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## ***LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT***

The 2000 meeting in Chapel Hill will be remembered as one of our best ever. Against the backdrop of a beautiful Sunday snowfall, a superb local arrangements team headed by John Florin and Leo Zonn opened the meeting with genuinely warm Southern hospitality. Throughout the meeting, the lobby of the Carolina Inn seemed filled with folks engaged in conversations and the collegiality that is so typical of our Division. Paper sessions also were heavily attended, attesting to the fine efforts of Ron Mitchelson and the Program Committee. John Florin's arrangement for a buffet-style luncheon added a special touch to a well-attended Honors Luncheon, wonderfully presided over by Susan Walcott. The inaugural presentation of the John Fraser Hart Award was a highlight of the closing event.

Full agendas pursued by the Executive and Steering committees resulted in the approval of four noteworthy proposals that enhance SEDAAG's quality and visibility. First, Allan James' proposal addressed the need for funding to improve the SEDAAG Website. As the "front door" to our Division, it increasingly has become a source of information on SEDAAG's activities for our members and, perhaps more important, a way the larger geographic community becomes acquainted with our organization. The approval of a one-time funding of \$1,000 from the Endowment Fund, approved by the Endowment Fund Committee, and partially matched by \$500 from the SEDAAG Operating Budget, will be used to fund a student working under the supervision of Webmaster Bill Carstensen. The initiative will create: an aesthetically pleasing Website front page; links to geography departments in the southeast and to the *Southeastern Geographer*; links to the Program and Local Arrangements committees; an interactive membership form and data collection for a email list; and, an interactive meeting registration form. We owe thanks to Allan and to the Endowment Fund Committee for their support. These improvements will showcase our Division in a most effective way.

Jim Wheeler presented two proposals that also will bring SEDAAG's visibility to new levels. The first establishes scholarly recognition via the presentation of a *Southeastern Geographer* Best Article Award. Jim has formed a selection committee from the journal's Editorial Committee to initiate the process. Winning authors will be recognized with a plaque at the Honors Luncheon. Jim also requested that an additional \$1,450 be added to the budget for the *Southeastern Geographer*. This realizes scale economies in per page printing costs and relieves a current two to three article backlog by accommodating the publication of six to seven more articles per year. For all of us, this means support for a healthy journal and Jim's dedication in managing it.

Finally, a proposal sponsored by Stan Brunn, Jerry Webster, and Fred Shelley establishes a new program event recognizing the contributions of a senior SEDAAG scholar. It was recommended that Stan Brunn and an ad hoc group present a firm proposal to the President by May 2001 to create this event on a trial basis for the 2001 Lexington meeting. In the form of a President's Plenary Session it would convene, with the approval of the Local Arrangements Committee, on Sunday evening to open the meeting. Recommendations of honorees and the structure of the session will be approved by the Steering Committee. The selected scholar would be presented with a plaque at the Honors Luncheon. Future Local Arrangements Committees will have the

flexibility to continue this event or opt to offer an opening session that focuses on local interest or cultural resources. The proposal adds the choice of a new dimension for recognition and added interest in program events. We commend Stan, Jerry and Fred for their initiative.

Collectively, these proposals bring prestige to SEDAAG from an active, creative, and engaged membership that comprises a vibrant organization. It is the individual commitment of our members that makes SEDAAG the AAG's best division.

Let me ask you to personally support our Division and its exciting initiatives by paying attention to this Spring's reminders for renewal of your membership. In addition to John Winberry's usual notice, the SEDAAG State Representatives also will contact your departments in a 2001 Membership Drive. It has been a while since we have done that, and because regular memberships declined steadily during the 1990s, we need your membership and your colleagues' membership. Share your copy of this Newsletter with them -- especially the membership form. Share a recent issue of the *Southeastern Geographer* with them, too. Be sure to include your students; student memberships have declined by 30% over the decade. As Steve Birdsall suggested at the 2000 Business Meeting, you can encourage them by pointing out that they get a lot for \$12.50. Take your Newsletter to your Gamma Theta Upsilon chapter meetings and show your students how they are included in calls for the GTU undergraduate student paper sessions, the Prunty Scholarship Award, and the graduate student paper competition awards. In the Summer Newsletter, I look forward to declaring our Membership Drive a success.

Finally, please participate in the nominations process for SEDAAG elections. We need nominees for the offices of the President, Treasurer, Regional Councillor (remember that you must also be an AAG member to make nominations for this office), and for State Representatives from Alabama, Florida, Kentucky, South Carolina, and West Virginia.

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## NEWS AND NOTES

### REGIONAL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT TO THE SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION, AAG

November, 2000

J. Dennis Lord, SEDAAG Regional Councillor

The spring meeting of the AAG Council was held April 2-4, 2000, in Pittsburgh prior to the beginning of the annual AAG meeting. The fall meeting was held October 21-22, 2000, in Wilkes-Barre, PA, site of the annual Middle States Division meeting.

**Selection of *Annals* and *PG* Editors.** Much of the Council's work during its spring meeting in Pittsburgh was spent interviewing candidates for the editorships of the *Annals* and *PG*. The Council was successful in appointing four section editors for the *Annals*: Environmental Sciences, Basil Gomez; Methods, Models and Geographic Information Science, Michael Goodchild; Nature and Society, Roger and Jeanne Kasperson; People, Place, and Region, J. P. Jones. Peter Muller was appointed as the book review editor for both *Annals* and *PG*. The selection of the editor for *PG* was completed this past summer with the appointment of Truman Hartshorn. The format change for the *Annals* will begin with the 2001 issues.

**AAG Membership.** AAG membership peaked in 1995 at 7,381. By 1999, it had declined to 6,527. In response to this loss of membership, the Council appointed an ad hoc Membership Committee last fall with a charge to investigate the causes of the decline and to suggest means of increasing membership. The Committee's report was submitted to Council this fall and was an important item of discussion at the recent fall meeting in Wilkes-Barre. Factors both internal and external to the AAG were identified as possible causes for the erosion of membership. Furthermore, the AAG is not alone in that many other professional associations have also experienced membership declines recently. Council approved the initiation of a membership campaign at the annual meeting in New York next February. The Long Range Planning Committee has also been asked to use the ad hoc Membership Committee report as they consider the future direction of the Association. On a more positive note, it appears that membership may be stabilizing this year.

**Financial Status of AAG.** The AAG had a \$75,000 deficit in 1999. The deficit was largely due to the Hawaii meeting. The deficit measured as a percentage of annual revenues or expenses of the Association is much smaller than in some previous years. Joel Morrison, Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee, reported to the Council that the Association was in good financial health.

**GIS Certification.** The GIS certification topic continues to be much discussed within the profession. The AAG Certification

Task Force has been charged by Council to examine what is happening on the GIS certification front and to make a report to Council at the New York meeting next February.

**Geographic Alliance Budgets.** Geographic Alliance budgets are being cut by the National Geographic Society. Previously, state alliances were guaranteed \$50,000. This amount has been reduced to \$25,000. The NGS is redirecting some of the monies into a competitive pool.

