Letter from the President
- Monica McConnell '91

After a long winter, spring has finally arrived in Cambridge! With it, we are approaching the end of the academic year. AMITA is planning a couple of special year-end events. We are holding an event for graduating women students, to congratulate them on their graduation and welcome them to AMITA. We hope that some alumnae will be able to join us at that event to greet the new graduates. (More details are included later in the newsletter.) We are also in the process of planning the annual meeting. The meeting will be held on June 21, at the MIT Faculty Club. You will be receiving an invitation and details in the mail soon. Please save-the-date, and we hope that you will be able to join us.

At the annual meeting, we will be electing the slate of officers for next year. The newsletter includes an article from our nominating chair, Cynthia Skier, about the available positions. In an effort to increase our regional activities, we are recruiting for a new position this spring. We are looking for Regional Representatives; to help us in working with the regional MIT Clubs to plan local events that would be of interest to AMITA members. In the first year for this position, we are particularly interested in finding regional representatives for some of the largest club areas, such as Boston, New York, Northern California, and Washington DC. For more information on these positions, see the related articles later in this newsletter, “AMITA Representatives for MIT Geographic Clubs” and “A Note from the Boston AMITA Rep”.

We are looking forward to another great year, and with your help, we can expand our programs to reach more of our members. If you have any program ideas, please feel free to send them to me at monicam@alum.mit.edu.
Alumnae Updates

1948 Eleanor Rowan Lee Kritzler, retired, married Henry W. Rowan ‘48 January 1, 2000
1949 Mary Gleason Her husband, William, reports that Mary passed away on June 9, 2000.
1949 Mary Cretella Just had my seventh grandchild - Now it’s 5 boys and 2 girls, all of them special and beautiful. Requested out of retirement by principals of Evergreen Solar to address materials-related issues.
1951 Maria Bentel Our firm received the International Interior Design Award for 2000 for our restaurant "Eleven Madison Park" in NYC. Designed by our son and partner, Dr. Paul Bentel (’92) the project was featured in the Nov 2000 issue of Interior Design Magazine. We are the proud grandparents of our latest grandchild, Matheus Azzarone Carpenter born in London on March 9th to our daughter Elisabeth and husband Sebastian Carpenter. Matheus is our 6th grandchild.
1960 Geraldine Andrews Made the 2000 Olympic Team!! Am Team Leader for Canoe/kayak in Sydney. Busy doing volunteer work for Sierra Club and Habitat for Humanity. Daughter Margaret (Sloan ’92) is Executive Director of MBA programs at Sloan. Husband Gus (Course XII ’60) has two published books, retires next month from Rockwell Science Center.
1963 Chris Huk Jansen, is enjoying her fifth year as Director of Tech Transfer at the University of Utah in Salt Lake. She is especially enjoying the arrival of her first grandchild, Kristine Drake, and is visiting her frequently in Houston. In March, Chris shared a room with former MIT roomate, Patricia Selby Marzilli ’63 at a conference on Maya archaeology in Austin, Texas.
1968 Lenore Blum My husband, Manuel Blum (BS ’59, MS ’61, PhD ’64) and I have joined our son Avrim Blum (BS ’87, PhD ’91) on the faculty of the Computer Science Department at Carnegie Mellon University. Avrim is married to Dr. Michelle Kirshen, BS ’87, MD ’91 (Emory U).
1974 Gloria Davis I would like to send greetings to the class of ’74. I am well - married to Albert Davis and we have a daughter (Sarah). I would love to hear from classmates – email.
1974 Bonnie Buratti I am a Principal Scientist at the Jet Propulsion Lab. This year I am serving as a Visiting Professor of Physics at Pomona College.
1974 Jamie Stolper, S.B. 1974, S.M. 1975 I have recently co-founded with my brother (Ross Silverstein, an MIT Sloan alum) a new web site called ShalomBoston.com. Our goal is to provide useful and up-to-date information and resources to the Jewish community of Greater Boston and surrounding areas. ShalomBoston.com is designed to be informative, educational, entertaining, and easy to navigate. I invite my fellow alumnae to visit our site, search through our directories, use the comprehensive community calendar, peruse the extensive food section, read our special features, and communicate with others in our discussion forums. We welcome comments and suggestions as we move forward in expanding and enhancing ShalomBoston.com. The address is www.shalomboston.com and I can be reached at jstolper@shalomboston.com. On a personal note, I continue to live in Newton, Massachusetts with my husband David and children. My oldest son is graduating from college this May, my second son is beginning his college search as he finishes his junior year in high school, and my youngest son, a second-grader, keeps us all young-at-heart and on our toes.
1976 Dianne Glennon - Course I, 1976; Course XV 1985 After a 16 year absence from Boston which included seven years sunning on the beach in Miami with Citibank (helping to introduce PC technology to Citibank offices throughout the Caribbean) and Citicorp (helping to finance CoCoWalk, a fun retail entertainment center in Coconut Grove), I have returned home. Having spent several years in New York City doing construction lending for affordable housing I am now, as a member of the Massachusetts Housing Partnership Fund organization, happily involved in providing long term financing for affordable housing right here in Massachusetts.
1977 Marsha Heinz After 20 years as an aerospace engineer, I decided to help promote the effort to encourage young women to enter technology by becoming a physics teacher at Burlington High School. This move coincides with my effort to spend more time with my children.
Alumnae Updates (continued)

