Passing comments from...the President

It is difficult to believe that my year as President is almost over and it is with a great deal of mixed emotion that I write this final President's Column. Obviously, there is a sense of relief that my duties as an officer will be winding down; on the other hand I will miss the challenges and sense of responsibility that are required of your Section Officers. Also, I will miss the close associations that have evolved through my duties as an officer of the Section.

Serving as the Section's 19th President has been a special honor. I want to take this last opportunity to thank the membership for their support and allowing me to serve on the Board for the past three years.

Finally, I would like to thank the Board members for their devotion to Section business. While we have not always agreed, we did manage to work through our differences professionally and to the best interest of ALSITE. I especially want to thank Southern District V Representative Bob Vecelio for his service during the past two years. Bob faithfully attended and represented ALSITE at District activities, and diligently reported back at Board Meetings as well as through his column in the Newsletter. Well done Bob!

General Chairman Gary Dennis reports that Annual Meeting records for attendance and the Scholarship Auction were established at our 1991 Joint Annual Meeting in Gulf Shores. Gary, Tommy Lee and Jim Stewart arranged great facilities for our meeting activities and Vice President Jim Meads developed an excellent technical program.

Due to the efforts of the membership, 1991 has been a spectacular, record-breaking year for ALSITE. It has been my philosophy that an organization should fine tune and continue to do what it has demonstrated will be successful. Our Scholarship Program, general membership growth and membership participation at Section Meetings reflects well on the Alabama Transportation Community.

A hearty round of applause is due to those who have represented you during 1991 on the Board, chaired committees, and participated in Section committee assignments, programs and meetings.

I call your attention to David Griffin's Scholarship report as well as the article regarding the rising cost of education in Alabama, both of which appear in this issue of the Newsletter. We still need to increase the level of support from individual contributions. To really make a difference, the Endowment Fund must be increased to a level that its annual earnings will support awarding one or more QUALITY scholarships that cover at least a student's annual tuition costs. Please do not just "think" about making a contribution...send David a check today!

(Please see President, page 5)
Fall Meeting set for Montgomery ... October 17th

The Alabama Section ITE Fall Meeting will be in Montgomery on October 17, 1991. The meeting will be held at the Ramada Inn, 1355 East Boulevard.

Dale Lenoir is the meeting General Chairman and Vice President Jim Meads has organized an outstanding Technical Program. For additional information please contact Dale Lenoir at (205) 242-6299.

The tentative Program is as follows:

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

REGISTRATION
8:00 - 9:15 ........................................ Registration
9:15 - 9:30 ........................................ Alabama Section Welcome
James A. Meads, Vice President

TECHNICAL SESSION I
9:30 - 10:00 ........................................ "Current R. R. Crossing
Passive Signing Studies"
Raghu R. Kowshik,
Auburn University Graduate Student
10:00 - 10:30 ........................................ "Safety Belt Promotions -
Community Traffic Safety Programs"
Chester Jordan,
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

BREAK 10:30-10:45

TECHNICAL SESSION
10:45 - 11:05 ........................................ "Fog Accidents in Alabama"
Jay Lindly,
University of Alabama
11:05 - 11:45 ........................................ "The Super Street Design Concept -
Getting Maximum Traffic Flow Benefits From a
Reconstruction Project Through Geometrics and
Traffic Signal Optimization in Combination"
Richard Kramer,
Director of Transportation (??) Huntsville, Alabama

LUNCH - 12:00

SECTION BUSINESS MEETING
12:45 ........................................... Fall Business Meeting

Annual Meeting Minutes ... June 13 & 14, 1991

The 1991 Annual Meeting of the Alabama Section Institute of Transportation Engineers was held on June 13 and 14, 1991 at the Quality Inn in Gulf Shores. The meeting consisted of Thursday morning and afternoon Technical Sessions, the Annual Banquet Thursday evening, a Friday morning breakfast, the Annual Business Meeting and a Technical Session. This was a joint meeting with the Deep South Section.

