

Letters

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Alumnus Recalls African-American Fellow Student

Thank you for sending me a copy of the winter 2008 issue containing Steve Hendershot's article "Making a Dream." I did know Frank Crossley very well, as we both were active in the Community Service Committee that first worked with Ada S. McKinley at the South Side Settlement House. In that connection we also had a number of conversations with President Henry T. Heald, who was also mentioned in this magazine issue.

However, I was a bit disappointed that you forgot to mention another outstanding black student of that time, Robert A. Eubanks, who completed his Ph.D. work with Professor Eli Sternberg just before I completed my own, and on a related topic in elasticity theory.

—Felix Rosenthal (EE '47, M.S. MATH '48, Ph.D. ME '52)



No Need to Airbrush Commitment

I read with great interest the article in the most recent edition of *IIT Magazine* on diversity. While I was pleased that it would seem the university has developed a stronger commitment to diversity, I believe it is completely disingenuous to state or imply the university has always had such a commitment. There were always a very limited number of minorities that were considered and accepted by IIT—and I would add that while their acceptance was not warm by staff or students, they were never turned away as

long as they performed well. Also, I still remember the extraordinary measures the university used in the past to insulate itself from the surrounding community. In fact, the only time the two would acknowledge each other was on Election Day.

Again, I'm pleased that IIT seems to have improved in this area, but I don't think you have to airbrush to demonstrate the commitment.

—Arlington Carter (EE '61)

FollowUp

Updates on the people and places previously covered in *IIT Magazine*

"Student Heads Effort a World Away" Winter 2007

IIT continues to be active in efforts to improve the quality of life in Haiti, as first profiled last winter. The IIT student chapter of Haiti Outreach has developed a water-distribution system for the town of Pignon. To help raise funds for the endeavor, this February the group held the event Learn to Make a Difference in Haiti, which featured Haitian music and food, and a keynote address from Illinois State Senator Kwame Raoul. The fundraiser was co-organized by IIT student chapters of the American Society of Civil Engineers, Engineers Without Borders, and the Water Environment Federation.



"A Matter of Scale" Spring 2006

IIT's Center on Nanotechnology and Society, profiled in 2006, joined with a new Washington, D.C.-based think tank, the Center for Policy on Emerging Technologies, and the University of Ulster to hold a global discussion about technologies of the future. Nigel M. de S. Cameron, IIT research professor and director of the Center on Nanotechnology and Society, moderated the roundtable, held this January in London.