1979 T Awerbuch-Friedlander My suit against Harvard is going to jury trial.
1981 Darlene Justesen Sr. Mechanical Engineer at Zoll Medical, 3 boys, oldest is graduating High School this year.
1981 Lisa Allen Recently appointed Technology Programs director for Epion Corporation, a start-up company in Billerica MA Primary interest at Epion: Design and characterization of gas cluster ion beams. Primary interest overall: twin 3 year old daughters (Ana and Elena) and husband Rick (Rocket Scientist).
1985 Cristina Nelson I am currently working on my dissertation at UNC-Chapel Hill in US History. "Titled The MaidenFormed Woman: Gender, Advertising and Underwear 1940-1970", this is a look at the role that women's underwear played in the fashioning of the female body.
1984 Deborah Summa I'm still living and working in Los Alamos, NM. We survived the Cerro Grande fire - we were fortunate in that our property was untouched by smoke or flames.
1987 Mary Minn-Kong Anesthesiologist/Pain Management Specialist. Mother of three.
1988 Francine Bernitz Became a corporate officer in Sept '99. During 2000, let the company’s launch of a corporate intranet to enhance global collaboration and communications with its 2700 employees. Responsible for efforts around the company's Annual Report which - for the second year in a row – took First place in(for Narrative Presentation) an Annual Report Competition.
1988 Karin Hollerback I am VP of Technology at Cymerc, Inc., a San Francisco-based online marketplace for used IT equipment. I've been there since 2000.
1990 Rachel McCarthy I am starting my second year as an attending physician for the University of Florida - Jacksonville OB/GYN residency program.
1995 Sandra Joung After finishing an MBA at HBS this year, I joined Atlas Ventures as an Associate, focussing on communications investments. I am thrilled to be so close to MIT again and would love to help/mentor undergrads and alumni/ae.
1995 Erika Schutte Process Engineer at Analog Devices in Cambridge making micromachined products
1995 Erika Hanley-Onken I just started work on Sept 5, 2000 one day after my first anniversary. I graduated in June with a Masters in Manufacturing from Kellogg. This degree is joint MBA-Masters of Engineering Management at Northwestern University. It has been a great but busy last 2 years.
1996 Alice Oh I recently got married to Tae-Sik Lee (Course 2, SM '99 PhD candidate) and took a job with Compaq's Cambridge Research Labs. Prior to that, I was at Carnegie Mellon University where I did a master's program in Language Technologies.
1999 Eno Essen Recently started Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, GEM Fellowship Recipient.
2000 Anna Benefiel Following my June 200 graduation, I traveled to India to teach HTML and revisit New Delhi, where I went to high school. I'm looking forward to New York and the challenges of non-stop consulting for BAH.
2000 Kaechy Chen I'm engaged to Joey Chang '97. Wedding is set for next summer.
2000 Katherine Croff This summer I participated in the Black Sea Project 2000, conducted by the Institute for Exploration and MIT's Deep Water Archaeology Group. We found possible remnants of a Neolithic dwelling site, covered by 150m of water from the theoretical flood 7000 years ago, as well as four ancient shipwrecks, possible one of the oldest ever discovered.
2000 Sally Yu I graduate this June and work at JP Morgan Investment Management Services now. I enjoy living in the City, and meeting other AMITA members, like Wing Chan at my workplace.
2000 Jean Liu started new job at March FIRST, moved to new apartment in NYC.
Alumnae Updates (continued)

2000 Sripriya Natarajan I have joined the Harvard-MIT HST Program - many more years at MIT! I am currently working on my MEng these at Agilent Technologies Healthcare Solutions in Andover MA.

2000 Alicia Hardy Currently pursuing masters in mechanical engineering at MIT. Planning to later pursue doctorate in chemical engineering.

