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Currents to Help Keep Faculty and Staff Current

Welcome to the debut issue of *Currents*, the new monthly e-newsletter published by the Office of Public Relations for the faculty and staff of CMA. Look for the next issue of *Currents* on Tuesday, March 1, 2005. News items must be submitted for the March issue by Wednesday, February 23. Please direct questions or suggestions to Jennifer Whitty, 707-654-1720 or jwhitty@sum.edu. We hope you find this new newsletter to be helpful in keeping you “current” on all things CMA.



CSU Has Enormous Impact on California

By CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed

Many of us who work in and around California State University campuses know that the CSU has a major impact on the citizens and communities of California. A comprehensive new study of the impact of the CSU confirms that belief. According to the study, the CSU system and its 23 campuses have a dramatic and unparalleled impact on the economic, social, intellectual and cultural life of all of California.

The report found that for every \$1 the state invests in the California State University system (\$3.09 billion in 2002/03), CSU-related expenditures generate \$4.41 in spending. If the enhanced earnings of the CSU's 1.7 million alumni in California are factored in, the total annual spending impact rises from \$4.41 to \$17 for each \$1 invested. The combined total annual economic impact of CSU expenditures, the enhanced earnings of its graduates, and the ripple effect of both has a \$53 billion impact, supports 527,000 jobs, and creates \$3.11 billion in tax revenue—more than is provided to the CSU in direct annual state support. In fact, the CSU more than pays for itself.

What makes the CSU so effective is that its product – higher education – is itself a critical engine for the state's economy. The CSU provides the majority of the skilled professionals for the state's critical knowledge-based industries such as agriculture, engineering, business, technology, media, and computer science. The CSU graduates more students in these fields than all other California universities and colleges combined.

And just as importantly, the CSU is a leader in educating the increasingly diverse population of the state. More than half of all undergraduate degrees granted to Latino, African American and Native American students in California were awarded by the CSU.

The CSU also improves local communities and residents' quality of life. CSU students contribute 35 million hours a year to community service activities ranging from preschool reading programs to public art preservation to health education and literacy projects.

This new report gives us a great deal of concrete information about the CSU's role in the economic and social development of the state of California. These results are something that we can all be proud to share with our neighbors, friends, and colleagues around the state. I encourage you to read more about the report and learn how you can help spread these important messages at www.calstate.edu.

Thank you again for all you do for The California State University.

CMA to Honor Past Presidents

Ever wonder who was the longest serving president in CMA's history? How about the president who was responsible for introducing the mechanical engineering and business administration programs? Do you know which CMA president lead the school during the time that the training cruise was changed from spring to summer? Find out on Tuesday, February 15th, when CMA will be honoring the past presidents of Cal Maritime on "Presidents' Day," a day of celebration co-hosted by President Eisenhardt and the 75th Anniversary Committee.

Former presidents **Joseph P. Rizza**, **John J. Ekelund**, **Mary E. Lyons**, and **Jerry A. Aspland** will reunite for the first time together on campus for an afternoon of activities that will include:

- Panel discussion: CMA in the 21st Century
 - 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., Peachman Hall
- Lunch with student leadership and Presidential Scholars
 - 12:30 – 2:00 p.m., Ward Room
- Afternoon reception with faculty, staff, students, and friends
 - 3:30 p.m., Rizza Auditorium Lobby

All faculty and staff are invited to attend this historic event!



Joseph P. Rizza



John J. Ekelund



Mary E. Lyons



Jerry A. Aspland

U.S. Coast Guard Commandant To Serve As Commencement Speaker



President Eisenhardt is pleased to announce that **Admiral Thomas H. Collins**, Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard has been named Commencement Speaker for CMA's commencement ceremony, which will take place on Saturday, April 30. Admiral Collins' participation is particularly fitting, given that this spring the first students will graduate from The California Maritime Academy Pre-Commissioning Pilot Program, which prepares individuals to become active duty commissioned officers in the United States Coast Guard. Cal Maritime is currently the only maritime academy to offer such a program.

Admiral Collins will also attend the morning's Commissioning Ceremony to swear in the first graduates from Cal Maritime's Coast Guard program. For more information about Admiral Collins, visit http://www.uscg.mil/Commandant/Collins_Bio.htm.

