erin Fouberg)

Dr. Kirk Stone, B.A. University of Michigan 1935, M.A. Syracuse University 1937, and Ph.D. University of Michigan 1949, died in November of 1997 at the age of 83. He was Research Professor of Geography at the University of Georgia from his initial appointment in 1965 until his retirement in 1980 and was a valued member of SEDAAG. He will be missed by his colleagues and students. (submitted by James O. Wheeler)

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A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

Dues notices were mailed last month, and I thank the many members who already have responded with their renewals. If you have not sent in your dues for 1998, please pull my letter out of that pile of things to do and return it to me with a check for the appropriate amount. If you misplaced the form, please use the one at the back of this Newsletter. If you do not know if your membership is current, look at the address label - if it bears 98S, 98R, or 98RET, you are paid through this year - if it notes 97 or 96, you need to renew. If you have any questions, please let me know (winberry@garnet.cla.sc.edu).

As Chair of the Membership Committee, I urge you to encourage colleagues and students to join SEDAAG. Please contact me or your State Representative for membership applications, or simply send me their names so that I can extend an invitation to them to become members of the Division. Finally, I wish to thank the members listed below who rounded up or made a special contribution to the SEDAAG Endowment Fund. So far this year, contributions to the Endowment have exceeded \$800!

Up to \$25.00
Allen Arbogast
Tom Bell
Marshall and Dawn Bowen
Doug Eyre
Miriam Lee Fearn
Mark Gillenwater
Harlen Hawkins
Barton Hayward
James Henry
Dave Howarth
Chuck Kovacik
Robert Lide
Sean Montague
Kavita Pandit
Clif Pannell
Dan Wagner
Wayne Walcott
Gerald and Roberta Webster
Jim and Emily Wheeler
Gene Wilson
Mort Winsberg
James Young
Donald Yow

Up to \$50.00
Allen Bushong and Sylvia Alexander
(for support of the Southeastern Geographer, donation to operating budget)
Dorothy Mason
Peter Muller
William Withington

Up to \$100.00
Susan Brooker-Gross
John Fraser Hart
Howard Johnson and Michal Levasseur
Malcolm Murray

1997 ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE REGIONAL COUNCILLOR

The AAG Council met twice in 1997 - in Fort Worth, TX at the AAG Annual Meeting and in September at the Great Plains/Rocky Mountains Division's meeting in Bozeman, MT. At each Council meeting, the group discusses current trends and opportunities for geography before hearing reports on the status of the Association and transacting any business.

Trends and Opportunities for the Discipline. One recurring theme in the Council's discussions was leadership development. In times of down-sizing and emphasis on interdisciplinary work, geographers need to position themselves to be effective leaders and ambassadors for the discipline. Geographers need to be spokespersons for the discipline in the workplace and in the community, communicating the contemporary relevance of geography to everyday life. Council discussed the possibility of holding leadership development workshops at annual meetings for recent graduates to provide opportunities for them to learn how to position themselves for leadership roles from others with demonstrated records of success. These workshops might be patterned after the Phoenix and Miami groups that the AAG sponsored a number of years ago. Two other documents of interest to departments eager to enhance their reputation on campus and in the broader arena were discussed. One was prepared by the Geological Society of America and called "Twelve Simple Things You Can Do for Your Profession and Your Country." (Copies provided upon request.) Another report, called "Everyone Likes a Winner," will soon be distributed to department chairs by the AAG. **Darrell Napton**, of South Dakota State University, prepared this planning handbook that outlines concrete steps departments can take if they want to grow.

Membership. Membership stood at 6,997 on November 15, 1997, down somewhat in comparison to the 1996 total of 7,273. SEDAAG's State Representatives have been asked to take a more active role in recruiting new AAG and SEDAAG members, but each one of us can each serve the Association by encouraging all practicing geographers and students to join the AAG. Council approved the sale of bulk student memberships to regional divisions on a trial basis. The request was made by the Middle States Division, which provides memberships to students who present papers at their regional meeting.

Financial Affairs. The remaining mortgage on Meridian Place, the building that houses the AAG Central Office, was only \$28,000 at the end of October. Members have demonstrated that they are very willing to contribute to the Association when a well targeted case can be made for their support. The Centennial Planning Committee and a Centennial Development Fund Committee have been preparing a case statement that will form the core of a renewed Endowment Fund campaign to take the place of the Mortgage Fund. The campaign will encourage members to maintain their pattern of contributing to the AAG beyond membership dues alone and raise funds so the AAG can take on special projects of importance to the discipline. The AAG also continues to build the Honolulu Student Travel Fund, with a goal of setting aside a minimum of \$10,000 per year, to help subsidize student travel to the 1999 Annual Meeting in Honolulu. In Bozeman, the Council decided to distribute those funds in a random drawing to students whose abstracts passed a screening committee's review.

Educational Affairs. Work continues on projects such as

the second Commission on College Geography's projects and on the development of ARGUS materials (Activities and Readings on the Geography of the US). The College Board/Educational Testing Service stood by its commitment to produce a geography Advanced Placement Test, and the first group of teachers certified to teach the course were to have been trained this past summer. Funding has also been requested from the Department of Education for a minority recruiting project.

Publications. In Fort Worth, Council appointed new editors for the *Professional Geographer*. **Stuart Aitken** and **Janet Franklin**, both in the Geography Department at San Diego State University, will co-edit the journal. Their first issue is due in February 1998. Vice President **Will Graf** announced that he plans to review the current publications of the AAG and the functions they serve. If any of you have thoughts on the AAG's current set of publications, you are encouraged to share them with Vice President Graf. The AAG is also currently reviewing its newsletter format.

Annual Meetings. At the request of the Committee on the Status of Women Geographers, the AAG is arranging child care at the Boston Annual Meeting and will subsidize some portion of the cost. In Boston, members will also be able to attend "state of the art" lectures presented by a number of specialty groups. These have been designed to communicate to the membership at large some of the latest developments in the sub-disciplines of geography. Following the meeting in Boston next spring, the Association is slated to meet in Honolulu and then Pittsburgh. Locations in Orlando, St. Louis, and Seattle also are being considered. The membership is encouraged to continue to think of innovative formats for presenting information at annual meetings that will cut down on the growing need for meeting space. Members also are encouraged to share their opinions and ideas with the Central Office staff regarding field trips at annual meetings. Many of them have had to be canceled in recent years due to inadequate participation. There has been some discussion about whether the practice of sponsoring field trips at the annual meeting should be continued, encouraging the regional divisions to make field trips a more important component of their annual meetings.

Other Business. **Dick Marston**, a National Councillor on the faculty at the University of Wyoming, succeeds **J.W. Harrington** as the AAG's Secretary. **Joe Wood**, Middle Atlantic Division's Regional Councillor, continues to serve as the Treasurer during the remainder of his term on Council. I was elected Chair of Regional Councillors, and as such will serve with Joe and Dick on the Committee on Committees. I ask for your help in filling open positions on the 12 AAG committees listed in the November newsletter. Self-nomination is encouraged, as well as nominating others who might be interested in serving. You do not have to check with the individual before nominating them. We will contact them to see if they are willing to serve. Many committees meet only at the AAG's Annual Meetings or conduct their business via correspondence, so a large time commitment usually is not required. Serving on an AAG committee allows you to develop a more vested interest in your professional organization, and helps the AAG to involve a broad cross-section of its membership in the Association's affairs. Please volunteer! In the spring, all the Regional Councillors will be reporting on the health and status of departments in their divisions. I ask your help in providing me with success stories and/or brewing crises in your own departments or others with which you are familiar so that my report can be as complete as possible.

Lizbeth Ann Pyle
Regional Councillor, SEDAAG

FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS: 53rd SEDAAG MEETING IN MEMPHIS

The 1998 annual meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers will be held in Memphis, Tennessee from November 22-24.

I invite you to attend the meeting, to participate in the program, and especially, to submit a paper or a poster.

For the first time, the SEDAAG meeting will include a poster session. We hope that the opportunity to present a poster will encourage those who wish to share research that might be more easily and effectively conveyed in an alternative format to the traditional eight page paper.

The deadline for receipt of papers, abstracts, and papers describing posters is Wednesday, September 23, 1998. Papers and poster abstracts received after the deadline will be returned to the authors. All papers and poster descriptions received by the deadline will be reviewed by the Program Committee. The guidelines for papers, poster descriptions, and abstracts are listed in this issue. Paper and poster authors must be members of the Southeastern Division, Association of American Geographers.

We especially encourage students to participate in meeting activities and to prepare papers for the Student Honors Competition and the Gamma Theta Upsilon undergraduate paper sessions. Included with this call for papers are the guidelines for this year's competitions. The **Honors Committee** is chaired by **Howard Johnson**.

Persons who wish to arrange thematic sessions of papers, conduct workshops, or schedule meetings should contact **Tyrel Moore** as soon as possible. Specially organized sessions are particularly welcome: their focus on common interests frequently makes them the most successful of the Program's sessions. To facilitate organization of the program, final details of special events are due by September 15, 1998.

INCLUDED IN THE NEWSLETTER IS A FORM FOR VOLUNTEERING TO CHAIR A SESSION OR TO DISCUSS A PAPER. Please remember that many more persons are needed to discuss papers than to chair sessions.

Preplanning for the Memphis meeting is well advanced. Field trips and thematic sessions are being arranged, and a room for displays will be provided at the hotel. Persons who wish to reserve display space should contact **Clifton Dixon, Local Arrangements Committee Chair, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN 38125; (901) 678-2386; fax: (901) 678-4467; E-mail: cvdixon@cc.memphis.edu**

Please contact me if you have any questions, and don't forget to volunteer to be a discussant and/or session chair. **Tyrel G. Moore, Program Chair, Department of Geography and Earth Sciences, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, 9201 University City Boulevard, Charlotte, NC 28223-0001; (704) 547-4250; fax: (704) 547-3182; E-mail: tgmoore@email.uncc.edu**

SEDAAG members and meeting attendants are also reminded that it is our official policy to create a smoke free environment at our annual meetings.