2000 Heather Bramer I live in Golden Colorado and just started a job with Anderson Consulting.

2000 Judith Seltzer Sloan Fellow '00 has returned to Management Science for Health as a Principal Associate. She recently returned form Uganda where she was an assisting the Ministry of Health with the operation of their strategic plan.


AMITA Representatives for MIT Geographic Clubs

-Cynthia Skier, '74

AMITA is expanding its Regional Representative program to include more MIT Geographic Club locations. This is a one year position. AMITA Representatives help suggest and plan joint events between AMITA and the local MIT Clubs; if your local club has a seminar series, you might want to promote one of the women speakers as an AMITA event and jointly publicize it to local AMITA members. Bonny Kellermann 72, Bonnyk@alum.mit.edu, is currently the AMITA representative to the MIT Club of Boston, and can answer questions and suggest programming ideas. If interested in becoming an AMITA representative to your local club, contact AMITA president Monica McConnell '91, monicam@alum.mit.edu

A Note from the Boston AMITA Rep

-Bonny Kellermann '72, BonnyK@alum.mit.edu

Local MIT Alumni Clubs can be a great resource for joint programming of events of interest to AMITA members. If your local club has a seminar series, you might want to promote one of the women speakers as an AMITA event, and make arrangements with the event organizer to have reserved tables to enable those AMITA members interested in sitting together to do so. To make sure that your local club includes women as speakers for events, an AMITA member might want to join their organizing committee. We have found in Boston that events oriented towards families were popular with both area club members and AMITA members. Some examples of these include apple picking, ice skating, and a special program geared towards children at the MIT Museum. (Of course, not all areas have the MIT Museum to draw upon, but there may be other similar resources in your area.) The best way to facilitate joint programming with your local club is to make sure that AMITA members are involved with club planning events. Several clubs have "membership empowerment meetings" or something like this that encourages club members to get involved in promoting ideas for event planning. Participating in these meetings is a great way to promote events of interest to AMITA members. For those of you in the Boston area, such a meeting will be held on March 27, 2001. For details, see http://alumweb.mit.edu/clubs/boston/membership/index.html#Empowerment. If you would like to get involved with your local club to promote events of interest to AMITA members, but are not quite sure how to go about doing so, don't hesitate to contact me and I will do what I can to get you connected.
Undergraduate and Graduate Student Representatives to AMITA
-Cynthia Skier, ‘74

AMITA is looking for one Undergraduate and one Graduate Student to serve as a liaison between AMITA and MIT’s student population. The student representatives will work closely with AMITA’s Board and Program Committee Chair to plan events specifically geared towards students. The term as representative is from July 2001 - June 2002. It is not necessary to be on campus for the summer to have this position, but email contact is necessary. To apply, you must be either an undergraduate or graduate student for the 2001-2002 academic year.

Responsibilities include:

* Planning AMITA-sponsored events geared towards current MIT students. Past events have included the "Nature's Calling" Tour in conjunction with the Women's R/O Committee - a tour for freshman of MIT's women's facilities followed by lunch in the Cheney Room; the Graduate Students Ice Cream Social; the IAP "Life After MIT: A Women's Perspective" seminar - an opportunity for students to meet alumnae and discuss their future careers and lives after graduating from MIT; and starting this year, a celebration for graduating students in May.

* Publicizing the events to the student population
Publicizing can consist of postering around campus, sending email announcements to women's groups (sororities, living groups, SWE, etc), and spreading the word to friends.

* Contributing to AMITA's Newsletters
AMITA sends out quarterly newsletters to its members. As the student representative, you would write a short article either promoting an upcoming student event or reporting on a past event.

* Attending AMITA Board Meetings
AMITA holds board meetings on campus once every two months. You would need to attend 2-3 board meetings when necessary to plan for an upcoming student event.

To apply for this position, send your information (name, class year, major, email address) and a few paragraphs answering the following questions to Amy Fienup 98, ajfienup@alum.mit.edu:

Why are you interested in representing the undergraduate or graduate student population to AMITA? What types of programs or events do you think would benefit MIT students?

AMITA Social at McCormick
-Cynthia Skier, ‘74

Over two dozen alumnae and their families came together in the McCormick Hall Brown Livingroom on January 7, 2001 for the annual AMITA Winter Get-Together. For once the New England weather cooperated and we did not have to fight snow or pouring rain to get into Cambridge.

Everyone had a chance to meet new faces and catch up on news with old friends. Many different academic departments, career paths, and ages were represented. Some of us had toddlers and elementary school youngsters in attendance; others shared anecdotes about the college plans of our older children. Business cards were exchanged as alumnae networked and explored prospective job leads.

