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The **KSPG Annual Field Conference** took place on November 2-4 in the Jackson Purchase area. We had 50 attendees, and the trip was very well received. We ran out of daylight on the 3rd, and had to skip a stop at Columbus-Belmont State Park, but all the other stops were outstanding. We extend our thanks to Old Hickory Clay Company and Vulcan Materials for providing tours of their operations, and also to all the contributors who provided articles for the guidebook. Our after-banquet speakers, Paul Potter, Bob Self, and John Kiefer also did an excellent job. And of course, thanks are due to the field trip participants – if you folks hadn't come, it wouldn't have been much of a trip! The guidebook is now available on-line at our web site www.kspg.org by clicking on the "Field Trips" link. A photo of our group at the bottom of Reed Quarry (the lowest point on the surface of Kentucky at 100 feet below sea level) is also available under the "Photo Gallery" link.

The KSPG has been actively involved in meeting with the newly established **Coalition of Kentucky GeoScience Departments**. This group consists of educators from the geology and geoscience departments of all the Kentucky universities and colleges across the State that offer geoscience degrees. Bart Davidson and Patrick Gooding presented a report on KSPG's proposal to have a 3-day student field workshop at the KGS Core Facility, possibly in the spring of 2001. This idea was well-received by the Coalition. We will keep you posted on the progress of this group.

The KSPG / KY-AIPG short course "**Review of Practical Geology**" will be held Saturday, February 17th at the Kentucky Geological Survey's Well Sample and Core Library in Lexington from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. An application for the class is included with this newsletter mailing. The cost is \$125.00, due by February 12th, which includes materials and lunch. For additional information, please contact William Andrews at KGS or check out the article on our web site under the "Training" link.

Also included in this mailing is a ballot for the offices of President-Elect and Councilor for the year 2001. All other officers are serving terms that will continue through next year. Please take a moment to fill this out and return it to the address indicated before December 29. Thanks for your participation in this important process.

Just a reminder...you can send in your dues (\$10.00) at any time for 2001! Make checks payable to KSPG and send to Richard Smath at the above address.