**Geography Job Ads.** The Council at its recent fall meeting rescinded a policy passed in 1992 which did not permit departments to include in a JIG ad that a Ph.D. in Geography was required. Ads will now be accepted in JIG which specify that a Ph.D. in Geography is required.

**New York AAG Meeting.** Indications are that the New York meeting will be huge. More than 3,000 abstracts were submitted. Attendance is estimated to be 4,500. The registration fee has been increased by \$30 to cover the cost of renting computer projectors.

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## UK Geography Welcomes SEDAAG

The Department of Geography at the University of Kentucky welcomes you to Lexington for the 56th Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers, November 18-20, 2001. We are looking forward to a full slate of paper and poster presentations, field trips, and social gatherings, as well as the annual Geography Bowl competition.

We will convene at the Radisson Hotel in historic downtown Lexington, conveniently located near 18th century neighborhoods and a revitalized downtown shopping and entertainment district. Given our location on the border of the Upper South, we expect added participation from our geography colleagues in neighboring states, so register early!

The conference will formally begin with field trips on Sunday morning, November 18th. This year's field trips include The Geography of the Inner Bluegrass (led by Karl Raitz); Lexington: Race and Class (Rich Schein); Landforms of the Bluegrass: Karst, Fluvial, and Tectonic Influences (Jonathan Phillips); and Queer Lexington (Jeff Jones). Registration for the Geography Bowl begins at noon on Sunday, with the competition beginning at 1:00 pm. The conference's opening session will be held at 7:30, with refreshments to follow. The conference concludes with Tuesday's Luncheon, which directly follows the annual business meeting.

Lexington offers visitors a wealth of opportunities. For short excursions, you can stroll the downtown area. Check out the older neighborhoods just north and south of the

Radisson, or shop for antiques at one of several downtown stores.

For longer excursions, come on Saturday and rent a car. You can tour a horsefarm or spend an afternoon at historic Shaker Village, one of the most unique attractions in the Commonwealth.

Or fit in a bourbon distillery tour. The Labrot and Graham distillery on McCracken Pike north of Versailles makes Woodford Reserve bourbon and they run an excellent tour. And try to squeeze in a stop at Keeneland, arguably the most beautiful Thoroughbred horseracing track in the world. You can also spend an afternoon in the region's best bookstore, Joseph Beth's. Or simply drive the backroads of Central Kentucky, discovering some of the most picturesque scenery in the United States.

Here's some important dates to keep in mind:

Deadline for notification of specially organized sessions: September 3

Deadlines for Papers and Posters: September 17

Notification of Participation: October 15

Deadline for Radisson Reservations: October 25

For complete information, including hotel and program participation information, check out the SEDAAG tab on the Department's website: [www.uky.edu/ArtsSciences/Geography](http://www.uky.edu/ArtsSciences/Geography)

On behalf of Local Arrangements Co-Chairs, John Paul Jones III and Karl B. Raitz, the entire Department of Geography welcomes SEDAAG members to Lexington this coming November.

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## Geographies of Tourism Session at SEDAAG

Derek Alderman and Rebecca Torres (both at East Carolina University) are organizing a session on tourism for the 2001 SEDAAG meeting in Lexington, KY. Faculty and graduate students are invited to submit papers that explore the geographies of tourism. The organizers would like to see a variety of approaches, methods, and study areas represented. Those interested in participating should contact Derek Alderman (East Carolina University, 252-3284013, [aldermand@mail.ecu.edu](mailto:aldermand@mail.ecu.edu))

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## SEDAAG Web Page

<http://www.majbill.vt.edu/geog/sedaag/>

Visit the SEDAAG web site to see a number of interesting features and links including state reports, past newsletters, officers and addresses, a membership application, and links to other sites. Make suggestions to our webmaster, Bill Carstensen ([carstens@vt.edu](mailto:carstens@vt.edu)) about additional items you wish to see on the web site

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## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

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### Officers & State Representatives

SEDAAG is soliciting nominations for the position of President, Treasurer, AAG Regional Councillor, and state representatives for Alabama, Florida, Kentucky, South Carolina and West Virginia. A self-addressed return postcard is included in this Newsletter for making nominations.

Please note that state representative nominations can only be made by SEDAAG members from that state. In addition, only SEDAAG members who are also members of the AAG may make nominations for the office of AAG Regional Councillor.

Nominations should be returned by the date listed on the nomination card. Please send your nominations to: Dr. Kathy Parker, Chair, SEDAAG Nominations Committee, Department of Geography, University of Georgia, Athens GA 30602-2502.

### 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 with FULL CV of candidate and 3 letters of support by September 24, 2001, to: Bill Carstensen, Chair, Honors Committee, Department of Geography, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA 24061-0115. E-mail: [carstens@vt.edu](mailto:carstens@vt.edu)

### Merle C. Prunty Student 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. 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.

**Notification:** Award recipients will be named at the Honors Luncheon at the 2001 Division meeting in Lexington, Kentucky. 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 2001; (4) Letters of recommendation from three persons familiar with the academic work and professional aspirations of the applicant. The letters should include an evaluation of the applicant's potential for development as a professional geographer.

**Send nominations by September 24, 2001,** to: Bill Carstensen, Chair, Honors Committee, Department of Geography, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA 24061-0115. E-mail: [carstens@vt.edu](mailto:carstens@vt.edu)

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**FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS &  
POSTERS:  
56<sup>TH</sup> SEDAAG MEETING  
LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY  
NOVEMBER 17-20, 2001**

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The 2001 annual meeting of SEDAAG will be held in Lexington, Kentucky, November 17-20. I invite you to attend the meeting, participate in the program, and submit a paper or a poster. Given the popularity of our poster sessions, we will offer a poster format at the Lexington meeting too. The deadline for receipt of papers, abstracts, and poster descriptions is **September 14**. Guidelines for papers, poster descriptions, and abstracts are listed in this section. Paper and poster authors must be members of SEDAAG. 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 competition. The Honors Committee is Chaired by Dr. Laurence W. Carstensen, Department of Geography, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA 24061-0115; (540) 231-2600 (voice); (540) 231-6367 (fax); carstens@vt.edu (email).

Those who wish to arrange thematic paper sessions, conduct workshops, or schedule meetings should contact me as soon as possible. Specially organized sessions are particularly welcome: their focus on common interests often makes them the most successful sessions. To facilitate organization of the program, final details of special events are due by **September 3, 2001**.

**On the back of this Newsletter is a form for volunteering to chair a session or discuss a paper. Many more people are needed to discuss papers than to chair sessions.**

Planning for the Lexington meeting is underway. Field trips and thematic sessions are being arranged, and a room for displays will be provided at the hotel. To reserve display space, contact Dr. John Paul Jones, Local Arrangements Committee Chair, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40506-0027; (859) 257-6959 (voice); (859) 323-1969 (fax); geg172@pop.uky.edu (email). Please contact me if you have any questions, and don't forget to volunteer to be a discussant and/or session chair.

