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## Greetings from the Chair

In February's newsletter I invoked the environmental writings of the late Aldo Leopold in reflecting on seasonal changes as we entered the new year. One of our members, Walter Cook, contacted me and invited me to participate in an Aldo Leopold festival two weekends ago. At the festival, readers presented the procession of time and nature's changes unfolding on Leopold's farm in Wisconsin. Here in Georgia we witness the inviting prospects of the approaching spring season that are very much in evidence all around us.

UGARA, the Office of the President, and the Office of the Provost will be sponsoring a spring reception for new University retirees. I urge all members to participate in this occasion as we welcome our colleagues to the enjoyable ranks of the retired. We hope to have a program that will both inform and interest our members, and it should be a nice occasion to renew acquaintances and to make new friends. The reception is scheduled for May 7, 2008 at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education. I look forward to seeing you at the reception, and I hope your spring goes well.

*Clifton Pannell*  
*UGARA Council Chair*



## Upcoming Events

***Spring Retirement and UGARA Social*** on Wednesday, May 7, 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm at the University of Georgia Center for Continuing Education. New retirees and all UGARA members are cordially invited to attend, and you will be receiving your invitation to this reception in the mail. If you want to see some pictures of previous retirement receptions, visit the UGARA web site at <http://www.uga.edu/ugara/album.html>.

***Trip in August:*** You will find information about the Okefenokee Swamp Trip in this newsletter, but be sure to put August 17 on your calendar. We are planning to attend "Dial M for Murder" at the Black Bear Dinner Theatre in Sautee, GA. The matinee performance will also include lunch.

## Welcome New Life Members

UGARA welcomes three new life members since February 11. They are Alexander S. Csinos, Cathy Gleaton, and Susan C. Field.

## In Memoriam

We are saddened to lose two UGARA life members:

Mr. Leonard F. Cobb                      2/11/2008

Mrs. Clara M. Van Fleet                2/15/2008

## Goin' Back: Remembering UGA

*(portions excerpted with permission from The University of Georgia Magazine, December 2007; Vol 87, No.1)*

The University of Georgia's oral history project, a new venture conducted by the Office of Public Affairs and the UGA Alumni Association, is documenting on video the memories of former faculty, staff, and alumni for this and future generations to enjoy.

To date, eighteen people have been interviewed, with the stories they tell captured for preservation. These people are: Ms. Bebe Aderhold, Mr. Upshaw Bentley, Mr. Fred Birchmore, Dr. Bob Bowen, Mr. Tyus Butler, Dr. Verner Chaffin, Ms. Mary Frances Early, Dr. Bill Flatt, Mr. Dan Magill, Dr. George Marshall, Dr. Louise McBee, Rev. Claude McBride, Dr. Gene Michaels, Dr. M. O. Phelps, Ms. Betsy Powell, Dr. Henry King Stanford, Ms. Joanna Stegeman Traylor, and Mr. Charlie Trippi. This project is a "work in progress", and the edits have not been completed on Aderhold, Powell, Michaels, and Bentley, but they will be soon.

"...The project's main goal is to be able to save the memories of those who were really there, who saw it at the time, and to allow those memories to be accessed by those of us who have come after, scholars, interested alumni, and friends," says Fran Lane (AB 1969, MEd, 1971) who created the project for UGA after she and Claude McBride (ABJ, 1955) saw its results at Georgia Tech. Fran retired as UGA Visitors Center Director in October and now dedicates her time to this project. Claude, who is an associate in the Alumni Relations Department and also represents the Alumni Association on the UGARA board, assists Fran in developing interview questions and in archiving the recordings.

DVD's of all completed interview sessions are available for visitors to view at the Four Towers Visitors Center, and soon will be available at the University of Georgia Main Library in the Media Archives. To view specific videos, interested visitors can arrange an appointment at the Visitors Center by calling 706-542-0842.



Claude McBride, Fran Lane, Charlie Trippi, and a media specialist taping the Trippi interview



Fran Lane interviewing Bill Flatt

Charlie Trippi



Peter Frey/UGA Photos



## Overnight Trip to Okefenokee Swamp May 21-22



The fires in south Georgia wiped out this trip for UGARA travelers last year. But, the swamp is coming back beautifully, so we are presenting this trip again. We will bus to Waycross May 21, and we are using Champion Coach Lines (used by the Athletic Association). Wednesday afternoon we will tour Obediah’s Okefenok, a pioneer homestead that is listed on the National Register of Historic Sites. The site includes historic buildings, educational exhibits, wildlife, and the Obediah Tatum Museum.

We will spend the night at the Waycross Holiday Inn. A full buffet breakfast is included with the room (beverage is extra). Dinner will be on your own. The hotel has an evening buffet, and there are many eating places, including an Applebee’s, within two blocks of the hotel.

Thursday morning we will tour the Okefenokee Swamp Park. Our tour includes exhibit buildings, “Eye on Nature” Program ( a live show), a guided railroad tour that includes Pioneer Island, and a 20 minute boat tour (assuming there is sufficient water for the boats). We will have a catered lunch in the park, after which we will return to Athens.

For **\$130.00 per person** (double occupancy) and **\$162.00 per person** (single occupancy) you get the bus, Obediah’s room with full breakfast buffet, entrance to the Swamp Park, including above sites, and lunch. The reservation form and check for the total amount made payable to the UGA Alumni Association c/o Marcus Jennings, Wray-Nicholson House, 298 Hull Street, Athens, GA 30602-6372 should be in by **April 18, 2008**. This deadline gives us time to get the paperwork processed and final plans completed. Instructions for meeting the bus and other details will be sent to participants.

*Marsha Gruner, Travel Co-Chair*

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### Reservation Form for Okefenokee Swamp Trip, May 21-22

Names:

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

Address(es) to which instructions should be sent:

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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The UGA Alumni Association sponsors UGARA, which is an official retirees' organization for faculty and staff. Visit the Alumni Association's web site at *<http://www.alumni.uga.edu/alumni>* to find out about other activities that may be of interest to you.

Meetings of the UGARA Council are scheduled for the 2nd Monday of each month. The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 14 at 10:00 a.m. in the Alumni House Conference Room, Wray-Nicholson House.