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President's Corner

Belle Tseng

On behalf of CAMIT, I would like to thank our members for another wonderful year of support, participation, and fun. We filled the year with social activities and cultural events, including the Lunar New Year's banquet in New York, guided tour of the Noguchi Museum, ski trip to Killington, whitewater rafting trip at the Poconos, Atlantic City road trip from Boston, summer picnics, hiking trips, tennis parties, apple picking outings, pumpkin carving and dumpling parties. It was certainly an exciting year and we promise to beat another record this year with your participation and involvement.

The following summarizes the history of CAMIT for those unfamiliar with the organization. CAMIT was conceived in 1983 by a group of Chinese alumni of MIT and their friends for the exchange of information and ideas and to provide the means for pursuing common interests which include, *inter alia*, Chinese culture. The founders established a network of resources for cultivating programs of common interest and to foster and advance the prestige of MIT. CAMIT has grown to become an association of MIT alumni and friends, united by our educational background, cultural interests, and networking activities. Combining resources made available by and through its members at large, CAMIT offers each member **professional, cultural, and social** expansion.

As we look forward to the new millennium, I have defined four goals for CAMIT: **Awareness, Membership, Events, and Volunteers.**

The first goal is to promote **CAMIT Awareness.** For this initiative, we are participating in the following set of

diversified approaches. CAMIT volunteers are devoted to the establishment of local chapters in Northern California, Southern California, and Texas, in addition to fostering existing chapters in Boston and New York. CAMIT officers will be contacting student clubs at MIT to extend free first year memberships to new graduates. CAMIT is also participating in the Great Court Gala event during MIT Tech Week and Reunion on Saturday, June 5, 1999. Finally, CAMIT has a newsletter, bulletin board, web site, and email list (see addresses on this newsletter).

The second goal is to increase **CAMIT Membership.** Currently, we are undergoing a membership drive for the membership year starting on July 1, 1999 and ending on June 30, 2000. For the first time, the membership term coincides with the MIT Alumni Association's fiscal year calendar. We encourage you to become a member now to take full advantage of all the benefits of a CAMIT member.

The third goal is to improve **CAMIT Events** in terms of quantity, quality and participation. Everyone is encouraged to partake in the events. If you have any ideas of activities you would like to see CAMIT hold, let us know.

The fourth goal is to recruit **CAMIT Volunteers.** We are always looking for active individuals with energy and creativity. If you enjoy writing, please contribute to CAMITalk. If you like communicating and networking, get involved with CAMIT events, where you likely will be able to discuss leading issues with other CAMIT volunteers and members. If you simply want to have fun, come and brainstorm about our upcoming events. In particular, with the establishment of local chapters in your area, we hope you can become an avid contributor to shape and cultivate the chapters.

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CAMIT needs your help in achieving these goals, increasing membership, participating in events, and becoming active volunteers. We hope you will continue to support CAMIT through a combination of these involvement. If you have questions, comments, or suggestions, please feel free to contact me or any officer or board member (their names and email addresses are listed in this and every issue of CAMITalk).

Finding CAMIT's bulletin board is easy. Go to <http://ans.mit.edu> , login then click "Discussion Forums". Follow link to CAMIT. The bulletin board is accessible to only MIT alums with ANS login. If you are an MIT alum, you can get a login at the same site.

Regional Clubs

BOSTON: What a year!

Last year, we had a planning meeting in June. Many of us participated in the wedding festivities of fellow MIT Alumnus Kristine Ma '93 and Patrick Yip '89 down in NYC (Congratulations again, Kristine and Patrick). This year we plan to help Yuchun Lee '88 celebrate at his wedding as he exchanges vows with Agustina Sumito. We also had a fun road trip down to Atlantic City. This has become an annual tradition as we rent a van and spend a weekend at the boardwalk and get coached on how to play blackjack (interested parties contact me!!).

October is when we have our Annual Pumpkin carve in the garage of Greer and Rob Swiston (both '87). This was our 8th annual carve and we had a record 18 pumpkins carved! Can we top this in 1999?

November was our annual JiaoZe (i.e., dumpling) party joint with GBCCA (the Greater Boston Chinese Cultural Association) and NAAAP (National Association of Asian American Professionals) to network with the local Chinese community of young professionals, college students and

youths. It was great fun making (and eating) Peking Raviolis, Scallion Pancakes and other interesting variations.