PROGRAM AND MEETING ARRANGEMENTS:
James A. Meads and Gary Dennis

AGENDA: Thursday, June 13, 1991
Registration: Gary Dennis, Jim Stewart and Tommy Lee

Technical Session I
Welcome - Mayor Protem Billy Dukes
A School Trip Safety Program
for Lafayette, Louisiana
Dean Tekel

Effective Listening
Marguerite Lyle

Distinctive Advance
Warning Devices
David W. Haynes

Lunch

Technical Session II
Revenues for Tomorrows Roads
Dr. Dan Turner

Break
PIVHS-A National Overview
Traffic Control Systems - Past
Present and Future
Thomas J. Smith
Michael J. Chase

Annual Banquet
Annual Scholarship Auction and Fellowship

AGENDA: Friday, June 14, 1991
Breakfast - Keynote Speaker - Perry Hand
Technical Session III
We're All In This Together
Lt. Pete Collins

ATTENDANCE:
125 Members 49 Guests 7 Speakers (1 speaker was a Member)

FINANCIAL:
Receipts:
Pre-Registrations 7280.00
Registration Fees 1125.00
Additional Banquet Fees 1120.00
1991 Dues Payments 12.00
Partial Registrations 60.00
Redeposit Cash Used for Registration 400.00
Receipts from Auction 4053.00
Total Receipts $14,050.00

Disbursements:
Banquet/Breakfast/Breaks Expense $5979.93
Favors 817.50
Start-up Cash for Registration 400.00
Postage/Printing 629.58
Deep South Section Auction Proceeds & Dues 576.00
1992 Membership Dues 744.00
Scholarship Fund (Auction & Registrations) 4254.00
Retained in Annual Meeting LAC Bank Account 372.31
Total Disbursements $13,401.01
Net Meeting Proceeds $276.68

( Please see Minutes, page 4 )
People and the Profession...

CULPEPPER MOVES

Thomas H. Culpepper (M) has been appointed managing director of the American Automobile Association's Traffic Safety and Engineering Department. He will be headquartered in Heathrow, Florida.

Tom is a Member of ALSITE and served as the Section's President in 1985-86. He previously was a Senior Engineer with Kimley-Horn in Orlando, Florida. Prior to his move to Florida, Tom was a member of the Civil Engineering Faculty at Auburn University.

Good luck Tom and come see us!

Southern District News by Bob Vecellio
ALSITE Representative

The International Board of Directors approved the transfer of Puerto Rico from the Southern District V to District 10 (Florida).

The District V Awards Committee, chaired by Darrell Skipper, is exploring the possibility of an awards program for young engineers.

Don Gaines continues to revise the District's "Manual of Operations". This 90-page document is to serve as a comprehensive guide for officers and committees.

Howard Harris, Southern District V President, reports that the End-Of-Year Board Meeting will be held in Richmond, Virginia on November 22, 1991. Tom Flynn of the Virginia Section is handling the details.

1991 Transportation Engineer of the Year Nominations

The Transportation Engineer of the Year Award was established to recognize a Section member who through individual accomplishments such as technical research, transportation engineering innovations and organizational services has distinguished themselves and advanced transportation engineering in Alabama for a minimum of five (5) years.

Award Date: The award will be presented at the Section's 1992 Annual Meeting Banquet by Section President, Jim Meads.

Nominations: Nominations for this Award shall be made by the individual Award Committee members and submitted to Committee Chairman, Harold Raynor. Each nomination must be accompanied by a statement of the nominee's contributions and accomplishments.

The Awards Committee is responsible for screening the nominations and selection of a nominee if appropriate.

The Awards Committee will present the nominee for confirmation by a vote of the Section Board. If the Awards Committee fails to present a nominee or if the Section Board fails to confirm the Committee's nominee, then an award will not be presented for 1991.

Deadline: Completed nomination forms must be submitted by Committee Members to Harold M. Raynor prior to January 15, 1992.

Skipper... TE of the Year

At the 19th Annual Meeting Banquet in Gulf Shores, it was announced by President Harold Raynor that Darrell B. Skipper (F) was ALSITE's 1990 Transportation Engineer of the Year. Darrell was presented with an attractive customized plaque commemorating his selection.

In leading up to the formal announcement, Harold used a "This Is Your Life" style introduction that employed vintage, "X-Rated" color slides obtained covertly from an anonymous Trussville source.

This award was established in 1985 to recognize a Section Member who through individual accomplishments such as technical research, transportation engineering innovations and organizational service has distinguished themselves and advanced transportation engineering in Alabama for at least a 5-year period.

An award is not automatically given each year. Previous recipients were:

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Darrell is a Founding Member of ALSITE and served as President in 1974-75. In 1989 he was elected President of the Southern District V and has served on numerous committees at the Section, District and International levels.

He is a 1974 graduate in Civil Engineering from Auburn University. Darrell began his career as Assistant Traffic Engineer with the City of Montgomery. After 11 years of service with Montgomery, he entered private practice in Huntsville for a little over two years. For approximately 6 years he served as County Traffic Engineer for Jefferson County and in September of 1985 again entered private practice.

