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**President's Message**  
**By Stan Polanis**

Time flies when you're having a good time. It seems like yesterday that the Board met in Covington and I assumed the duties of President. I remember thinking we've got to get through the annual meeting. The annual meeting is now long gone and my term is coming to an end. When the Board meets in Savannah, in December, Rick Day will take over as President and I'm sure he'll feel the same way and experience how quickly a year can go by.

Before it's too late, I want to thank the District for giving me the opportunity to serve. Just before I moved to North Carolina, in 1979, I visited an old friend that lived near me in Pennsylvania. His name was Ed Ricker and he was a past President of International ITE. He told me that when I got to North Carolina I should get involved in the Southern Section. As usual, Ed was right. I have enjoyed and benefitted from my involvement in the Southern Section and now the Southern District. I am honored to have been given the chance to be President of the District.

I also want to thank Brent McKinney and the local arrangements team that made the Winston-Salem meeting such a success. Over 400 people attended. If you were at the meeting, you know the fun fellowship and learning opportunities that Brent and his committee arranged. If you weren't there, I hope you're planning to attend our next meeting in Covington, Kentucky. Like all Southern District meetings, it will be fun, informative and worthwhile.

While our annual meeting is the most important thing the District does, we must look for other ways to serve. As Vice President, Rick Day volunteered to head a group that is looking at ways our District can better serve. Rick lead a very productive session at the Winston-Salem meeting that gathered valuable ideas from our membership. I'm sure these efforts will pay handsome dividends for the District and its members.

In the end, we as professionals, benefit when as a community we get together and share our ideas and knowledge. The Southern District helps make this happen and I believe each of us is enriched both professionally and personally by the District meetings and other activities. I hope each of you will encourage others to join ITE, participate in ITE activities at all levels, and especially participate in the activities and efforts of the Southern District.



**District 5 Awards.....****Award Winners****Marble Hensley -- Jeremy R. Goode****Herman Hoose -- Brent McKinney****Joe Thomas -- Richard B. Fangran****Special Recognition Award --****Cater Lee --****Vulcan, Inc. Lifetime Achievement Award  
for being founding member of ABD****Student Chapter Award****Auburn****Group I****Large Section -- Georgia****Group 2****Small Section -- Alabama****District 5 Education and Student Chapter Award Committee Report**

By

James D. Foster

The District 5 Education and Student Chapters Committee is pleased to present the party's participants and award winners for the 2002 Student Paper and Student Chapter Competition. We had 13 graduate papers submitted from ten universities. This year the number of undergraduate entries went from 1 to 5 from four universities, and seems to be developing. Fifteen student chapter reports were submitted (one university was a late entry and was not entered into the competition).

The following is a listing of the names of all students entering papers and reports from student chapters for the District 5 Student Paper and Student Chapter Competition:

**Graduate Student Competition**

Sudhakar Sathyanarayanan - Tennessee  
Technological University  
Brett Buchanan - University of Tennessee  
Jon Storey - University of Tennessee  
Daiheng Ni - Georgia Tech.  
Kevin Heaslip - Virginia Tech.  
Ciprian Alecsandru - LSU  
Shaik Khasim - LSU  
Will Letchworth - N.C. State  
Jeremy Brickey - University of Kentucky  
Radha Swayampakala - UNC - Charlotte  
Adam Vest - University of Kentucky  
Lauren Waesche - Clemson  
Kanok Boriboonsomsin - University of Mississippi

**Student Chapter Competition**

N.C. State  
Southern Polytechnic State  
N.C. A&T State  
LSU  
Georgia Tech.  
Auburn  
Mississippi State  
Tennessee  
Clemson  
Tennessee Tech.  
Mississippi  
N.C. - Charlotte  
UAB  
Kentucky  
**Virginia (did not meet deadline)**

**Under-Graduate Student Competition**

Kristen Dickerson - University of Tennessee  
Will Letchworth, Ben Crawford, Jeff Dayton, Adam Snipes, Mark Johnson, Wayne Jacas - N.C. State  
Peter Emmanuel (2 entries) - Southern Polytechnic State  
Juhann Waller - N.C. A&T State

This year's winning (graduate student) paper, entitled "An Evaluation of the Southern Connector Toll Road", was prepared by Lauren Waesche from Clemson University. The runner-up (graduate student) paper, entitled "Evaluation of the Safety Benefits of Motorcycle Helmets", was prepared by Jeremy Brickey from the University of Kentucky.