GUIDELINES FOR 1998 SEDAAG PAPERS, ABSTRACTS, AND SPECIAL SESSIONS November 22-24, 1998, Memphis

The **deadline** for receipt of papers and abstracts by the Program Chair is **September 23, 1998**. **All annual meeting program participants shall be members of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers. Please see the membership application included in this Newsletter.** Papers received after the deadline will be returned to the authors. All papers received by the deadline will be reviewed by the Program Committee.

Participation Form

(1) Each paper should be accompanied by a separate page (one copy only) containing: (a) title of the paper; (b) author's (or authors') name(s) and titles; (c) affiliation; (d) complete address; and (e) electronic mail address, if possible.

(2) Carousel slide projectors and overhead projectors will be provided. Please indicate if you need audio-visual equipment **OTHER** than these.

(3) If applicable, please indicate that the paper is being submitted for the Student Honors competition, and whether it is for the masters or doctoral level competition. Student Honors papers must be accompanied by a letter from the student's department to verify the student's standing.

Papers

(1) **Six (6) copies of the text of each paper must be submitted.** Maps graphs and tables must be included with each copy, but they do not have to be in final form. Papers submitted for student honors competition should include ten (10) copies.

(2) **Papers must not exceed eight (8) double spaced typed pages, exclusive of maps, graphs, tables, literature cited, and the title page. To comply with the eight page limit, full double spacing and the use of no type font smaller than size 12 are required.** Papers must be presented in 15 minutes or less. Additional time will be allotted for discussion and questions. If an author plans to discuss illustrations during the presentation, the text of the paper should be shorter than the eight page maximum. Please time your paper before it is submitted.

(3) **The title of the paper should appear at the top of page 1.** The author's name **must not** appear on this page or on pages in the body of the paper. Pages of the text must have at least one-inch margins at the top and bottom and on the left and right sides.

(4) Citations should follow the format used in recent articles in the *Southeastern Geographer*.

(5) **Maps, graphs and tables must be labeled and numbered.** References to illustrations should occur at the appropriate place in the text.

(6) **Final versions of illustrations must be of high quality and designed for presentation to a large audience.** Be certain that graphics projected on a screen can be read at 25 feet. Maps, tables and graphics may be duplicated and distributed to the audience.

Overhead and carousel slide projectors will be available for paper presentations.

Abstracts

(1) A printed abstract must accompany all papers submitted. The abstract may be no longer than 200 words.

(2) We request that abstracts also be submitted on 3.5 inch diskettes. Microsoft Word, WordPerfect, or ASCII formats for either IBM or Macintosh are acceptable. Indicate your name and the title of your paper on your disk, along with the software type and version, and whether it is in MAC or DOS environment.

(3) **Margins of the abstract** must be one and one-fourth (1.25) inches on the right and left sides, and one (1) inch at the top.

(4) The **title** must be in capital letters and centered one inch from the top of the page.

(5) The **author's name** must be two spaces below the title, centered, in capital and lower case letters, and underlined.

(6) The **author's institution affiliation** must be two spaces below the name, centered in capital and lower case letters, and underlined.

(7) The **body of the abstract** must begin three spaces below the author's institutional affiliation (the body is to be single spaced and without paragraph indentations). If the abstract contains more than one paragraph, two spaces are to be left between paragraphs.

(8) Authors are responsible for editing and proofreading the abstracts which they submit. They will be printed as submitted.

Special Session Guidelines

Special Sessions are a valuable contribution to SEDAAG meetings, providing a topical or thematic focus for paper presentations. Organizers of special sessions should follow the following guidelines:

(1) All papers submitted are subject to the regular submission and review process.

(2) Organizers should provide a complete listing of papers to the Program Chair by the paper submission date, including the name of the session chair.

(3) Organizers should identify discussants for the papers. It is acceptable to have one discussant for the entire session, or other variations which provide commentary on each paper.

(4) Time and space constraints argue for a Special Session to have a minimum of four papers. The Program Chair reserves the right to merge papers into other sessions if three or fewer papers are submitted, or if three or fewer papers survive the review process.

Papers and abstracts are to be sent to: **Tyrel G. Moore, Program Chair, Department of Geography and Earth Sciences, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, 9201 University City Boulevard, Charlotte, NC 28223-0001; (704) 547-4250; fax: (704) 547-3182; E-mail: tgmoores@email.uncc.edu**

GUIDELINES FOR 1998 SEDAAG POSTER AND POSTER DESCRIPTIONS

The deadline for the receipt of poster descriptions and abstracts is September 23, 1998. **All annual meeting program participants shall be members of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers. Please see membership application included in this Newsletter.** Poster submissions received after the deadline will be returned to authors. Papers

describing posters received by the deadline will be reviewed by the Program Committee.

Participation Form

(1) Each poster submission should be accompanied by a separate page (one copy only) containing: (a) the word "POSTER" at the top of the page; (b) title of the poster; (c) author(s)' name(s) and titles; (d) affiliation; (e) complete address; and, (f) electronic mail address, if possible.

(2) Poster boards and easels will be provided.

(3) Please note that posters may not be submitted for the Student Honors competition.

Poster Descriptions

(1) **For review by the program committee, Poster submissions must be accompanied by a two page description, exclusive of maps, graphs, tables, literature cited, and the title page. Full double spacing and the use of no type font smaller than size 12 are required.** The poster description is necessary for the review process and should detail: the purpose statement, research design, related literature, and research findings. For the review process, **six (6) copies of the text of the poster description must be submitted.** Maps, graphs, and tables must be included with each copy, but they do not have to be in final form.

(2) **The title of the poster description should appear at the top of page 1.** The author's name **must not** appear on this page or on pages in the body of the description. Pages of the text must have at least one-inch margins at the top and bottom and on the right and left sides.

(3) Citations should follow the format used in recent articles in the *Southeastern Geographer*.

(4) **Maps, graphs, and tables must be labeled and numbered.** References to illustrations should occur at the appropriate place in the text.

(5) **Research conveyed in posters will be displayed in single session on 4' x 8' poster boards supplied by SEDAAG. Materials should be of professional quality and be clearly legible from a distance of 4 feet. Textual material should be confined to brief statements.**

Abstracts

(1) A printed abstract must accompany all posters submitted. The abstract may be no longer than 200 words.

(2) We request that abstracts also be submitted on 3.5 inch diskettes. Microsoft Word, WordPerfect, or ASCII formats for either IBM or Macintosh are acceptable. Indicate your name and title of the paper on your disk, along with the software type and version, and whether in MAC, DOS, or Windows environment.

(3) **Margins of the abstract** must be one and one-fourth (1.25) inches on the right side and on the left, and one (1) inch at the top.

(4) The **title** must be in capital letters and centered one inch from the top of the page.

(5) The **author's name** must be two spaces below the title, centered, in capital and lower case letters, and underlined.

(6) The **author's institution affiliation** must be two spaces below the name, centered in capital and lower case letters, and underlined.

(7) The **body of the abstract** must begin three spaces below the author's institutional affiliation (the body is to be single spaced and without paragraph indentations). If the abstract contains

more than one paragraph, two spaces are to be left between paragraphs.

(8) Authors are responsible for editing and proofreading the abstracts which they submit. They will be printed as submitted.

GUIDELINES FOR STUDENT HONORS COMPETITION

Objectives: The Student Honors Competition at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Division of the American Association of Geographers is designed to: (1) encourage graduate student research and publication; (2) stimulate graduate student attendance and active participation at the annual meeting; (3) provide a training ground for the oral presentation of research findings at professional meetings; and, (4) recognize outstanding research by individual students and reflect credit upon the graduate programs of their sponsoring departments.

Eligibility: To be eligible to participate in the Student Honors competition, **the graduate student must have been enrolled in a geography program and in residence at the sponsoring department at the time his or her research was done.** Ph.D. students must still be enrolled as a student at the time his or her paper is presented. Master's students who have graduated since doing their research may present their papers at the first SEDAAG meeting following graduation. Papers should represent original research. Maps, illustrations or other audiovisual materials should be designed or constructed by the author. No multiple authored papers will be accepted.

Departmental Responsibilities: Sponsoring departments should verify the eligibility of graduate students submitting papers for the Honors competition and conduct preliminary screening of such papers to ensure that those submitted are quality products. To the extent possible, departments should ensure that the authors of papers accepted in the Honors competition will be able to attend the 1998 meeting in Memphis, Tennessee, and be present at the awards ceremony.

Awards: Normally one master's-level and one Ph.D. level award are presented each year, but decisions regarding the Honors award are left entirely to the discretion of the Honors Committee. Each Honors award will consist of \$100 cash, a year's paid membership in the Association of American Geographers (AAG) and a certificate. Presentation of the award or awards will be made at the Honors Luncheon. All student who have papers accepted in the competition will have their annual meeting registration fee and honors luncheon fees waived.

Topics: Papers on any geographic topic may be entered into the Honors Competition. Every paper and oral presentation will receive a critical and impartial evaluation.

Evaluation Procedures: Papers submitted for the Honors Competition will undergo preliminary screening by the Honors Committee. Those accepted for the competition will be placed on the program in separate Honors sessions. Papers not included in the competition, but accepted for the program will be placed in appropriate sessions elsewhere in the program. Each paper submitted to the Honors competition will be evaluated for its quality as a written report on original research undertaken by the author, and for its oral presentation and defense. The written and oral evaluations will be weighted 60 percent and 40 percent, respectively.

