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This issue of the *Journal of Transportation Management* is dedicated to the memory of Pete Patton, a leader in the field of logistics and transportation education for many years.

Pete’s accomplishments are numerous. Anyone who had the pleasure of knowing him will attest to his love for teaching and for the industry he served. He could always find time to spend with someone eager to learn more about transportation. It is especially fitting that this issue of the *JTM* be dedicated to him, since he was a long-time member of Delta Nu Alpha and a past president of the fraternity. He was also very active in the AST&L and numerous railroad organizations.

As impressive as his industry accomplishments were, his real strength was as a teacher and mentor. He received the prestigious “Teacher of the year Award” given by the College of Business at the University of Tennessee. Over the years, he chaired and served on many Ph.D. committees. Pete’s students will tell you that he always had the time to answer their questions and to listen to their views, regardless of the subject.

Pete was one of those rare professors that commanded respect not only for his knowledge and experience, but also for his studied opinion, passion, and genuine concern for his students. He set a high standard for all educators to emulate.

We extend our sympathies to the Patton family.