This year's winning (undergraduate) paper, entitled "CORSIM Analysis of a One-Way Loop on the Central Campus of North Carolina State University", was prepared by the team of Will Letchworth, Ben Crawford, Jeff Dayton, Adam Snipes, Mark Johnson and Wayne Jacas from N.C. State University. The runner-up (undergraduate student) paper, entitled "Proposed Changes to North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University's Transportation System to Increase Efficiency and Ridership of Campus Shuttle Service", was prepared by Juhann Waller from N.C. A&T State University.

The collective decision of the Committee was that Auburn University was the Outstanding Student Chapter with the runner-up being the newly established chapter, the University of Mississippi. Dr. Robert Vecellio is the advisor at Auburn University and Dr. Waheed Uddin is the advisor at the University of Mississippi.

## The Fourth Street Streetscape Project

### Southern District Annual Meeting

By

John D. Edwards, Transportation Consultant, Inc.

At the recent Southern District meeting in Winston Salem, a field trip was conducted by the Downtown Development Alliance and the Winston Salem/ Forsythe County Planning Commission. Mr. Jack Steelman and Mr. Paul Norby of the above agencies conducted the field trip. A number of ITE attendees of the Annual Meeting attended the field trip as evidenced by the picture to the left.



The field trip began with a briefing at the Adams Mark Hotel and continued on the street, which provided an on-site look at the project. Some of the interesting aspects of the project included the improvement details. Fourth Street was originally forty-four feet wide in a sixty-six foot right-of way. It was operated as a one-way street-paired with Fifth Street one block immediately to the north. The improvement included the conversion of the one-way street to two-way and narrowing the width to two lanes with some drop off areas for pick-up and loading. All parking was removed from the street.

The resulting improvement included eighteen to twenty foot sidewalks on each side and two thirteen-foot travel lanes. The project is about twenty-nine hundred feet long and cost about \$1.8 million excluding traffic signal revisions which were done by City forces. In addition to the conversion of Fourth Street, Fifth Street was converted to two-way as well. The total estimated costs, including all streetscape and signal improvements was about \$2.8 million including changes on Fifth Street.

The results of the improvement must be viewed from several aspects: Traffic impacts, parking impacts, and economic impacts. From a traffic impact viewpoint, there was no report of unbearable delays; although operating speeds are lower as they should be in a high pedestrian area. Signals are not coordinated to provide progressive movement since high speeds and thru traffic are not desired.



There was a loss of some on-street parking but there were ample off-street facilities in the area that were not being used to their capacity-thus, there is ample parking available. In addition, there are pick-up and drop-off areas at the curb, which are provided in the plan.

Perhaps the most significant improvement, as a result of the plan, is the additional investment in the area as a result of the conversion of the street to a "pedestrian street". Currently, a major office building is being converted to condominiums to the tune of \$28 million, there are several developers investing in renovations and a number of restaurants are in the corridor or are coming. An entertainment district is emerging. It is estimated by the President of the Downtown Alliance that one can expect over \$100 million to be invested in the corridor over the next five years.

## Vice President's Message

*By Rick Day*

Serving as your Southern District Vice President this year is almost like a “breather” between serving as Secretary-Treasurer, and the upcoming year as President. I’m trying to use the year wisely by thinking about what objectives the District should pursue in the year ahead. In this respect, I’d like to brief you on two exciting District activities that are currently underway and could affect next year’s agenda:

SDITE Strategic Plan – At the Winston-Salem Meeting, Brent McKinney and Richard Atkins, our current and former International ITE Directors, along with Jack Freeman, our International ITE President, conducted an excellent session about possible initiatives the District could pursue in kicking off our strategic planning effort. Since that time, Richard has summarized the comments from that meeting and organized a committee to help develop that effort. Any additional thoughts or comments in this area are always welcome. At the December Board Meeting, Richard plans on presenting an updated status of his Strategic Planning Committee’s work.