Dr. Stephen J. Walsh, VP of SEDAAG & Program Chair, Department of Geography, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3220; 919-962-3867 (voice); 919-962-1537 (fax); swalsh@email.unc.edu (email).

## **Guidelines for 2001 Papers, Abstracts, and Special Sessions**

The deadline for receipt of papers and abstracts by the Program Chair is September 14<sup>th</sup>. All annual meeting program participants must be members of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers. A membership application is included on the back of 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') names (s) and titles; (c) affiliation; (d) complete address; and (e) electronic mail address, if available.
- (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. See "*Guidelines for Student Honors Competition*" below.

### **Papers**

Five (5) 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 the Student Honors competition should include ten (10) copies.

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 8-page limit, full double spacing and the use of no type front smaller than 12-point 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 8-page maximum. Please time your paper before it is submitted.

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 1.0-inch margins at the top and bottom and on the left and right sides of each page.

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

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

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

An abstract must accompany all papers submitted. The abstract should be no longer than 200 words.

Abstracts should 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.

Since the abstracts will be reformatted for publication purposes, a strict format will not be imposed. However, paper titles, authors' names, and authors' institutional affiliations must be clearly identified preceding the body of the abstract.

The body of the abstract must be single spaced and without paragraph indentations. If the abstract contains more than one paragraph, two spaces are to be left between paragraphs.

Authors are responsible for editing and proofreading the abstracts they submit. Although reformatted, they will be printed as submitted.

## Special Sessions

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

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

Organizers should provide a special session plan to the program Chair by September 3<sup>rd</sup> which should include intended participants, paper titles, session chairs, and discussant(s).

Organizers should identify discussants for the papers. It is acceptable to have one discussant for the entire session or to provide commentary on each paper.

Time and space constraints dictate that a Special Session should 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.

Send papers and abstracts to Dr. Stephen J. Walsh, SEDAAG VP and Program Chair, Department of Geography, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3220; 919-962-3867 (voice); 919-962-1537 (fax); swalsh@email.unc.edu (email).

## Guidelines for 2001 Posters and Poster Descriptions

The deadline for the receipt of poster descriptions and abstracts is **September 14**. All annual meeting program participants must be members of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers. Please see membership application 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

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 available.

Poster boards and easels will be provided.

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

### Poster Description

For review by the Program Committee, poster submissions must be accompanied by a 2-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 12 point 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, five (5) 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.

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 1.0-inch margins at the top and bottom and on the left and right sides of each page.

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

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

Research conveyed in posters will be displayed in a single session and should not exceed 36 x 44 inches. Poster boards will be supplied by SEDAAG. Materials should be of professional quality and legible from a distance of 3-feet. Text should be confined to brief statements.

### **Abstracts**

An abstract must be accompanied with the poster description. Guidelines for poster abstracts are identical to those for paper abstracts. Please see the requirements for abstracts indicated above.

## **Guidelines for the Student Honors Competition**

**Objectives:** The Student Honors competition at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American 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, and 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 submitted 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 authors of papers accepted in the Honors competition will be able to attend the 2001 meeting in Lexington, KY, and be present at the awards ceremony.

**Awards:** Normally, one Master's-level and one Doctoral-level award are presented each year, but decisions regarding the Honors award are left entirely to the discretion of the Honors Committee. The Ph.D. award will be for \$1,000.00, and the Master's award will be for \$400.00. Each award includes a year's paid membership in the Association of American Geographers (AAG), and a plaque. Presentation of awards will be made at the Honors luncheon. All students

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 referred back to the Program Committee. 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 on one or more research questions and present at least a tentative answer. Papers without such a focus will be scored lower.

The evaluation of the oral presentation will be independent of the evaluation of the written paper, and will focus on the professional quality of the presentation and the adequacy with which questions are answered. The oral presentations 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 or to whom they are related, 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./M.S. or Ph.D. competition. Papers submitted for the Honors competition must conform to guidelines for papers and

abstracts, with the following additions: (1) Ten (not 6) copies of the paper must be submitted, and (2) a letter from the student's department must accompany the submission verifying the student's status and eligibility and the level of competition (MA/MS or PhD).

**Send Material:** Copies of papers with abstracts should be sent by September 14 to Dr. Laurence W. Carstensen, Honors Committee Chair, Department of Geography, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA 24061-0115; (540) 231-2600 (voice); (540) 231-6367 (fax); carstens@vt.edu (email).

## **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; but papers may be further screened by the session and program chairs. 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 encourage your undergraduate students to participate and help make this session a success.

Send papers and abstracts to Dr. Stephen J. Walsh, SEDAAG VP and Program Chair, Department of Geography, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3220; 919-962-3867 (voice); 919-962-1537 (fax); swalsh@email.unc.edu (email).

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## **WORLD GEOGRAPHY BOWL 2000 REPORT**

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The 2000 World Geography Bowl at the SEDAAG-Chapel Hill meeting – the eleventh such event – involved teams from all ten states in the Southeast. A total of 74 undergraduate and graduate students from 21 colleges and universities participated and were supported by nearly an equal number of students in the audience. Thirty-two faculty members also participated in arranging, moderating, and judging the event and coordinating the teams.

A special note acknowledges the heroic efforts of two team members, Emily Reitzler and Yingbing Tang (UGA), who represented their Georgia team for five rounds until the remaining members from Georgia State arrived during the Sunday afternoon snowstorm.

At the end of the round robin competition on Sunday afternoon, South Carolina was unbeaten, and teams from Kentucky and North Carolina were tied with equal won-loss records. The tiebreaker was total points scored per team, and North Carolina won the right to play South Carolina in the Championship round on Monday evening.

The Championship round was preceded by a warm-up round by *Dream Teams* composed of Professional Geographers and Student All-Stars from the round robin events. Last year, the Student All-Stars defeated the Professional Geographers, but this year the Professional Geographers trounced the Student All-Stars, with Ron Abler, Executive Director of the AAG, winning unofficial MVP honors. During the four years of this competition, the Professional Geographers and Student All-Star teams are tied with two wins each.

The Professional Geographers Dream Team was composed of Ron Abler (AAG), Michael Brown (MSU), Susan Cutter (USC and President of the AAG), Dennis Lord (UNC-C and Councillor of the AAG), Tyrel Moore (UNC-C and President of SEDAAG), and Kavita Pandit (UGA and Past-President of SEDAAG). The Student All-Stars were Troy Knight (Ga. State), Bobby Nutter (Marshall), John Rapaglia (Mary Washington), Lisa Rainey (UK), Kathleen Sherman (FSU), and Amysue Strickland (USM).

The Championship round followed between South Carolina and North Carolina. After an exciting competition, the North Carolina team won decisively. Members of the winning team were Chassem Anderson (NC Central), Brendan Blackburn (UNC-G), Andy Dilbert (Duke), Lawrence Kimmel (UNC-CH), Michelle McHugh (ASU), and Jed Santa Maria (Duke). The North Carolina Team Coordinator was Jay Lennartson (UNC-G). Members of the runner-up South Carolina team were: Wilson Brown, Arleen Hill, Jamie Mitchem, Kyle Oden and Scott Pezanowski (USC) and Brianne McCarthy and Hunter Price (Clemson). Team Coordinator was Christy Smith (Clemson). Leo Zonn (UNC-CH) moderated the Championship and Dream Team rounds.

