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Letter from the President

THE SEDAAG ENDOWMENT AND MISSION

One of the most heartening trends in recent years has been the steady growth of the SEDAAG Endowment. The Endowment, first established in 1983 with a mere ninety-eight dollars, now stands at around \$23,000! Assuming a conservative return of 5 percent per year, the Endowment is now generating over \$1000 in interest annually. This sum is substantial enough to consider using part of it to further SEDAAG's mission. I would therefore like to take this opportunity to revisit the mission of SEDAAG in order to begin a discussion of how best our Endowment income can be directed.

The mission of SEDAAG, as stated in our bylaws, is "To further professional investigations in geography and to encourage the application of geographic findings in education, government, and business. The Division shall support these objectives (1) by promoting acquaintance and discussion among its members and with scholars in related fields, (2) by stimulating research and encouraging the publication of scholarly studies, and (3) by performing services to aid the advancement of the field of geography."

The first objective, that of "promoting acquaintance and discussion," is well addressed by our annual meeting. Meeting activities such as the paper and poster sessions (the latter being introduced in the upcoming meeting in Memphis), field trips, and the Geography Bowl, provide excellent forums for professional interaction. The second objective, that of stimulating research and publication, is met through publication of the *Southeastern Geographer*. Our flagship journal has set a high standard of excellence for other regional journals to emulate. We also recognize accomplishment in research through our Research Honors Award as well as through the Student Best Paper Awards at our annual meeting.

The final objective, the most generally defined, directs us to engage in activities that advance the field of geography. All the activities discussed above, viz. annual meetings, publications, and awards, most certainly contribute to the advancement of geography. Yet I am convinced that there is much more that we, as a division, can do to promote the cause of geography in the Southeast. The SEDAAG Endowment income now gives us an exciting opportunity to broaden our activities into new areas, and thereby further the third objective of our mission.

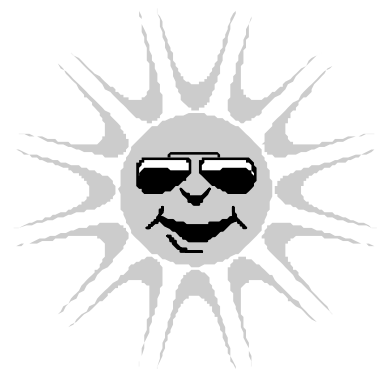
I have asked the SEDAAG Endowment Committee, chaired by Tom Bell of the University of Tennessee, to draft recommendations regarding the use of our Endowment funds, and present them to the Steering Committee at the Memphis meeting. I urge all SEDAAG members to submit their suggestions as to where Endowment support should be directed to the Endowment Committee (see page 10 for the list of members.) Whether you would like to see the Endowment used to strengthen our linkages with geography at the community college level, or to build closer connections with non-academic geographers, or directed in yet another way, please make your voice heard!

Finally, do also make your voice heard by mailing in the enclosed ballot for the election of SEDAAG officers. This year, in addition to a Vice President, Secretary and state representatives, we will also be electing a Regional Councillor to represent our Division at the AAG. The election results will be announced at the November meeting of SEDAAG in Memphis. I look forward to seeing you all then!

Kavita Pandit, University of Georgia

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NEWS AND NOTES

MEMPHIS AND THE GRAND PEABODY HOTEL AWAIT THE 53RD MEETING OF SEDAAG

“The Mississippi Delta begins in the lobby of The Peabody Hotel and ends on Catfish Row in Vicksburg. The Peabody is the Paris Ritz, the Cairo Sheppard’s, the London Savoy of this section. If you stand near its fountain in the middle of the lobby, where ducks waddle and turtles drowse, ultimately you will see everybody who is anybody in the Delta...” (Historian David Cohen, 1935).

