



UGA RETIREES ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Greetings from the Chair

Throughout the busy season that we've just experienced, football bowl watchers saw numerous universities "advertised" sometime during each game. They all seem to have bright students, important research, and can-do attitudes. Call me just a bit biased, but I didn't see any that compare to our university, particularly when you add the absolutely beautiful campus setting that we have.

None featured their core of retirees that continue to stay active and interested in their university! But you and I know that we do have a tremendously bright, talented, and vibrant (I could go on and on) group of retirees associated with UGA. By way of continued research, time in classrooms, association with students through many avenues including our churches and other community groups, volunteer time donated to various campus entities such as the Botanical Gardens, Alumni Association, and Art Museum . . . these and many more are ways that we contribute to the fabric of the University of Georgia.

We were happy to welcome a new group of retirees to our ranks at the December Retiree Reception. This will be repeated in the spring for those who retire in the second half of the year. There are several other UGARA-sponsored events to look forward to and they are featured throughout the newsletter. We also welcome Cliff Pannell as our newest member of the Council, graciously accepting the unexpired term vacated by Sidney Brown, who we want to thank for his valuable service.

Happy New Year. Hope to see you next at the Meet the Author Event, February 8.

*Helen Mills
UGARA Council Chair*

Email us with your comments and suggestions, or subscribe to the UGARA-L listserv to stay informed:
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Be sure to visit our web site for upcoming events, trip reports, contacts and other useful information.

<http://www.uga.edu/ugara>

Note to UGARA Members

Please note that retirees who are not members of UGARA do not receive this newsletter, and may not receive announcements about on- and off-campus events, UGARA travel, or other UGARA activities that would be of interest to them. UGARA does have 480 members but many other UGA retired faculty and staff are eligible. We would like to ask you, as UGARA members, to invite your retired UGA friends who could benefit from the fellowship, the updates on such timely information as health benefits, and the events sponsored by UGARA, to join UGARA. A life membership costs only \$50, or for those whose preference is to join for one year, the fee is \$10. To receive a membership application, please contact Marcus Jennings at the Wray-Nicholson house at mrj@uga.edu or 706-542-2251.

Clifton Pannell Joins UGARA Council

Dr. Clifton Pannell has agreed to serve as an interim Council member, succeeding Dr. Sidney Brown. Clifton Pannell is a recently retired, long-time faculty member who first came to UGA in 1971 as assistant professor of geography. After going through the professorial ranks in geography, he served as department head from 1991-1993 and as associate dean in the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences from 1994-1005. His teaching and scholarly interests focus on the economic and urban geography of contemporary China.

Holiday Reception Honors Retirees



On December 13, 2005, UGARA, together with the Office of the President and the Office of the Provost, hosted a holiday reception at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education that honored new faculty and staff retirees. Pictured is Provost Mace presenting a retirement certificate to Dr. Clifton Pannell. Approximately 75 people, including new retirees, UGARA members and members of the administration, attended the festive reception.

UGARA Council Chairs

Anne Seawell ('92-'94)
 Billy Hudson ('94-'95)
 Leonard Cobb ('95-'96)
 George Abney ('96-'97)
 H. Branch Howe ('97-'98)
 Claire Swann ('98-'99)
 Jack Perkins ('99-'00)
 Marsha Gruner ('00-'01)
 Gus Staub ('01-'02)
 Roland Brooks ('02-'03)
 Don Schneider ('03-'04)
 Richard Graham ('04-'05)
 Helen Mills ('05-'06)

James Cobb to Speak at Athens Regional Library: A Special Invitation to UGARA Members and Friends

James C. Cobb, Spalding Distinguished Professor in the History of the American South, a native Georgian and an entertaining writer and speaker in great demand, will discuss his most recent book, *Away Down South: A History of Southern Identity* on **Wednesday, February 8, at Athens Regional Library, from 10:00 until noon**. This event will be sponsored by the University of Georgia Retirees Association. All UGARA members and friends are invited to attend.

Dr. Cobb is a Hart County native who received his A.B., M.A., and Ph.D degrees from the University of Georgia, and then taught at a variety of higher education institutions, including the University of Maryland, the University of Mississippi, the University of Alabama, and the University of Tennessee before returning to The University of Georgia in 1997. A former president of the Southern Historical Association, Cobb has published 19 books and more than three dozen articles. He also has written columns for the *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Los Angeles Times*, and the *London Times Literary Supplement*, and he has lectured across the United States and in England.



TRAVEL NOTES

Forty-six UGARA members and guests hugely enjoyed the Christmas trip to Marietta's Theatre on the Square production of "A Sanders' Family Christmas." And, happily, we managed to get home before the really bad weather got here.

Next UGARA Tour: Athens Treasures II

For our next adventure, we have planned an ATHENS TREASURES II. We have been invited to C.L. Morehead's home to see his extraordinary collection of Lamar Dodd paintings. We will then have lunch at the Plantation Buffet. Following lunch we have been invited back to see George Bugg's extensive private collection of restored antique cars. We visited this collection about two years ago, but Mr. Bugg has added at least 16 cars since that time.

The date for this trip is March 1, 2006. The cost of \$20.00 per person includes lunch. The deadline for making reservations in Monday, February 20, 2006.

Registration Form for Athens Treasures II:

Name(s) (1) _____

(2) _____

Address(es) to which instructions should be sent:

(1) _____

(2) _____

Contact Phone _____ Date _____

Signature _____

Attach standard reservation form with *checks being made payable to UGA Alumni Association*, and send to Marcus Jennings, Wray-Nicholson House, 298 Hull St., Athens, GA 30602-6372.



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- upcoming retiree trip information;
- opportunity to meet author James Cobb and hear about his latest book on who we are in the South and whether we can retain our southern identity;
- notes on other UGARA happenings.