Content will be the primary general criterion in the written evaluation, but the author should use good English as well as

appropriate illustrations and documentation. The paper should be prepared as if it were to be published, although draft copies of maps and figures for the written review will be accepted.

A primary criterion will be a well-defined research objective and a research procedure appropriate to achieving it. The paper should focus upon one or more research questions and present at least a tentative answer. Papers without such a focus will be downgraded in scoring.

The evaluation of the oral presentation will be independent of the evaluation of the written paper. Evaluation will focus on the professional quality of the presentation and the adequacy with which questions are answered. The oral presentation must be lively and well illustrated. Appropriate modifications of the written paper should be incorporated into the oral presentation wherever suitable, although major alterations of the written paper are discouraged. The quality, appropriateness, and visual appeal of any maps, figures and illustrations will be an important part of the evaluation. All visual aids should be intelligible from the back of the room. In order to leave adequate time for questions, each oral presentation should adhere strictly to the time limits for delivery specified by the person chairing the session.

Voting: No Honors Committee member shall vote on a paper by a student from his or her institution, although this restriction shall not discourage or prevent that member's participation in the discussion preceding the formal committee vote.

Submission of Papers: A paper submitted for Honors Competition must be accompanied by a letter from the student's advisor or head of the sponsoring department verifying the status and eligibility of the student and indicating whether it is for the M.A. or Ph.D. competition.

A paper submitted for the Honors Competition must conform to the guidelines for papers and abstracts, with the following additions:

(1)**TEN**, rather than six, copies of the paper must be submitted, and (2) **a letter from the student's department must accompany the submission**, verifying the status and eligibility of the student and the level of competition (M.A. or Ph.D.). **Copies should be sent to Tyrel G. Moore, Program Chair, Department of Geography, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, 9201 University City Boulevard, Charlotte, NC 28223-0001; (704) 547-4250; fax: (704) 547-3182; e-mail: tgmoore@email.uncc.edu. Deadline for submission of papers is September 23, 1998.**

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GUIDELINES FOR GAMMA THETA UPSILON, UNDERGRADUATE PAPERS

Undergraduate students are urged to present papers in a special GTU paper session. These papers will not be reviewed by the Program Committee, and no Honors Competition will be held. Initial screening should be the responsibility of faculty advisors; papers may be further screened by the session chair and the program chair. The guidelines for papers and abstracts are the same as for the regular and honors papers, except that only three (3) copies are needed. Please help make this session a success. Papers and abstracts should be sent to **Tyrel Moore, Program Chair, by September 23, 1998.**

GRADUATE RECRUITING AT SEDAAG MEETING

The SEDAAG Meeting will provide time and space for departments wishing to recruit undergraduates to their graduate programs. The November date should be timely for recruiting; the World Geography Bowl adds to the attraction of the meetings for undergraduates. We hope that other students will avail themselves of this chance to meet with Southeastern program faculty and graduate students.

Departments wishing to participate should plan on staffing a table with one faculty member and one graduate student throughout the time period. Displays, handouts, and other materials should fit on a small (seats four) table. Undergraduate programs will want to encourage students exploring graduate school options to attend.

For more information, contact either **Tyrel Moore** or **Clifton Dixon**, **Local Arrangements Committee**.

MERLE C. PRUNTY SCHOLARSHIP

The Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers annually awards the Merle C. Prunty Scholarship to an outstanding undergraduate student from our region with the objective of encouraging talented undergraduate students to pursue professional careers in geography.

Eligibility: Applicants must currently be juniors or seniors and enrolled as geography majors (or geography minors) in a college or university located within the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers. Applicants must demonstrate an interest in pursuing a professional career or the clear potential to pursue academic work beyond the baccalaureate degree. Applicants are evaluated by the SEDAAG Honors Committee on the basis of scholastic record and professional promise.

Send nominations by September 23, 1998 to: Howard Johnson, Chair, SEDAAG Honors Committee, Department of Geography and Anthropology, Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, AL 36265. Telephone: (205) 782-5813.

Notification: The award recipient will be named at the Honors Luncheon at the 1998 meeting of the Division in Memphis, TN. All applicants will be informed of the outcome by mail.

Application Materials: Materials submitted in the application must include: (1) A cover letter that includes a summary of educational background and academic honors; (2) A statement of professional goals, not to exceed two typewritten pages; (3) One copy of each undergraduate transcript inclusive of college course work through Summer 1998; (4) Letters of recommendation from three persons familiar with the academic work and professional aspirations of the applicant. The letters should include evaluation of the applicant's potential for development as a professional geographer.

STUDENT HONORS AWARD RECIPIENTS

The student recipients of three awards were announced at the Honors Luncheon in Birmingham. **Ms. Laura Fischer** from the **University of South Carolina** won the Merle C. Prunty Scholarship Award. **Mr. John G. Gartin** from the **University of South Carolina** won the Student Honors Paper Award for Masters Students. His paper was entitled "The Impact of the United States-Mexico Border on the Population Distribution of San Diego, U.S.A." **Mr. Jerry T. Mitchell** of the **University of South Carolina** won the Student Honors Paper Award for Ph.D. students. His paper was entitled "Using a Neural Network to Explore Attitudes Toward the Siting of a Hazardous Waste Facility." Congratulations are due to the three students as well as the **University of South Carolina**.

POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY SESSIONS AT SEDAAG AND SWAAG

Organized political geography sessions are planned for next year's SEDAAG meeting in Memphis. If you are interested in participating as a presenter, session chair, or discussant, please contact **Stan Brunn, University of Kentucky, (606) 257-2931, E-mail: brunn@pop.uky.edu**

The Southwest Division of the Association of American Geographers (SWAAG) will meet in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, October 29-31, 1998. Organized political geography sessions are planned for the meeting. If you are interested in participating in these organized sessions, please contact **Fred Shelley, Southwest Texas State University, (512) 245-2170, E-mail: fs03@swt.edu**

RESULTS OF SPRING 1997 ELECTIONS

The results from the Spring SEDAAG Elections are as follows:

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Dennis Spetz, Kentucky State Representative
George Towers, West Virginia State Representative

The Division thanks **Susan Brooker-Gross** for her service as President, **Kavita Pandit** for her service as Treasurer, **Roberta Webster** for her service as State Representative from Alabama, **Barney Warf** for his service as State Representative from Florida, **Ron Mitchelson** for his service as State Representative from Kentucky, **Allan James** for his service as State Representative from South Carolina and **Jan Westerik** for his service as State Representative from West Virginia. (See page 15 for SC results).

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STATE REPORTS

Alabama

Roberta H. Webster, University of Alabama

Geography degree programs continue to be offered at six universities in Alabama. Undergraduate degrees in geography are offered at the University of Alabama, Auburn University, Jacksonville State University, the University of North Alabama, Samford University, and the University of South Alabama. The University of Alabama continues to offer the only Masters degree in geography in the state, but many of Alabama's geography programs do provide graduate-level instruction in geography.

Many of the state's geography departments are small (certainly with respect to personnel), but remain viable and strong. In general, the state's geography faculty remain strongly committed to the discipline as evidenced by their participation in the Alabama Geographic Alliance, grants[wo]manship, research, publications and awards. Faculty numbers remain the same and enrollment remains strong, especially at the University of Alabama, Jacksonville State University, and the University of North Alabama. Most departments are doing more (much more) with the same number of personnel.

However, most department chairs expressed concern about the weak support for higher education within the state. Many cited the governor's continuing efforts to cut the higher education budget. Concern was also expressed over the impact of the state's proposed articulation agreement, which allows students to transfer community college credit directly to 4-year institutions. As a result, there is some fear that undergraduate enrollment at 4-year institutions will be lost to the many junior colleges across the state following the agreement's implementation.

The level of professional activity in Alabama geography departments also continues to be strong. The University of Alabama reports a high level of productivity in terms of presentations, publications and grant applications. **Luoheng Han** received a substantial grant from the Mississippi Sea Grant Consortium and **David Weaver** received SEDAAG's Outstanding Service Award this past year. Three Jacksonville State University faculty report receiving grants: **Howard Johnson**, to support Geographic Education; **Kelly Gregg**, from both the Park Service and NASA/EPSCOR; and **Tom Baucom**, from NASA/EPSCOR. Gregg also won the Teacher of the Year Award at JSU. The University of North Alabama's new GIS Certificate Program is growing rapidly, and expects significant success. Samford University's faculty have been active in the Geographic Alliance's "Urban Institute", and have participated in the "Sustaining Urban Neighborhoods Through Historic Preservation" workshop. SU also reports great success in placing their geography majors in graduate school or full-time employment. The faculty at the University of South Alabama continue to be professionally active with ongoing projects pertaining to the identification and categorization of hurricane sedimentary signatures and geographic analysis of the Cumberland Island National Seashore. **Victoria Rivizzigno** is presently serving as the President of the Alabama Council of College and University Faculty Senate Presidents. She has also been instrumental in development and implementation of the state's general studies and course articulation agreement.

Florida

Barney Warf, Florida State University

Despite inadequate state funding for higher education, geography in Florida's universities continues to do reasonably well. Four institutions (Florida State University, Tallahassee, the University of South Florida, Tampa, the University of Florida, Gainesville, and the University of Miami) comprise the bulk of the discipline's presence in the state. A few scattered geographers are located at the University of North Florida, Florida A&M University, Florida International, the University of West Florida, and at community colleges. Among the 4 universities that responded to the SEDAAG survey, a total of 28 full time and 14 part time faculty taught 138 undergraduate and 51 graduate courses, with total enrollments exceeding 6,700 for undergraduates and 730 for graduates. Three institutions reported 5 new faculty members joined their departments in 1997, although there were no new positions. There were 321 undergraduate majors, 92 M.A. students in three schools, and 47 doctoral students in two institutions (FSU and UF). At the undergraduate level, FSU was the largest school, with enrollments of 2,900, while UF was the largest in terms of graduate enrollments (576).