The 1998 meeting of SEDAAG will convene in the Peabody Hotel, a national historic landmark, on Sunday, November 22. For more than 120 years, the Peabody has been the center for Memphis’ downtown and river front activities. That it is an opulent hotel of a by-gone era is observable throughout its spacious public areas and in each of its 498 architecturally unique guestrooms and suites and amenities. The hallmarks of the Peabody are its ducks that march each day from their rooftop penthouse to the lobby fountain where they are one of the most photographed tourist destinations in the city.

For day trips or evening on the town, Memphis offers an array of entertainment options. Within a short stroll of the Peabody is the Beale Street Historic District with its sizzling blues music, the Hard Rock Café, and BB Kings’. A block west of the Peabody is the Main Street pedestrian mall where recent renovations have brought to life restaurants and art galleries. Located two blocks from the hotel and on the bluff is the city’s famous “cotton row”, the center of more than a decade of gentrification. Unique views of the Mississippi River are offered here or from the Peabody’s rooftop Skyway Terrace. One can take the Main Street trolley north from the Peabody to the historic Pinch District, where pubs and cafes abound, and Mud Island and the Pyramid Arena are nearby. Take the trolley south and one can visit the National Civil Rights Museum, located in the old Lorraine Motel where Dr. Martin Luther King was assassinated, and the historic Orpheum Theatre. Twenty minutes from the Peabody is Graceland, home of Elvis Presley.

Outside the city, the Mississippi Delta offers opportunities for both field study and entertainment. One Sunday field trip is scheduled to the Delta to view the impacts of the “river boat” gaming industry on the physical, cultural, and economic landscape of one of the country’s prime agricultural, yet poorest areas. On your own you may visit the Tunica casinos, just 45 minutes south of Memphis on U.S. 61, one of the country’s deadliest highways. Most casinos furnish daily transportation to and from the Peabody.

A second Sunday field trip will be to the Ames Plantation, the site of the National Birddog Trials, located near antebellum LaGrange, TN. Not only will this trip offer insights into past and current plantation structure and operation, it will also provide observations on the effect of urban growth on several small courthouse square towns within 50 miles of Memphis.

A third daylong field trip is scheduled to Shiloh National Battlefield, site of one of the bloodiest battles of the War Between the States. The focus of this trip is on the physical and cultural geofactors of the battlefield as they existed

in 1862.

For the early birds or late night owls, a trip to the Federal Express hub has been arranged. Leaving late Monday night, participants on this trip will observe the operational center of FedEx at its most hectic time — during the wee hours of the morning.

For those who want to stay close to the Peabody and get some exercise, a walking tour of downtown and Beale Street is planned.

There are a number of places to visit and see for those coming by car. Coming from the east on I-40 one sees the transition from the more rugged topography of the Highland Rim to the rolling hills of the Inner Coastal Plain. Natchez Trace State Forest, a project begun under the auspices of the WPA, is some 40 miles east of Jackson and presents a good example of soil erosion and gulying. Jackson, some 80 miles east of Memphis, is an excellent example of the concept of time-space convergence as its location on the interstate has been responsible for its recent rapid growth. The Wolf Chase Galleria, the largest shopping mall in the metropolitan area, located at I-40 and Germantown Parkway, some 20 miles from the CBD, is the nucleus for an edge city that did not exist five years ago.

U.S. 78 is a four-lane, limited access highway from Hamilton, AL, to Memphis. Participants coming to Memphis on this route will cross the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway near Fulton, MS. U.S. 78 passes through Holly Springs, MS, some 45 miles southeast of Memphis. This antebellum town has a very large courthouse square and a number of old structures.

Oxford, MS, is some 35 miles west of U.S. 78 (use State Highway 30) and 25 miles east of I-55 (State Highway 6) but is worth the trip if you have time. The courthouse square, William Faulkner’s home, and the University of Mississippi are worth seeing. The USDA operates a sedimentation research station in Oxford.

