

From the Editor

The *Florida Geographer* is the official publication of the Florida Society of Geographer and is distributed free to members of the society. It is a statewide journal, with coverage of geographical topics largely relating to the state. Manuscripts generally deal with some social science or physical geographical aspect of Florida or include Florida as an important component of a larger study.

Manuscripts are solicited from all who feel they have research worthy of dissemination. For matters of style, see articles in the present issue. Authors should not be dissuaded from submitting articles for review because of format considerations.

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Note to Readers

The 2000 issue of the *Florida Geographer* contains seven articles, most of which are either written by or their principal author is a geographer. The article by Elizabeth Smith is primarily directed toward readers who are members of the Florida Geographic Alliance. Once again, I appeal to members of the Alliance to share with other members their teaching units, or anything else they believe relevant to geographical instruction.

As in previous years the Florida Geographic Alliance, through its past director, Ed Fernald and now through its present one, Laurie Molina, has covered the majority of the publication costs of the journal as well as its distribution. Acknowledgments are also due to Peter Krafft of the Florida State University's Florida Resources and Environmental Analysis Center who for the past five years has drawn the maps, and Jim Anderson, the Director of the Florida Resources and Environmental Analysis Center, who during the same period, has done page layout. This issue was copy edited by Betsy Purdum, however, the editor accepts responsibility for all errors and omissions. Using my prerogative as the editor, I am including a "note" that I wrote. As a retiree, I now can indulge in a variety of interests, and in the past year I became intrigued by the number of Chinese and Mexican restaurants in Tallahassee. Once I ascertained their number, I became curious about the number of ethnic restaurants in metropolitan areas throughout the state, the results of which I share with you.

At the 1999 annual meeting of the Florida Society of Geographers, a proposal was offered and favorably passed to broaden the geographical focus of the *Florida Geographer* to include faculty-recommended student papers that do not pertain to Florida. I am happy to comply with this mandate. The *Florida Geographer* is an excellent venue for student papers, and in fact the Flesher article is a condensed version of his University of Florida undergraduate honor's thesis recommended by his thesis director.

The 2001 meeting of the Florida Society of Geographers will be held in Tallahassee on February 2, 3, and 4.

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