Since 1985 Darrell has been a Principal Associate with Gorove/Slade Associates, Inc., headquartered in Washington, D.C., and currently serves as Principal-in-Charge of their Birmingham office.

He has been married to the former Gayle Lambert for at least 25 years, and they have 1 son, 2 daughters and 1 son-in-law.

1991 Transportation Safety Award Nominations

The objective of this Award is to recognize an individual who has made distinctive and substantial contributions to transportation safety in Alabama. Please take a few moments to fill out the nomination form inserted in this Newsletter and nominate someone you think would be worthy of consideration for the 1991 Award.

Qualifications: Open to all who make safety contributions while engaged in transportation engineering functions in Alabama.

Award Date: Presented at the Governor's Traffic Safety Conference in Montgomery in April, 1992.

Nominations: Nominations are to be mailed directly to the Immediate Past President of the Alabama Section ITE, using the format illustrated in the insert of this Newsletter.

Deadline: Nomination forms must be received by January 15, 1992 so that the screening committee will have time to act on them before the Spring Meeting.
Minutes (Continued from page 2)

BUSINESS MEETING:
1) Call to Order:
The Business Meeting was called to order by President Harold Raynor at 9:25.

2) Minutes:
President Raynor called for corrections/additions to the minutes of the March 7, 1991 Meeting, as published in the Summer Newsletter. There being none, Joe Robinson made a motion, seconded by Gary Dennis, to accept the official minutes. The motion was adopted unanimously by voice vote.

3) Secretary/Treasurer's Report:
The Secretary/Treasurer's Report was presented by Nancy Hudson, detailing the expenditures and receipts since the Spring Meeting. It was reported that the receipts were $2,934.63 and expenditures totaled $4,598.39, leaving a balance of $3,234.46. She also reported membership activity since the Spring Meeting, noting the admission of two Affiliates. The resulting current membership was reported to be 66 Members, 189 Affiliates and 2 Retired Member for a total membership of 257. David Griffin made a motion to accept the report as presented, seconded by Bubba Bowden. The motion was adopted unanimously by voice vote.

4) Vice President's Report:
Jim Meads reported that an Ad Hoc committee had been appointed to review the membership application process. He pointed out that references for the applicant should be of Member status.

The Board plans to re-evaluate the dollar amount of our Scholarship Award at the Fall Board Meeting.

A motion was made by Darrell Skipper and seconded by Joe Robinson to accept the upcoming meeting schedule as follows:

Spring Meeting - March - Decatur  
Annual Meeting - June 11 & 12 - Gulf Shores  
Fall Meeting - October - Birmingham

5) Committee Reports:
Past Presidents: David Griffin was appointed to chair a committee to prepare a Career Guidance Program for the Section. David plans to have a draft of the program by the Fall Meeting. "T-Square" in Auburn has agreed to provide twenty-five (25) copies of the program material.

Scholarship Report: Don Arkle reported a balance as $26,244.22 on June 10, 1991.

Newsletter Report: John Koniar invited the membership to submit articles or papers for the newsletter.

Technical Report: "Accidents in Fog" research will be available at the Fall Meeting.

Membership Report: Paul Weldon, Chairman, encouraged the Affiliate Members to consider upgrading to Member status.

6) Old Business:
The Alabama Section scored big at the Southern District V Annual Meeting! The awards and honors are as follows:

- Our own Dan Turner was elected Secretary/Treasurer for District V. Congratulations Dan!
- Jay Lindsly received an Honorable Mention for a Technical Paper.
- Alabama Section was chosen as the first recipient of the Southern District V's $1,000.00 Scholarship Fund Grant; and
- We were selected the Outstanding Section for 1991.

7) New Business:
The Fall Meeting will be held in Montgomery at the Ramada Inn on October 17, 1991.

8) Adjourn:
The 1991 Annual Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 am.

ANNUAL BANQUET:
The Alabama and Deep South members and their guests were treated to a seafood buffet following the invocation by Bob Mabry, the Deep South Secretary/Treasurer. Local Arrangements Committee Chairman Gary Dennis reported a record breaking attendance of 186 folks going through the buffet line.

President Raynor announced that we're in our 19th year as a Division/Section of ITE. In 1972, Charles Alexander and the 10 other founding members began making our history. To show our appreciation to the "Founding Fathers", their newly designed membership certificates were titled to show "Founding Member". President Raynor presented certificates to the Founding Members that were present, Robert L. Wolfe, Sr. and Darrell Skipper. Cecil Colson accepted the certificate for Charles Alexander.