Some 100 miles north of Memphis is Reelfoot Lake (near Tiptonville on State Routes 78, 22 and 21). Reelfoot Lake, formed by a series of earthquakes in 1811-1812 (ringing church bells in Philadelphia and causing the Mississippi River to flow northward) is a shallow lake with interesting vegetation and associated wildlife (including bald eagles in the winter months).

W. Theodore Mealor, Jr.
Local Arrangements Committee

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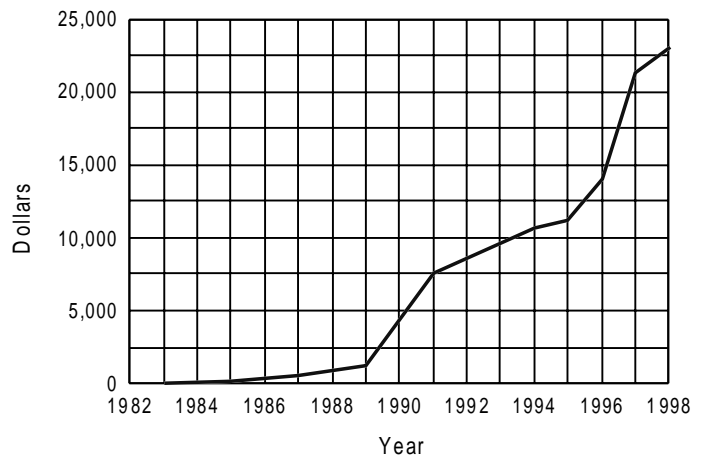
SPECIAL SESSIONS PLANNED AT SEDAAG AND SWAAG

(1) **Derek Alderman** (Georgia College and State University) and **Eric Fournier** (Samford University) are organizing a series of sessions for the 1998 SEDAAG meeting in Memphis. The theme is New Directions in Geography of the American South. These sessions are intended to provide a forum for papers that examine new questions, topics, and approaches related to studying the South. Graduate students and faculty from both human and physical geography are invited to participate, both as presenters and paper discussants. Papers in this session will, of course, go through the customary review/screening process. If interested in participating, please contact **Eric Fournier**, Department of Geography, Samford University, Birmingham, AL 35229, Phone: (205) 870-2113, e-mail: ejfourni@samford.edu.

(2) **Stan Brunn** and **Jerry Webster** are organizing special sessions on "Religion in a Changing South" for the 1998 SEDAAG meeting. 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 or **Jerry Webster**, University of Alabama, (205) 348-1532, e-mail: gwebster@ua1vm.ua.edu.

(3) The Southwest Division of the Association of American Geographers (SWAGG) 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.

Growth of SEDAAG Endowment



NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR SPECIAL AWARDS

Lifetime Achievement Award: Nominees for this award should meet the following criteria: (1) An extensive record of research and publication in scholarly journals, books, and other appropriate forms; (2) A record of excellence in teaching and advising as evidenced by teaching awards, students advised, and other appropriate measures; (3) A record of service contributions to the individual's educational institution in the form of administrative positions, committee work, and community contact; (4) A record of support to the geography profession whether through formal services to international, national, or regional organizations or informal work in the public domain.

Research Honors Award: Nominees for this award should meet the following criteria: (1) A significant record of quality research and publication in scholarly journals, books, and other appropriate formats. This record may reflect the cumulative work of several years or the publication of important contributions in a shorter period of time; (2) Evidence of research leadership at both an institutional (college, university, industry) and organizational level (professional associations) where scholarly papers are presented and students and colleagues are advised.

Outstanding Service Award: Nominees for this award should meet the following criteria: (1) Evidence of exceptional professional commitment to geography at any level, including service to professional organizations; colleges and universities; primary and secondary education; local, state, or national government; private business and industry; (2) Examples of worthy contributions include but are not limited to appointed or elected professional offices, journal editorships, professional organization committees, speaking or otherwise providing leadership in a variety of public forums, and publication in the popular press.