College Traffic Bowl – At the Winston-Salem business meeting, Cliff Joyner announced on behalf of the ABD that they would like to consider funding a scholarship for a worthy SDITE student. That announcement set the wheels in motion to consider how a scholarship might be awarded. Since that meeting, James Foster and Tommy Lee have been hard at work developing a “Jeopardy-style” competition between college students that would determine who would win the scholarship. Stay tuned on this one. There are still a lot of ongoing discussions about how this could happen..... but it sounds exciting!

In closing, I’d like to thank each of you for your support of the Southern District. Thinking toward next year, please let me know if there’s a committee or activity area in which you’d like to be involved. I’ll soon start nominating our 2004 committees, and would like to hear from you if you have a particular area of interest.

### District Wide Traffic Study

ITE and the National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (NCUTCD) have both initiated Pedestrian and Bicycle Committees to study the various aspects of these modes of travel.

The NCUTCD group has decided that one issue that needs to be investigated in further detail concerns the signal timing for pedestrians. The main factor in the timing of signals for pedestrians is obviously the crossing time for them. It appears that some of the current timing details have been based on old studies relating to crossing time. There is a need for obtaining up-to-date and better detailed data. The crossing times need to be evaluated by age group primarily. But, other factors may also be the speed of traffic on the street – do pedestrians cross faster on higher speed streets? Another factor is whether it is controlled by a signal or not – do pedestrians cross faster at unsignalized intersections? Another factor is whether there are pedestrian phases – do pedestrians cross faster when there is no pedestrian phase? Do pedestrians cross faster at unmarked crossings than at marked ones? Etc., etc.

It is hoped that we can get a District-wide effort together to evaluate these issues. Different Sections in the District could study certain aspects of the issue. We could rely on various local and state agencies to provide the data collection and analysis effort as part of the total program. As a side issue, you might consider this an opportunity to prepare a study of the results of the data you collect and put it into a Paper that could be submitted for competition in a future Southern District meeting.

Please contact Bob Canfield of the Deep South Section ([RRCBRLA@AOL.COM](mailto:RRCBRLA@AOL.COM) or (225) 293-9609). If you have already done some of this work and have it documented, please send him a copy. Thanks for your help.

## Transportation Tips

Co-editors: Martin Bretherton & Bridget Smith

### Florida Traffic Information Program Series By Pete Yauck

The Florida Section (District 10) of the Institute of Transportation Engineers has produced a series of information and fact sheets that address common questions relating to transportation. The Traffic Information Program Series (TIPS) answers frequently asked questions about many aspects of transportation planning, traffic operations and traffic control. The TIPS are written in lay language so they serve as an information source not only for transportation professionals, but for the general public as well.

The TIPS are produced as a public service by the Florida Section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers, John T. Izzo, P.E., editor. The TIPS are published in the Florida Section Institute of Transportation Engineers newsletter, FSITE, and are reprinted by the Florida Technology Transfer (T2) Center at the University of Florida.

District 10 of the Institute of Transportation Engineers, the International Institute of Transportation Engineers, the Florida Department of Transportation and the University of Florida in no event will be liable to anyone for damages, including any lost profits, lost savings, or other incidental or consequential damages arising out of the TIPS, even if any of these organizations have been advised of the possibility of such damages, or for any claim by any other party.

You can access the 85 TIPS at the following website,  
<http://mctrans.ce.ufl.edu/transportationTopics/tips.htm>

### The Peer-to-Peer Program on Traffic Control Devices (P2P TCD)

With more than 1,000 pages of standards, guidelines, and options, the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) can be overwhelming. Couple this complexity with the multitude of unique settings and circumstances found throughout the Nation's transportation network, and questions are sure to arise.

The need for assistance in using the MUTCD, as well as in answering other questions related to traffic control devices, has led the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to establish a **Peer-to-Peer Program on Traffic Control Devices (P2P TCD)**. Recognizing that jurisdictions may face budget and personnel constraints as they address issues regarding traffic control devices, FHWA is providing this service *at no charge* to State and local transportation agencies.

How does the program work?

A local, county, regional, or State agency requests assistance by e-mail or by calling the toll-free number and describing their needs to the P2P coordinator.

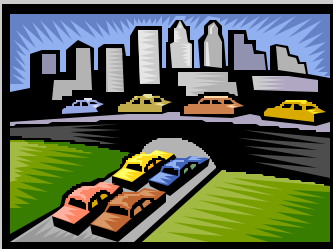
The coordinator matches the agency with a transportation professional who is experienced and knowledgeable in the relevant technical area.

