Many will be making their way to Austin for the 50th Anniversary Meeting of the Texas Chapter of the Institute of Transportation Engineers June 17—19.

Featured for this program are retired (or semi-retired) traffic engineers and TexITE members in panel discussions that will give attendees a picture of how the profession has grown through the years. We will also hear about new trends in the industry.

The Friday Night Social for the TexITE 50th Anniversary Meeting is an exciting awards banquet and a look at TexITE’s past. This will be a Coat & Tie/Cocktail Attire occasion.

Many former TexITE members who have moved outside of Texas will be attending. Come visit and reminisce with an old friend. To practice your memory, see page 3 of this newsletter for a close-up of the picture above to see how many faces you recognize from this 1975 photo.

Ed’s Notes

TOG Day illustrated how connected we are with each other and with our TTI family. It was great to witness such friendly personal interactions. Having seen the cultures of some other organizations, I know we have something unique to be proud of here at TTI.

And don’t forget that July is our annual enrollment month for insurance. Please take some extra care in reviewing the insurance needs for you and your family this year. It is easy just to keep the same choices as last year. But you can look around the organization and see a number of examples where prudent insurance choices and a compassionate TTI family have made a world of difference when unexpected challenges arise.

Not that many of you need more work challenges, but remember that the termination date for submission of Safety Grant requests for Fall 2004 funding has been extended to June 15, 2004.

Have a great time on your summer vacations!

Ed Seymour
Birthdays

Jun 04  Natosha Avery  
Jun 10  Gary Barricklow  
Jun 13  Lei Xu  
Jun 14  Lin Chen  
Jun 25  Roelof Engelbrecht  
Jun 25  Sangita Sunkari  
Jun 27  Gary Thomas  
Jun 29  Edgar Kraus  
Jun 29  Kwaku Obeng-Boampong  
Jul 03  Wonho Kim  
Jul 08  Julie Moreno  
Jul 10  Justin Winn  
Jul 13  Leslie Kacer  
Jul 13  Karl Zimmerman  
Jul 13  Marshall Cheek  
Jul 13  Allison DenBleyker  
Jul 15  Bikash Mandal  
Jul 16  Michael Wunderlich  
Jul 17  Marsha Bomar  
Jul 17  Samuel Amoako-Atta  
Jul 19  Austin Bischoff  
Jul 25  Curtis Herrick  
Jul 26  Korey Curtis  
Jul 28  Lisa Palmer  
Jul 28  Ricky Parker  
Jul 29  Jim Bonneson  
Jul 31  Paul Barricklow

2004 Undergraduate Fellows Program Begins

We welcome the following students who have joined TOG this summer as part of the 2004 Undergraduate Fellows Program and thank their mentors. Connie Dudek is the program coordinator.

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TxDOT Research and Implementation Manual

The Research and Implementation Manual, which supersedes the Research and Technology Transfer Manual in its entirety, has been published in an online searchable version at:

http://manuals.dot.state.tx.us/dynaweb/colresea/rtt/@Generic__BookView;cs=default;ts=default

A PDF version is also available at:

http://manuals.dot.state.tx.us/docs/colresea/forms/rtt.pdf

This document includes descriptions of TxDOT’s research and implementation programs, which are managed by the Research and Technology Implementation Office. It updates and clarifies project development, project management, contracting, and deliverable requirements for both research and implementation projects. This manual also describes TxDOT’s Product Evaluation Program and national research programs with which TxDOT employees are involved.

Current versions of the RTI forms most often used by university personnel are available through links in Chapter 1, Section 8 of the online searchable manual.
Recognize Anyone?

You know how reunions are, you drag out the yearbook and try to see how people have changed. We don’t exactly have a yearbook, but we’ve found a picture which is almost thirty years old. Even if you weren’t in the picture you’re likely to see someone you know.

The TexITE picture from page 1 has been cropped and the remaining portion which focuses on the people has been split into two pieces. How many do you recognize?
Kudos and Congratulations

Steven Venglars has been promoted to Program Manager in the Research & Implementation - San Antonio Office. Congrats, Steve!

Congrats to Zong Tian on his promotion to Associate Research Scientist.

Laura Wohlgemuth will be getting married to Chris Sandt on June 4. Laura will be leaving TTI at the end of June.

Charles Stevens Graduate Student under Kay Fitzpatrick, received the Allen C. Ludwig, Jr. award. The Ludwig award was established by the Texas A&M Class of 1989-90 in memory of Allen C. Ludwig, Jr. and his devotion to ASCE, ITE and Chi Epsilon.

Robert Pina, Grad Student with Cesar Quiroga, received his Masters degree in Computer Science from St. Mary’s University in May. Congrats Robert!

Congratulations to Sangita Sunkari on receiving her Permanent Resident Card.

Roelof Engelbrecht has also received word that his Green Card has been approved. Congratulations!

Congratulations to Zong Tian and Ricky Parker on passing their PE exams.