At FSU, a new undergraduate major in Environmental Studies was initiated, the *Journal of Geography* has moved to the University and is being edited by **Jonathan Leib**, and the National Geographic Society donated \$500,000, which was matched by \$1.2 million in private and state government funds, towards the initiation of an endowment to fund a new program in geographic education.

In terms of careers, the majority of geography graduates from Florida schools found employment in the public sector, including the state Department of Environmental Protection, a Water Management District, and urban planning agencies. Others reported placing graduates with GIS skills in environmental and retail consulting and doctoral students in college teaching positions.

Finally, geography faculty in Florida were professionally active in several respects, earning awards of distinction, editing books and journals, publishing papers and obtaining research grants and fellowships. The outlook statewide was guardedly optimistic, with some noting that more could be done to improve geography instruction at the high school level.

Georgia

Andrew Herod, University of Georgia

In September 1997, questionnaires were mailed to all colleges and universities offering geography courses within the state of Georgia. These including: Dept. of History, Columbus College; Div. of Business Administration and Social Science, Dalton College; Dept. of Social Science, DeKalb College; Dept. of Geology and Geography, Georgia Southern University; Dept. of History and Political Science, Georgia Southwestern College; Dept. of Geography, University of Georgia; Dept. of Political Science and Geography, West Georgia College; Dept. of History, Geography and Political Science, Fort Valley State College; Dept. of Political Science and International Affairs, Kennesaw State University; Dept. of Physics, Astronomy and Geosciences, Valdosta State University;

and Dept. of Geography, Georgia State University. As of November 17, 1997 replies had been received from the following: Div. of Business Administration and Social Science, Dalton College; Dept. of Geology and Geography, Georgia Southern University; Dept. of Geography, University of Georgia; Dept. of Political Science and International Affairs, Kennesaw State University; Dept. of Physics, Astronomy and Geosciences, Valdosta State University; and Dept. of Geography, Georgia State University. The report is based upon the information provided by these replies.

The state of geography within Georgia seems to be relatively healthy. With the exception of Dalton College, all departments returning questionnaires have hired new faculty during the past academic year. Based upon the numbers reported in last year's report, the six departments listed above have had a net increase of 2 full-time faculty, and 5 part-time faculty. Although it is good to increase numbers of faculty, it is a little disconcerting that the emphasis on new hires appears to be more at the part-time level than at the full-time level and is perhaps indicative of the shift in academia (as elsewhere) to contract teaching and part-time faculty. The six departments also taught a total of 10,969 undergraduates (a 9.97% increase over the previous year) and 696 graduate students (a 66.51% increase over the previous year). Finally, the number of undergraduate majors and graduate students increased to 197 and 111 (increases of 28.76% and 4.71%), respectively.

Also of note is the movement to a semester schedule in 1998 by the University of Georgia system. It remains to be seen how this change will affect geography. Georgia Southern University has recently been given approval to begin a geography major and hire an additional faculty member. The GIS program at Kennesaw State University, housed in the Political Science and International Affairs Department, has been expanded to include a GIS certificate. The University of Georgia made four faculty hires this past year. The UGA Geography Department was recently ranked first among U.S. Ph.D. granting institutions in terms of journal articles published per faculty member, 16th in books, 14th in teaching outcomes, and 18th in the placement of Ph.D. students (see Groop and Schaetzl's 1997 article in the *Professional Geographer*). Finally, Valdosta State's Environmental Geography major has attracted substantial student attention, and has hired two new faculty specializing in biogeography.

Kentucky

Ron Mitchelson, Morehead State University

According to combined data sources, there are 22 Kentucky institutions of higher education offering geography classes. This is one less than reported in 1995 and one more than was the case in 1994. This slight variation from one year to the next reflects the inconsistency of offerings at the community college level within Kentucky. Of these 22 institutions, seven offer a bachelor's degree, three offer the master's degree, and one supports a Ph.D. program. There are 96 faculty members offering geography classes. This is the maximum faculty involvement to date and is 10 more than just two years ago. The number of full-time faculty remains relatively constant at 60. However, there has been significant turnover at a number of the institutions.

The total number of undergraduate students enrolled in geography classes has continued a modest increase since 1994, up three percent to 15,750 in 1996. A continuing trend within these offerings is the increased percentage of introductory and service

courses. That population has increased from 75 percent in 1993 to 80 percent in 1996. The expansion of introductory geography offerings in community colleges and a number of private institutions explains this relative increase in service and introductory activity. The number of undergraduate majors continues to increase statewide. The growth has proceeded from 309 majors in 1992 to 402 in 1996, a 30 percent increase. This growth is interpreted most easily as a response to the attractiveness of geography's technological advances. New computer labs, supporting GIS, remote sensing, and spatial analysis in general, are located across the state.

The Kentucky Geographic Alliance (KGA) continues its reformation. Last year KGA was housed as part of the Kentucky Department of Education. After due consideration and a generous offer, it is now housed at the University of Louisville where **David Howarth** and **Keith Mountain** will provide leadership. As a part of last year's efforts, KGA supported another successful two week teacher institute at Murray State with focus placed upon the integration of technology in curriculum.

Drs. Raitz and Ulack at the University of Kentucky have provided effective leadership in the collaborative development of the *Atlas of Kentucky* to be published by the University Press of Kentucky in May, 1998. The *Atlas* has involved geographers from each degree granting program. The electronic version is being developed by **Dr. Yu Luo**, formerly of Morehead State. It will contain content from the paper version and will add multimedia features and basic GIS functions as well. These efforts will provide a high level of visibility for geographers in Kentucky over the next few years.

Mississippi

Ronald W. Snow, Mississippi State University

Geography classes are offered in 25 colleges and universities in the state of Mississippi. However, only Mississippi State University and the University of Southern Mississippi offer geography (or geosciences) degree programs. Delta State University offers a concentration in geography as part of the Social Science degree track. In most institutions in the state, one or two geography courses are taught in the Department of Social Science - primarily for students majoring in elementary and secondary education. Often these courses are taught by adjunct and/or part-time faculty who may teach at more than one institution. At the University of Mississippi (Ole Miss) and Millsaps College, geography is taught by non-geographers in the Geology Departments. No geography courses are currently offered in seven institutions in the state (Coahoma Community College, East Mississippi Community College, Mary Holmes College, Northeast Mississippi Community College, Rust College, Tougaloo College, and Wesley College).

Geography faculty at the two degree granting institutions are generally optimistic about the status of geography in Mississippi. Enrollments in both undergraduate and graduate geography courses at the University of Southern Mississippi have been holding steady, although the reported number of undergraduate majors dropped from 65 to 50 last year, and the number of graduate majors dropped from 42 to 40. There has been a large increase in enrollment in geography courses at Mississippi State University. The number of sections of World Geography was increased from 8 to 11 this past year, and still, large numbers of students are turned away each

semester. Jackson State University also reports that student demand for geography courses exceeds the offerings.

In news from around the state, **Dr. Barry Vann** (Delta State University) is working on a historical geography book entitled *The Highlander's Impact on Southern Culture*. **Sandra Bartlett** (Mississippi University for Women) prepared the "Geography of France" section of the teacher's guide for the "Splendors of Versailles" exhibit which will be held in Jackson, Mississippi in April, 1998. **Dr. Brenda Kaye Thompson** (Jackson State University) has written *Introduction to Physical Geography: A Study Skill Guide* which was published by Burgess, and is writing a book entitled *Wilksburg, PA and Woodhaven-Woodlea Suburb of Jackson, MS: A Comprehensive Study of Racially Changing Neighborhoods in the Mid-1980's*. **Dr. Scott Lecce** (University of Southern Mississippi) had an article published in the *Annals*. The Department of Geography and Area Development at Southern received over \$400,000 in funded research last year from agencies such as the National Science Foundation, the U.S. Department of the Interior, and the U.S. Department of Commerce. Graduates of the department have been finding employment with private consulting firms, local governments, and economic development councils. **Dr. Douglas W. Gamble** (Ph.D. University of Georgia, 1997) became the latest addition to the Geosciences faculty at Mississippi State University. The major source of employment for graduates of the Geosciences Department over the past two years has been TV stations. Four undergraduate majors and 13 master's students went to TV stations as weathercasters.

North Carolina

Altha J. Cravey, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill

Geography and geographic education in North Carolina remain dynamic and strong. There continues to be a high level of interaction between departments, faculty, and students. Enrollments in undergraduate and graduate courses were consistently high during the 1996-1997 academic year at most institutions in North Carolina. There are 532 undergraduate majors in the state's nine geography programs and over 15,000 students enrolled at the seventeen schools which teach college-level geography courses. Graduate enrollments in the state are also substantial. Of the 131 students pursuing advanced degrees, 108 are in the state's five masters degree programs, while 23 Ph.D. students are enrolled in the state's only Ph.D. program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Most geography departments responding to the SEDAAG survey reported that geography is dynamic on their campuses. **Michael Palmer**, the interim chair at ECU, says that the presence of the successful Geographic Alliance Program has heightened awareness among public schools and the wider community. **Wayne Walcott** notes that the department at the UNC-Charlotte won a departmental award for teaching excellence and is ranked the best in the college (out of 18). According to **Gordon Bennett** of the UNC-Greensboro, the new Masters program in Applied Geography has nineteen students enrolled. **W. Frank Ainsley** says that the department at UNC-Wilmington is growing in numbers and visibility. **Leo Zonn** at UNC-Chapel Hill reports that the addition of four senior faculty and the hiring of **Ken Hillis** (Ph.D. University of Wisconsin-Madison) in UNC-CH's Communication Studies department has contributed to a resurgence of influence on the Chapel Hill campus.