Send nominations by September 21, 1998 to: **Howard Johnson**, Chair, SEDAAG Honors Committee, Department of Physical and Earth Sciences, Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, AL 36265. Telephone: (205) 782-5812.

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD: USE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE!

Election time is here again, and this year we elect a new Vice President, Secretary, Regional Councillor, and the state representatives from Georgia, North Carolina, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Virginia. Biographical information provided by the candidates is included in this Newsletter to assist in your decision making. Please take time to mark the ballot and return it by September 30, 1997. **Note that only SEDAAG members who are also AAG members may vote and that only state members may vote for that state's representative.** Remember your vote counts!

Candidate Biographies for SEDAAG Offices, 1998

VICE PRESIDENT:

Howard Johnson: (Ph.D., 1972, Michigan State University; M.A., 1966, Valparaiso University; B.A., 1965, Valparaiso University) is Professor of Geography and Chair of the Department of Physical and Earth Sciences at Jacksonville State University. He has been a SEDAAG member for 25 years and currently serves as chair of the Honors and Geography in Education committees, and is a member of the World Geography Bowl committee. In the past he has served on the Program Committee and as Alabama State Representative. He initiated the GTU undergraduate paper session component of the annual program which is now diffusing nationwide. His professional interests lie in the area of geographic education where he has been active on the international, national and levels. For ten years he served as a coordinator of the Alabama Geographic Alliance. In 1995, he received a Distinguished Teaching Award from the National Council for Geographic Education

Ronald L. Mitchelson: (Ph.D., 1979, The Ohio State University; M.A., 1977, The Ohio State University; B.A., 1975, S.U.N.Y. at Buffalo), is Professor of Geography and Executive Director of the Center for Community and Economic Development at Morehead State University in Kentucky. He has been a member of SEDAAG for 19 years while at the University of Georgia and Morehead State University. Service to SEDAAG includes the organization of special paper sessions, membership on program and teller committees, and as Kentucky State Representative, 1996 and 1997. Mitchelson was named Distinguished University Professor by the NCGE in 1986 and was bestowed the Distinguished Researcher Award at Morehead State in 1997. He serves on the Advisory Board of the Kentucky Geographic Alliance and was appointed State Geographer by Kentucky Governor Jones in 1995. He is a member of the Kentucky Appalachian Commission. His research places focus on the geography of transportation and communication. He has received funding for his work from the National Science Foundation, U.S. Department of Transportation, U. S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. State Department, U.S. Forest Service, and The Appalachian Regional Commission. His research has appeared in journals including *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*, *Economic Geography*, the *Professional Geographer*, *Urban Geography*, *Growth and Change*, *Geographical Review*, and the *Southeastern Geographer*. Mitchelson, along with colleagues from across Kentucky have brought visibility to geography within the state through publication of the *Atlas of Kentucky* in 1998 to be followed by an electronic version.

SECRETARY:

L. Allan James: (Ph.D., 1988, University of Wisconsin-Madison; M.S., 1983, University of Wisconsin-Madison; M.S. {Water Resources Management}, 1981, University of Wisconsin-Madison; B.A., 1978, University of California-Berkeley), is Associate Professor of Geography at the University of South Carolina. He has been a member of SEDAAG since 1987 when he joined the faculty at the University of Georgia. He has served as state representative for South Carolina twice, in 1990 and 1991 and in 1996 and 1997, and has been a regular paper presenter and discussant at annual meetings. His contributions to AAG include chairing the Geomorphology Specialty Group (1995-6), serving as its Secretary-Treasurer (1994-5), and also serving as an elected representative on the board of advisors for the Water Resources Specialty Group. His research interests are in surface hydrology, fluvial geomorphology and water resources. He has published in the *Annals* and *Physical Geography*, and in a wide variety of leading physical science journals, including the *Geological Soc. Amer. Bull.* and *Geomorphology*. James has received numerous grants to support his research including three from the National Science Foundation.