On the Road Again

Gary Thomas was in Phoenix, Arizona on May 16, teaching the ITS Standards Overview course. He was in Olympia Fields, Illinois, May 24-27, teaching a second pilot course of “Designing and Operating Intersections for Safety”.

Brian Bochner was co-instructor.

Steve Venglars and Marc Jacobson were in Atlanta, Georgia, May 11-13, teaching two TRICOM courses: Arterial Optimization and Advanced CORSIM.

Scott Cooner assisted with the CORSIM class.


Leonard Ruback attended the 2004 Midwest Highway/Rail Seminar and Training meeting

Whether behind the wheel or in a data center, TOG staff is on the move!
**JUNE 2004**

### Schedule of Events
- TxDOT RMC Meetings; June 7-9; Austin, TX
- TexITE 50th Anniversary Meeting; June 17-19; Austin Texas

### Future TRB Dates
- 2005: January 9-13
- 2006: January 22-26

### Calendar Highlight
TxDOT RMC meetings, June 7-10 - Red Lion Hotel, Austin, TX, are going on with great representation from the TOG researchers. We have over 10 presentations.

### Another Successful TOG Day
What a fun and educational day! Everyone who attended the event held May 21 at the Gilchrist Building will have to agree the ice cream social was a big hit. Kevin Balke deserves a big THANK YOU for his role in organizing this year’s event. Also thanks go out to Ed Seymour and Dennis Christiansen for the opening remarks and for providing our lunch and closing snack.

Thanks to Ed Brackin, Jeremy Johnson, Paul Carlson, Bob Brydia, Janice Konecny, Susan Massey, Jerry Ullman, Darrell Borchardt and Dr. Ray James for the sessions they organized. Special thanks goes out to Diane Fischer, Bhavesh Patel, Craig Koudelka, Bob Brydia and David Rickerson for helping set up the rooms.

Plans are in the making for next year’s event...stay tuned! And remember it is never to early to volunteer. Just send a note to Ed Seymour if you’d like to play an active role.

### Save the Date
- ITE 2004 Annual Meeting and Exhibit; August 1-4, 2004; Lake Buena Vista, FL
- 2004 Texas Transportation Summit; August 11-13; Irving, TX
- TxDOT 78th Annual Short Course; October 12-13; College Station, TX
Hellos and Good-Byes

Welcoming many new faces to the TOG family this June edition can only remind us that we are saying good-bye to several.

**Jodi Carson** from Montana State University will be joining TTI as a member of TOG beginning in mid-July. She’ll office in Austin. Please welcome Jodi to TTI!

The Roadway Design Program welcomes **Bill Schneider** on May 17, just in time for TOG Day. Bill comes from Purdue University, with a Ph.D. in CE. Bill’s research dealt with air quality issues on urban expressways, so even though Bill will be based in the FRD program, he will be working with Brian Bochner in the Center for Air Quality Studies.

**Delia Aguinaga** is now working in the TransGuide office as a Lead Office Assistant, under Cesar Quiroga, in the TTI TransGuide office. Delia’s previous experience was with the US Air Force, providing administrative support for military and civilian personnel.

**Jayne Ellen Johnson**, Student Worker for the DPC program, under Gary Thomas. She previously worked for TTI Administration.

**Larry Rilett** has left for the University of Nebraska as Director Mid-America Transportation Center, Keith W. Klaasmeyer Chair in Engineering and Technology.

**Hanseon Cho** is leaving June 15 and will be joining the Korea Transport Institute, located in Ilsan, Korea just outside Seoul. He will be a Transportation Researcher.

TOG welcomes the **2004 Undergraduate Fellows Program** students and thanks the mentors who graciously provide their time toward the development and education of the undergraduate students. (See Undergraduate Fellows on page 2.)

**Ty Thompson**, grad student in the FSM program, graduated with his Masters. He’s headed off to Columbus, Ohio to work for HNTB.

**Leitha Vanajakshi** is planning to join the Indian Institute of Technology, in Kanpur, India.

**Edgar Kraus** is now part of the System Management Division. His office is still located in the TTI TransGuide Building.

**Maritza Cisneros** recently graduated with a BS in Civil Engineering and will be leaving TTI. Good luck, Maritza!

**Leslie Kacer**, Research Assistant with Debbie Jasek, will be leaving TTI in June.

**David Ibanez**, Student Worker for Dan Middleton, has graduated from A&M and will be moving on...good luck to you, David!

**Lin Chen** has come on board as a Grad Student to work and assist Dan Middleton and Ricky Parker.

More summer interns will be on board in the TTI TransGuide office. **Eros Bertoni** and **Samuel Amoako-Atta**. Eros is doing data processing and other related tasks for project 0-4745. He attends Texas State University in San Marcos, where he is a senior in Geography with a focus on cartography and GIS. Samuel is doing data modeling and other related tasks. He is a Grad Student in Computer Science with a GIS emphasis at TAMU - Corpus Christi. His BSc. Is in Geodetic Engineering from the University of Science and Technology in Ghana.

New Projects

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