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## Editor's Note

This issue of the Arkansas Review introduces two new features, both of which emphasize the journal's orientation toward the Mississippi River Delta. One of the features, represented by Randel Tom Cox's essay on how geology regards the Delta, will explore definitional issues. What is the Mississippi River Delta? It depends on who you ask. We've asked a geologist for this issue, and we're asking representatives of other academic disciplines such as history, sociology, and archeology for future issues. We also want to explore what the Delta means from a non-academic perspective--how it's viewed by those from the region who are interested in boosting it, by government agencies who administer pro-

grams oriented to the region, by those who have spent their lives in this particular place.

The other new feature inaugurated in this issue is a column called "Delta Sources and Resources." Here we want to identify some of the places, institutions, and agencies that people interested in the Delta can tap for information, opinion, and insight about the region. We begin with pieces on the Center for Research on Women at the University of Memphis and the Mid-South Center for Oral History at Arkansas State University. Though we will be soliciting items for this section, we also encourage submission of unsolicited material.