Kyle Oden (USC) was the event's most valuable player (MVP) for the second year in a row, averaging 24.4 points per round, compared to his record 32.2 points per round last year. Jim Hanlon (UK) and Chad Landgraf (UA) tied for runner-up with 22.2 points.

The World Geography Bowl has become an institutionalized part of SEDAAG meetings and enjoys the support of both students and faculty. The WGB Committee congratulates all of the students and faculty who participated in the 2000 event in Chapel Hill and expresses appreciation for the camaraderie and good will shown throughout the competition.

See you at 2001 SEDAAG-Lexington

Neal Lineback, WGB Committee Chair



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## 2000 SEDAAG AWARDS

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### *The SEDAAG 2000 Lifetime Achievement Award*

James O. Wheeler  
University of Georgia

### *The SEDAAG 2000 Research Honors Award*

Gerald R. Webster  
University of Alabama

### *The SEDAAG 2000 Outstanding Service Award*

Truman A. Hartshorn  
Georgia State University

### *The SEDAAG 2000 Merle C. Prunty Scholarship Award*

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## STATE REPORTS

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### ALABAMA

Luoheng Han  
University of Alabama

The status of geography in Alabama is healthy with increases in the number of faculty, graduate geography students, geography courses and sections, and enrollments.

Highlights from the state's departments include:

At the University of Alabama, Hobson Bryan is president of the International Impact Assessment Association, while David Weaver is president of Legacy, Partners in Environmental Education of Alabama.

At Auburn University, Philip Chaney served as faculty sponsor for Matthew Aubuchon's winning entry in the 2000 Student Project Competition co-sponsored by the British Cartographic Society and the National Geographic Society.

At Jacksonville State University, Kelly Gregg was elected as Faculty Senate president and won an Outstanding Teaching Award. Tom Baucom was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to teach at the University of Aleppo in Syria.

At Samford University, both Victor Wu and Eric Fournier have been active in problem based learning pedagogy and participated in an international conference on the subject hosted by Samford.

Meanwhile, the number of majors is increasing at the University of North Alabama. At UNA, most students are receiving jobs relating to geography upon graduation. Department members are very involved in geography education and other training activities.

Finally, at the University of South Alabama, a campus-wide recycling program has been started.

### FLORIDA

Jacqueline Gallagher  
Florida Atlantic University

Seven universities offer undergraduate geography degrees: Florida, Florida State, South Florida, Miami, Jacksonville, Stetson, and Florida Atlantic. University of North Florida teaches geography and University of West Florida plans to reinstate the major. Statewide, 364 courses were offered to

14,000 students, with 324 majors. There are 60 geography faculty statewide. Among new hires include Martin Bosman at USF, Xiaojun Yang at UWF, and Jason Hackworth, Dan Klooster and Tony Stallins at FSU. Ed Jackiewicz is visiting at FAU.

Graduate degrees are offered at Florida Atlantic, South Florida, Florida State and Florida, with doctoral degrees at Florida and Florida State. South Florida is developing an applied geography and environmental studies doctorate, while Miami hopes to reinstate its graduate program by 2003. The number of graduate students enrolled statewide is 142, with 69 graduate courses offered to 700 students.

Several programs offer GIS certificates. The UWF GeoData Center heads university-wide GIS capabilities while UNF established a GIS lab. FAU established two Centers, for Geographic Information Science and Hydrological research. USF has a computerized meteorology lab and weather station.

Faculty receiving research grants include Melvin Droubay and Johan Liebens (UWF), Dan Jacobson (FSU), and John Harlin (FAU). Among other faculty highlights, Stuart Corbridge (Miami) was elected to a Benjamin Meaker Visiting Professorship at Bristol. Jim Elsner (FSU) co-authored *Hurricanes of the North Atlantic* (Oxford University Press, 1999).

Peter Mueller (Miami) is book review editor for the *Annals* and *Professional Geographer*. Jonathan Leib (FSU) has recently concluded his term as editor of *Journal of Geography*, while Mort Winsberg (FSU) continues to edit the *Florida Geographer*.

Generally, departments have a positive outlook, though slow growth may be related to state funding. Establishment of an endowment for the *Florida Geographic Alliance* promises stable support for geography education in the future.

### GEORGIA

David S. Leigh  
University of Georgia

Geography tends to be doing well in Georgia. Many departments report that undergraduates and graduates are having good success getting jobs, particularly in the fields of environmental science and GIS. The University of Georgia and the larger state universities have received significant funding to upgrade laboratory facilities and equipment.

With the exception of the University of Georgia, enrollments in geography classes are increasing statewide. This trend may reflect the fact that a geography curriculum is required in middle schools, thus education majors seek out geography courses. The University of Georgia is still feeling the effects of the semester transition that involves a greater diversity of non-geography choices for undergraduates. The larger enrollments for the other schools likely is the result of their new GIS labs and the offering of more technology classes than ever before. The number of undergraduate majors remains stable statewide. Universities

offering undergraduate majors in geography include: Georgia, Georgia Southern, Georgia State, West Georgia, and Valdosta State. The number of degree-seeking graduate students also remains stable, with Georgia and Georgia State offering graduate degrees.

The University of Georgia Geography Department has enjoyed its highest level of external funding, while eight doctoral students held NSF dissertation improvement grants. The department hosted an international conference, "Globalization and Third World Development." In addition, UGA instituted a Master of Science degree and a graduate certificate in Geographic Information Science.

## **KENTUCKY**

R.H. Schein  
University of Kentucky

Geography's strongest presence in Kentucky is in the state universities. The Department of Geography at the University of Kentucky continues to expand, in part through successful internal competition for institutional investment. Three new faculty members were added this year (Jonathan Phillips, Adrian Smith, Anna Secor). One of those hires (Phillips) represents a decision to develop physical geography in the program. Toward that end, a search is currently underway for another physical geographer, and the department will be hiring again in that area in 2002. John Pickles received the University Research Teaching Award.

At Western Kentucky University, undergraduate enrollments in the Geography and Geology Department totaled 3,782, while graduate student enrollments totaled 90. The department has 147 undergraduate majors and 14 master's degree students. The department ranks at the top in comparison with its 15 most successful benchmark institutions. Christopher Groves received the University's outstanding research award. While the department is currently hiring one new faculty member, their biggest concern is a decrease in faculty (four positions lost in three years).

The University of Louisville's Department of Geography and Geosciences has 61 majors and enrolled over 1,000 undergraduates last year. Two new faculty members were added last year (Keith Mountain and Darren Scott). Jafar Hadizadeh won a Metroversity Instructional Award for his Societies and Environment curriculum proposal.

Morehead State University's Department of Geography, Government, and History offers 32 undergraduate courses per year and has 14 majors. They have one new faculty member (Jason Holcomb) and two open searches currently. Geographers biggest concern is the present Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education review prompted by too few undergraduate degrees awarded (according to

present Council guidelines).

