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Mini-Convocation Reminder

Just a reminder that tomorrow (September 2), an all-campus mini-convocation will take place at 11:00 a.m. in Rizza Auditorium. The mini-convocation will be followed by a luncheon in the quad environs. The event is an opportunity to come together before the new year begins and one in which President Eisenhardt; Tom Nordenholtz, Chair of the Faculty Senate; and student leadership can share some of the plans and hopes for the year and celebrate past accomplishments. Supervisors should try to arrange for as many of their employees as possible to attend so that we can celebrate together as it will be a nice gathering and a chance to renew professional friendships.

Golf Tournament Tees Off Scholarship Fund



The 7th Annual BC Kingsbury/California Maritime Academy Invitational Golf Tournament was held on August 5, 2005 at Eagle Vines Golf Course in Napa. A sellout crowd of 144 golfers participated in this year's tournament, the net income of which was enough to establish the Kingsbury Endowed Scholarship Fund. The proceeds of the scholarship fund will be used to help deserving students attend Cal Maritime. Special thanks to those faculty, staff, and students whose volunteer assistance helped make the

tournament a big success. Mark your calendar for next year's event, which will be held on Friday, September 15th at Eagle Vines.

Homecoming/Day on the Bay Weekend is October 8-9

Mark your calendars! Homecoming/Day on the Bay Weekend is just around the corner. On-campus homecoming festivities will take place on Saturday, October 8th and will include family-friendly activities such as a waterfront BBQ, CMA trivia contest, pirate jumpy ship, sea stories contest, student competitions, and training ship and bridge simulator tours. The Advancement Office is looking for volunteers to assist on October 8th; if you'd like to help out, please call ext. 1246.

And, back by popular demand, Day on the Bay will be held on Sunday, October 9th. Faculty and staff are invited to join alumni, parents, and friends of CMA on an exciting cruise onboard the Training Ship Golden Bear from Cal Maritime's dock to the SF Bay to take part in Fleet Week and witness the Blue Angels soaring overhead. More information on the Homecoming/Day on the Bay Weekend will follow from the Advancement Office.

Scholarly and Creative Achievements

McGraw Hill Publishers selected **Dr. Tim Lynch** and **Dr. Lou McDermott** (Global and Maritime Studies) to do a pre-publication review of War in World History.

Dr. Tim Lynch's article "Competing for the Soul of Irish America: The Catholic Church and the Fenian Brotherhood of New York City" will appear as the lead article in the upcoming New York Irish History. In addition, Dr. Lynch recently completed the following reviews:

- Maritime History as World History in *The Northern Mariner*
- The Wedding of the Waters; The Erie Canal and the Making of a Great Nation in *International Journal of Maritime History*
- Villains of all Nations: Atlantic Pirates in the Golden Age in *Maritime Life and Traditions*
- Diary of a Sea Captain's Wife, 1841-1845 in *Journal of San Diego History*
- Liberty on the Waterfront: American Maritime Culture in the Age of Revolution for *H-Atlantic*

Dr. Bunny Paines-Clemes, director of faculty development and professor of liberal arts, had an article on *Hamlet* published in the *As You Like It Shakespeare Journal* last spring. This summer, her article called "The Yugas: Divine Agents of Change" was published in *Joy: The Journal of Yoga*. Additionally, Dr. Paines-Clemes has written a paper entitled "What is Quality in a Maritime Education?" for this October's International Association of Maritime Universities (IAMU) conference in Sweden. Also in October 2005, Dr. Paines-Clemes will be leading a roundtable discussion with co-presenter Cynthia Desrochers of CSU Northridge at POD: The International Conference of Faculty Developers, the topic of which will be "How to be a Change Agent."

Professors **Stephen Pronchick** (Mechanical Engineering) and **Robert Hammaker** (Engineering Technology) were invited speakers at the NORCAL technical conference, which was held on the CMA campus May 4th and 5th. Sponsored by the Northern California section of The Instrumentation, Systems and Automation Society, the conference was a training and technology event covering design and maintenance of modern instrumentation and control equipment. Professor Pronchick's topic was "Measurement of Temperature" and Professor Hammaker's presented on two topics – "Flow Measurement" and "Programming and Fundamentals of Programmable Logic Controllers."

Milestones

Congratulations to the following faculty members who have been promoted and/or granted tenure:

- **Dave Coleman** (Maritime Operations) has been promoted to MVIII
- **Peter Hayes** (Marine Transportation) has been promoted to Associate Professor
- **Tom Mader** (Engineering Technology) has been granted tenure and promoted to Associate Professor
- **Tony Snell** (Mechanical Engineering) has been granted tenure and promoted to Associate Professor



Sailing director **Charlie Arms** joined the all female crew on the Cal 40 "Illusion" for the Transpac race from Los Angeles to Hawaii this summer. As a shake down the team sailed from San Francisco to Santa Barbara in the Coastal Cup and on to Long Beach. In addition to Charlie, the team of four women consisted of Sally Lindsay Honey, Liz Baylis, and Melinda Erkelens, all of whom had won their division in a race to Hawaii, either in Transpac or the Pacific Cup. The team finished second in their

class of 14 boats and 19th overall in the fleet of 80 boats in 14 days. Charlie is anxious to do the race again and would like to see a Cal Maritime entry in the future.