John F. Watkins: (Ph.D., 1986, University of Colorado-Boulder; M.A., University of Colorado-Boulder; B.S., 1979, Elmhurst College), is Associate Professor of Geography and Director of Undergraduate Studies at the University of Kentucky. He first joined SEDAAG in 1986, and served as State Representative from 1994 to 1995. He has also been active in AAG, serving as President of the Specialty Group on Aging (1990-1996) and as Vice President (1993-1995) and President (1995-1996) of the Population Specialty Group. His teaching and research interests are primarily in population and aging geography, with specific research topics focusing on life course dynamics and migration decision making, and the impact of elderly migration on economic development and social change. This research has been supported by the National Science Foundation for field studies in Indonesia, the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration for work on non-urban transportation behavior of the elderly, and the Appalachian Regional Commission for examination of the patterns and implications of demographic change and elderly migration in the eastern United States. John's work has appeared in such journal as the *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*, *Economic Geography*, *Growth and Change*, *Journal of Developing Areas*, *Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology*, and *Research on Aging*.

REGIONAL COUNCILLOR:

J. Dennis Lord: (Ph.D., 1970, University of Georgia; M.A., 1967, University of Georgia; B.A., 1965, University of Georgia), is Professor of Geography at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. His SEDAAG service includes the Honors Committee, Local Arrangements Committee, Secretary, *Newsletter* editor, and editor of the the *Southeastern Geographer*. He has been an active participant in the annual meetings of SEDAAG as a paper presenter and discussant. AAG service includes editor of the *Professional Geographer* and the Local Arrangements Committee. In 1994, he was the recipient of the Outstanding Service award from SEDAAG and the NationsBank Award for Excellence in Teaching form the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He is a member of the editorial boards of the *Journal of Retailing*, the *International Review of Retail, Distribution and Consumer Research*, and *Applied Geographic Studies*. He has published articles on a variety of topics including retail location, interstate banking, agricultural geography, and school desegregation.

Vernon Meentemeyer: (Ph.D, 1971, B.A. 1965, Southern Illinois University) is Professor of Geography, University of Georgia. His SEDAAG activities include serving as Vice President and Program Chair (1990 and 1991) and as a member of the Executive Committee, Steering Committee, Local Arrangements Committee, Nominating Committee, Program Committee, Audit Committee, two terms as State Representative, and Manager of the Georgia Team for the Geography Bowl. Service to the AAG includes the Nominating Committee and the Nystrom Awards Committee, His honors include SEDAAG's Research Honors Award (1995), Fellow of the Georgia Academy of Science (1996), and he was the 1985 recipient of the Creative Research Medal (Georgia Research Foundation). His published work includes three co-authored books, numerous book chapters, 25 technical reports and proceedings, and about 70 reviewed articles, including papers in the *Southeastern Geographer*, *Annals of the AAG*, *BioScience*, *Ecology*, and *Physical Geography*. Major funding for research has come from the NSF, The Smithsonian, Georgia Forestry Commission and Southern Company, Inc. He was a founding editor of the international journal, *Climate Research* (1989-1995) and serves on the editorial boards of *Climate Research* and the *Southeastern Geographer*. His current research includes studies of the geography of biogeochemical cycling rates, regional carbon budgets, the climatology of heatwaves, and the climatology of wind-driven rain.

GEORGIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE:

David S. Leigh (Ph.D., 1991, University of Wisconsin-Madison; M.S., 1988, University of Wisconsin-Madison; B.A., 1982, University of Colorado) is an Associate Professor of Geography at The University of Georgia in Athens, where he is Director of the Geomorphology Laboratory. His service to SEDAAG, since 1992, has included the Resolutions Committee. David is a geomorphologist with research interests in Quaternary studies, geoarchaeology, and environmental geomorphology. Along these lines he has received several grants from the National Science Foundation, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency,

the U.S. Army, and the Petroleum Research Foundation. Results of his research have been published in many different international geographical, geological, and environmental journals.