Under the leadership of Val Norman, Lexington Community College offered five different geography courses to a combined 1,530 students last year. LCC boasts three full time geographers and two part time instructors and rivals many four-year institutions in its undergraduate commitment to the discipline.

## **MISSISSIPPI**

Taylor E. Mack  
Mississippi State University

Mississippi has seen increasing interest in geography over the past several years, despite having only two significant departments to offer geoscience and geography degrees (Mississippi State University and the University of Southern Mississippi). As part of its Social Science degree, Delta State University offers a track in geography, and has a geographer on the faculty. The University of Mississippi has hired a geographer on a temporary basis and is expected to make this a permanent position for the 2001-02 academic year. Although not offering degrees in geography, the subject is taught at Mississippi University for Women and Mississippi College.

The Department of Geosciences at Mississippi State University has moved back into the recently renovated Hilbun Hall. The department has hired five new instructors, and is currently conducting searches for two more. During 1999-2000, the department received a \$200,000 from the USGS to study water resources in Guam. The department's Distance Learning program has over 400 students enrolled in three programs: operational meteorology, broadcast meteorology, and teachers in geosciences.

The Department of Geography at the University of Southern Mississippi moved to the College of Continuing and International Education. The Department hired a new chair, Dr. Clifton "Skeeter" Dixon. The geography department and its economic development faculty have created a new Department of Economic Development, which is creating a new Ph.D. program in International Development. The geography department received grant funding last year, including grants from NASA and the Department of Education. In addition, two graduate students received \$30,000 from the Mississippi Space Commerce Initiative to conduct field research using remote sensing.

## **NORTH CAROLINA**

Roy S. Stine  
UNC-Greensboro

Geography continues to grow in universities in North Carolina. Eighty-one full-time and 24 part-time professors taught 375 undergraduate sections to 16,132 undergraduates, and 83 graduate sections to 1,096 graduate students. Statewide, geography has 390 undergraduate majors, 157 masters and 30 doctoral students. Geography departments reported a healthy job market for their

students. New faculty were hired at Appalachian State, East Carolina, UNC-Chapel Hill, UNC-Charlotte, and UNC-Wilmington. Three departments are seeking new tenure track faculty lines including UNC-Chapel Hill (two and a named professorship in international studies), UNC-Charlotte (two), and UNC-Greensboro (two and a physical geography laboratory director). In addition, Western Carolina is requesting a new position. East Carolina will invest in a Center for Geographic Information Science to be housed in their Geography department. Geographers at UNC-Greensboro will introduce a post-baccalaureate Certificate in Geographic Science and have submitted a proposal for a Ph.D. program in Geography beginning in Fall, 2004.

## **SOUTH CAROLINA**

Richard A. Matthews  
University of South Carolina

Twenty-seven institutions of higher education in South Carolina offer geography courses on a regular basis. Three of these institutions, USC-Columbia, Clemson and Converse College, offer graduate courses in geography. Only USC-Columbia and Francis Marion offer a degree program. USC-Columbia offers the only graduate degree in geography. Thirty-three full-time faculty and thirty-three part-time faculty taught 203 undergraduate and 38 graduate courses with an enrollment of 6,162 (undergraduate) and 660 (graduate). This is an increase in enrollments of over 18 percent with large enrollment increases at USC-Columbia, Clemson, Coastal Carolina, and Winthrop. These increases have helped in the hiring of three new full-time faculty in the state including Christa Smith at Clemson.

At USC, Susan Cutter was elected president of the AAG. Dr. David Cowen took over as chair of the Department, while the Department received nearly one million dollars in funding. In addition, Will Graf has accepted a full professor position in the Department beginning in August, 2001, while William Stanley and Julian Minghi have retired.

The South Carolina Geographic Alliance continues to increase its activities and service to K-12 education and some institutions of higher education. Membership in the Alliance has reached over 5,000. The Alliance presented thirty-three workshops across the state with 889 K-12 educators participating and another 15 workshops attracting 669 preservice teachers. The Alliance also participated in revising the state social studies standards.

## **TENNESSEE**

Craig R. Laing  
University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

In 1999-2000, approximately 9,000 students were enrolled in

undergraduate geography courses and slightly more than 300 were enrolled in graduate courses at universities across Tennessee. Six institutions offer an undergraduate degree program in geography (Austin Peay State University, East Tennessee State University, Middle Tennessee State University, University of Memphis, University of Tennessee at Knoxville, and University of Tennessee at Martin). Three institutions offer graduate degrees in geography (East Tennessee State, University of Memphis, and University of Tennessee at Knoxville). Across the state, 313 students are earning undergraduate degrees and 125 are earning graduate degrees.

Elsewhere in the state, several institutions that do not offer geography degrees report large enrollments in geography courses.

About 700 students were enrolled in geography courses at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Also, Tennessee Tech and Volunteer State Community College each had enrollments of 300 students.

Despite problems with funding for higher education in Tennessee, the state's geographers seem optimistic about the discipline's stature in the state. Several institutions are in the process of adding faculty or added faculty in the past year. East Tennessee State University has two hires pending, Tennessee Tech is hopeful of adding another faculty member, University of Memphis is hopeful of making several new hires, and both the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and Austin Peay State University added one faculty member in the past year.

## **VIRGINIA**

Dawn S. Bowen  
Mary Washington College

Geography in the Commonwealth of Virginia experienced some growth in 1999-2000. The University of Richmond has hired a geographer in a one-year position, and is conducting a search for a tenure track geographer. This will be the first permanent presence of a geographer on the UR faculty. Tom Allen, the new Director of Geography at Old Dominion University, reports that a new full-time faculty line will be added to expand GIS courses. Since developing a GIS track in the geography major, ODU has seen a large increase in the number of geography majors and dual majors. One position in urban studies at Virginia Commonwealth University was converted into a full-time Geography position, so that there are now two full-time Geographers in the Department and enrollments are growing as geography becomes more popular. Geography courses continue to be very popular at Mary Washington College, and are consistently full. The Department is currently conducting a search to replace Marshall Bowen, who is retiring after 36 years of teaching. At Virginia Tech, several professors have received recognition for their scholarly contributions. Bonham Richardson received the Carl O. Sauer Distinguished Scholarship Award from the Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers. The award recognizes a sustained record in interconnected research contributions to Caribbean scholarship. Larry Grossman also received a CHOICE award for

"Outstanding Academic Book" for his book, *The Political Ecology of Bananas*.

## WEST VIRGINIA

Todd Nesbitt  
Glenville State College

The 1999-2000 academic year shows that geography is healthy in West Virginia.

Geography at West Virginia University served 2,700 undergraduate and 170 graduate students in its courses. The Department reports 70 undergraduate majors, 28 M.A. students, and 15 Ph.D. students. WVU faculty are anticipating more students moving into environmental positions with the creation of a joint GeoSciences program with geography for the 2001-2002 academic year. The Department of Geology and Geography ranks second highest in the College of Arts and Sciences in terms of grants and contracts. Trevor Harris was selected as Eberly Family Distinguished Professor of Geography.