Survey results about the types of jobs which North Carolina

geography graduates pursue shows some general trends within the state. Many of our graduates are getting jobs with government agencies at the local, regional, state and federal level. Many become GIS technicians, planners, resource and site analysts. Some find work with banks and retail corporations. A few assume lectureships and assistant professorships in geography departments. **Phil Townsend** (student of Steve Walsh) of the Ph.D. program at the UNC-Chapel Hill became an assistant professor at Texas A&M this past fall.

New faculty were reported at a number of places in the state. Appalachian State University hired **Wendy McGuire**. East Carolina University appointed **Mary Cameron**, **Karen Mulcahy** and **Charles Weber** while Meredith College hired **Carol Hazard** and **Cheryl Warren**. UNC-CH hired **Larry Band** (starting Spring '98), **David Greenland**, **Risa Palm**, and **Leo Zonn** (as Chair). UNC-Greensboro appointed **Gerald Lannartson**. UNC-Pembroke hired **Dennis Edgell**.

The North Carolina Geographical Society meets annually and continues to publish high quality articles in *The North Carolina Geographer*. **Deborah Dixon** at ECU is the new editor of the journal.

South Carolina

Allan James, University of South Carolina

Geography in South Carolina continues to grow at both ends of the educational and research spectra. At the K through 12 level, considerable progress has been made in organizing and training teachers through the Geographic Alliance. At the college and graduate level, the breadth and stature of geography continues to grow.

Dr. Charles (Chuck) Kovacik reports that the South Carolina Geographic Alliance (SCGA) has been very busy this year providing professional development opportunities for teachers throughout the state. In preparation for Geography Awareness Week, twenty workshops were held and over 600 teachers were served. In addition, outreach was extended to pre-service teachers through Geofests, World Geography for Teachers courses, and personal visits to teacher-training institutions. In meeting their materials training goal, considerable progress has been made toward creating the South Carolina Interactive Geography CD-ROM. This program is designed for, and will be distributed to, 8th grade classrooms. Many of these initiatives were made possible by the annual funding of \$200,000 from the Center of Excellence for Geographic Education.

About 28 full-time and 28 part-time faculty taught in South Carolina during the year. Most of the full-time faculty (20) are at the USC-Columbia campus where geography is thriving. **Allen Bushong** retired this year at Columbia, but he remains busy as ever spending long hours at the library preparing SEDAAG histories and the like. We are pleased to announce that Aiken is advertising a new position in geography to begin in fall of 1998. The addition of **Dr. Kirstin Dow** (Ph.D., Clark) and **Dr. Michael Hodgson** (Ph.D., USC-Columbia) in the Fall of 1996, strengthened the environmental and technical programs, respectively. In addition, the addition of **Dr. Jeremy Browning** has strengthened geography at the College of Charleston.

The number of courses being taught has stayed approximately steady. Most courses at both the undergraduate and graduate levels are at the Columbia campus. There has not been a substantial change in the number of courses at Columbia,

but the curriculum has evolved toward a balanced coverage of human, physical, environmental, and technical geography. A large number of highly qualified graduate applicants continues to flock to Columbia. The addition of undergraduate courses in GIS and graduate courses in physical/environmental geography has led to increasing enrollments as well. About 20 new Dell Pentium 200 MHz computers were installed this year in the two PC computer labs - fully networked - and multimedia-ready - so that computers are more fully integrated into the classroom than before.

Applied and theoretical research at the USC-Columbia campus continues to grow and diversify. The prominence of the department in geographic information processing continues to insure an active research agenda, and collaborative research with physical and human geographers continues to increase. So many grants were active this year at Columbia, that professors were beating on graduate students' doors trying to find able bodied students who were not already funded.

Tennessee

Thomas L. Bell, University of Tennessee

Despite a horrible budget year for public universities in the State of Tennessee, geography appears to be thriving at the four-year institutions of higher learning in all parts of the state except the northeast where the program at East Tennessee State University (ETSU), which once offered the Master's degree, is now down to two full-time faculty and a few adjuncts.

The situation at the two-year institutions is in need of improvement as well. Only two such institutions replied to this year's questionnaire survey. At Roane State in east Tennessee, **Dr. Charton** noted that he could attract more student to geography but that more of his teaching time is devoted to teaching geology where there is a larger current demand. At Jackson State, in the western part of the state, it appears that this is the last year geography courses will be offered at all.

The situation at the pre-collegiate level is, fortunately, much rosier thanks in large part to the Tennessee Geographic Alliance (TGA) and the efforts of **Drs. Schmudde and Jumper**, both of whom retired from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville (UTK) this year, and **Dr. Heffington** of Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) who coordinates Alliance activities in the middle Tennessee area. Jumper has been persuaded to stay on for another four years as the part-time coordinator of the Alliance which will smooth the transition for his eventual replacement.

Last November saw the first statewide meeting of geographers which was held on the campus of MTSU in Murfreesboro. Dr. Heffington coordinated that excellent well-attended meeting. A second such annual meeting is scheduled for Cumberland Falls State Park at the time of this writing. The enthusiasm of the K-12 teachers make these well-attended meetings so successful. One salutary benefit of this enthusiasm is a recent gift of over \$500,000 to the Alliance and The University of Tennessee, Knoxville (UTK) from the Livingston family in order to fund research and teaching on world population issues. This generous gift, the largest of its kind to date, will be matched by the National Geographic Society (NGS) to establish an endowment for future population-related projects.

One of the biggest gifts ever given by an individual donor (\$4.6 million) went to the Department of Geography at UTK to begin construction of the William Burchfiel Geography Building. A central

site on the campus has been selected and building contracts are soon to be let for the 33,000 square foot four-story building which should be occupied by 1999.

Both the University of Memphis (UM) and UTK saw their requests to hire new tenure-track faculty positions frozen as a result of state budget woes. UTK was fortunate enough to be able to hire **Dr. Debbie Bryan**, Ph.D. from The Ohio State University on a one-year appointment to teach GIS, quantitative methods and urban/transportation modeling and **Dr. Phillip D. Royall**, Ph.D. from UTK as an instructor in the physical geography area.

The undergraduate geography program in geography and planning at UM can now boast more majors (120) than comparable programs at UTK (75); The University of Tennessee, Martin (UTM) (35); or MTSU (30). Likewise, UM has about 75 persons in their Master's degree program compared to 30 at UTK. The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, is the only Ph.D. granting institution in the state with 22 students currently enrolled at that level.

Enrollment in geography courses at the state's institutions of higher learning is very high indicating a large service component to other programs. UTK, for example, taught 2,700 undergraduate students and 250 graduate students in its courses. University of Memphis (UM) enrolled 1,900 undergraduates and 150 graduate students in its courses. Interestingly, UT, Martin (UTM) in the rather sparsely populated northwestern corner of the state, enrolled an impressive 600 undergraduates in its courses taught by just three dedicated faculty members. Likewise Tennessee State University (TSU) taught 330 undergraduates in geography courses with only two faculty members.

There are many accomplishments of the faculty at the state's institutions of higher learning that should be recognized. At MTSU, the research emphasis is on GIS and remote sensing in Costa Rica and South Africa as well as the local Nashville basin area. This research involves close cooperation in laboratory settings between faculty and students. Likewise, at UTM, **Professors Simpson and Rogers** have presented workshops on GIS and computer mapping. In addition, the major at UTM has been redesigned to add more technique courses and a senior capstone course. At UM, research activity and recognition is increasing. **Dr. Kupper** received the College of Arts and Science's Early Career Distinguished Research Award. **Dr. Kung** and a political science professor received a grant from the Department of Education to establish an East Asian Resources Center on campus with a focus on China. **Drs. Fung and Kung** received a three year grant from General Dynamics (Martin Marietta) to develop a GIS data base for the Milan Army Ammunitions Plant in Milan, Tennessee. Research at Tennessee State involves tornadoes in Tennessee, hydrological problems in Florida and the geography of unemployment in the United States in the mid 1990s.

At UTK, **Dr. Aiken** completed a book for Johns Hopkins Press entitled *The Cotton Plantation South since the Civil War*. **Dr. Bell** is co-Principal Investigator on a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to study the transportation impacts of new retailing forms on the urban landscape. He also developed telecourse materials for the Annenberg/CPB Project on human geography (*Human Geography: People, Places and Change*, Prentice-Hall). **Drs. Harden and Orvis** are collaborating scientists on a grant from the U.S. EPA researching the "Use of Multi-Scale Biophysical Models for Ecological Assessments." Dr. Harden was also awarded a grant from the U.S. Forest Service to examine "Rates and Patterns of Rainfall Infiltration in the Luquillo Experimental Forest, Puerto Rico." Dr. Orvis was awarded a grant

from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to introduce GPS instrumentation to improve instruction in GIS and field geology courses. **Dr. Horn** was awarded a grant from the National Geographic Society (NGS) to study “Lake Sediment and Environmental History in Costa Rica” and was a contributor to the book *Rediscovering Geography: New Relevance for Science and Society* published by the National Academy of Sciences Press. **Dr. Wilbanks**, Adjunct Professor at UTK and former president of the AAG, was the chair of the team that created this important assessment of the discipline.

Virginia

Laurence W. Carstensen, Jr., Virginia Polytechnic and State University

The overall status of geographic education in Virginia during 1996-1997 is best described as up and down, sadly, a bit more down than up. While this year’s survey reached a large number of schools in the state that teach geography, few have programs, and even fewer have majors or full-time faculty. A key blow to the state mentioned by several faculty responding to the survey were the weak geography standards proposed by Governor Allen, while there are some programs that are slipping at their institutions, others are expanding, and one new major is in the works as well.

