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ings. Even eating and driving involved teamwork. As Theresa notes, "An extra pair of eyes and hands never hurt when you're in a different state. Though I'm the one who drives, it's Rowena who usually knows where we're going . . . I just steer the wheel!"

For Rowena, learning how to work with the community was a most rewarding and memorable experience. As she says, "Learning to work in a predominantly Black neighborhood has shown me that it doesn't really matter what color the skin is. As long as you're committed and sincere about what you're doing, others will pick up on that and will respect your work too."

Overall, the summer was a success for the interns, not to mention fun too. "That's one of the big secrets nobody tells you," says Theresa. "Sure, it's hard work; you sweat, you get frustrated, you get homesick, but that's life. If you have a supportive and competent crew like we did, then there's also a lot of learning and maturing taking place."

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and the CAHC organizers, made for a good team. Wei-Ling Huber, a sociology major at the University of Wisconsin at Madison worked last year as the editor of the school newspaper. This provided her with invaluable skills in preparing press releases and other information that the CAHC released.

Niru Somasundaram, who recently left Sarah Lawrence College in New York, arrived rather unexpectedly. "I feel extremely lucky to have been a part of this program," she said, "I thoroughly enjoyed the unique and empowering experience of working with other people of color."

Peter Lin, a United Methodist Intern working in New York, applied for the MAAP internship so he could bring back organizing skills to New York's Chinatown. For Peter, the most important aspect of MAAP is "learning that organizing is really learning to talk with people, and more importantly, learning to listen."

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out, temper tantrums, delirium). According to Rumi, "we are probably going to look for less stressful work in the immediate future, something more relaxing, such as firefighting or air traffic control."

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how to do outreach and turnout for an action," says HoSang. "The process, I have learned, goes far beyond posting a few signs around town and seeing how many people show. There are very specific techniques of getting commitments and doing follow through, which are invaluable skills for any organizer." The interns built up an initial base of support from individuals, unions, community groups, and political groups that could be mobilized to turn out to forthcoming demonstrations. Also, the names of people who have signed boycott endorsement cards will be compiled, and the postcards will be sent to Chan en masse. Although, Advani notes, "in no way did I expect that Lawrence Chan would sign a union contract during our six weeks here. There's still a lot of hard work ahead."

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arena, pero que al final formamos todo une gran playa (like a grain of sand, but in the end together we all form a big beach).

As the two MAAP interns leave San Jose, the management of the buildings they targeted is starting negotiations with the union. Even if a speedy agreement is not reached, the basis for a unified work force at Kleen-Tech has been laid, and Local 1877 will keep the pressure on.

¡Viva la union!

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We would just like to state what we learned: Teamwork was a big factor in the success of this campaign. We learned to put the power where it belonged, with the people. We learned to believe in our conviction, and each other. We also learned the the role of the union. We also learned about responsibility to one's job. But most of all, we learned about our own potential and foremost that SI SE PUEDE!

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