The 1991 "Charles E. Alexander Transportation Engineering Scholarship" was presented to David J. Turner, a civil engineering student at the University of Alabama. David is the son of Dr. Dan Turner. David expressed his thanks and appreciation to the Section for the scholarship.

President Raynor presented a check to Walter Dorsey for the Auburn Student Chapter to help defray the cost of services they provide to the Section.

The recipient of the "Transportation Engineer of the Year Award" was treated to a "This Is Your Life/Career" presentation by President Raynor and a select group of conspirators. A very surprised Darrell Skipper accepted the award to a hearty round of applause.

Deep South President Craig Hanley introduced Dr. Olin Dart to present their "Outstanding Member Award" to Doug Robert from Jefferson Parish, Louisiana.

Members' Tellers Committee Chairman Ed Watts reported that the results of the Officers' Election were as follows:

President: Jim Meads  
Sec./Treasurer: Locke (Bubba) Bowden  
Vice-President: Nancy Hudson  
District V Representative: Vic McSwain

Affiliates' Tellers Committee Chairman Don Wavter reported that the results of the Affiliate Directors' Election were as follows:

Affiliate Director: Bruce Thomason  
Assistant Affiliate Director: Gary Dennis

Southern District V Secretary/Treasurer Elect, Dan Turner, administered the Oath of Office to the 1992 Alabama Section Officers.

President Raynor announced that the Annual Scholarship Auction would be held in the banquet room following adjournment. The Banquet was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Welcome . . . Membership Admissions

Larry G. Hughes  
Civil Engineer II  
Alabama Highway Department

Andrew McCullough  
Engineer Assistant III  
Alabama Highway Department
FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasury balance on March 7, 1991 ........................................ $4,898.22

Receipts since March 7, 1991
Membership Dues Payments (41@$6) ........................................ $246.00
ITE Affiliate Dues Rebate .................................................. 60.00
Spring Meeting Proceeds ................................................... 768.63
Credit (Check posted by mistake) ........................................ 42.50
District V Scholarship Grant ................................................ 1000.00
Annual Meeting Favors .................................................... 817.50

TOTAL RECEIPTS $2,934.63

Expenditures since June 7, 1991
Waller Business Forms (Certificates, etc.) ............................... 253.10
ACE/AL Government/Legislative Day .................................... 200.00
Refund Overpayment for dues (J.L. Stirckland) ......................... 6.00
Martiguid, Inc. (Key rings, lapel pins etc.) ............................. 2241.00
ITE Endowment Fund ....................................................... 320.00
Postage (Election mail out) ............................................... 97.15
Refund on dues (H. Chapman) ........................................... 6.00
Waller Business Forms (Summer Newsletter) ......................... 323.30
Vulcan Signs, Inc. (Postage for Newsletter) ............................. 151.84
ITE Endowment Fund ....................................................... 1000.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES $4,598.39

Treasury balance on June 14, 1991 ....................................... $3,234.46

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership on March 7, 1991

Members 69
Affiliates 183
Retired Member 1
Totals 253

Deceased
Members 0
Affiliates 2
Retired Member 0
Totals 2

Admission and Reinstatements

Members 0
Affiliates 26
Retired Member 0
Totals 26

Resignations and Expulsions

Members 4
Affiliates 19
Retired Member 0
Totals 23

Conditional Reinstatements

Members 0
Affiliates 0
Retired Member 0
Totals 0

Transfers

Members 1
Affiliates 1
Retired Member 0
Totals 2

Dues Status On June 6, 1991

Members
Paid 66
Owe $6.00 0
More Than $6.00 0
Totals 66

Affiliates
Paid 189
Owe $6.00 0
More Than $6.00 0
Totals 189

MEMBERSHIP STATUS AS OF JUNE 6, 1991

Paid 255
Owe $6.00 0
More Than $6.00 0
Totals 255

Members 66
Affiliates 189
Retired Members 2
Totals 257

President (Continued from page 1)

Each year International ITE sponsors a Newsletter competition. All of the 10 Districts, and 57 Sections, Chapters and Divisions are invited to submit one of their most recent Newsletter edition for judging. ALSITE NEWS has been selected as the 1991 International District and Section Newsletter Award Recipient. Dan Turner will accept the Award on behalf of the Newsletter Staff on September 25th at the Institute's 61st annual Meeting in Milwaukee. Congratulations are in order for the Newsletter Staff.