Engineering Technology Department to Dedicate TSGB II Display on Feb. 10



Training Ship GOLDEN BEAR II

The Engineering Technology Department is holding a dedication ceremony for the new display of memorabilia from the *Training Ship GOLDEN BEAR II*. The ceremony will be held at **2:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 10** in the foyer of the Technical Center. All are welcome, and especially encouraged to attend are those who served on the "Old Bear" as students, faculty, and staff.

This is a permanent display put together by the cooperative efforts of the Engineering Technology Department, the Academic Lab Technician staff, and the CMA Archives. It commemorates the ship that served the Academy for 25 years and was the training ship for 2,100 of our students. So set some time aside to remember a great old ship, hear a few words from those who served on her, and exchange "sea stories" with some old shipmates!

Dave Sears Named Professor Emeritus

Professor **Dave Sears**, who recently retired after 25 years of service at CMA, has been named Professor Emeritus. President Eisenhardt granted the title upon recommendation by the faculty.

Sears has served as department chair, chief mate (and almost every other position) on the training ship, faculty advisor, and union representative. In his 25 years at Cal Maritime, his extensive knowledge in both deck and engineering disciplines made him an invaluable asset to CMA.

Congratulations to Professor Emeritus Dave Sears, and thank you for your many contributions to maritime education at Cal Maritime!

Faculty and Staff Accomplishments

Capt. Steve Browne has won a contract with Cornell Maritime Press to rewrite "Farsworth's Rules of the Road," a text that is long overdue for some updating.

Capt. Jim Buckley is working towards his PhD in Organizational Behavior and Management (with an emphasis in leadership). Capt. Buckley sits for his qualifying exams in February.

Vineeta Dhillon recently received her Certified Purchasing Manager (C.P.M.) Certificate from the Institute of Supply Management.

Capt. Peter Hayes has just wrapped up his second year of law school and was awarded a "distinguished student" status.

Tim Lynch, a long-term full time lecturer in the General Studies Department recently earned his PhD in American History from City University of New York, Graduate School and University Center.

Capt. Sam Pecota has just been awarded his Master's Degree in Transportation Management from American Military University and will be promoted to Assistant Professor. Capt. Sam Pecota has the contract with Marine Education Textbooks to upgrade the Radar Observer's Handbook, another text long overdue for revision.

Capt. Mark Sekelick continues on as California Faculty Association CMA Campus President and is on the CFA bargaining team.

New Department Chairs Announced

Congratulations and thank you to the department chairs who are leaving, entering, and continuing in these important positions for the next three-year term.

Continuing as chair, are:

Tuuli Messer - Marine Transportation

Britt Elliott - Maritime Operations

Robert Stewart - Business (As Bob is on sabbatical this semester, Larry Howard will fill the position for the spring term).

Leaving as Chair are:

Nader Bagheri - Mechanical Engineering (6 years!)

Al McLemore - Engineering Technology (6 years!)

Lloyd Kitazono - General Studies (6 months!) Lloyd, after completing Rene's term upon Rene's retirement, will continue by taking many of the chair's responsibilities with the Math and Science Faculty of the GS department.

New Chairs:

Donna Nincic - General Studies

Steve Pronchick - Mechanical Engineering

Paul Jackson - Engineering Technology (As Paul will be on sabbatical during the spring,

Al McLemore will continue in the chair position through the Spring 05 semester).

Additionally, **Frank Murray** has taken the role of Program Coordinator for the Facilities Engineering Technology Program within the Engineering Technology Department.

If you have not already had the opportunity to do so, please take the time to thank and congratulate each of these individuals for the role they have played, and will play in planning the direction of our programs.

Performing Arts at Cal Maritime



Cal Maritime Academics is pleased to offer courses in the performing arts this spring — salsa dancing and Chorus. Recognizing that CMA has a student body that brings diverse talents and interests to the Academy, the courses were introduced to give students the opportunity to express themselves. In the salsa class, students learn about the music, culture, and history of salsa dancing, and then have fun learning and performing the dances.

The Academics Department has also started a chorus, and is looking for ways to showcase the singing talents of a small but enthusiastic group of students and staff. As the Academics Department progresses along these avenues, it hopes to offer courses and programs in music, dance, instrumentals, and theater.

If you are interested in starting a group or course on campus, please contact Dean Kreta.