Geography at Marshall University served 923 undergraduate students and 48 M.A. students in its courses. The department has grown substantially over the past five years, as the number of undergraduate majors and graduate students has more than doubled. The department plans to fill one new faculty position for the 2001-2002 academic year.

Concord College and West Liberty State College offer undergraduate degrees in geography. Both programs report a growth in enrollment. Concord's Joe Manzo continues to host the West Virginia Geographic Alliance Conference which draws faculty and students from West Virginia and surrounding states. West Liberty reports the hiring of one full-time faculty member for 1999-2000.

With the exception of Glenville State College, all other West Virginia state colleges offer minors in geography. Of the state colleges, Fairmont State College served the largest number of undergraduate students in its courses for the 1999-2000 year (1,050 students). Glenville State has created a Global Studies Minor that is dominated by geography courses and will incorporate faculty-led study abroad programs as part of the curriculum.

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## MINUTES OF THE 2000 SEDAAG BUSINESS MEETING

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**Fifty-Fifth Meeting, Chapel Hill, North Carolina  
November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2000**

The annual business meeting was called to order by

SEDAAG President, Tyrel G. Moore, at 10:15 am. The business meeting was held in the Chancellor's Ballroom of the Carolina Inn, Chapel Hill, North Carolina on November 21, 2000. In addition to President Moore, Past President Kavita Pandit, Regional Councillor Dennis Lord, Vice President Ron Mitchelson, Treasurer John Winberry, and Secretary Allan James were in attendance. In addition, AAG President Susan Cutter, AAG Executive Director Ron Abler, PG Editor Truman Hartshorn, Southeastern Geographer editor Jim Wheeler, Local Arrangements Committee chair John Florin, World Geography Bowl chair Neal Lineback, and approximately 40 SEDAAG members were in attendance.

### **Preliminaries**

- (1) **Approval of the Agenda.** The business meeting agenda was approved unanimously.
- (2) **Approval of 1999 Business Meeting Minutes.** The 1999 business meeting minutes from the Tampa, Florida SEDAAG meeting were approved unanimously.
- (3) **Necrology.** President Moore reported that John Ball and Borden Dent, both emeriti professors at Georgia State, had passed away. Truman Hartshorn read eulogies in their honor. In addition, Bob Reiman, emeritus professor at Appalachian State, had passed away and President Moore read a eulogy submitted by Mike Mayfield. President Moore then asked for a moment of silence in honor of these individuals who will be missed.
- (4) **Announcement of New Officers.** President Moore presented the election results from the fall balloting:

*Vice President:* Steve Walsh

*Secretary:* Jonathan Leib

*State Representatives:* Tom Hodler (Georgia), Mike Brown (Mississippi), Pete Soulé (North Carolina), Craig Laing (Tennessee), and Joe Garcia (Virginia).

President Moore welcomed the new officers, and thanked the outgoing officers for their efforts on behalf of SEDAAG. These included Ron Mitchelson (VP), Allan James (Sec.), David Leigh (GA), Doug Gamble (MS), Taylor Mack (MS), Roy Stine (NC), Craig Laing (TN), and Dawn Bowen (VA).

### **President's Report.**

President Moore noted that there had been much business in the Executive and Steering Committee meetings on Sunday, but that none of the resolutions required a vote at the business meeting. He reported on three specific proposals that had been presented to and discussed at the Executive Committee and Steering Committee meetings:

- (1) A proposal by Stan Brunn, Jerry Webster, and Fred Shelley for a special session at the annual meetings to honor a distinguished SEDAAG scholar was implemented on a trial basis. The Steering Committee resolved that Brunn et al. should produce a proposal by May 1<sup>st</sup> for a President's Plenary Session to be held on Sunday evening of the Lexington meeting pending approval by the Local Arrangements Committee (LAC). Potential speakers should be suggested to the President and



decided upon by the Steering Committee. It was felt that the present practice of devoting the opening session to local features of the host region imposes an unnecessary burden on the LAC to secure keynote speakers, but that the LAC should retain the ability to include local and regional features

(2) A proposal by Allan James to provide funds to improve the SEDAAG web site was modified and approved by the Steering Committee. President Moore indicated that the web site was the “front door to our Division,” and asked how many at the business meeting visit the web site regularly. About 12 (~24%) of the 50 attending raised their hands. Steve Birdsall, representing the Endowment Committee, had suggested to the Steering Committee that endowment funds should not be used for recurrent expenditures that are best paid for from the operating account. The Steering Committee concurred and approved a one-time appropriation of up to \$1000 from the Endowment and up to \$500 per year from the operating budget. The one-time appropriation was made contingent upon concurrence by the Endowment Committee which they did prior to the business meeting. Appropriations also carried several specific stipulations to which web master Bill Carstensen has agreed:

- i. Create an esthetically pleasing front page
- ii. Create links to regional geography departments and to the Southeastern Geographer
- iii. Create links to the active Program and Local Arrangement Committees
- iv. Create an interactive membership form and an interactive form to solicit members’ email addresses
- v. Create an interactive meeting registration form.
- vi. All the above changes are to be completed by the end of May.

Webmaster Bill Carstensen at Virginia Tech has agreed to continue to serve the Division as web master and SEDAAG members are encouraged to contact Bill about relevant content.

(3) Two proposals presented to the Steering Committee by Jim Wheeler had been approved.

A. **Best Article of the Year.** The Steering Committee agreed to Wheeler’s proposal to establish an award for the best article of the year in the *Southeastern Geographer*. They resolved that the selection be made by the existing editorial board and that a plaque be awarded at the annual awards ceremony.

B. **Funds for Additional Pages to the Southeastern Geographer.** Wheeler’s request for an additional \$1450 per year for was approved by the Steering Committee. These funds are to add 64 pages per year which will allow approximately three additional articles per issue (cf. *Southeastern Geographer* Editor’s Report below).

## 2000 Nominating and Honors Committee Elections

President Moore presented the following two lists of nominees produced by the Steering Committee and noted that an additional name was needed to fill out the Honors list. Lisle Mitchell volunteered to have his name added:

### Honors Committee Nominees:

Derek Alderman	Dawn Bowen	Doug Gamble
Charles Konrad	Lisle Mitchell	Barney Warf

### Nominations Committee Nominees:

Altha Cravey	Russell Ivy	Scott Lecce
Dan Royall	Phil Steinberg	

A motion passed to close nominations and ballots were passed out to all those present.

## Annual Meetings

(1) **Vice President's Report on the 2000 Meeting.** Vice President and Program Committee Chair, Ron Mitchelson, thanked John Florin and the Local Arrangements Committee. He reported that the Program Committee had received 102 paper and poster submissions, a respectable number. This is the third year that posters have been included on the program and the number of posters has grown from seven in the first year to 17 this year. Mitchelson lamented the fact that there was only one undergraduate paper so no GTU session was held and that there were only eight student honors paper submissions. He encouraged all of us to look for good term papers from our students and to encourage their submission to the SEDAAG program. He thanked Neal Lineback for his support and leadership in the Geography Bowl program which drew approximately 100 participants this year.

