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SERE on My Mind

Hi everyone!

This month's issue concentrates primarily on the Southeast Regional Event—or SERE, as many of us lovingly call it—taking place from May 11th to May 15th at Birmingham, Alabama. Our very own DST Sam Flegal will be the main storyteller of the Requiem game, being that he is ARST Requiem. It should be a very good time—seeing old friends, making new ones, and taking part in a very large game with tons of things to do if you are ready for them.

I have also included some pictures I took at the Auburn Game last month as well as some pictures off the Internet of Tony Gowell's character Karen Adler's wedding at SCaRE.

Remember, if you have photos you took at games, articles relevant to the games we play, poems, gothic artwork, jokes, quotes you've heard at games, etc., that you want to see published in the *Undercurrents*, please email them to me at drs_newsletter@yahoo.com, and I will place them in the next issue of the newsletter. See my preferred method of submitting at the bottom of page 5.

Enjoy this new issue, and please pass it around! ☺



Loraine Flegal
Undercurrents
Editor

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Please welcome our newest member **Chuck Lovvorn**
and a temporary member **Mathew Haffner (Shrew)** to
the club!

FROM THE DESK OF THE **DST**

Games Galore



Sam Flegal
Domain
Storyteller

March comes to a close and things are good here in DST land. I think the last Requiem game, *Champions & Maidens*, was a SMASH! I hope you all had as much fun as I did. Things are coming along quite well in Nashville, still more new faces, I have a full storytelling staff that is most helpful including the new temporary Forsaken VST, Paula Watt! All you fuzzy lovers out there make sure to be nice to her—heck, you all better be nice, but especially the werewolf players.

As for Requiem we have quite a few plots running here in Music City. My staff keeps on writing more and more plots, which is great! And we just started a regional plot kit that will help the Southeast Region build up for SERE 2005. So those of you interested in finding plots, and interacting with NPCs, they're out there—all you have to do is look. Some of you may be involved already (hee, hee!) and some of you might be involved and not even know it!

As for Forsaken, signs point to "yes!" Paula has some great ideas floating around, and I must admit I'm getting excited about the venue. It will be nice to let some one else hold the reins on the wookies, and I know she is more than up to the task.

Coming soon, the Camarilla will start the *Mortals* game. Now in Nashville, the *Mortals* venue has had a roller coaster history. The game attendance and interest was up and down, again and again. I must say that I am not very interested in the *Mortals* game, but I'm a firm believer that a good storyteller can make any setting fun. If anyone is interested in starting the *Mortals* game I encourage them to let myself, and others know. If there is enough interest, and an ST who wants to get the venue started, Nashville will support the venue, but if no one is interested then there is no reason to have the game.

This month I'll end with a quote from Mark Twain, one that I think applies to us all:

Now, isn't imagination a precious thing? It peoples the earth with all manner of wonders, strange beasts and birds, angels, cherubim and seraphim. And it has to be exercised. No child should be permitted to grow up without exercise for imagination. It enriches life for him. It makes things wonderful and beautiful.

—Speech in Elmira, April 1907

Have fun Kids! 🌐



Edana and Caedmon Mac Brenna with the Prince of Auburn



Edana and Caedmon with Karsten from Atlanta



SERE 2005

You are formally invited to visit the City of Birmingham, Alabama...The Magic City.

The following information can be found at:

<http://camarilla.white-wolf.com/conventions/events/sere.html>

The Magic City, our city, stands proud in its heritage, embracing the memories and songs within its history. Buildings rise high into the empty sky, standing alone next to churches and smaller buildings from days long passed. Stores passed from parent to child for generations still serve while across the street stand the corporations of mass production. Birmingham still waits to grow into a major area of commerce, but the history holds it firm in its grasp.

Born of humble and, some might even say, selfish origins, the city has grown to be the largest metropolis with the State of Alabama, yet falters in further expansion. In truth, this city is but a giant ghost town... its mundane citizens little more than cattle unable to escape the death and decay of its failed potential.

The city thrives during the light, stores are open, and people are found scurrying along whatever path it takes them. But as darkness falls and the light surrenders to the onslaught of night, the city changes. Highways and

streets are empty. Where under the sun people gathered, now those places stand strangely empty. Almost like two cities in one area; one for the mundane of daylight, and one for the supernatural at night.

Vampires have walked the streets since the city's first denizen chose to make this area his home. The Requiem embraces the nightmarish visage, encouraging the fear of the night. Yet just as strongly stand the werewolves of the Forsaken, found among the trees and wilderness that twists throughout the Magic City itself.

