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Summer 2003 Chapter Meeting in Savannah: Our section sponsored a very successful symposium "Ecological Forces and Land Management Challenges for the Southeastern Landscape" at the ESA meeting in Savannah. Congratulations to organizers Diane De Steven and Beverly Collins. We held our chapter's informal brownbag meeting August 5, 2003. Meeting minutes will be posted on the chapter website.

2004 Odum Award: Students are encouraged to submit their papers for consideration as best ecological paper presented at the ASB meeting. Please be sure to check the ASB web site, the program issue of Southeastern Biology, and the Chapter web site for details on the submission process. Abstracts must be submitted properly to be considered. James Fralish will chair the committee this year, with members Jake Weltzin and Nicole Welch. We are within \$1,250 of our goal of \$10,000, which makes the fund sustainable. To help us reach this goal this year, please consider sending a check, made out to ESA-SE Chapter, to the treasurer, Yetta Jager, with a note.

Poster Award: A proposed bylaws amendment to establish a poster award for the best student poster in ecology presented at the ASB meetings was distributed at the Aug 5 brownbag. The proposed amendment will be posted on the Chapter web site and voted on at our April 2004 meeting. Plans are to name the award in honor of Elsie Quarterman and Catherine Kever, pioneering southeastern ecologists. Dr. Kever recently died. For more information, see Jean Langenheim's article, <http://www.geneseo.edu/~hartvig/eco203/news/womenecologists.pdf>.

Symposium Proposals: The deadline for Symposium Proposals for the ESA 2004 Portland, Oregon Meeting is Monday, September 15, 2003. The Call for Symposium Proposals for Portland can be accessed through the Portland annual meeting website at www.esa.org/portland. In addition, organized session proposals are being solicited (these have 20-min talks, as opposed to 30 min symposium talks). ASB symposium proposals are due soon for the Memphis meeting, April 14-17, as well. Please send your suggestions to Paul Schmalzer.

Upcoming Meetings and Symposia: The Chapter will meet with ASB in Memphis, Tennessee April 14-17, 2004. The 1st Annual Southeastern Ecology and Evolution Conference will be held in Atlanta, GA, March 5-7, 2004 (Abstract submission deadline, January 31, 2004). The 14th annual SAMAB (Southern Appalachian Man and the Biosphere) conference will be held November 4-6 in Asheville, NC. A conference on Invasive Plants in Natural and Managed Systems: Linking Science and Management is scheduled for November 3-7 in Fort Lauderdale, FL. The 2nd International Wildland Fire Ecology and Fire Management Congress is November 16-20, 2003 in Orlando, FL.

Keeping in touch: Check the Chapter Homepage: <http://www.auburn.edu/seesa/> for updates and additional information. Join the Southeastern Chapter of ESA LISTSERVER: To join the ListServer, send a message to majordomo@mail.auburn.edu with "subscribe scesa" in the body of the message. Please send news or announcements to either scesa@mail.auburn.edu for the listserv, or to me for inclusion in the next quarterly newsletter.

Respectfully,
Yetta Jager, Newsletter Editor