

# editor's note



**IF YOU'RE UNDER 40, CHANCES ARE YOU DON'T KNOW FROMY ROSENBERG.** Under his quiet guidance, AISC has developed an extensive—and impressive—array of programs for both students and faculty. And while some of the programs pre-date him, his efforts have fostered and grown these important activities.

If you were a civil engineering student during the past two decades, you were probably invited to participate in your school's student steel bridge building competition. And if you did, chances are good that you met Fromy at the competition. This wonderful program pits teams of students against each other in the design, fabrication, and erection of a one-tenth scale bridge. The bridges are designed to be erected in just minutes—and also have minimal deflection when loaded with 2,500 pounds of weights. About 2,000 students participate in this program annually—or nearly 36,000 during Fromy's career!

Probably the most visible presence AISC has on college campuses comes in the form of steel teaching sculptures. These 8-ft-high forms (some are as tall as 15 ft) include most common structural shapes and connections and allow students to see and touch what they learn about in the classroom. The sculptures are donated by local AISC member fabricators and during Fromy's tenure, nearly 150 of these beautiful artworks have been installed.

AISC's most popular program for students, though, is its discounted manual program. Recognizing the importance of every engineering student having a steel manual and also the limited budgets that most students have, Fromy administers a program that works with faculty members and not only discounts the purchase price of the manual but also doesn't charge for shipping (quite a consideration when you consider the weight of the manual!).

One of Fromy's big success stories has been the advent of a program AISC conducts in conjunction with the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture. This eight-year-old design competition lets teams of students explore a variety of design issues related to the use of steel in design and construction. The program continues to grow and this year approximately 320 students from 30 universities participated.

Of course, Fromy's efforts aren't all directed just at students. Fromy has also been involved in AISC's Adopt-A-School program, where fabricators, producers, and service centers work closely with a specific school. And he's directed our faculty workshop program and administered our scholarship program. In addition, Fromy has put together an extensive set of teaching aids (which, while targeted to the university setting also have applicability in the professional office). To learn more about all of these programs, simply visit [www.aisc.org](http://www.aisc.org) and click on learning opportunities.

Fromy has recently retired, and the entire AISC and steel community will miss him.

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