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*The University of Georgia Retirees Association*

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## **Greetings from the Chair**

The fall semester is upon us, and the University of Georgia begins its annual academic cycle as we welcome the new students, faculty, and staff and renew our relationships with old friends and colleagues. Those of us who are retired have the opportunity to survey Athens and the University landscape at a less frenetic pace and a more detached viewpoint, a pleasant time and opportunity that reminds us how nice it is to be retired.

Let me welcome all of you, old hands as well as new retirees, to a renewal of our annual rituals and remind you that UGARA, as it has for a number of years, will offer a variety of activities for its members. Through the good work and energy of our volunteers, outstanding trips are planned as well as receptions to celebrate the retirement of UGA personnel. There will be other projects that help us focus on the University and its heritage and which also allow fellowship among our members. I hope you will join in some of these activities and take advantage of the many things that UGARA can offer.

*Clifton Pannell  
UGARA Council Chair*

## **UGARA Loses Two Great Friends**

Two very important supporters of UGARA passed away recently: Joanna Stegeman Traylor and Dr. Joe Hammock.

Joanna was involved with the Oral History project sponsored by the Alumni Association and the UGA Visitors Center. She was featured in the first preview of the program sponsored by UGARA earlier this summer. Joanna had lived in Athens almost all her life. She was the daughter of UGA's famous coach, professor and athletic director, Herman J. Stegeman and a brother of Dr. John Stegeman. She and her husband, Dr. Bothwell Traylor, were both staunch UGA supporters.

Dr. Hammock was co-chair of the committee that led to the establishment of UGARA. He was a former professor and head of the Psychology Department and remained a strong advocate for UGA retirees until his death.

## **UGARA Resources Information Provided by Roland Brooks**

The UGA Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library on the third floor of the Main Library houses papers and other historical items from UGARA. These items are stored in the Library for researchers and others to examine. In 2009 groundbreaking for a new building to house the Hargrett Section and other UGA collections will take place.

## New Council Member Brief Profiles

### **Clifton Pannell, UGARA Council Chair**

Clifton Pannell retired from the University of Georgia in December, 2005 after 34.5 years of service. He began work at UGA in 1971 as assistant professor of geography and passed through all ranks of the department and became department head in 1992. Shortly thereafter, he was appointed by Dean Wyatt Anderson as associate dean in the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences in 1994 where he worked until his retirement. Pannell’s academic specialty is the economic and urban geography of China and East Asia, and he was appointed as the first director of the Center for Asian Studies at UGA. He served as Vice-Chair of UGARA in 2006-07 under Helen Mills and is looking forward to working with the other UGARA volunteers for the 2007-08 academic year.

### **Jean Bowen, UGARA Co-Communications Chair**

Jean Bowen retired from the College of Education in 1999 as a Grants Specialist and was re-hired by the Institute of Higher Education. She has since retired again. Her undergraduate B.S. degree was in Zoology (genetics) and she holds a Masters degree from the Terry College of Business, with concentrations in human resource management and financial accounting. Her current ties to the University of Georgia include membership in the Emeriti Scholars and service as UGARA Co-Communications Chair. She also serves as a volunteer in activities of the College of Education.

### **Vicky Smith, UGARA Council Secretary**

Vicky Smith will retire from the Dean’s Office, Franklin College of Arts and Sciences after 40 years of Service to the College on November 1, having begun her career with the College on February 13, 1969. Vicky resides in Statham, GA with her parents and sister Tricia, who is also a UGA retiree. When not at work, Vicky enjoys playing the piano and traveling. She views UGARA as a way to continue to serve and maintain her interests at UGA.

### **Romeo Toledo, New UGARA Council Member**

Professor Romeo Toledo served UGA as a faculty member in the Department of Food Science and Technology for 39 years. He was instrumental in getting the food processing pilot plant equipped with state-of-the-art equipment for food preservation, and he conducted research on processes to ensure the safety of processed foods. He was major professor to some 50 MS and PhD graduates in Food Science. Romeo is married to Mo, a UGA alumna in Chemistry. He has two grown children, a son Eric in Atlanta and a daughter Jenny in Richmond, VA. Romeo and Mo will be spending their retirement years in the Athens area and will continue to be involved with UGA.

### **John Jeffreys, New UGARA Council Member**

John Jeffreys is senior Fanning Fellow emeritus having served as a Leadership Development Associate and Senior Public Service Associate in the University of Georgia Fanning Institute since 1994. Previously with the University’s Carl Vinson Institute of Government for 22 years, he trained government officials at all levels. Mr. Jeffreys was recipient of the 1998-99 Walter Barnard Hill Award for distinguished achievement in public service. He holds a master’s degree in public administration. John Jeffreys served eight years as a Clarke County commissioner and a term as president of the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia.



## **Congratulations to Susan Landrum**

Congratulations to Susan Landrum, UGARA’s ex-officio representative from the Office of the Provost, for her promotion to Executive Assistant to the Provost.

### Overnight Trip to North Georgia on October 18th and 19th

After the very successful trip to the Flat Rock Playhouse in the summer, your Travel Committee has made arrangements for a unique North Georgia mountain overnight trip. This trip will include transportation and a personal "step-on guide", an exclusive tour of Crocker Pottery and private collection of Michael Crocker that is not on the regular tour of the pottery, a guided tour of the Sautee and Nacoochee Valley Folk Pottery Museum, catered lunch at Stovall House, a VIP tour of Habersham Winery and wine tasting, lodging and dinner at Amicalola Falls Lodge, lunch at the Smith House, a safari-style outdoor tour of the Kangaroo Conservation Center with over 300 kangaroos, and an exhibition featuring Australian exotic wildlife. Water and snacks will be provided on the bus. More information about this trip can be found on the UGARA web site at <http://www.uga.edu/ugara/trips/mountains-10-07/>.

We have tried to put together an interesting trip at a reasonable price. The cost of this trip will be **\$188.00 (double occupancy), \$245.00 (single occupancy)**. Reservations need to be in by **September 21st**. Instructions for meeting the bus and other details will be sent to participants.

Fill in the form below and send the form along with a check for the full amount made payable to the UGA Alumni Association c/o Marcus Jennings, Wray-Nicholson House, 298 Hull Street, Athens, GA 30602-6372.

*Travel Committee  
Gene Michaels, Marsha Gruner and Nancy Canolty*

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### Reservation form for the North Georgia Trip on October 18th and 19th

Names:

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

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

Address(es) to which instructions should be sent:

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

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

\_\_\_ Check here if you need two beds in your room.

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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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

Thanks to Elizabeth Pape for maintaining the UGARA web site and for making information available to UGARA members.