(2) **Future Meeting Sites.** The 2001 SEDAAG Meeting will be held in Lexington, Kentucky. The 2002 SEDAAG meeting will be held in Richmond, Virginia to be hosted by Susan Brooker-Gross and Dawn Bowen. An invitation to Charlotte for the 2003 meeting was approved by the Steering Committee.

## Fiscal Affairs

(1) **Treasurer's Membership and Financial Reports.** Treasurer John Winberry thanked David Cowen, chair of the Geography Department, and the Deans Office of the Graduate School (both at USC) for support. He reported on the four accounts maintained by SEDAAG. The **Operating Budget** is the most active account and began the fiscal year (November, 1999) with \$14,427, received \$19,895, and disbursed \$16,655 for a net change of plus \$3,240 leaving a closing balance of \$17,667. The largest sources of receipts were membership dues and contributions (\$10,534), subscriptions to the *Southeastern Geographer* (\$5,925), and a surplus from the 1999 Tampa meeting (\$2,726). The AAG's allocation to the Division, typically around \$600, has not yet been

received. The largest disbursements during the past year were in support of the Division's publications, including \$11,011 for the *Southeastern Geographer*, \$1589 for the *SEDAAG Newsletter*. The third largest outlay was \$1100 for the Student Honors Awards. Transfers were made to the Reserve Fund (\$1000) and the Endowment Fund (\$698). With the transfer and interest, the *SEDAAG Reserve Account* now totals \$9,891, and the *Endowment Account*, which received an additional contribution of \$498 now totals \$27,361. Finally, the *John Fraser Hart Endowment Account* for Ph.D. paper awards gained \$200 in contributions and \$317 in interest and now totals \$10,517. As of October 31, 2000, SEDAAG's total assets stood at \$65,436.

Winberry, saving the bad news for last, lamented that membership had slipped from 526 in 1999 to 490, the lowest number of members in the decade. Membership has declined steadily since it peaked in 1995 at 736; a loss of 29% in five years. While this trend has been noted in many academic disciplines, it is serious and demands analysis. Winberry broke membership changes into two categories. While the number of regular members declined 20% from 1995 to 2000, some of these were to retirements and are still active in the Division; the number of retired members increased 34%. The number of student members declined 66% over this period, however, suggesting a dire need to recruit new young members. Winberry plans on becoming more active in the recruitment process over the coming year.

Discussion turned to how we can enhance student memberships. In response to a question about what we offer student members, it was pointed out that for \$12.50 students receive two issues of the *Southeastern Geographer*, two issues of the *Newsletter*, official membership in a professional society, and the opportunity to participate in meetings, field trips, and paper competitions. At present, participation in the Geography Bowl or in paper competitions does not require membership. Birdsall pointed out, however, that often only a gentle nudge is needed from faculty to encourage students that the \$12.50 is well spent. We need a concerted effort by faculty to get students to join SEDAAG.

(2) **Audit Committee Report.** Heather Smith presented the Audit Committee report for Walter Martin, chair of the Audit Committee. The Division's 2000 budget was approved.

## ***Publications***

(1) **Secretary's Report on the Newsletter.** Allan James reported that two issues of the *SEDAAG Newsletter* had been published and distributed; both are now on our web page ([www.majbill.vt.edu/geog/sedaag/](http://www.majbill.vt.edu/geog/sedaag/)). The 20-page spring issue included a list of officers, calls for nominations, papers, and posters, a nominations card, awards

announcements, state reports, and minutes of the business meeting. The 12-page fall issue included candidate biographies and ballots for the election, calls for nominations for special awards, and a last call for papers and posters. James thanked Susan Cutter, former chair of the Geography Department at USC, for paying bulk postage for the spring newsletter. He also thanked Drs. Greg Carbone, Cary Mock, and Helen Power as well as Bob Bernard, Cindy Kolomechuk, Kyle Oden, Tom Toland, Jeff Vincent, and others for helping to collate, label, and sort newsletters. Finally, he thanked the membership for giving him the opportunity to serve SEDAAG in this capacity.

(2) ***Southeastern Geographer* Editor's Report.** Jim Wheeler, editor of the *Southeastern Geographer*, commented on the content of the November 1999, May 2000, and November 2000 issues. Each had 128 pages and combined they presented a total of 22 articles. The increased funding approved by the Steering Committee will add a 32-page signature to each issue (64 additional pages per year) and greatly enhance the journal's content. Wheeler pointed out that Bellwether Publishing, Ltd. charges us only 5% above cost and that the Journal recouped 57% of its operating budget last year through subscriptions. Wheeler thanked Jodie Traylor Guy (Assistant Editor), Vern Meentemeyer (Chair U. Georgia), Tyrell Moore, John Winberry, Tom Hodler (Cartographic Editor), the Editorial Committee, and the many reviewers of articles submitted to the *Southeastern Geographer*. He encouraged manuscript submissions and continuing efforts to have our local libraries adopt the journal.

## ***Other Committee Reports***

(1) **Local Arrangements Committee.** John Florin, Chair of the Local Arrangement Committee, thanked everyone for coming to Chapel Hill. He noted that the stage is always present, but that the actors' presence makes the difference. He received a hardy applause in appreciation of his efforts.

(2) **World Geography Bowl Committee.** Neal Lineback, Chair of the World Geography Bowl Committee, reviewed the results of the competition over the past two days. The "Dream Team" of prominent senior geography scholars beat the student All-Star Team with a strong performance by Ron Abler, AAG Executive Director. The North Carolina team won the final team competition over South Carolina to retain the championship. Kyle Oden of South Carolina won the most valuable player award for the second year running.

(3) **Southern Studies Committee.** President Moore noted that the Southern Studies Committee had organized a well-attended session at this year's meeting and met earlier this week to discuss another Southern Studies Special Session for next year in Lexington.

(4) **Honors Committee.** Susan Walcott, Chair of the Honors Committee, and Tink Moore announced that the honors banquet would follow the business meeting and that awards would be presented for Lifetime achievement, Research, Outstanding

service, John Fraser Hart Ph.D. (First ever), Masters student paper, and Prunty awards.

### ***Liaison with AAG***

(1) **Regional Councillor's Report.** Dennis Lord, Regional Councillor, reported that he had attended AAG Council meetings in Pittsburgh and WilkesBarre, PA (site of the Middle States Division) in 2000. He emphasized that the selection of journal editors, which had required much of the Council's attention, was now complete and that our own Truman Hartshorn (Georgia State) was the new *Professional Geographer* editor. Commenting on the recent decline in AAG memberships, he noted that the Council has approved a membership campaign and appointed an *ad hoc* Membership Committee to investigate causes and remedies. In spite of a small deficit from the Hawaii meetings, the Association is in good financial condition. Lord is chair of the AAG Committee on Committees, so let him know if you or someone you know would like to serve on an AAG committee.