The peer, in turn, contacts the agency to work out the details of the assistance to be provided within the program framework.

If you wish to be a peer on a less formal basis, please feel free to participate in the MUTCD Discussion area (<http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/threads.cfm>). For more details about how you can participate in this new program, contact the P2P TCD Program Coordinator toll-free at **1-888-700-PEER (7337)** or e-mail [P2P@fhwa.dot.gov](mailto:P2P@fhwa.dot.gov).

### Guidance for Using Red-Light Cameras

The Federal Highway Administration has issued guidance to assist state and



local transportation engineers in identifying and properly addressing safety problems from red light running. In areas across the country, problems have been identified with the contracting, design, implementation and operation of the red-light systems, which have raised legal and ethical issues and, in some cases, damaged public trust. The guide provides information on best practices implemented in the United States and guidance that can be used to aid in consistency and proper implementation and operation of red-light camera systems. It is the effort

by FHWA/NHTSA to ensure that the tool is used effectively so that this and other forms of technology remain available for use. To access the guide, go to <http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/rlcguide/index.htm>

### City of Stamford Keeps Pace with the Technology By Joe Balskus

The City of Stamford is one of Connecticut's largest and most prosperous Cities. The City underwent an explosive real estate boom in the 1980's with the relocation of several Fortune 500 companies and extension office building construction. The City has also improved the quality of life for City residents through the upgrade of the Citywide Signal System. This Citywide Signal System has been undergoing a major expansion and modernization during the past several years, with the culmination of several projects now or soon to be underway. Currently, the City maintains approximately 200 traffic signals which include all the signals on City roadways and most of the signals on various State Routes within Stamford. Twelve traffic signal projects starting in 1987 were designed and/or constructed to modernize the existing traffic signal equipment, connect the traffic signals into a City-wide traffic signal system, and to equip/upgrade the Traffic Control Center (TCC) which is operated and maintained by the City. Fuss & O'Neill, Inc. in collaboration with Tra-Flow Systems Corporation have worked with the City for the Phase B through Phase F projects.

Construction of the initial signal system upgrade project, Phase I, was completed in 1987. This initial project involved a traffic control center with a computer based Urban Traffic Control System (UTCS). This phase linked 56 intersections located in the downtown area to the control center and included the construction of a downtown communication system

The latest project, the Phase F traffic signal system hardware upgrade, is a continuation of the preceding projects. This project is currently in design with an anticipated completion in the summer of 2006. This project includes upgrading of 48 intersections, with 12 full traffic signal replacements, 11 CCTV dome-style camera installations, and 22 LED replacement intersections. This project will also include some equipment upgrades and improvements to the TCC.

With the completion of the latest Phase F signal project in the year 2005, the City of Stamford will have a state of the art traffic control system to serve the downtown and City-wide transportation system needs. Through the City Traffic Control Center, the City will be able to efficiently move vehicles and people in the City and monitor the traffic flow using the traffic signal surveillance system at over 30 intersections. The City has also instituted alternative detection methods including microwave, radar and video at these intersections.

Another premier traffic system project within the City, the Stamford Urban Transitway project, will utilize the existing traffic signal infrastructure constructed by the City under these City wide projects. More importantly, the Urban Transitway project will be one of the first municipalities in the State to implement a Transit Signal Priority system along the Transitway.

If you have questions, please contact Bhanu Palla, Signal Systems Engineer, City of Stamford, (203) 977-5675.

## News from the Sections

### Alabama Section



The Annual Joint Meeting of the Alabama and Deep South Sections was held June 4-6, 2003 at the Holiday Inn White Sands Resort in Gulf Shores, Alabama. As part of the Annual Meeting, the ALSITE Service Projects Task Force sponsored a Car Seat Check-up in partnership with the Alabama SAFE KIDS Campaign and Southern Chevrolet-Oldsmobile. The Car Seat Check-Up was held from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday afternoon at the Riviera Centre Factory Stores in Foley. Forty-eight car seats were checked and forty-five were installed incorrectly! New car seats were also given away to children who were not in age/size appropriate car seats. ALSITE members served as volunteers to assist the certified technicians by completing paperwork and providing refreshments to participants in the summer heat. One of the meeting's technical sessions featured a presentation on Child Passenger Safety by Dr. William D. King of the University of Alabama in Birmingham's Department of Pediatrics and Lisa Russell, R.N. of the Alabama SAFE KIDS Campaign.