Susan M. Walcott: (Ph.D., 1995, Indiana University; M.A., 1976, Rutgers University; B.A., 1971, Swarthmore College) is Assistant Professor of Geography at Georgia State University in Atlanta. She is a member of SEDAAG, and presented a paper on her current research involving Atlanta's biomedical clusters at the most recent annual meeting. Other professional memberships include the AAG (since 1992), where she is active in the Urban, Economic and Applied Geography subgroups and has participated in numerous annual meetings. Her research interests are in regional economic development, urban restructuring, the biomedical industry, and China. She has published in *Papers and Proceedings: Applied Geography*, has an article forthcoming in *Environment and Planning A*, and has produced funded research studies for The Hudson Institute (on military base privatization), The Indiana Humanities Council (on global economic connections), the Indiana Economic Development Commission (on regional industrial agglomeration), and IUPUI's "Polis Center." In 1997-98 she received GSU grants for Research Initiation and Faculty Mentoring, and organized the University Center speaker forum in geography.

MISSISSIPPI STATE REPRESENTATIVE:

Douglas W. Gamble: (Ph.D., 1997, University of Georgia; M.A., 1993, University of Georgia; B.A., 1989, Miami University), is Assistant Professor of Geography at Mississippi State University. He has been a member of SEDAAG since 1995, recently serving as a paper discussant, and will be the Mississippi representative on the Program Committee in Memphis. Other professional memberships include the AAG (membership since 1992, current Water Resources Specialty Group newsletter editor), American Water Resources Association, American Meteorological Society, and Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society. He has published articles in *Mountain Research and Development*, *Weather and Forecasting*, the *Southeastern Geographer*, and *Physical Geography*. His research interests include applied climatology, flood hydrology, and natural hazards. Recently he has received research grants for a hydroclimatic analysis of floods in Mississippi, and a field assessment of the micro-climatology of caves in the Bahamas.

Mark M. Miller: (Ph.D., 1988, University of Arizona; Masters, American Graduate School of International Management (The Thunderbird School); B.S., University of Maryland), is Professor of Geography and Assistant Dean of the College International and Continuing Education at the University of Southern Mississippi. His areas of research include regional development, economic geography, and Middle America. He has published several articles and presented several papers at various national conferences. His most recent publication is a co-authored book entitled *Investment in the New Cuban Tourist Industry*. He has been actively involved with the Association of American Geographers, Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers, and the American Economic Development Council. He currently serves on the editorial board of the *Economic Development Review*.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE REPRESENTATIVE:

Keith Debbage: (Ph.D., 1988, University of Georgia; P.Dip., 1982, University of Surrey, UK; B.S., 1981, University of Dundee, Scotland) is Associate Professor of Geography at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. He has been a member of SEDAAG for ten years and has twice served on the Program Committee and Nomination Committee. He has also been a paper discussant, session chair and given ten papers at various SEDAAG annual meetings. His research interests are in the fields of tourism, airline networks and economic restructuring. He has published articles in *Regional Studies*, *Journal of Transport Geography*, *Transportation Quarterly*, *Policy Studies Review*, *Annals of Tourism Research*, *Tourism Management*, and the *Geographical Bulletin*. He has been a consultant to the City of Greensboro City Planning Department on three corridor studies and been quoted in the *Wall Street Journal*.

Peter T. Soule (Ph.D., 1989, University of Georgia; M.A., Appalachian State University; B.A., Florida Atlantic University), is an Associate Professor at Appalachian State University. He has been a member of SEDAAG and AAG for 14 years. He has served on the SEDAAG Honors Committee and the Resolutions Committee and has discussed papers and/or chaired sessions at the annual SEDAAG meetings (44th-47th, 49th-51st meetings) almost every year since 1989. His research interests are in climatology, natural hazards, and global change, and he has over 30 refereed publications in journals such as the *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*, *International Journal of Climatology*, *Climate Research*, and the *American Midland Naturalist*. He teaches courses in climatology, natural hazards, and quantitative methods and has twice been nominated by students for outstanding teaching awards.

