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Founding of Chapter

A new student chapter is available for civil engineering students who are interested in transportation. During the Mississippi Transportation Conference 2000 in Tunica, MS, Bob Mabry of the MDOT and Dan Gilbert of the City of Jackson introduced the ITE Deep South Section to conference attendees Dr. Uddin and Lucy Phillips. Later they were invited to attend and make a presentation on the Oxford ITS project at the Deep South Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) annual conference in Philadelphia, MS on Feb. 8, 2001. There they met with members from Mississippi and Louisiana who were eager for Ole Miss to start a student chapter. The idea for the founding of a transportation engineering society was prompted when they returned from this conference.

An interest meeting was held in April 2001 where ITE member Bob Mabry of the Mississippi Department of Transportation gave a presentation on roadway design and ITS and urged the attending students to apply for a charter for an ITE chapter. An election was held, and officers were elected to start the application process. The results were: President- Lucy Phillips, Vice President- Justin Spinks, Secretary- Austin Banks, Treasurer- Audrey Stuart, Faculty Advisor- Waheed Uddin.

Following the application process, the chapter was recognized by the university and the national chapter. Dr. Alex Cheng and other faculty members of the Civil Engineering Department approve and support the activities of the UM ITE Student Chapter.

Lucy Phillips (left) meeting Mississippi Governor Ronnie Musgrove (right) at the Mississippi Transportation Conference in November 2000 in Tunica, MS
Officers

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President Elect:  Ben Russell
Charter Presentation

On December 6, 2001 the University of Mississippi ITE student chapter charter and certificate of recognition were presented by Mr. Jim Meads, President of ITE Southern District, and Mr. Bob Mabry following their transportation lectures.

(L to R) Jim Meads, Lucy Phillips, and Bob Mabry

(L to R) J.D. Spinks (Vice President), Audrey Stewart (Treasurer), Lucy Phillips (President), and Sergio Garza (Web Master)
(L to R) Bob Mabry, Eric Jones, J.D. Spinks, and Audrey Stewart

(L to R) ASCE President Jessica Landry with Dr. Alex Cheng, Chair of Civil Engineering
Chapter Meetings

ITE meetings are held every Thursday in Carrier 211 following ASCE meetings. Scholarships, activities, and other events are discussed.

ITE chapter members at Engineering Career Day, Feb. 20, 2002

On Feb. 19, 2002 an ITE Student Chapter meeting was held for the election of new officers and recruitment of new members.

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President Elect: Ben Russell
Lectures

A transportation lecture was held on Wed. Feb 20 and was sponsored by the Ole Miss Department of Civil Engineering and Co-sponsored by the ITE Student Chapter and CAIT by Dr. Albert J. Bush from Waterways Experiment Station in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Dr. Uddin thanks Dr. Albert J. Bush from Waterways Experiment Station after his lecture for National Engineers Week
Fund Raising for September 11, 2001 Victims

The local student chapters of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) and the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) at the University of Mississippi collected donations to send to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund to help the victims and their families in New York. While other areas of the country and the world need donations, the civil engineering students requested that their money go to New York City where members of the national chapter of the ASCE are still missing in the rubble of the World Trade Center towers following the September 11th tragedy. The fundraiser was a joint effort of ITE/ASCE under the leadership of Presidents Lucy Phillips and Jessica Landry and was directed by faculty advisors Drs. Waheed Uddin and Brian Barkdoll. The following letter of appreciation from the City of New York was received before Christmas.

The City of New York
Office of the Mayor
New York, N.Y. 10007

November 19, 2001

Ms. Lucy Phillips
University of Mississippi
School of Engineering
P.O. Box 1846
University, MS 38677

Dear Ms. Phillips:

Thank you for your letter. Your support and good wishes are especially meaningful during these trying times, and I am pleased to hear of your contribution to the American Red Cross. It was very generous of you and is certainly appreciated.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

Rudolph W. Giuliani
Mayor
Other Activities/News

In Fall 2001, members of ITE participated in ASCE’s annual fall trash pickup for the Adopt-A-Highway program sponsored by the Mississippi Department of Transportation. A section of 2.5 miles of Highway 7 in Lafayette County is cleaned each semester.

Members of ITE sold Engineering sweatshirts in an effort to help the Engineering Student Body raise money for student activities at home football games in the Fall semester. They helped sign in alumni and encouraged students to stay and enjoy the food provided.

ITE and ASCE chapters held an engineering quiz bowl on Tuesday, February 19, 2002. Four-member teams competed for intellectual superiority and prizes. Teachers were encouraged to participate in this annual National Engineer’s Week activity.

In March 2002, ITE will join with other student organizations to tutor Jr. High students in math. Student organizations volunteer each month to tutor 2-3 times a week for 1-2 hours for the entire month.

On March 1, 2002 Civil Engineering Chair Dr. Alex Cheng, Dr. Waheed Uddin, and Lucy Phillips presented ITE scholarship checks to Carl Hector and Ben Russell.
Expenses

The ITE Deep South Section provided $200 contribution to the Chapter. The check was deposited by Treasurer Audrey Stewart and Dr. Uddin in the University Credit Union, and a folder was prepared to keep records.

Starting Balance $200.00

Expenses 70.00

Ending Balance $130.00 (as of March 5, 2002)

A request has been made to the Associated Student Body for reimbursement of expenses incurred by the chapter and its members.

The Chapter appreciates the financial support provided by CAIT and the Department of Civil Engineering for some of the expenses related to field trips and refreshments during meetings.
Web Page

A web page for the ITE Student Chapter has been designed by students, and it is now under construction with the support of Sergio Garza. The main screen is shown below.

http://www.olemiss.edu/orgs/ite/