### Virginia Section

The Virginia Section's officers are as follows:

President: Robert Gey  
 Vice-President: Tim White  
 Secretary-Treasurer: Bill Cashman  
 Immediate Past President: Mike Martin  
 Section Representatives: John Yorks & Tim Foster  
 Affiliate Directors: Pete Leavitt & Irene Shuman  
 ITE Directors: Mike Shasiah & Cheryl Lowrance

VASITE held its Spring Seasonal Meeting in Fredericksburg, Virginia, on March 14, 2003. Approximately 30 people attended the meeting. A variety of topics and interests were presented at the meeting. A two-day seminar on the AASHTO Roadside Design was held on March 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> prior to the Spring Seasonal Meeting.

The VASITE Annual Meeting was held June 25-27, 2003 at the Ramada Plaza Resort Oceanfront in Virginia Beach with 116 members attending. A two day workshop on Traffic Signal De-

sign prior to the annual meeting was well attended. The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual VASITE Scholarship Golf Outing was also well attended and provided fun while benefiting the profession.

Elections for 2003 officers will also be conducted prior to the Fall Seasonal Meeting and officers will be sworn in at the Fall Meeting. The Fall Seasonal Meeting is scheduled for October 1-3, 2003 at Wintergreen Resort in the Blue Ridge Mountains. A continuing education course on Roadway Lighting will be held on October 1, 2003, prior to the meeting.

As of April 1, 2003, VASITE had 391 members and section affiliates. The Section's scholarship fund has a balance of approximately \$30,000. Two \$1000 scholarships were presented this year. The recipients were:

Andrew M. R. Hopkins, a Virginia Tech student whose area of transportation interests include a multimodal transportation emphasis in human-powered submarine vehicles.

Ilsoo Yun, a University of Virginia student whose area of transportation interests include the deployment of ITS applications to traffic operational improvements.



### Deep South Section



The Deep South Section will conduct their next meeting in Hammond, Louisiana, the agenda is included below. Please email Scott Boyle to let him know if you are going to attend and whether you will be playing golf. His email is - [ScottBoyle@dotd.state.la.us](mailto:ScottBoyle@dotd.state.la.us)

10/2/03 at the Holiday Inn In Hammond  
 9:00 AM-Registration  
 10:00-Noon Technical sessions  
 Noon-1pm Lunch (buffet style)  
 1:00-3:30 Technical sessions  
 4:00-5:00 Business Meeting  
 5:30-til Social (cash bar)  
 Friday 10/03  
 8:00 AM-Golf at Oak Knoll CC



## Georgia Section

### 2005 District Meeting Update

The contract with the Hyatt Hotel in Savannah has been signed and work is underway for the 2005 District meeting. Co-chairs Marsha Anderson Bomar and Susan Walker have met with the enthusiastic volunteers to start the planning activities. In October, the chairs and our local partner, Mike Weiner, will meet on-site to advance the ideas we have for this meeting and prepare for the December Board meeting. Stay tuned for some excitement as we set the stage for this great event.



## Kentucky Section

The Kentucky Section of ITE began its year with the January Officers Meeting held on January 24, 2003, in Frankfort. Planning of our 2003 activities was accomplished.

The Kentucky Section's Spring Meeting was held on March 28th in Covington at the Radisson Riverfront (site of the 2004 SDITE Annual Meeting) as a joint meeting with the Ohio Section. A total of 39 people were in attendance. Speakers for the luncheon meeting were Chris Cowan of Gresham, Smith and Partners, Mark Adams of Louisville Metro Government, Barry House of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and Brent Sweger of the FHWA. The subject was Access Management Advancements at the local, regional, state and federal levels.

Counting members, student members, spouses and guests, the Kentucky Section had sixteen people attend the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southern District ITE in Winston-Salem in April. The meeting was very enjoyable and informative.