The only unfinished business from my "wish list" at the beginning of my term as President is to identify ways to increase the ITE membership base within Alabama. We currently have only 68 Section Members and:

- 16 live outside of Alabama;
- 21 have served or are currently serving as officers;
- 2 have retired; and
- 13 are approaching retirement.

If it does not require a Ph.D. in mathematics to calculate that unless we recycle previous officers, the "pool" of potential future officer candidates is only 16 and it is quite likely that due to job constraints and other demands on their time, not many of these are in a position to serve. What's the answer?

Over the past two years the Section Board has spent countless hours reviewing and debating the membership issue in general without any definitive conclusions. Last spring I asked Paul Weldon, Membership Committee Chair, to form an Ad Hoc Committee to review our membership requirements and structure. Although Paul's Committee recommended what some may consider "draastic enforcement measures", they are generally consistent with the Section's mission as outlined in our Charter and By-Laws.

At this point the Board has the Ad Hoc Committee's proposals under review and will discuss the matter at its October 16th meeting in Montgomery. Your ideas, thoughts and suggestions would be welcomed by the Board.

See you at the Montgomery Ramada Inn on October 17th.

Harold

We need your help... 1991 Annual Report

Each year Sections within the Southern District V must submit an Annual Report on the prior year's activities. These reports are evaluated by the District's Award Committee for consideration as potential candidates for the "Outstanding Section Award". A major element of the evaluation addresses the professional activities of the Section membership.

Consequently, your assistance is being solicited in the preparation of the Alabama Section's 1991 AWARD WINNING Annual Report. A "1991 Professional Activities Questionnaire" has been included in this issue of the Newsletter.

Please complete the questionnaire and return it to Vice President Jim Meads by December 1, 1991. ALSITE received the award for 1990... let's make it two in a row.

The Section's Report must be submitted to the Southern District V by January 1st, so your favorable and timely response will be appreciated.

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Call For Papers . . .
ITE Southern District V

Now is the time to start preparing technical papers for submittal to the ITE Southern District V awards competition. Categories and guidelines for each are detailed below:

"Best Sponsored Technical Paper Award" and "Best Non-Sponsored Technical Paper Award"

The author or authors (2 maximum) must be a member(s) of ITE Southern District V to be a candidate(s) for an award. The author(s) must have conducted or been a participant(s) in the original study project and it must be in the field of transportation and/or traffic engineering. Manuscripts must be submitted prior to December 1, 1991.

"Best Technical Committee Paper Award"

The preparation of the paper must represent the results of an established ITE Southern District V Technical Committee Study. The Committee must have conducted the study and it must be in the field of transportation and/or traffic engineering. Manuscripts must be submitted prior to January 1, 1992.

FORMAT AND SUBMISSION

Papers must be typewritten, double-spaced on one side only of 8 1/2" x 11" paper. A minimum of 1,500 words is required. Five (5) complete copies of the paper must be submitted and each copy shall contain a statement clearly indicating the candidate recipient's relation to the study in terms of design, conduct of the work, analysis of data and authorship of the paper.

Manuscripts must be submitted to Carl W. Ahlert, Chairman, ITE Southern District V Technical Council, Department of Traffic and Transportation, 180 Lockwood Drive, Charleston, SC 29403.

AWARDS

Recipients of the Best Sponsored and Non-Sponsored Technical Papers and the Best Technical Committee Paper Awards and the author(s) of any Runner-up Papers of each competition will be given the opportunity to present their papers at the Technical Sessions at the District Annual Meeting. Winners and Runners-up will receive their awards at the Annual Banquet.

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Student Chapter News

The Auburn University Student Chapter hosted a technical presentation on June 4, 1991. Rod Long of Gorove/Slade Associates, Inc. of Birmingham spoke on "Solutions to Auburn's Traffic Problems". Mr. Long described the Traffic Engineering Study for the City of Auburn being conducted for the Alabama Highway Department. He described the high accident locations, the problems with angle parking in downtown Auburn, and the needed improvements from a capacity and safety standpoint.

Two of our Student Chapter Officers graduated Spring Quarter. Congratulations to President Aubrey White and Engineering Council Representative Wilson Folmar. Secretary-Treasurer John Sellers is working in South America this summer and will return to Auburn University Fall Quarter.