(2) **Remarks by the President of the AAG.** Susan Cutter, President of the Association of American Geographers, expressed delight at being back at her home Division after roaming the continent. Having visited nine Divisional meetings she proclaimed Geography alive and well in most places; people are excited about geography, see its relevance, and are energetic in pursuit of its goals. She noted that SEDAAG members and others often perceive our Division to be the strongest in the AAG. From her experience she agreed; it is the largest, best organized, and most enthusiastic. She attributed the high quality of papers to the discussant process.

(3) **Remarks by the Executive Director of the AAG.** Ron Abler, Executive Director of the AAG, thanked SEDAAG for its hospitality and for being the "mainstay" of the AAG by supplying a disproportionate number of officers and editors. With apologies to Garrison Kiellor, he noted that it has NOT been a quiet week in the AAG. With the recent turnover of eight staff people (due primarily to competition in the labor market) they have lost most of their experienced personnel. He urged us to be patient with the central office as training new staff will be a long process. In addition to staff changes, the office recently switched to new software which involved some difficulties. Luckily, Abler retains the core of the institutional memory and is passing it on to the new staff. He will step down in 2003 but plans to have an office manager before then to help smooth the transition to a new Executive Director.

Abler is excited about the new "Dream Team" of Annals editors which will have their issue out for the New York Meeting in late February. The Pittsburgh meeting was successful but the New York meeting may break the all-time

record with more than 3000 presentations; 500 more than in Boston which was the previous record.

In response to a question from Dave Cowen, he noted that dues statements will be sent out at the end of the year. The annual dues process is being shifted to the end of the year; it had corresponded to the time of annual meeting registration which created a conflict with staff work loads.

Abler noted that it is always a pleasure to visit SEDAAG each November and looked forward to seeing us in New York and in Lexington next year.

### ***Concluding Items***

(1) **Election Results.** President Moore read the results of the paper ballot:

**Honors Committee (4):** Derek Alderman (chair elect), Dawn Bowen, Doug Gamble, Barney Warf

**Nominations Committee (2):** Altha Cravey (chair elect), Dan Royall

(2) **Resolutions Committee.** Susan Brooker-Gross delivered the following Resolutions:

Whereas the outgoing officers of the division have served admirably, contributing their expertise and time to the continued well-being of the Division, therefore be it resolved that the secretary convey the division's gratitude to Ron Mitchelson, outgoing Vice President; and Allan James, outgoing Secretary.

Whereas the state representatives from Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia collected and synthesized information on the status of geography in their states, encouraged membership, served the interests of members in their states, and contributed their professional wisdom and personal commitment to the well-being of the division, therefore be it resolved that the secretary express the division's gratitude to David Leigh, Douglas Gamble, Taylor Mack, Roy Stine, Craig Laing and Dawn Bowen.

Whereas the 55<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers has provided opportunities to share research and ideas, and to build and renew collegial relationships, therefore 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; further be it resolved that by this resolution, the Division thanks the authors, panelists, discussants, session chairs, and field trip leaders for their excellent contributions to the conference program.

Whereas the Local Arrangements Committee has extended hospitality to the participants and division members in inviting and hosting us in Chapel Hill, and whereas committee members have created a stimulating program for the opening session and field trips, therefore be it resolved that the secretary express the division's gratitude to John Florin, Local Arrangements Chair, committee members Wil Gesler, Phil Page, Steve Birdsall, Anne Pollard, Tom Whitmore, Altha Cravey, Melinda Meade, Leo Zonn (of UNC-Chapel Hill), and Harris

Williams (NCCU), and field trip planners and leaders, Harris Williams, Doug Eyre, and Peter Robinson.

Whereas Dean Risa Palm graciously welcomed her fellow geographers to the university, therefore be it resolved that the president convey the division's thanks.

Whereas Bland Simpson, Professor of Creative Writing at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, provided us with a delightfully engaging keynote performance at the opening session, therefore be it resolved that the president convey the division's gratitude.

Whereas the Program Committee has freely given of their time to review submissions for the meeting and helped plan a substantive and thoughtful meeting, therefore be it resolved that the secretary express the division's gratitude to Ron Mitchelson, Chair of the Program Committee, and to members Derek Alderman, Margaret Gripshover, Qiahao Weng, Douglas W. Gamble, Scott Lecce, Pete Soulé, Dawn Bowen, Steven Parkansky, Shih-Lung Shaw, Rebecca Johns, and Pat Gilmartin.

Whereas the Honors Committee has generously donated their time, commitment, and expertise to the review of Honors papers and presentations, and to the consideration of divisional awards, therefore be it resolved that the secretary express the division's gratitude to Susan Walcott, Honors Committee Chair, and to committee members Laurence W. Carstensen, Altha Cravey, Kirstin Dow, and Paul Knapp.

Whereas Susan Cutter, President of the Association of American Geographers and faithful SEDAAG member has once again graced us with her presence, and kindly agreed to present the forthcoming, sure-to-be-excellent, Honors Luncheon address on "American Hazardscapes," therefore be it resolved that the secretary convey the division's gratitude.

Whereas Ron Abler, Executive Director of the Association of American Geographers has faithfully joined the division again this year for our annual meeting, and shared with us his vision and experience, therefore be it resolved that the secretary convey the division's thanks.

Whereas John Ball, Emeritus Professor from Georgia State University, and who contributed to the emphasis on learning in geography, passed away last December, therefore be it resolved that the secretary convey the division's remembrance and sympathy to his family.

Whereas Borden Dent, Emeritus Professor at Georgia State University, who inspired cartography students and geography colleagues through his teaching and writing, passed away in August, therefore be it resolved that the secretary convey the division's remembrance and sympathy to his family.

Whereas Robert Reiman, Emeritus Professor at Appalachian State University, teacher at Pembroke State University and St. Andrews Presbyterian College, and active town and regional planner, who passed away in February, contributed to the lives of his colleagues and students, and was a pillar of support for the Southeastern Division, therefore be it resolved that the secretary convey the

division's remembrance and sympathy to his family.

The Resolutions Committee, Susan Brooker-Gross, Elisabeth Nelson, and Jamie Strickland, moved these resolutions, and they were adopted by acclamation.

(3) **Invitation to the 2001 Meeting in Lexington, KY.** Karl Raitz invited the SEDAAG membership to the 2001 meeting in Lexington, Kentucky. He noted that room rates at the Radisson should be reasonable - especially student rates - and that three field trips were tentatively being planned.

(4) **Adjournment.** There being no other business, President Moore adjourned the meeting at 12:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Allan James, University of South Carolina, Secretary, SEDAAG

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## Notes From the Editor

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The target date for submission of materials for the Summer Issue of the SEDAAG Newsletter is July 1, 2001. Submissions arriving after July 1 may be considered for publication depending on when they are received and space considerations in the Newsletter. Please send submissions by email (to: [jleib@coass.fsu.edu](mailto:jleib@coass.fsu.edu)) or on disk (Microsoft Word or WordPerfect preferred) by regular mail (to: Jonathan Leib, Department of Geography, Florida State University, Tallahassee FL 32306-2190).

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I will: ( ) Chair a Session; ( ) Discuss a Paper; ( ) Chair & Discuss at the Nov. 17-20, 2001 meeting.

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