The following data are taken from the returned surveys and do not reflect all of the schools who were sent forms. I received reports from 6 of the 13 private schools, 17 two-year schools (several schools sent in separate reports for each of their campus locations), and 7 reports from the 12 four-year schools.

Among the private schools, there were no full-time geography faculty in 1996-1997, nor was geography represented by a department or program at any reporting school. Geography was primarily taught by part-time adjunct faculty to support teacher preparation programs and for recertification of in-service educators. As there were no programs, many respondents saw no need to complete the entire form. The only comment on jobs was that many communications majors found geography useful, especially those specializing in television.

Among the two year schools, there is significant activity. With the exception of Richard Bland College (a junior college), the rest of the respondents represent the Virginia Community College System. The system uses the same numbering system throughout, and there are seven geography courses listed in the master course file. Not all community colleges teach all (or any) geography, but these course are approved for teaching in the system. The courses listed are in traditional areas: physical, cultural, and world regional, with an offering each in economic and political geography.

This group of respondents lists 6 2/3 full-time faculty and 15 part-time faculty in geography. A total of 40 classes was reported. As for the private schools, the majority were taken as electives, often for transfer to four-year institutions to fulfill core requirements. Because of comparatively poor state support for higher education in Virginia, this approach by students is common. Credit hours in the community college system are far less expensive than at the four-year schools, so many students take their “off-track/core course work” (classes relating more to requirements than to employment or to their majors) in the community college system for transfer.

Specific comments from this sector include:

- “our courses have recently been deleted by low enrollments.”
- “I must beg to let the small classes run.”
- “...geography is irrelevant, important, but not as important as [fill

in the blank].”

· “[geography is] something that elementary teachers teach their students.”

· “interest is increasing, more students are enrolling.”

Clearly this is a mixed bag of comments. While many campuses are offering a course or two in geography, overall, this sector is not particularly well-supported in their attempts to enroll geography students.

Finally, at the four year colleges and universities, the survey’s findings are mixed. This sector accounts for the majority of faculty (24 full-time and 14 part-time reported) and classes (131 undergraduate and 33 graduate reported).

George Mason University has a large program and serves over 1,200 undergraduates and 300 graduate students per year. They report their program is “holding steady” with some increased interest in technical areas. Radford University reports their department remains active and they are receiving fairly good support on campus. Virginia Tech reports that its faculty have received awards in remote sensing and general geographic scholarship in the past year. Five faculty received research grants and six books authored by faculty members have been accepted for publication. Virginia Commonwealth University is a distinct bright spot for the discipline with the initiation and growth of a new geography program. The program is housed in the Urban Studies and Planning Department. It is expected that a new geography major will be developed in the near future.

West Virginia

Jan Westerik, Concord College

Three of West Virginia’s higher education institutions offer degree programs in Geography. They are West Virginia University, with undergraduate, master’s and doctoral programs; Marshall University, with undergraduate and master’s programs; and Concord College, with an undergraduate program. Geography has a significant presence at three other colleges, but these do not offer geography degrees. They are West Liberty State College (two geographers) and Shepherd College and Bluefield State College (one geographer each). Further, geography is taught at a number of other colleges around the State in support of teacher training programs, but many of these geography courses are taught by adjunct and part-time faculty.

Geography enrollments and numbers of geography majors are growing at the three geography degree granting institutions. Concord College has thirty geography majors, and another thirty-three students are pursuing interdisciplinary Geography/Geology majors. West Virginia University and Marshall both report thirty master’s students, and WVU now has eight doctoral students. Even though enrollment at these institutions is growing, the number of full time faculty is not. Additional needs are being met through the appointment of adjunct faculty.

The full time faculty at West Virginia University, Marshall University and Concord College are involved in a variety of professional activities. Over the last 5 years, geographers at WVU have published 203 papers, received 81 grants with a total dollar value of \$ 11.3 million, and they have several NSF grant applications pending. The Dean of the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences is a geographer. Marshall’s geographers are involved with the Drinko Scholars program and with a newly developed Women’s Studies minor that includes a Geography of Gender course. The development

of this course was funded by American Women in Science (WIS) and Marshall's College of Liberal Arts. They too are involved in a variety of research activities. Concord's GIS capabilities in the R.T. Hill Spatial Analysis Laboratory will be further upgraded this year. The Concord Geography Department continues to host the West Virginia Geographic Alliance and the biennial Appalachian Geography Conference. Even though they do not offer geography degrees, the West Liberty State and Shepherd geographers are also actively involved in research and various professional organizations.

The advances made by geography in West Virginia are due to the hard work done by geographers who have made the discipline more visible at their respective institutions, in the public schools, and to the state's public education establishment. As West Virginia's economic connections become increasingly globalized, the need for geography, and (one hopes) geographers will become more obvious. In the meanwhile, geographic illiteracy is still prevalent (as it is elsewhere).

The computer and GIS facilities at Concord College continue to improve. Concord recently received a federal grant from which a portion of the funds will be used to purchase additional computers. The Geography Department at Marshall University was

recently merged into a Social Sciences Division in history and political science due to budgetary cutbacks in the College of Liberal Arts. The geographer at Shepard College reports receiving two Fulbright Awards and five grants from the National Geographic Society.

To summarize, Geography in West Virginia is advancing in status, and it is becoming more visible. Much of this is due to the hard work of geographers in higher education who have gained support for the discipline on college campuses and from public officials. However, the resources committed to the support of geography, especially financial resources, are not keeping up with what is needed, especially in the area of personnel. While my information shows there was no decrease in positions, no new positions were created either. Such gaps as developed were filled by part-time adjunct faculty and by current full-time faculty taking on overloads. Neither expedient serves the long-term best interests of the discipline or of our students. Guarded optimism is still the watchword.

Committees (continued from page 10)

Resolutions Committee

Paul Knapp Chair; Tom Howard, Dawn Bowen.

Southern Map Librarians Committee

Helen Jane Armstrong, Chair; David McQuillan, Anita Oser, John Sutherland.

Southern Studies Committee

Charles Kovacik, Chair; Charles Aiken, James Fisher, John Florin, Sam Hilliard, Gregory Jeane, W.T. Mealor, Tyrel Moore, John Morgan, Karl Raitz, John Winberry.

World Geography Bowl Committee

Neal Lineback, Chair; Howard G. Adkins, Sanford Bederman, Thomas Deaton, Clifton Dixon, Jr., Howard Johnson, Dorothy Mason, Klaus Meyer-Arendt, Robert Morrill, Robert Myers, Robert Reiman, Victoria Rivizzigno, Richard Sambrook, Barney F. Warf, David Weaver.

Membership Committee

John Winberry, Chair; all State Representatives.

Honors Committee*

Howard Johnson, Chair, Dennis Lord (chair elect for 1999), Luoheng Han, Elizabeth Hines, Allan James.

Nominating Committee*

Julian Minghi, Chair, Paul Knapp, Roberta Webster.

Program Committee

Tyrel Moore, Chair; Allen R. Arbogast, Thomas L. Bell, Gregory Carbone, Edward Davis, David Greenland, Steven Holloway, John McGee, Klaus Meyer-Arendt, Joann Mossa, Victoria Rivizzigno.

Memphis Local Arrangements Committee

Clifton Dixon, Chair; Ted Mealor, Melvin Barber.

Southeastern Geographer Editorial Committee

James Wheeler, Editor; Melvin Barber, Thomas Boswell, David Butler, Susan Cutter, Carol Harden, John Fraser Hart, Howard Johnson, Janet Kodras, Robert Lloyd, Joseph Manzo, Dorothy Mason, Jesse McKee, Vernon Meentemeyer, Joseph Nicholas, Kathleen Parker, Karl Raitz, Wilma Walker, Stephen Walsh, Gerald Webster, Donald Zeigler.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS AND STATE REPRESENTATIVES

SEDAAG is soliciting nominations for the positions of **Vice President, Secretary, Regional Councillor** and **State Representatives for Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.**

A self-addressed return postcard is included in this *Newsletter* for use in making nominations. **ONLY SEDAAG MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING WHO ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF THE AAG MAY MAKE NOMINATIONS AND HOLD OFFICE. ONLY MEMBERS FROM THE STATE SHOULD MAKE NOMINATIONS FOR THAT STATE'S REPRESENTATIVE.**

Nominations should be returned to the **Chair of the**

Nominations Committee, Professor Julian V. Minghi, Department of Geography, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC 29208.

RESULTS OF FALL RUNOFF ELECTION FOR SOUTH CAROLINA STATE REPRESENTATIVE

As was announced at the Business Meeting in Birmingham, the Spring 1997 election for SEDAAG State Representative from South Carolina resulted in a tie. A second election was therefore undertaken this past fall. The winner of that election was Professor **Michael Hodgson** from the University of South Carolina.

MINUTES FOR THE 52nd SEDAAG MEETING

Minutes of the Business Meeting Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers Fifty-Second Annual Meeting Birmingham, Alabama November 23rd, 1997

The annual business meeting was called to order by SEDAAG President, Susan Brooker-Gross, at 10:15 am. The business meeting was held in the Heritage II room of the Radisson Hotel, Birmingham, Alabama, on November 23, 1997. In addition to President Brooker-Gross, Past President and Regional Councillor Betsy Pyle, Vice President Tyrel Moore, Treasurer Kavita Pandit, and Secretary Jerry Webster, were in attendance. Additionally, AAG President Pat Gober was present. Approximately 100 SEDAAG members were in attendance at the business meeting.

(1) **Approval of the Agenda.** The business meeting agenda was approved unanimously.

(2) **Approval of 1996 Business Meeting Minutes.** The 1996 business meeting minutes from the Athens, Georgia SEDAAG meeting were approved unanimously.