The Student Chapter wished to extend thanks to the Alabama Section for the $125 check presented at the June 14 Gulf Shores meeting. The willingness of Alabama Section members to support Student Chapter activities is appreciated.

College Costs in Alabama . . .
Climbing

The overall health of the economy is having a dramatic impact on Alabama's Colleges. Tuition increases have been announced by most of the State's Institutions for the 91-92 academic year.

Even schools that raised tuition are experiencing larger classes because they have not replaced faculty members who left or retired and have not hired instructors to handle increased enrollments.

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Source: School Executives.

1 Some schools include all fees in their tuition, such as the UA System; others charge separately for activity fees, lab fees, health services and registration. Schools also vary in the number of credit hours considered full time, which makes comparisons misleading.

2 Recommended, but not yet approved

3 State's Prepaid Affordable College Tuition Program calculates the actual cost, including fees, at $2,013.

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Legal Corner

A motorcyclist injured in a collision on a state highway near a manufacturing plant in Indiana sued the plant owners and the state for failure to post warning signs and/or provide traffic control.

The accident occurred on SR 19, a two-lane asphalt road, about 24 feet wide. The speed limit is 55 m.p.h. The plant has four driveway exits onto the north bound lane. There were no warning signs, signals, or other traffic control devices on SR 19 near the plant.

On the day of the accident, an employee leaving the plant collided with the motorcyclist who was driving in the southbound lane. The cyclist was seriously injured. Plant owners argued that they owed no duty of care to the motorcyclist, and without a duty, there can be no liability. The cyclist argued that the plant was under a duty to exercise reasonable care to prevent injury to motorists which might be caused by the property’s dangerous condition. Both the lower court and the appeals court agreed with the cyclist.

The court stated that “the occupier of land abutting on or adjacent to, or in close proximity of, a public highway, owes a duty to the traveling public to exercise reasonable care to prevent injury to travelers upon the highway from any unreasonable risk created by such occupier ... where such occupier could have taken reasonable precautions to avoid harm to such travelers.” Because the plant provided four driveways for hundreds of employees to exit without established traffic patterns, it could not be considered immune from liability for the accident caused by an exiting employee. It will be up to a jury to decide if the plant owners discharged proper duty to the motoring public near the plant.

Concerning the state’s obligation which the defendant argued should have reduced the speed limit along the plant and installed warning signs, the court agreed with the state. They agreed that the state was immune because the property that may have created a hazardous condition did not belong to the governmental entity, and there was no evidence that warning signs would have helped in this situation. (Transafety Reporter, March 1991.)

Membership Recognition Program Unveiled

In the Spring Newsletter it was announced that at its’ March 6th meeting the ALSITE Board established a Section Membership Recognition Program.

The details of the Program were unveiled at the 1991 Annual Meeting in Gulf Shores.

Each meeting registrant received an antiqued gold key chain with an engraved, 2-sided medallion. One side of the medallion displayed the ALSITE logo and the reverse side had the message:

Alabama Section ITE
1991 JOINT MEETING
GULF SHORES, ALABAMA
Deep South Section ITE

The registrant’s spouse received an antiqued gold charm with the ALSITE logo.

Past Presidents were presented with a buffed gold “Past President” ALSITE logo pin and each Member received an antiqued gold ALSITE logo lapel pin. Affiliate Members were given a silver ALSITE logo lapel pin.

Scholarship Report ... By David Griffin, Administrator

I am pleased to announce that since my Spring report we received $1,000 in corporate contributions from Safety Coatings, Inc. and Traffic Products, Inc. Chuck Carneal and Jerry Reeves are to be commended on their continued involvement and enthusiastic support of the Scholarship Program.

Due to a record attendance and well organized auction, the Scholarship Fund proceeds from our 1991 Annual Meeting exceeded $4,200.00. A special thanks is extended to the members that donated items for the auction. Vic McSwain, Joe Hoehn, and Gary Dennis are to be commended for their efforts in organizing the auction proceedings. In his inimitable style, Vic McSwain extracted every penny possible from the bidders.

Individual contributions are still disappointing. We are fast approaching “Tax Time”, so please give some serious thought to making a tax deductible contribution. I look forward to receiving your check in the next mail.

The following tables provide an up-to-date recap of the funding sources and Endowment Fund activity since 1986.

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In addition, each member was presented a customized, two-color Membership Certificate suitable for framing.

