

To the readers of the *Florida Geographer*

The 1998 issue of the *Florida Geographer* is one of the largest ever published; nine articles and a book review. It has been an excellent year for submissions, and not only professional geographers are represented in this issue, but their students, and two members of the faculty of the University of Miami's Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science. My major disappointment is that I have still not received any material from members of the Florida Geographical Alliance. Members of the Alliance are also members of the Society of Florida Geographers, their membership being paid for by the Alliance. In fact, they form a substantial share of the Society's membership. The *Florida Geographer* could be a means for teachers to share instructional material about Florida with other teachers and I hope that next year there will be some who will be willing to do so.

As I stated in last year's issue, and I will continue to do so in future ones, The *Florida Geographer* is an excellent outlet for papers with a geographical theme about Florida. We now have a press run of over 300, and almost all libraries within the state associated with institutions of higher education receive it. The *Florida Geographer* is a refereed journal, and an article published in it would enhance a student's vita. I appeal to faculty members to urge those students who write good term papers on a Florida theme, or a thesis or dissertation, to submit a condensed version to this journal. In this regard I would like to thank members of the faculty of the University of Florida, University of South Florida, and Florida Atlantic University, who have been successful in galvanizing several of their students to submit articles.

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