KYSITE held its summer meeting in Louisville on June 5<sup>th</sup>. This was our annual golf scramble and picnic. KYSITE members enjoyed the beautiful Quail Chase Golf Club, and then a good meal together. The golf tournament raised \$800 for our scholarship fund.

The fall meeting will be held at the new Lexington Traffic Operations Center and include a tour of the TOC. Our Annual Meeting/Banquet and Scholarship Auction will be held at Claudia Sanders' Dinner House in Shelbyville, Kentucky on November 20, 2003.

Plans are proceeding for the 2004 SDITE Annual Meeting under the able guidance of Karen Mohammadi, LAC Chairperson. The Radisson Hotel in Covington, Kentucky, will be the host

site for the meeting. All committees are working to make this meeting special for all those in attendance. The Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky area is in the midst of major tourist-oriented growth that is sure to benefit our membership in 2004.

In addition to the Golf Outing, Technical Sessions and the Spouses' Program, we are working to include a Youth Program in the 2004 Annual Meeting. This would provide activities for kids while parents are in sessions, banquets or spouse tours. Stay tuned for more information on this. We look forward to hosting the Southern District on the southern side of Cincinnati in 2004.

## Tennessee Section



### TSITE Returns to Fall Creek

### State Park is Site of Summer Meeting

July 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> were the dates for this year's TSITE annual Summer Meeting and Auction. Carrying on the rich tradition of family fun and adventure, members gathered at beautiful Fall Creek Falls State Park in Pikeville.

Approximately 80 members and their families partook of the always festive Friday night supper and auction following. The dynamic team from Van Winkle and Son Auctioneers were on hand with assistance by Bob Murphy to move roughly 65 items across the block. High bids were taken this year on a lovely Tito mountain-themed print and a retired signal head. A total of almost \$2900 was collected for the scholarship fund.

On Saturday, members participated in a hustled business meeting and enjoyed three outstanding technical presentations. Ed Cole, TDOT's Chief of Environment and Planning updated those present on TDOT's planning process. Student paper winner Jon Storey provided insight on an analysis of smart growth. TDOT's director of design, Jeff Jones, overviewed the new truncated dome tactile surface requirements.

The following points of business were addressed at the Spring and Summer Meetings:

Vice President **Bill Kervin** continues to organize future meetings. Joint meetings with the Alabama and North Carolina Sections are in the works as well as a possible meeting with student chapters in the Memphis area.

**Dawn Foster** is working hard to encourage student member participation. She is currently assembling a package of information including ITE multi-media materials for distribution to all Tennessee student chapters.

As a new service to members, TSITE.org now hosts current job openings. Posting an ad is free for members and, of course, looking around is, too!

All TSITE polo shirts have been sold for a profit of roughly \$140 to go to the scholarship fund. Watch for upcoming ordering opportunities for this sporty TSITE wear.

## Men at Work

*Submitted by Hollis Loveday*

Hollis and the Technical Committee continue great efforts in transportation studies and research. Here is a summary of the committee report recently submitted:

John Gould continues to work on a trip generation study in Knoxville that examines characteristics of retail centers. Specifically, he is looking at how individual rates are impacted by clusters of development. In other words, is there a significant number of trips between developments that results in fewer trips to the entire area? This should be completed by the end of the year.

Bill Cole has worked on a traffic signal index / priority project but progress has been slow this year due to other commitments. He hopes to make some progress later this year. The scope of this project would involve prioritizing signal installations that already meet warrants.

Alan Childers and Marshall Elizer are working on ITE's Urban Geometric Design Handbook. Marshall is writing an intro chapter and is the Editor. Alan is writing the Roadside Design Chapter. It should be complete by mid-2004.

### AWARDS!

TSITE wishes to congratulate the winners of this year's Student Scholarship and Student Paper Competitions.

Jon Storey of the University of Tennessee is this year's big winner, being selected as one of the scholarship recipients and taking first prize in the paper competition. Jon has several years of roadway design experience with Florence & Hutcheson, Inc. but traded it all to be a full-time Volunteer. Working toward his MSCE (scheduled for graduation this December), Jon's paper was entitled [A Review of the Transportation Submodel in the Smart Growth Index Computer Program](#). He is currently the Secretary of the UT Chapter of ITE.