Membership certificates were mailed to all members who were not in attendance at the 1991 Annual Meeting. If you did not receive yours, please contact Nancy Hudson. Due to the cost of mailing the lapel pins, you will not be receiving one of these in the mail. However, they will be available from the Secretary-Treasurer at future Section Meetings.
1992 ALSITE Election Results

On June 13th Members’ Tellers Committee Chairman Ed Watt and Affiliates’ Tellers Committee Chairman Don Vaughter announced the results of their Committees’ canvass of the ballots cast for the 1992 Section Officers and Directors. The newly elected Officers and Directors will begin their term of office on January 1, 1992. The reported election results were as follows:

President: James A. Meads, P.E.
Vice President: Nancy A. Hudson
Secretary-Treasurer: Locke D. (Bubba) Bowden, P.E.
Section Representative: Vic McSwain, P.E.
Affiliate Director: Bruce Thomason
Asst. Affiliate Director: Gary Dennis

President elect Jim Meads is a Senior Associate with Gorove/Slade Associates, Inc. in their Birmingham Office and has been employed with the firm since 1986. He is a 1983 Civil Engineering graduate from UAB. Prior to his current employment he worked for a general practice civil engineering firm in Birmingham from 1984-1986.

Nancy Hudson is currently Senior Traffic Planning Technician in the Birmingham Traffic Engineering Department, a position she has held since April of 1988. From October of 1977 to April of 1988 she was employed by the same agency as a Traffic Planning Technician. Nancy previously worked for the Alabama Highway Department as an Engineer’s Assistant.

Secretary-Treasurer elect Bubba Bowden is a 1977 Civil Engineering graduate at Auburn. Until June of 1989 he was employed by the Alabama Highway Department in the Office of the State Traffic Engineer as Assistant State Traffic Engineer. In June of 1989 he was appointed City Traffic Engineer for the City of Montgomery. Bubba has been active in ALSITE as well as ASCE.

This will be Vic McSwain’s second tour on the Southern District V Board, having served as Section Representative during 1986-87 and its Chairman in 1987. Vic was President of ALSITE during 1976-77 and served as President of the Southern District V in 1978-79. He is currently employed as City Traffic Engineer in Mobile and has been a long-term employee of that City (We will not say how long, so he can shave a few years from his age).

Affiliate Director elect Bruce Thomason is a native of Fayette County and a 1974 graduate of the University of Alabama with a B.S. in Civil Engineering. He is a career employee with the Alabama Highway Department and worked in the 2nd Division from 1975-82. Bruce transferred to the 9th Division in 1982 and currently serves as Assistant Division Maintenance Engineer.

Gary Dennis, Assistant Affiliate Director Elect, is a Sales/Product Manager with Vulcan Signs and has been employed with Vulcan for over 31 years. The Birmingham native has served as General Chairman of 18 of the 19 ALSITE Annual Meetings.

A Thank You From Auburn

This is to acknowledge receipt of the $125 check presented to the Auburn University ITE Student Chapter at the 19th Annual Section Meeting on June 13th at Gulf Shores.

Thank you for the financial support of our Student Chapter. The willingness of Alabama Section members to make technical presentations at Student Chapter meetings is certainly appreciated. We are also grateful to Walter Dorsey, Opelika City Engineer, as our liaison to the Alabama Section.

I am writing this acknowledgment, rather than one of our officers, since 3 of our Student Chapter officers graduated in June and the fourth is working in South America this summer.

We plan to continue to maintain the computerized membership database for the Alabama Section.

Robert L. Vecellio, Faculty Advisor

Alabama T² Lends A Hand

As reported in the Spring Issue of the Newsletter, David Griffin is chairing the Section’s Career Guidance Program.

In its efforts to create a greater awareness of the transportation engineering profession, the Section’s Program will rely heavily on the "Challenges in Transportation" video developed by the Southern District V.

Bob Vecellio, T² Technical Coordinator, obtained a "master copy" of the District’s original to ensure high quality duplication for the Section’s visual aid requirements.

Fred O’Brien, Alabama T² Program Administrator, provided the funding to produce 25 copies of the video. Prior to its duplication, the master tape was edited to add the following credit at the beginning: "This tape is provided by the Alabama Section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers". The master video will be kept at Auburn in the event the Section requires additional copies. Thank you ... Thank you ... Thank you, Fred and Bob ... Go Tigers!

ALSITE NEWS
I Am Dead

I am dead because a criminal removed a stop sign. I say "criminal" because the theft of a strategically placed traffic control sign is a willful, criminal act. At the time it may have been a "fun" thing to do. But it must have taken forethought and physical energy to do it. Therefore, there was premeditation and I am dead.