TENNESSEE STATE REPRESENTATIVE:

John Kupfer: (Ph.D., 1995, University of Iowa; M.A., 1991, University of Iowa; B.A., 1988, Valparaiso University), is an Assistant Professor of Geography at the University of Memphis. He has served as a discussant at two SEDAAG annual meetings and is a member of the Tobacco Road Research Consortium. He is currently an executive board member of the Biogeography Specialty Group of the AAG. He has published (including articles in press) a dozen articles, including papers in the *Professional Geographer*, *Progress in Physical Geography* and the *Southeastern Geographer*. He received the University of Memphis Early Career Research Award in 1997 and was a co-winner of the University of Memphis Distinguished Teaching Award in 1998. His research focuses on landscape-level forest ecosystem processes in a range of Tennessee forest types, including high elevation forests in the Smokies, abandoned fields in central Tennessee, and forested wetlands in West Tennessee.

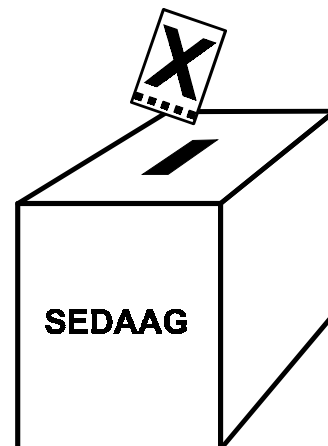
Ken Orvis: (Ph.D., 1992, University of California at Berkeley; M.S., University of California at Berkeley; B.S., University of California at Berkeley), is an Assistant Professor of Geography at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He has been a member of SEDAAG for four years, and has not previously served. He has published articles in *Mountain Research and Development*

and *Landscape Ecology*, and is in press in *Palynology*. Current research interests include landscape climatology, relations between vegetation and pollen rain, and neotropical alpine glaciation. From 1992 to 1993, he held a Department of Energy Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Global Change at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory that focused on remote estimates, under arid subtropical atmospheric conditions, of carbon in the California Current System.

VIRGINIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE:

Dawn S. Bowen: (Ph.D., 1998, Queen's University at Kingston; M.A., 1990, University of Maine; B.A., 1986, Mary Washington College), is Assistant Professor of Geography at Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Virginia. She has been a member of SEDAAG since 1990, and has recently been appointed to the Resolutions Committee. She is currently the secretary/treasurer and newsletter editor of the Canadian Studies Specialty Group and has served as the student representative to the Historical Geography Specialty Group. Her research focuses on agricultural settlement and ethnic community development in western Canada. She has published articles in the *American Review of Canadian Studies*, *Prairie Forum*, the *Southeastern Geographer*, and the *Journal of Cultural Geography*. Her teaching interests include cultural geography, field methods, and geographic thought.

Justin C. Friberg: (Ph.D., 1977, Syracuse University; M.A., 1969, University of Nebraska; B.S., 1963, University of Idaho), is Director of the Geography Program and Associate Professor of Geography in the Department of Political Science and Geography at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia. He has served on earlier occasions at the State Representative from Virginia, on local arrangements committee for SEDAAG and AAG meetings, and as an active participant as a session chair, paper presenter and discussant at SEDAAG meetings. He has sponsored numerous undergraduate and graduate student research presentations through the years at SEDAAG meetings and has worked to promote this dimension. His research interests center on natural hazards, most currently analyzing increased tourism and environmental threat at Adrenal Volcano, Costa Rica. Other interests include research methods (especially field work), regional, Latin America and classroom testing techniques.



LAST 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 descriptions 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 abstracts, 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; email: 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, 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 policy to create a smoke-free environment at our annual meeting.

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**, 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.

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

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(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.