A relaxing afternoon of good conversation and delicious pot-luck appetizers and desserts was enjoyed by all.
Call for Nominations

The AMITA Nominating Committee is searching for alumnae to serve on the AMITA Board; these positions will be elected at the June 2001 Annual Meeting. Interested candidates should contact Nominating Committee Chair Cynthia Skier ’74 cskier@alum.mit.edu (781-863-5826).

Feel free to nominate yourself! If nominating another alumna, we ask that you check with her first to be sure she is interested. Submit your nominations as soon as possible—we would especially like to have the first three elected positions on the voting slate for the June 2001 Annual Meeting.

We are looking to fill the following Board positions:

Program Committee Chair:
2-year position
July 2001-June 2003
Plans and organizes Boston-area AMITA programs for alumnae and women students. Directly manages (or delegates to members of the Program Committee) the logistics of specific events; recruits speakers and publicizes events to alumnae. For more information about the responsibilities of this position contact the current Program Committee Chair, Amy Fienup ajfienup@alum.mit.edu

Nominating Committee Chair:
1-year position
July 2001-June 2002
Works with the Nominating Committee to prepare a slate of nominees for election at least four weeks prior to the June annual meeting. For more information about this position contact the current Nominating Committee Chair, Cynthia Skier cskier@alum.mit.edu

Undergraduate and Graduate Student Representatives to AMITA:
We are looking for one Undergraduate and one Graduate Student to serve as a liaison between AMITA and currently enrolled women MIT students. (For more details, see separate article on page 5). For more information about these positions contact Amy Fienup ’98, ajfienup@alum.mit.edu

IAP Event

-Amy Fienup, ’98

AMITA held its annual IAP event “Life After MIT: A Woman’s Perspective” at the end of January. We had a good turnout of both students and alumnae. And we had an increase in graduate student attendees. Each year the format of the event has been a little different. Last year we began the program with four panelists who spoke about their careers, followed by a question and answer session, and then roundtable discussions. This year we designed the entire event around the roundtable discussions. We felt that the students would benefit from more time in small group conversation devoted to specific topics. The roundtables this year were “Balancing Work and Family”, “Graduate School”, and “Consulting”. If you missed this event, but are interested in mingling and networking with the Class of 2001, read about our new Graduating Students Event coming this May.
A Reception in Remembrance of Dotty Bowe

Dotty Bowe passed away in February, after years of quiet service to the MIT Community and to MIT women, in particular. Dotty became an assistant to Dean of Women, Emily Wick, in the early 1960s just as MIT made a commitment to increase the number of women students. The two of them championed not only boosting female enrollment but also making MIT a more hospitable place for women in general. As part of that effort, she supported the Association of MIT Alumnae (AMITA) in launching a vigorous recruiting network for new women students.

In the early 1970s, she worked with MIT women faculty and staff to start The Women’s Forum, a lunchtime discussion group that created a valuable network for MIT women. Dotty also led the effort of the Women’s Independent Living Group (WILG) to establish its residence. Later she was instrumental in starting the Oral History Project, now part of Women’s Studies activities under Prof. Margery Resnick, gathering the oral and written history of women at MIT. She was active in fund-raising for the Ellen Swallow Richards Professorship, named for the first woman to graduate from MIT. The Alumni Association selected her as an honorary alumna of MIT in 1984.

Her interest in women extended to the employees of MIT as well. She worked to increase their numbers in administrative staff positions and for the inclusion of everyone in the MIT Directory. She was also a longtime member of the board of directors of the Quarter Century Club. After taking early retirement, Ms. Bowe and Walter L. Milne were asked to investigate how to reach out to MIT’s retired population of about 3,000 to keep them involved with the Institute. They formed the Association of MIT Retirees in 1994. The organization now has an active membership of some 600 and offers a program of seminars and trips open to all retirees.

During her years at MIT, she accumulated many friends who remember the way she touched their lives. Join us in remembering a very special part of our legacy.

A rememberence was held in Dotty’s honor on April 21, 2001.

Keep the Date

Graduating Students Event

On May 31st, AMITA will host a new event to congratulate graduating students. We will mingle in the President’s Courtyard with the soon-to-be alumnae. This will be an informal event to give the new graduates a chance to talk with us. Appetizers will be served. Please join us in celebrating the achievements of MIT’s undergraduate and graduate women of 2001.

Date: Thursday, May 31, 2001
Time: 6:00 - 7:30 PM
Place: The President's Courtyard (outside the Bush Room, 10-105)
Rain location: MIT’s Lobby 13
RSVP: Amy Fienup, ajfienup@alum.mit.edu, 617-491-3066