December was time for our annual ski trip. We try to hit the slopes before it gets crowded. This year we were very early and while the slopes were a challenge, spending the weekend with friends and acquaintances, playing games, and eating Chinese Hot Pot were great fun!!

We welcomed in the year of the Rabbit with Dim Sum in February. The winter and early spring are rather slow months for us with the unpredictable weather and early nights.

Although we do not have a Boston Dragon Boat team this year, traditionally we practice and compete in the local dragon boat festivities in the Spring. We hope to come back with a stellar team next year!

We have another planning meeting coming up at the end of June. Call or email me (Greer Swiston) for more details. We are always looking for more active participants with more creative ideas! Let us hear yours!!

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TEXAS: Emphasis on Community Service

If you're reading this from the LONE STAR State, I invite you to join me in building a Texas Chapter of CAMIT. Here in Texas, we have one of the most diverse Chinese MIT Alum populations, including traditional techies, entrepreneurs, doctors, a newspaper reporter and even pastors of Chinese churches. It is this diversity that I wish to leverage into an emphasis on community service.

Since all of us have been blessed with a MIT education (and credential), we have a unique opportunity to make an impact in our communities. With technology driving so much of today's society, our voices would be most

welcomed (and needed) by the general public. I leave it to your imagination as to all the different contributions we can make here in TEXAS!

Again, my vision is to have Texas CAMIT members actively contributing to their communities. Social activities and networking will be a natural by-product of community service activities rather than the end goal. If you share this vision with me, then speak up and let's do it together. Even though I live in Dallas (actually Plano), I grew up in and travel quite often down to Houston.

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA: Let's get started!

Happy Birthday! We are celebrating the birth of the Silicon Valley Chapter of CAMIT. To take advantage of the incredible local brainpower, networking possibilities of the "Gateway to the East", and the rich beauty of Mother Nature, we plan on organizing activities that vary from seminars focused on doing business in Asia to entrepreneurial panels, nature socials and of course family events (for those of us with small children).

Of course, we'll start off small. However, we need your help in making these events successful! The key thing here is to have fun and meet other people. Since networking is a key part of living in Silicon Valley, each of these activities is set up such that it is "easy" to meet others. Your ideas and participation would be greatly appreciated!

Call or email me for more information and to sign up to help with one or more activities! Regardless, contact me if you live in the Northern California area and would like to receive periodic updates of the Silicon Valley Chapter activities.

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA: Looking for people and ideas

Greetings to all of you in Southern California. We here at the Southern California Chapter of CAMIT would like to show the rest of America that beautiful weather, sandy beaches, gorgeous scenery, great food and culture here can offer a wealth of networking activities. We plan to organize activities including happy hours, ethnic and cultural events, sports outings and activities, entrepreneurial and personal development and health seminars. CAMIT can provide members an informal forum for meeting new and exciting friends with a common background (or find old lost college friends), sharing business ideas or simply having fun and enjoyment from the social activities. To achieve these objectives, we need spirited and motivated individuals to help us with our planning.

Please don't hesitate to call or email for more information on how to get involved or if you would like to receive information on future activities. You can call (626)405-2345 (home), or (800)USC-CARE (pager, ask for Dr. Hsu, ophthalmology).

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NEW YORK: Recap of 1998

If you are wondering what CAMIT is about, or are curious for a taste of what CAMIT is, then you don't need to look any further than to the CAMIT events of last year. From last year's Lunar New Year banquet that celebrated the Year of the Tiger, to this year's banquet celebrating the Year of the Rabbit, you will find a variety of activities which not only foster cultural interests and networking, but are fun as well.

Last year's list of CAMIT events starts with the traditional Lunar New Year celebration, where we celebrated the Year of the Tiger, 4696. The turnout for this event was impressive, and it was probably so because the attendees knew that Fred Katayama, a CNN news

correspondent in Southeast Asia, was our guest of honor at the banquet. The next event following the new year celebration was a ski weekend up at Killington Resorts in Vermont. Not everyone on this trip was an experienced skier, but that did not stop them from having a blast. Those who were beginners took lessons from the resort's ski instructors, and those who already knew how to ski, kept searching for new and difficult slopes to challenge themselves. And what made this outing more fun was when we were joined by some of the folks from another trip organized by the Cornell Asian Alumni Association (CAAA). But as exhilarating and exciting as a day out on the ski slopes can be, nothing beats the end of the ski day, when you can finally take off those klumpily-klump boots and other ski-wear, plop down on the sofa in front of the tube and next to a lit fireplace, and have pizza delivered to your front door. Talk about being pampered!