(3) **Necrology.** Three division faculty deaths were reported: Kirk Stone (University of Georgia), Richard Palimeri (Mary Washington University), and Robert Cramer (Eastern Carolina University).

4) **Introduction of New Officers.**

President: Kavita Pandit
Treasurer: John Winberry
Alabama State Representative: Lary Dilsaver
Florida State Representative: Russell Ivy
Kentucky State Representative: Dennis Spetz
West Virginia State Representative: George Towers

It was further announced that the election for a new South Carolina State Representative had resulted in a tie, and that a second election had been initiated with the outcome due by the end of the calendar year.

President Susan Brooker-Gross welcomed the new officers, and thanked the outgoing officers for their efforts on behalf of SEDAAG. These included Kavita Pandit, Roberta H. Webster, Barney L. Warf, Ronald L. Mitchelson, Allan James and Jan Westerik. (The editor notes that President Brooker-Gross was also outgoing and is deserved of thanks from the Division). President Brooker-Gross further encouraged all members to make nominations for, and vote in, the 1998 SEDAAG elections.

(5) **President's Report.** President Susan Brooker-Gross reported on the discussions in the Executive Steering Committee and Steering Committee meetings. The bulk of her comments pertained to the topics discussed in the Steering Committee meeting including:

a) State representatives made significant "strides" in identifying colleagues employed in the community college systems around the Division.

b) The Steering Committee decided to continue to request information from institutions in the Division about student employment opportunities. But rather than requesting specific information, next year's request will be in terms of general employment categories.

c) Due to the increasingly tight schedule at the annual SEDAAG meeting, the Steering Committee decided in favor of adding a poster session to the program. Extended abstracts will be required of those submitting posters and these will undergo review by the Program Committee.

d) The Steering Committee recommended a proposal to increase SEDAAG dues to \$25.00 for regular members and \$12.50 for student members.

(6) **1997 Honors and Nominating Committee Elections.** The nominees were as follows:

1) Nominating Committee (elect 3):

Kevin Archer
Peggy Gripshover
Paul Knapp
Julian Minghi
Roberta Webster

Candidate with highest vote total is chair for the 1998 Committee.

2) Honors Committee (elect 4):

David Arnold
Luoheng Han
Elizabeth Hines
Allan James
J. Dennis Lord
Joseph Nicholas

Candidate with the highest vote total is chair for the 1999 Committee.

The elected Nominations Committee includes Julian Minghi (Chair for 1998), Paul Knapp, and Roberta Webster. The 1998 Honors Committee will be chaired by Howard Johnson from the 1997 Committee, and include newly elected members Luoheng Han, Elizabeth Hines, Allan James and J. Dennis Lord (Chair-Elect for 1999 Honors Committee).

7) **Future Meeting Sites.** The 1998 SEDAAG Meeting will be held in Memphis, Tennessee at the Peabody Hotel. The 1999 SEDAAG meeting will be held in Tampa. At present, no invitation has been extended for the 2000 meeting. President Susan Brooker-Gross noted that there was interest on the part of the Executive Steering Committee and Steering Committee for sites including Chapel Hill, Chattanooga, and Tallahassee.

(8) **Regional Councillor's Report.** Regional Councillor Lizabeth A. Pyle reported that she attended AAG Council meetings in Fort Worth and Bozeman in 1997. Her report consisted of seven topics (see text earlier in this *Newsletter*).

First, a reoccurring theme in the Council's discussion pertains to leadership development among the AAG's membership. She noted that we need to develop effective leaders and ambassadors for our discipline in times of lean budgets.

Second, the AAG's membership stood on November 15, 1997 at 6,997, down slightly from a year ago. SEDAAG's state

representatives were asked to take a larger role in promoting AAG membership.

Third, in terms of financial affairs, the mortgage on the building which houses the AAG Central Office stood at only \$28,000 at the end of October 1997. Members were encouraged to help the AAG retire the debt in its entirety. The AAG also continues to build a fund to support student travel to the Honolulu meeting in 1999.

Fourth, the AAG continues work on educational affair projects such as the development of ARGUS materials.

Fifth, it was announced that Stuart Aitken and Janet Franklin have been appointed the new editors of the *Professional Geographer*. Second, Vice President Will Graf has announced plans to review all AAG publications.

Sixth, after the 1998 AAG meeting in Boston, the 1999 meeting will be held in Honolulu, and the 2000 meeting in Pittsburgh. Orlando, St. Louis and Seattle are being considered as sites of future meetings.

Seventh, Regional Councillor Dick Marston will succeed J.W. Harrington as the AAG's Secretary. Lizabeth Pyle was elected Chair of the Regional Councillors, and Joe Wood will continue as Treasurer. Finally, Betsy asked that the SEDAAG membership actively make nominations for AAG committee vacancies.

(9) Vice President's Report. Vice President Tyrel Moore reported that 82 papers had been submitted for the program. Of this number four were rejected by the Program Committee. In total there were approximately 200 participants at the Golden Anniversary Meeting with approximately 40% of these being students. In total there were 23 sessions on a diverse set of topics at the meeting.

The World Geography Bowl attracted approximately 80 students this year. The meeting also included five organized and very successful field trips, as well as a substantial number of exhibits. Vice President Moore also noted the well-attended and very successful Anniversary Banquet for which Sanford Bederman served as Master of Ceremonies. Informative presentations were made by AAG Executive Director Ron Abler, founding SEDAAG member John Fraser Hart, SEDAAG Historian Allen Bushong, and James O. Wheeler, Editor of the *Southeastern Geographer*. Vice President Moore thanked the participants. He also extended a thank you to AAG President Pat Gober for her attendance, and David Shankman and all members of the Local Arrangements Committee for their efforts.

Finally, Vice President Moore reported that the winner of the annual James O. Wheeler Award for the earliest paper submission for the 1997 meeting was James O. Wheeler, his submission having arrived April 16, 1997.

10) Treasurer's Membership and Financial Reports.

a) Membership Report. Kavita Pandit reported that SEDAAG membership is 588, with approximately 20% of the membership currently in arrears. She noted that there is typically a "membership ripple," with membership increasing in the state hosting the meeting each year.

b) Financial Report. Dues receipts in the year ending 10/31/97 were over \$7,300. Slightly over \$5,100 was also generated by subscriptions to the *Southeastern Geographer*. In total 1997 receipts were \$14,302. In contrast total disbursements were \$14,385 including \$10,810 for the *Southeastern Geographer* and \$1,278 for the SEDAAG Newsletter. Thus, disbursements were slightly above receipts. The division ended the year with a operating budget balance of \$9,371. Additionally, the Endowment Account now has

nearly \$22,000, and the Reserve Account \$8,222. In total the divisions assets are nearly \$35,500.

Treasurer Pandit noted that the Endowment Account is now at a level where the interest generated might be used for SEDAAG needs. Suggestions for its use should be forwarded to the Endowment Committee.

At this point President Brooker-Gross formally presented a recommendation to increase SEDAAG dues to \$25.00 for regular members and \$12.50 for student members. After brief discussion, the dues increase was passed unanimously.

11) Audit Committee Report. Wayne Walcott, Chair of the Audit Committee, reported that all SEDAAG financial books and reports are in order.

12) Report of Secretary and Editor, SEDAAG Newsletter. Jerry Webster, SEDAAG Secretary, reported that his primary duties during the past year have included securing items for inclusion in the *SEDAAG Newsletter* and to publish two issues. Toward that end, Ms. Melinda Lea Timmerman was appointed as "Production Assistant." He reported that her efforts in this regard have been indispensable and that she is deserved of significant recognition.

Jerry also noted the establishment of working deadlines for items to be received to be included in the *SEDAAG Newsletter*. For the Spring edition items should be forwarded by January 15th, and for the Summer issue by July 15th.

He also reported that the total cost for the two 1997 issues of the *SEDAAG Newsletter* were \$1,586, below the \$1,750 budgeted for two issues. Jerry felt that there was reason to believe this year's costs would remain unchanged if not slightly lower.

Finally, he noted the tie vote in the South Carolina State Representative election and that a second round of ballots were mailed to all SEDAAG members in South Carolina on November 12, 1997, to be returned by December 5, 1997.

13) Report of the Editor of the Southeastern Geographer. Editor of the *Southeastern Geographer*, James O. Wheeler, reported that two issues of the journal were published in both 1996 (Vol. 36) and 1997 (Vol. 37). The two issues in 1996 totaled 218 pages. The issues in November 1996 and May 1997 jointly accounted for 235 pages. The November, 1997 (Vol. 37, No. 2) special issue to commemorate the Golden Anniversary of SEDAAG, 1947-1997, totaled 192 pages. This latter issue included nine articles and one article in the "Changing South" section.

In the year since the Athens, Georgia SEDAAG meeting, Jim reported that 28 manuscripts were submitted for review. Fifteen of these have been accepted, eight have been declined, and five remain under review.

The 1996-1997 budget for the *Southeastern Geographer* was \$10,000. The journal was published at \$809.59 over budget, with the actual production and distribution costs being \$10,809.59. Per page costs this past year were \$46.00, nearly \$6.00 less per page than the average during the 1990s. One-thousand copies of each issue were published. Institutional subscriptions numbered 261 this year, an increase of four over last year.

It was noted that back issues through 1991 of the *Southeastern Geographer* are available from J. Dennis Lord (Department of Geography and Earth Sciences, UNC-Charlotte). Issues from 1992 onward are available from Jim Wheeler. These are available at cost.

Jim thanked Treasurer Kavita Pandit for her cooperation

during the past year, Editorial Assistant Jodie Traylor Guy for her efforts on behalf of the journal, George A. Brook (Head, Department of Geography, UGA) for his financial support of the journal, and all members of the Editorial Board for their service to the *Southeastern Geographer*.