DRC Hosts Asia Night

On January 31st, the Diversity Resource Council (DRC) hosted Asian Night, a unique event that celebrated a variety of Asian cultures. The evening, which was enjoyed by students, faculty, staff, and family members, was held in the dining halls and featured authentic Asian cuisine and entertainment that included a Korean dancer and Asian drummers from UC Davis.



The Diversity Resource Council (DRC) was established to promote cultural diversity and work toward advancing the welfare, rights, and respect of all individuals at Cal Maritime. As such, the DRC provides diversity training and educational programs for the campus community, and sponsors cultural events such as lectures, concerts, and performing arts.

The DRC is comprised of faculty, staff, and students who meet on a monthly basis during the academic year.

For more information on the DRC or to submit ideas for programs, contact any DRC member. A list of DRC members can be found on the Cal Maritime Web site at <http://www.csum.edu/currentstudents/DiversityResource.asp>.

Morrow Cove Café is Hot

No matter what the weather, Morrow Cove Café has the food to make you feel warm inside. Check our “NEW” offerings.

Satisfy your cravings with

- “NEW” King size Soft Pretzels
- “NEW” Hot Nachos with Cheese
- “NEW” Individual Pizzas cooked to order (5 minutes)
- “NEW” Microwaveable Burritos and Hot Pockets
- Cold beverages
- Coffee
- Sweet snacks
- Grab N Go sandwiches, salads, desserts

Hours of Operation

Weekdays 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

Evenings 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday

Contact Louie Bones for your special event needs at lbones@csum.edu.

Bookstore Happenings

Have you been by your Campus Bookstore lately? If not, be sure to stop in by February 11th and register to win a 12 speed bike from Dasani® Water.

We appreciate all the donations we have taken for the Red Cross Tsunami Relief efforts. Our store has raised nearly \$500 in \$1 register donations!

We still have many signed copies of Gary Brogan’s 75th Anniversary print of the Bear. This print sells for \$25, or 2 for \$40 – with all proceeds going to a scholarship fund. We also have several other 75th Anniversary items.

We carry a variety of Coke® and Odwalla® drinks – as well as candy, snacks, chips and energy bars for your afternoon pick-me-up! Stop by and check out new items arriving every week!

NEW at the Bookstore:

- ▶ Women's Cap Sleeve T-shirt's
- ▶ Keelhaul Hooded Sweatshirt
with Pirate graphic
- ▶ \$9.99 DVD's (select Popular Titles)
- ▶ Garrison Caps (uniform item)

COMING SOON:

- ▶ Black Wool Scarves
- ▶ Watercolor Print Notecards
- ▶ School Seal Notecards
- ▶ Polo Shirts with Compass Rose design
- ▶ Alumni License Plate Frames
- ▶ Mug with full color photo (as on business cards)

Store Hours:

Monday – Thursday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Friday, 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM

Upcoming Events

February 1, 5:30 p.m.	Women's Basketball*	CMA vs. Simpson College
February 1, 7:30 p.m.	Men's Basketball	CMA vs. Simpson College
February 3, 11:30 a.m.	Black History Month: Port Chicago Disaster Presentation	Classroom 101
February 4, 7:00 p.m.	Rugby	CMA vs. Santa Clara University
February 7, 5:30 p.m.	Women's Basketball	Pacific Union College
February 7, 7:30 p.m.	Men's Basketball	Pacific Union College
February 11, 2:30 p.m.	Dedication of TSGB II Display	Tech Center Foyer
February 12, 5:30 p.m.	Women's Basketball	CMA vs. Menlo College
February 12, 7:30 p.m.	Men's Basketball	CMA vs. Menlo College
February 15, 5:30 p.m.	Women's Basketball	CMA vs. Notre Dame de Namur
February 15, 7:30 p.m.	Men's Basketball	CMA vs. Notre Dame de Namur
February 18, 5:30 p.m.	Women's Basketball	CMA vs. Holy Names
February 18, 7:30 p.m.	Men's Basketball	CMA vs. Holy Names
February 19, 5:30 p.m.	Women's Basketball	CMA vs. CSU East Bay
February 19, 7:30 p.m.	Men's Basketball	CMA vs. CSU East Bay
February 26, 1:00 p.m.	Rugby	CMA vs. Santa Rosa JC
February 26-27	Sailing Regatta	Morrow Cove
March 2, 5:30 p.m.	Faculty/Staff vs. Student Basketball Game	Gym

* Note: All athletic events listed on the events calendar are home games

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