Keeping with the outdoors theme, CAMIT was invited by CAAA to its rafting trip in early spring. Describing the trip as a wet adventure would be shortchanging it bit because it doesn't even come close to capturing the adrenaline-filled experience one gets going through whitewater rapids.

Switching gears back to the cultural facet of CAMIT, a bunch of CAMIT members and friends visited the famous Isamu Noguchi Garden Museum over on the other side of the East River from Manhattan. The most memorable part of the tour is the garden, where on a beautiful day like the day we went, the atmosphere is just serene for admiring the stone collection.

The next event CAMIT organized was, coincidentally, a transition from stones for admiring to rocks for climbing. In late spring, a group of about 20 CAMIT members and friends drove up to Mohonk Preserve, about 2 hours from New York City, for some hiking and rock-scrambling adventure. The rock-scrambling turned out more to be elementary rock climbing. Nevertheless, the fearless bunch decided to conquer the "mountain" and started

climbing, one step at a time. Here are some quotes from some of the fearless members:

"It was a one-of-a-kind experience for me. We climbed to the peak of the Mohonk Preserve. The climb up the mountain proved challenging and fun. I have to admit that there were times during the climb when I feared falling. Upon reaching the top of the mountain, the view was breath-taking and the climb was well worth it."

"...When I first saw the rocks leading up to the mountain, I was like, 'No way am I going to climb up there.' One thing led to another, I climbed a little. Like everyone else, I had second thoughts about going further, but the idea of coming down those stones seemed much more impossible than to keep on going. When we got to the top, I couldn't believe we all made it. Now the idea of going skydiving does not sound too impossible."

The climbing experience was truly a rewarding one at Mohonk Preserve. After being at about 250 feet above sea level, we wanted something where our feet can firmly touch the ground. The annual summer picnic was a nice reprieve. Last year's picnic was a special one as well. We teamed up with CAAA to throw one big outing for our members and families and friends. It was held at Rockland Lake State Park, where there were many things to do, such as softball, volleyball, bicycling, boating, and, of course, eating (lots of it too).

We started the fall season with a recreational night out at Amsterdam Billiards. You'll have to watch out for some of these hustlers, um, I meant CAMIT members. Looks like freshman physics (8.01) proved to be useful after all. The fall season continued with an apple-picking outing, which is something more of a pleasant and relaxing activity, although there were times when we're trying to pick the nice, red, plump apple near the top of the tree. Thanks to outing, I was able to drink fresh apple juice for a couple of weeks.

And finally, what better way to end the year than with a Brazilian feast, in light of the Thanksgiving holiday. Where else can one eat many different types of meat in one sitting than at a Brazilian Churrascurreas?

Well, that pretty much wraps up the CAMIT activities of 1998. Of course, CAMIT events do not paint the whole picture of what CAMIT represents. But without a doubt, the variety of activities that we do certainly is an indication that CAMIT is trying to promote cultural experiences and networking opportunities to recent and senior MIT alumnae and the Chinese community.

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Treasurer's Report	
Andrew Chiang '80	
BEG. BALANCE	\$2,781.94 (2/18/99)
REVENUES	
Membership	\$4,146.00
Bank interest	\$ 5.07
EXPENSES	
Events + mailings	\$ 295.00
NET CHANGE	\$3,856.07
ENDING BALANCE	\$6,638.01 (4/23/99)

Lunar New Year Banquet Celebration

May Yip '90

On Saturday, February 6, 1999, CAMIT returned to Jimmy Sung's Restaurant in New York City once again to bring in the New Year in full flair. We have been holding our Chinese New Year celebration at the restaurant for several years. This time we had more people in attendance than ever. We took over the entire restaurant, with well over 150 attendees at the banquet.

Our annual banquet usually brings out alums and friends from all over, and this year was no exception. During this event, you not only feast on the twelve-course banquet cuisine at your table with your friends and acquaintances, but you often run into people you met back at MIT but had completely lost contact,

and folks you did not realize are now working/living nearby. Many who attended are friends of alums, adding variety to the event. More is definitely merrier!

We were honored to have award-winning news reporter, Ti-Hua Chang, of WNBC "News Channel 4", to be our banquet speaker. Mr. Chang used news stories of years past *and* present to highlight the continuing discrimination against Asian Americans in this country, both in terms of outright prejudice, such as in the realm of hate crimes, as well as the more subtle form of discrimination -- the kind that manifests in lost employment opportunities, and differential treatment from government officials.