Finally, Jim Wheeler requested a \$1,000 increase in the publication budget for 1997-1998 so that the journal might accommodate the publication of more scholarly research.

14) Historian's Report. SEDAAG Historian Allen D. Bushong noted that he had worked during the past year with Greg Jeane, Jim Wheeler, and Sandy Bederman to plan the Golden Anniversary Celebration. The plans to exhibit SEDAAG artifacts reflecting SEDAAG's first fifty years were scrapped due to an insufficient number of exhibit material submissions. Those items submitted will be returned to their owners unless they were designated for the SEDAAG archives. Allen reiterated that such gifts are very welcome.

This year the Historian received no less than seven requests for information relating to the Division's history. All inquiries were answered from data contained in the SEDAAG Archives.

Allen made two requests to SEDAAG members: 1) if you held positions in SEDAAG that generated records, please transfer those records to the Divisions's archives when you leave office unless they are needed by your successor; 2) collaborate with your colleagues and write a history of your department while those who had a part in that history are still around to be interviewed. Finally, he suggested that a photographer be designated for each SEDAAG meeting, a tradition at earlier meetings that has not continued in recent years.

15) Committee Reports.

(a) Geography in Education Committee. Howard Johnson reported that the committee met last year in Athens to generate ideas for sessions it might sponsor in Birmingham. The theme the committee selected dealt with how course articulation agreements between two-year and four-year institutions impact geography programs. John Florin and Dennis Spetz agreed to serve as panelists with Howard in an organized session at Birmingham.

Howard reported that the committee is considering continuing discussion of this year's topic at Memphis with community college faculty added to the panel. Alternatively, a discussion of how universities might prepare for the introduction of AP geography courses in 2000 is under discussion. Finally, Howard stated that the committee welcomes suggestions for session topics.

(b) Local Arrangements Committee. David Shankman, co-chair of the local arrangements committee, reported that a total of 360 individuals registered for the meeting. This number included 177 students, 16 spouses, and 167 regular registrations. He also noted that not all registrants had picked up their packets. Finally, the issue of the non-smoking policy at SEDAAG meetings was discussed. It was suggested that the policy should be regularly reiterated in the *SEDAAG Newsletter*.

(c) Golden Anniversary Committee. James O. Wheeler made the committee's report. He thanked the numerous individuals who had provided time and financial support to the committee. Among these were Sanford Bederman, Allen Bushong, John Fraser Hart, Ronald Abler, Boyd Shearer Jr., Peggy Gripshover, Ray Gildea, Greg Jeane and James O. Wheeler. It was noted that a contest for the best poster celebrating the Division's 50th Anniversary was held and won by Boyd Shearer Jr. Financial support of \$1,500 for the printing

of the poster was provided by the Gildea Foundation. Jim asked that SEDAAG member pick up additional copies of the poster for their colleagues who were unable to attend the Birmingham meeting.

(d) Honors Committee. Howard Johnson, Chair of the Honors Committee presented the report. He first thanked committee members Joann Mossa, Ann Oberhauser and Thomas Hodler for their efforts. Howard reported that ten honors papers had been submitted for the program and that winners would be announced at the banquet following the Business Meeting.

(e) Southern Studies Committee. Chuck Kovacic provided the committee's report. He noted that the committee had selected Greg Jeane as their new chair. The members of the committee are Karl Raitz, Tyrel Moore, and John Morgan.

(f) Committee on the Status of Women in Geography. No member of the committee was present to provide a report. (Editor's comment: It should be noted that a written report was drafted and made available by Interim Chair, Ann Oberhauser).

(g) World Geography Bowl Committee. Neal Lineback, Chair of the committee, presented its report. The WGB attracted 177 students to the Birmingham SEDAAG meeting. The final round included the teams from Alabama and North Carolina, the North Carolina team winning. Neal noted that the top 15 players represented ten different universities in the Division. Victoria Rivizzigno will accompany the Division's All-Star team to the national competition in Boston in March. Neal also revealed that Wilma Walker had suggested that a faculty team be constituted to play the students. It was noted that Stan Brunn, Pat Gober, Harm de Blij, Stephen Birdsall and William Graf had been suggested to constitute the faculty "dream-team."

At this point in the meeting President Brooker-Gross asked if there were additional committee reports. There were none.

16) Remarks by Representatives of Other Geographical Organizations. No remarks were made.

17) Remarks by the President of the AAG. President Pat Gober first stated that she was honored to represent the AAG at the SEDAAG meeting. She noted that the Golden Anniversary Celebration represented a balance between the past and future, and provided a sense of continuity in the Division. Pat also pointed out the substantial interest in the World Geography Bowl and that the students were the future of the discipline, as well as the AAG and SEDAAG. Finally, she noted that the AAG's Centennial is rapidly approaching and that Stan Brunn has been appointed chair the AAG Centennial Celebration Committee.

18) Remarks by the Executive Director of the AAG. Because Ronald Abler, Executive Director of the AAG, was unable to attend the Business Meeting, AAG President Pat Gober, presented his remarks. She noted that approximately 2,500 abstracts had been submitted for the 1998 Boston AAG meeting program. This compares with the 2,000 submitted for the San Francisco meeting, previously the largest ever. There will be over 600 sessions in Boston. The number of posters submitted was approximately 250, while 80 posters is typical of past meetings.

She noted the AAG's website on "Careers in Geography," and that we need to better keep track of students who go on to careers in government and the private sector.

Pat further noted that the AAG's membership was at approximately 7,000, down from its peak of 7,400. She stated that membership is somewhat driven by the location of the annual

meeting and that the Boston site of the 1998 meeting will likely lead to an increase in membership.

She thanked Neal Lineback for his efforts with regard to the World Geography Bowl.

President Gober discussed the *Rediscovering Geography: New Relevance for Science and Society* (National Academy Press, 1997) text noting that the number of requested copies for deans and other administrators was less than hoped.

It was also noted that the AAG Central Office is upgrading their computers, and this should provide them greater ease in processing abstracts and dues submissions.

She also discussed financial support by the AAG for student travel to the Honolulu meetings. At this point the AAG intends to provide \$40,000 of such aid, and hopes that academic departments, specialty groups, and regional divisions will follow suit by also providing financial support for students to attend.

Finally, she noted that all AAG's publications are undergoing review. For example, the AAG Newsletter may undergo change to make it more appealing to non-academics.

19) Resolutions Committee. Dennis Spetz of the Resolutions Committee, presented the following:

1) Be it resolved that by this action, the Division thanks all participants, especially student participants and new members, for their time, commitment, and efforts in making this a successful conference; the Golden Anniversary meeting of SEDAAG has provided opportunities to share research and ideas, and build and renew collegial relationships,

2) Be it resolved that by action, the division wishes to express deepest sympathy for the loss of fellow geographers: Kirk Stone, retired from the University of Georgia, Richard Palimeri of Mary Washington College, and Robert Cramer, retired from East Carolina University.

3) Be it resolved that by this action, the Division wishes to thank members of the SEDAAG Executive Committee, Steering Committee, Local Arrangements Committee, and Program Committee for their hard work and commitment in making this a successful and enjoyable conference. Special thanks are extended to the co-chairs of the local arrangements committee (David Shankman and Bobby Wilson), the Program Chair (Tyrel "Tink" Moore), and to SEDAAG President Susan Brooker-Gross, for their extraordinary efforts.

4) Be it resolved that by this action, the Division wishes to thank members of the 50th Anniversary Celebration Committee for their 3 year planning effort, Gregory Jeane, Chair; Sandy Bederman; Allen Bushong; and Jim Wheeler. Thanks also to Boyd Shearer whose poster design was selected as winner of the 50th Anniversary Celebration Poster Contest. And special thank you to all involved in producing the Anniversary edition of the *Southeastern Geographer*.

5) Be it resolved that by this action, the Division extends a special thanks to Professor Ray Gildea, Jr., whose generous personal contribution made possible the printing of the commemorative poster for the 50th Anniversary Celebration and for his longstanding support of geography through the Gildea Foundation.

In addition we would like to thank the authors, panelists, discussants, session chairs and field trip leaders for their contributions to the conference program. Particular thanks to Jonathan Leib, Jeff Richetto, Kelly Gregg, and Bobby Wilson for organizing trips that were scholarly and enlightening.

6) Be it resolved that the Secretary of the Southeastern Division sends special thanks to the following persons:

A) Howard Johnson, Chair of the Honors Committee, and members of the Honors Committee for their work in evaluating graduate student papers in the Honors Competition, and their work in selecting recipients of our special SEDAAG Awards;

B) Neal Lineback and Thomas Deaton and the many individuals who coordinated and participated in this year's World Geography Bowl competition;

C) Allen Bushong, John Fraser Hart, James O. Wheeler, and Ronald Abler for giving the co-keynote addresses at the Golden Anniversary opening session, and to Sandy Bederman for serving as Master of Ceremonies.

D) Patricia Gober, current President of the Association of American Geographers, for her participation in our regional meetings, including her forthcoming honors luncheon address.

E) And Ron Abler, Executive Director of the Association of American Geographers, for his participation in these regional meetings.

We ask that you show your approval of our report with a big round of applause for all participants.

*Respectfully submitted,
SEDAAG Resolutions Committee
Peter Soule, Karl Raitz, and Dennis Spetz.*

President Susan Brooker-Gross added a thanks to Bobbi Webster, Randi Webster, and the many students from the University of Alabama who covered the registration desk.

20) Invitation to the 1998 Meeting in Memphis. Hsiang-te Kung, Chair of the Department of Geography and Planning at the University of Memphis formally invited the Division to the 53rd annual meeting in Memphis, Tennessee in 1998.

21) Adjournment. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20.

*Respectfully submitted,
Gerald R. Webster, University of Alabama
Secretary, SEDAAG*



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