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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.

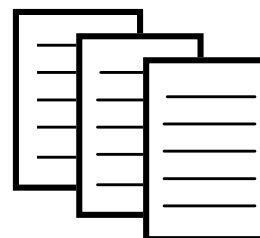
The evaluation of the oral presentation will be independent of the evaluation of the written paper. Evaluation will focus on the professional quality of the presentation and the adequacy with which questions are answered. The oral presentation must be lively and well illustrated. Appropriate modifications 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.**



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.

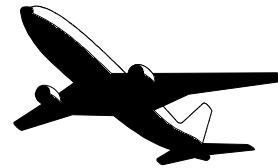
For more information, contact either Tyrel Moore or Clifton Dixon, Local Arrangements Committee. (Contact numbers are given on page 7.)

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE SOLICITS YOUR IDEAS

Several years ago, the SEDAAG established an endowment committee to administer funds to be allocated from a Divisional endowment when the amount in that account reached at least \$25,000. We are almost at that point thanks to the many members of the Division who have given so generously to the endowment and who have "rounded up" the amount of their dues each year for that purpose.

Now the endowment committee consisting of chair **Tom Bell** and members **Steve Birdsall, Allen James, Chuck Kovacik, Ron Schultz** and **John Winberry**, wish to solicit your ideas on how the endowment money ought to be spent. Please submit your ideas in writing or by e-mail to **Tom Bell** (tbell@utk.edu), Department of Geography, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN 37996-1420 as soon as possible. Thank you.

The recipients for special awards were announced at the Birmingham SEDAAG meeting. **Barney Warf** of **Florida State University** was presented with the Research Honors Award and **Dennis L. Spetz** of the **University of Louisville** was given the Outstanding Service Award. The full text of comment by the Honors Committee was published in the May 1998 issue of the *Southeastern Geographer*. Student recipients of awards were listed in the Spring *SEDAAG Newsletter*. A note of appreciation is due the members of the Honors Committee (**Howard Johnson, J. Doug Heffington, Tom Hodler, Joann Mossa** and **Ann Oberhauser**) for their excellent choices of deserving SEDAAG members.



SEDAAG STUDENT TRAVEL AWARDS FOR 1999 AAG MEETING IN HONOLULU

This spring, the SEDAAG Steering Committee voted to give ten travel awards of up to \$200 each for SEDAAG student members presenting papers at the 1999 AAG meeting in Honolulu. All students who entered the AAG travel award lottery and are current members of SEDAAG are eligible, and the award winners will be chosen by lottery in August 1998. The list of award winners will be published in the next *Newsletter*.



This edition of the *SEDAAG Newsletter* will be the last during my term as secretary. I would like to thank my "Production Assistants" **Melinda Timmerman** and **Lindsay Ezell** for their efforts during the past two years. It is safe to say that without their help I would most likely still be working on the first *Newsletter* of my tenure as editor. As a reminder, submissions for the next *SEDAAG Newsletter* should be sent to my as yet unidentified replacement by **January 15, 1999**.

**SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION
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Membership Application
(January-December 1998)

Note: SEDAAG will attempt to provide copies of back publications for those who join after January 1; however, no reimbursement can be made for those issues that are out of print.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY:

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| _____ | Regular | \$25.00 |
| _____ | Retired | \$12.50 |
| _____ | Spouses | \$26.00 (<i>Couple receives one set of publications</i>) |
| _____ | Student | \$12.50 (<i>Please complete below</i>) |

This applicant is a full-time student at:

Institution: _____

Faculty signature: _____

ENDOWMENT FUND CONTRIBUTION:

_____ Voluntary contribution to the SEDAAG Endowment Fund

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:

_____ Please make check payable to SEDAAG

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VOLUNTEERS FOR THE MEETING

I will: () **Chair a Session**; () **Discuss a Paper**; () **Chair and Discuss** at the November 22-24, 1998
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NAME:

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