The long nights of Winter have passed. Spring has come and the promise of Summer sings throughout the shadows. Will you come and help prove to the denizens within the City of Birmingham that the darkness still rules? Or does the call of the chase, the power of the wild sing through your veins?

Come dance with the nightmares or hunt with the wolves. ☾

May 11th through May 15th

<http://sere2005.ne1.net>

Alta Vista Hotel & Conference Center
260 Goodwin Crest Drive
Birmingham, Alabama 35209
Tel: (888) 290-8099
Fax: (205) 290-8001

\$69/night for up to 4 people

Please mention that you are with the Camarilla Convention when reserving your room to receive our reduced rates, and to be a part of the room block.

Registration: \$25 registration

Pre-Registering gets you the following benefits:

The opportunity to purchase one t-shirt at a discounted cost of \$12. One free official SERE 2005 deck of ten.

Registration Currently Includes:

- Entrance into the event
- \$69.99 room rate includes a breakfast from the the renowned Culinary school of culinary arts
- Access to the Hospitality Suite

Remember, MC verification will need to be provided at check-in. If you do NOT have proof, please start gathering that now. You will also need 2 copies of any and all characters you want to play at SERE 2005. One copy will be kept, the other will be your official character sheet for the event.

Intro & Premise

for the South East Regional Event May 11-15

The year was 1947—the Second World War was coming to a close and the country was still struggling with the Depression. This was especially true in the Southeast where rural communities faced many challenges. The heroes of the war had returned home, and jobs were still scarce. For the kindred of the Southeast, this was a time of rebuilding. Most kindred gave little thought to their surrounding domains and focused their efforts on manipulating and swelling the herds that fueled their undead existence. For the first time in recorded kindred history of the Southeast United States, this was going to change.

A unique bloodline calling themselves “the True” grew in both size and power. A Ventrue named Karl Domino was the True’s founder, and he had a particular affinity for 2 things uncommon to most Ventrue—kindred speed and a lust for kindred souls. Karl believed that the Ventrue were the only “True” kindred and that all the others existed to be fed upon. As Karl’s blood potency increased, so did his followers. The True were scattered across the Southeast and would often form coterie with non-True kindred. Over time, the True had a presence in almost every city of the Southeast, and in 1947, Karl Domino led his group to strike!

At first, kindred society was crippled in the Southeast, and things looked grim for the southern damned. The True War continued for 5 years, when one kindred, an unaligned without known clan, called for council. His name was Vincent Santino, an Italian immigrant, and he hosted the first Southern Convention of Kindred. He brought together the leaders of all the cities of the Southeast, and lead the war against the True. Thanks to his tactical leadership and unconventional initiative, the True was not only beaten, but utterly destroyed. In true heroic fashion, Vincent Santino met final death in the last battle against the True. The True War ended in 1954.

Every year since 1954, the kindred of the Southeast have held the Southern Convention of Kindred. At this meeting, kindred gather and have an open meeting, where representatives from each city bring news of things that might threaten the whole of southern kindred society. This gathering hosts meetings for all the covenants, where inner covenant politics are abound. The differences between covenants, while still present, are kept in check, as everyone is expected to be on their best behavior. This affair has become such a political event that it has been known to be attended by kindred even outside the Southeast United States.

As was decided by the last Convention, Birmingham, Alabama and its leaders will host the 2005 Southern Convention of Kindred in May. ☺



SNAPSHOTS!

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SCaRE 2005



Karen vows her "love" and "devotion" to the Don of Birmingham, AL.



Karen Adler-Anastasia walks down the aisle with her new husband, Don Anastasia.



The Adler-Anastasia wedding party.



Owen Mac Brenna represents the Mac Brenna clan at New Orleans.

WANT TO CONTRIBUTE?

If you want to contribute to the *Undercurrents* newsletter, please email your photographs, stories, jokes, and anything else you want to see in the newsletter, to drs_newsletter@yahoo.com.

If you are submitting images, the following formats are acceptable: JPEG, TIFF, EPS, PICT, bitmap. Please do not send anything bigger than 2MB through email. If your file does exceed 2MB, please burn it onto a CD and give it to either Loraine Flegal or Sam Flegal. ☺

April/CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 7:00 pm Requiem Game
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 7:00 pm Domain Council Meeting	21	22	23 7:00 pm Requiem Game
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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