Megan Blake, also of UT, was our other scholarship winner. She is also a candidate for the MSCE degree (May 2004) and is currently an intern at Knox County Engineering Department. This summer she is planning work on a project to study the safety impacts of access management.

Sathya Sudhakar, a PhD candidate at Tennessee Tech University, took second place in the paper competition. His entry was entitled [Modern Roundabouts: Can be an Environmentally Beneficial Intersection Traffic Control Device in the U.S.](#) Sathya is scheduled to complete his academic marathon in the fall of 2005 and is currently working as a research assistant on an evaluation of safety enhancements of raised pavement markers.

## Dog Gone Good Time

*Stansell hosts rite of summer*

After all the meetings were done, but before the hiking and swimming started, TSITE members and families gathered for a midday cookout at Fall Creek Falls, the site of the Summer Meeting. Hosted by Stansell Electric Co. and held at their cozy cabin on the edge of the park, participants enjoyed traditional fare from the grill of renowned Chef Stinson.

Special thanks to Renny Stinson, David Stansell, and David McGill for a great end to the meeting!

## And the Winner Is...

A hotly contested election yielded the following officers-elect for 2004. Thanks to all those willing to serve.

**President:** Bill Kervin

**Vice President:** Jeff Hammond

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Steve Allen

**Affiliate Director:** David Stansell

**Past President:** Anthony Todd

**Section Representative:** Greg Judy

**Section Representative:** John Van Winkle

## TSITE to the Rocket City

This year's Fall Meeting will be held with the Alabama Section on Thursday, October 16 in Huntsville. This is our second joint meeting with this group, the first being held in Chattanooga. The agenda is currently under development, so be sure to watch [www.tsite.org](http://www.tsite.org) as more information becomes available. Don't miss this opportunity to meet with our neighbors to the south – it'll be a blast!

## TSITE Returns to Farragut, Goes Around the World

Almost 60 members of ITE braved drenching rains to enjoy the 2003 Spring Meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup>. The internationally-themed meeting investigated current practices and the state of the art in faraway locals. Presentations by Hollis Loveday (Beijing an-

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Northern China), John Gould (Dubai, United Arab Emirates) and Mirsad Kulovic (Bosnia and Herzegovina) gave all present an enjoyable tour of our profession from three distinct perspectives. Thanks to the Town of Farragut for their generous hosting of this meeting.

### Your Name Here.

After much discussion, a policy has been finalized to allow sponsorship of this publication and our website, [www.tsite.org](http://www.tsite.org). Geared toward corporate participation (but open to anyone), the \$50 annual donation will help offset student participation costs (travel, registration, boarding, etc.) at TSITE meetings. Sponsor organizations will be recognized on business-card sized blocks in the newsletter and on a special page containing corporate links on the website.

Invitations to participate will be mailed to past contributing organizations in a few weeks. Others wishing to be sponsors can review our policy and get more information on the program at [www.tsite.org](http://www.tsite.org) or contact Jeff Hammond at (615) 383-8420.

### Help Wanted

*Website now hosts job openings*

A new page at [www.tsite.org](http://www.tsite.org) is available for all organization members to post engineering-related position openings. Postings are free. More information on the posting opportunity and how to advertise your opening can be found on the website.

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### ITE Websites

**International ITE:** <http://www.ite.org/>  
**Southern District ITE:** <http://www2.ncsu.edu/sdite/>  
**Alabama:** <http://www.alsite.org>  
**Deep South:** <http://www.translab.lsu.edu/dsite>  
**Georgia:** <http://www.traffic.ce.gatech.edu/itegeorgia/>  
**Kentucky:** <http://www.engr.uky.edu/student.orgs/ite/kysite/index.htm>  
**North Carolina:** <http://www.ltre.ncsu.edu/ncsite/>  
**Tennessee:** <http://www.tsite.org>  
**Virginia:** <http://www.vasite.org/>



### Upcoming SDITE Annual Meetings

The Southern District has a rich heritage of conducting informative and educational Annual Meetings, mixed with plenty of social occasions for members to learn from each other. The following sites have been selected for upcoming SDITE Annual Meetings:

- 2004 – Covington, KY
- 2005 – Savannah, GA
- 2006 – Biloxi/Gulfport, MS
- 2007 – Tennessee
- 2008 – South Carolina

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