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Welcome back to the *Journal of Transportation Management*! Even though the *JTM* is a bi-annual publication, this will be the first and only issue of 1996. Submissions to the *Journal* have significantly declined in number over the past 18 months and, after careful deliberation, the editorial staff decided not to publish another issue until enough high-quality articles had been received, reviewed, edited, and accepted for publication. With this issue, the *Journal* is back on track and you can expect to see two issues in 1997 containing timely and informative articles on topics of interest to professionals in the field of transportation.

A number of important changes to the *JTM* have been made and become effective with this issue. First, this issue of the *Journal* is the last under the capable editorial leadership of Mike Crum at Iowa State University. Mike has served Delta Nu Alpha and the *JTM* well during a very difficult time. He has worked very hard to insure that the quality of the *Journal* has been maintained, even when faced with declining submissions and increasing competition from other academic journals. Mike has also contributed to the process of re-designing the *Journal* and has spent hours on the telephone with me in the discussion and evaluation of proposed changes. With his continued help, the *JTM* will grow in value and reputation and better serve the membership of Delta Nu Alpha. Mike gets a personal thanks from me for making the editorial transition smooth and as seamless as major trauma can be!

With the next issue, I will assume the position of editor and two of my colleagues at Georgia Southern University, Brian Gibson and Steve Rutner, will serve as associate editors. The *Journal* will be edited and published by the Southern Center for Logistics and Intermodal Transportation within the College of Business Administration at Georgia Southern. We are proud that the DNA Board of Directors chose Georgia Southern as the new home for the *JTM* and pledge to continuously improve the content, with the aim of making the *Journal* a leading voice in the transportation industry.

You will notice that the size, shape and overall look of the *Journal* are quite different from previous issues. These are only a few of the changes you will be seeing in

future issues. Look for an increase in the variety of topics covered, editorial pieces by leading transportation educators and practitioners, a greater emphasis upon the managerial implications of the topics covered, book reviews, and special issues under the guidance of a guest editor. If there are other changes that you would like to see, then write to me directly (or call) with your suggestions. We are committed to the continued improvement of the *Journal* and to its recognition as an outstanding transportation publication.

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