Hundreds of us are dead because just one criminal removed just one stop sign... misleading vehicle drivers and their passengers into death.

I am dead, and my family is wondering just what became of that stop sign. Is it proudly displayed in someone's home? Or is it hidden or thrown away; or sold as scrap to buy a can of beer?

I can understand if that sign was discarded after my death. No one wants to be reminded that he killed me.

But I simply will not understand if that sign is brought home and no one, especially parents, asks where it came from. If no one asks or cares, they are as much at fault as the one who took it. I care, but I am dead.

Some may call the cause of my death "thoughtless vandalism", an "irresponsible act", or a "childish prank". The law calls it manslaughter. I call it murder. My family calls it murder. Someone willfully stole a stop sign and caused my death... and that is murder.

I, who am dead, ask the one who took the sign... "Was it worth it murderer? And, are you sleeping well?".

ALSITE NEWS... A Winner

ITE Executive Director Thomas W. Brahms announced that the ALSITE NEWS has been selected as the recipient of the 1991 ITE District and Section Newsletter Award.

Each year, the Institute of Transportation Engineers solicits entries for the International contest from the 10 Districts, and 57 Sections, Chapters and Divisions. The Newsletters are judged by a panel of editors active in the transportation field. The judges are asked to evaluate and rank each Newsletter within a circulation category (membership size); the evaluation criteria include overall appearance, efficient use of space and format, content (organizational news and technical information), frequency of publication, and quality of editing.

The purpose of the Newsletter competition is twofold: to recognize Districts and Sections that produce the Newsletters judged to be the best and to provide the Newsletter editors with comments and feedback from experienced, full-time Newsletter editors.

Any Newsletter written and edited by volunteer members of a Section or District published periodically between April 1, 1990, and April 1, 1991, was eligible for the 1991 International Newsletter Competition. The Spring 1991 Issue of the ALSITE NEWS was submitted for judging in the competition.

Dan Turner will accept the Award on behalf of the Newsletter Staff on September 25th at the Institute's 61st Annual Meeting in Milwaukee.

While the production of the ALSITE NEWS has been a collaborative effort between the Section Officers, members and the Newsletter Staff; Typographer Jennifer Johnson deserves a special "ATTABOY" for her skillful composition of each issue.

1992 Scholarship Candidates Needed

One of the most noble actions of ALSITE is to help educate those who will become tomorrow's transportation professionals. The Section has made provisions for an annual scholarship to help provide this education. This Award is named the Charles E. Alexander Transportation Engineering Scholarship Award in honor of the Section's first president.

The Section has established an endowment fund to provide at least one scholarship to Civil Engineering students in Alabama who have a demonstrated interest in transportation.

A 1992 scholarship candidate must be a student at an accredited Civil Engineering program within the State of Alabama in the 1992-93 academic year. The applicant should demonstrate a strong commitment to the discipline of Transportation Engineering. The scholarship recipient will be encouraged to attend the Alabama Section's 1992 Annual meeting in Gulf Shores in June. The student's registration will be waived and a travel expense contribution will be provided.

Application forms may be obtained from faculty members of any accredited Civil Engineering program within the State of Alabama. Applications may be submitted by Members or Affiliates of the Alabama Section or qualified students. Applications must be transmitted, using the prescribed form. Applications for the 1992 Award must be to Harold M. Raynor by January 15, 1992.

It is anticipated that the Section's Board of Director's will authorize a $1,500 scholarship for the 1992 Award.

ITE Levels of Government

Throughout this Newsletter, as well as subsequent issues, you will see many references to Districts, Sections, Divisions or Areas. This may create some confusion to the reader since these terms may often "appear" to be used interchangeably.

Prior to 1989, the general hierarchical organizational structure of the society was as follows:

ITE - International Membership (world wide)
District - Multiple Sections (large geographical area)
Section - Multiple States (regional area)
Division - Single or multiple State organization.

During 1989 a restructuring of District Boundaries by ITE went into effect. As a result, what basically had been the Southern Section became the Southern District V, eliminating one level of regional government. This organizational concept was first proposed by Southern Section Delegates to ITE's Constitutional Convention held in Hot Springs, Arkansas in 1971.

The current organizational structure is:

ITE - International Membership (world wide)
District - Multiple Sections (large geographical area)
Section - Single or multiple State organization
Area - Geographical group within a Section

For example, the Southern Section is now the Southern District V and the Alabama Division is now the Alabama Section. We hope this helps clarify any confusion.

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