Chris Krzak, Director of Enrollment Management, has been elected Western Assembly Delegate to the National Association for College Admission Counseling.

Ken Walsh, Director of Financial Aid, has been elected as Vice President of the California Association of Student Financial Aid Advisors.

Spreading the Word About the CSU's Impact

By Dr. Charles B. Reed, Chancellor



Those 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. We received tangible proof of that fact last fall when the CSU released a comprehensive study of the impact of the university system. That study showed a dramatic and unparalleled impact on the economic, social, intellectual and cultural life of all of California.

During the past year, we have been working hard to share that information throughout our communities. For instance, we have begun hosting a series of informational forums with industry leaders in the fields to which the CSU supplies the majority of California's workers. We held an agricultural industry forum at Fresno State in February, an entertainment industry event at Cal State L.A. in April, and a tourism/hospitality industry forum at Cal Poly Pomona in June. Future industry panels for fields such as engineering are in the works. We also have held briefing sessions with Latino and African-American community leaders, and we are planning additional briefings for those communities, as well as briefings for Vietnamese and Chinese communities, in both Southern and Northern California.

But our best advocates for the message about the CSU impact continue to be you, our employees. To that end, I want to encourage you to visit the CSU's new impact web site, www.calstate.edu/impact. This site provides complete information from the impact report, organized by industry and by campus, as well as specific tools such as talking points and presentations that you can use to learn more about your campus and the CSU, and to share with others in your formal and informal discussions.

The more our message gets around the state, the better equipped we are to fulfill our mission as a university. For example, as our policymakers in Sacramento hammer out the details on the CSU's budget, they need to hear about the CSU's contributions. When they understand that an investment in higher education is an investment in California's future – and when they truly understand the massive impact that the CSU has on California's economy – we will be better positioned to carry out our important work for California's students.

I want to thank you once again for helping to make the California State University such an outstanding institution of higher education. Your commitment to the CSU and its mission is what allows our university to make a difference for California and its students.

News from Administration and Finance

Retreat

Division managers in Administration and Finance attended an off-site team building retreat in May. During the two-day retreat, which was facilitated by Drs. Janet and Neal Larsen Palmer of the Communication Excellence Institute, the group evaluated how they communicated and worked as a team, and shared their perceptions, ideas, and hopes of future contribution by the division in supporting the strategic plan of CMA. As a follow-up, the division is developing a mission's statement as well as goals and objectives, which they will share in the coming months.

Quality Improvement.

Matt Ceppi, Director of System wide Quality Improvement visited CMA from the Chancellor's Office on August 15th and gave a presentation to the Administration and Finance managers. Matt gave an overview of the quality improvement process employed by many of the CSU campuses and the tools available that would help CMA get involved. The A&F team was able to see many opportunities for applying this process as they work towards improving CMA processes that support administration, academics, and students.

New Additions in Financial Operations

Two new employees in financial operations joined Cal Maritime this summer. Please drop by and say hello to Susan Foft (x1026), who is the new Accounting Manager, and Patricia Cofran (x1028), the new Accounts Payable lead. We are very, very happy to have them join us. Susan and Patricia are both committed to providing the best customer service possible to the staff, faculty, and students here at CMA.



Patricia Cofran (L) and Susan Foft

New Location for Public Safety

The campus Public Safety Department has relocated its base of operations to Faculty Drive, adjacent to the Continuing Education module. Public Safety shares the facility with Michael Bittner, Sponsored Projects and Extended Learning Dean, and Bruce Clark, Director of Maritime Security Programs.

Historical Archives Takes a Break

During the month of September, the Historical Archives will be closed while Doug Peterson takes his vacation. If you have an urgent archives-related request in the meantime, you may contact Carl Phillips at the Library (ext. 1093).

For those faculty members who are planning to have their students make use of the Historical Archives for any of their assignments, first please contact Doug Peterson at ext. 1089 to coordinate how the Historical Archives may best be utilized for the best benefit of your students.



Save Money on Gas – Rideshare!

Gas prices just keep rising. If you drive alone in your own vehicle, a roundtrip commute of 40 miles (Fairfield, Napa or Walnut Creek to CMA) costs approximately \$5665 per year (including gas, oil, maintenance, and depreciation). But you could cut your commute costs in half (to \$2835/yr.) by carpooling with just one other person, and you could save even more by riding in a vanpool (cost drops to \$907/yr.) Plus, sharing the ride is less stressful and helps reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality.

Solano Napa Commuter Information (SNCI) is working with Cal Maritime to help employees start ridesharing. For more information, call SNCI at 1-800-53-KMUTE (5-6883), or visit <http://www.solanolinks.com/snci-pool-match.html> and request your carpool match list today. It's easy, there's no obligation, and it's free! SNCI will send you a list with names and phone numbers of people who live near you and commute to CMA or nearby; then you can contact them and start sharing the ride. Carpooling even one day a week means less wear and tear on your car, more money in your pocket, and cleaner air.

To get a vanpool started, you need a group of seven or more people coming from a particular location, including someone willing to drive and collect the fares. For potential drivers: vans can be leased, or if you already own a van, that's even better. If you would like to learn more about vanpooling, please mention this when you call 1-800-53-KMUTE.

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