Having experienced and witnessed the latter form of discrimination, Mr. Chang expressed the importance of exercising our right to vote in the advancement of Asian American interests, politically, socially and beyond. Asian American voting rate is the lowest among minorities. Politicians are acutely aware of voter demographics; it should be no surprise that elected officials do not attend to their Asian American constituencies, and politicians do not visit Asian American communities to drum up campaign support. Mr. Chang stressed that we should become more involved, by simply registering to vote and becoming a louder voice in the democracy in this country.

Two Sailing Pines

The blue space between
Two bruised pines
Lies there waiting, unsure
To hold or to bar.

Obstinate tops in vertical flight
Two souls climbing the skies
Reaching to feel the beam of a lightless star.
Parallel lines, they say, can never meet.

A test of distance
And a test of closeness.
Ours shall be a belt of sailing sunlight
Outdistancing two crested pines.

By Janet Tseng '92
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Trademark and Related Rights on the Internet

Paul Teng

Trademark laws in the United States protect "marks" that identify the source of particular goods (and/or services). Typically, a business supplying the goods has invested substantial efforts to promote the goods while using the trademark in the promotional activities, such as on or in ads, and on the goods themselves.

You may be wondering: What are "marks"? Marks may include: (1) a word, such as KODAK ; (2) a phrase, such as NOBODY BEATS THE WIZ ; (3) a symbol, such as the MERCEDES-BENZ emblem; (4) a design; (5) a color; or (6) sounds, such as the NBC tones. Because the Internet is multimedia, a content provider should be aware of the potential rights in each of these type of marks, both in terms of rights that the content provider can obtain in a mark that the content provider uses and promotes, as well as infringing trademark rights held by others.

The test in an action for trademark infringement is likelihood of confusion, i.e., is the use of a mark by an accused infringer likely to cause confusion amongst consumers with the goods of the owner of the asserted trademark. Even when the accused use does not bear a likelihood of confusion with the goods on which the asserted trademark is used, the trademark owner may bring an action for trademark dilution when the accused use of a similar mark tends to dilute the strength and distinctiveness of the asserted trademark.

Various practices by Internet content providers have been enjoined by courts under the legal theory of trademark infringement or trademark dilution. For example, unauthorized use of another's trademark in the content of one's Web site may be such a violation. Unauthorized use may be in the form of

in-lined images, hypertext links or frames that include another's protected trademark (and may be copyright infringement, as well). Courts have also enjoined a defendant's use of a plaintiff's trademark as a meta tag in order to attract Web users to defendant's Web page when the user searches a string containing plaintiff's trademark. Such use of meta tags may also violate unfair competition laws.

Trademark laws have been applied to Internet domain names, which identify entities on the Internet. In circumstances in which a defendant has registered a domain name without entitlement to a corresponding trademark and the plaintiff is the owner of such a trademark, U.S. courts have enjoined the defendant from use of the domain name, under a legal theory of trademark infringement or dilution. Since intent is not a required element of trademark infringement nor an element of dilution, even a defendant who innocently registers the domain name should be wary of potential liabilities.

If the defendant intentionally misappropriates the goodwill in plaintiff's trademark, unfair competition laws may also be applied. In summary, it is rather clear that U.S. courts will apply trademark laws to activities in an electronic medium as well as in the conventional environment. While the Web is considered a "new media", content providers, as part of their due diligence, should investigate whether their Web activities would infringe the intellectual property of another, as well as whether and how the content provider may obtain intellectual property rights of its own.

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**All day I work with men
Who are builders of Systems -- While
Late night Thoughts on non-Abelian
Symmetry
Create a Universe.**

By Frances P. Lam '90
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Planned Events

5/22 (Sat) Hiking Trip (NY)

6/4 (Fri) Boston CAMIT dinner with NY CAMIT officers (June 5th is Tech Week at MIT)

6/25 (Fri) NY CAMIT dinner

7/18 (Sun) Jones Beach Party

August - Annual Summer Picnic (with Cornell and Columbia)

9/25 (Sat) Moon Festival (NY)

10/9 (Sat) Apple Picking (NY)

11/7 (Sun) Dim sum outing (NY)

Holiday Seasons – Contribution to Chinese Community

More details to follow, please sign up for the CAMIT email list or check our website for up-to-date information.

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\$25 for a membership term up to July 2000, Free membership up to July 2000 for Class of '98 and Class of '99

Check one: New member Renewal

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