

Farewell to former staff



Bill McCall retires from 33-year career in transportation
As CTRE's associate director for advanced transportation technology for nine years, Bill McCall developed an

impressive portfolio of state and national intelligent transportation systems (ITS) projects and other research involving advanced technology in transportation or transportation services.

Bill's extensive career in transportation includes a stint as principal consultant for Lockheed Information Management Systems (IMS) and 23 years for the Iowa Department of Transportation, with 10 years spent as the director of the Office of Transportation Research.

Bill also served as manager or member of many project committees involving ITS applications to commercial vehicle operations (CVO), including the International Standards Organization (ISO) and America's CVO committee. Though technically retired as of May 2001, Bill is finishing two projects involving weigh-in-motion and one for commercial vehicle information systems and networks (CVISN).

At CTRE, Bill most enjoyed the staff and clients. He values the relationships he formed with the clients from state government and private consulting firms and says he will miss CTRE's wonderfully supportive staff.

When Bill finds the time to relax, he and his wife Carolyn will be horseback riding and attending the May Foundation quarterhorse conferences and activities. Happy trails, cowboy.

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TSA honored again

For the second year in a row, Iowa State University's Transportation Student Association (TSA) has won the Institute of Transportation Engineers District 4 award for outstanding student chapter.

Many accomplishments contributed to this honor:

- TSA won a university award for most educational booth at ISU's spring 2001 all-college celebration. At their booth, TSA members used a matching game to teach children about the meaning of traffic signs.
- Several TSA members helped raise awareness about traffic safety in construction work zones by creating a teaching module that simulates work zone conditions and conducting the module at driver education classes.
- In addition to its community education efforts, TSA also recruited a variety of transportation professionals to speak at their monthly meetings.

Dan Smith, who is completing a master's degree in civil and construction engineering with a focus on transportation, is TSA's new president. "I'm looking forward to continuing and expanding the activities that have made our chapter of the ITE so successful. Over the last few years, each TSA president has been able to add to the activities and services the organization is involved with and I hope to continue this trend."

The summer has not been all work and no play for TSA members; they did find time to make their annual canoe trip down the Des Moines River. •

Jerry Roche (left) and Dan Smith teach a module on traffic safety in work zones to a driver education class.





Keith Knapp

Keith Knapp, formerly manager of traffic and safety programs at CTRE and assistant professor of civil and construction engineering, has moved to the

University of Wisconsin, where he is an assistant professor in the Engineering Professional Development Department. While at CTRE, Knapp conducted several research studies, with his four-lane-to-three-lane conversion study winning a national award (see page 6). At the University of Wisconsin he looks forward to conducting further research and organizing national and state-level short courses in transportation design, operations, and safety.

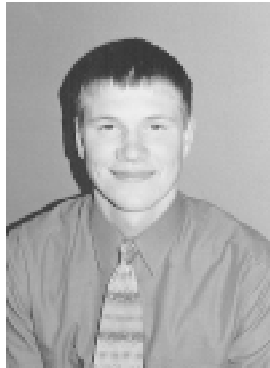


Gary B. Thomas

Gary Thomas wore at least three hats at Iowa State University: transportation engineer for CTRE, assistant professor for the Department of Civil and Construction

Engineering, and coordinator of the Midwest Transportation Consortium's Transportation Scholar Program. Gary and his family recently moved to College Station, Texas, where he directs the Center for Professional Development at the Texas Transportation Institute.

CTRE staff wish Keith, Jerry, and Gary well in their new professional endeavors. •



Jerry Roche

Following a graduate assistantship at CTRE during which he served a term as president of the Transportation Student Association, Jerry Roche joined CTRE as

pavement management coordinator and coordinator of the Iowa Traffic Safety Data Service. Jerry has now accepted new responsibilities as safety engineer for the Iowa Division of the Federal Highway Administration and looks forward to working with transportation agencies in an effort to promote highway safety.