

## Cal Maritime Dedicates New Technology Center

Not only was homecoming weekend a time to meet up with old friends, but it was also a time to celebrate a new building on campus. On Saturday, October 11th, Cal Maritime proudly dedicated its brand-new



A proud moment for Bob Hammaker, president of the Academic Senate; President Bill Eisenhardt; Jerry Aspland, president emeritus; and cadet Victoria Kirsch.

state-of-the-art Technology Center in front of an audience that included Belle Arpila (on behalf of Senator Wes Chesbro); Tony Intintoli, mayor of Vallejo; and alumni, students, faculty, staff, and friends of Cal Maritime.

During the dedication ceremony, President Bill Eisenhardt, president emeritus Jerry Aspland, faculty senate chair Bob Hammaker, and cadet Victoria Kirsch cut the ribbon, which officially marked the opening of the 28,853-square-foot building. This was followed by a reception in the Technology Center courtyard and tours of the facility.

“Cal Maritime is committed to being a leading educational institution recognized for excellence in the Pacific Rim and beyond,” said Bill Eisenhardt during the dedication ceremony. “Our new technology building is another step in our journey to help secure our future—a future that recognizes the

broad scope of the term ‘maritime’ through new majors of study, and a future that keeps up with the ever-increasing pace of technology.”

The new building brings state-of-the-art engineering and engineering technology laboratories and classrooms to the campus, further enhancing Cal Maritime’s leadership position in maritime education. The Technology Center is home to a fully instrumented power generation lab, electronic navigation and global maritime distress and safety system labs, an electricity and electronics lab, a new diesel engine room simulator, and a 100-seat multi-media lecture hall.

Stephen Kreta, academic dean and emcee of the dedication ceremony, said that the new center provides a facility for studies in the practical application of electronic navigation and engineering technology, as well as

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## From the President



The semester is nearly finished and Cal Maritime is enjoying another great year. As of fall, applications for next year’s class are running 30 percent above last year’s record pace—thanks to director of enrollment services Chris Krzak and his staff, as well as all our employees who have made this campus so popular.

As the article in this edition of the CMA News reports, we have opened another new facility on the campus—the Technology Center.

We are also well on the way to purchasing additional land outside the gate, thanks to the citizens of California and the help of the California State University system. Chancellor Charles Reed and Vice Chancellor for Finance Richard West have been extraordinarily supportive of our mission and our need

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## Charitable Gift Annuity Received

In spring 1990, Bruce Johnston (D-48) and his wife Sue honored Cal Maritime by making a living trust provision for the school in their wills. In July 2003, they again showed their strong support and dedication to Cal Maritime by establishing a \$50,000 charitable gift annuity for the school.

“CMA gave me the necessary tools to succeed in many aspects of my life—in my years following a maritime career, as an officer in the U.S. Navy and Naval Reserve Program, in business, and in my involvement in community service,” Johnston explained as the reason for their continued generosity. “These fundamentals taught



Bruce and Sue Johnston

and instilled in me contributed to many successes over the years. The annuity is our way of saying thank you and of helping the school now, when funds are so needed.”

Bruce added that he hoped other alumni would recognize the formative

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The proud members of the sailing team take a moment to relax.

## Sailing Team Wins Shields Cup

**H**ats off to sailing team members Erich Krueck, Tim Paternoster, Piet van Os, Ethan Creps, Jesse Cartee, Bud McKay, Wade Poor, and Kevin Moyer, who held off the host U.S. Naval Academy to win the Shield's Cup Race in Annapolis, Md.

"Competing against teams from the Naval Academy, King's Point, Massachusetts Maritime, and other service academies was tough," said sailing director and coach Charlie Arms. "But we prevailed. With four to five practices held before the regatta, the team has to be committed, and they are. I'm very proud of what they accomplished." The Shields Cup race was one of seven regattas in which Cal Maritime participated this semester. The sailing team will compete in 10 regattas next spring.

## Cal Maritime Hosts International Maritime Educators' Conference

**F**or the first time since its inception in 1996, the Association of Maritime Education and Training Institutions in the Asia Pacific (AMETIAP) held its annual conference and annual general meeting in the United States—and Cal Maritime acted as host.

The conference and general meeting on October 14–15 attracted more than 30 participants from countries including Australia, India, Japan, Russia, Singapore, and the United States.

### Conference Focus

The focus of this year's conference was on a more efficient, safer, and cleaner

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## 2003–2004 Annual Fund Campaign Kick Off

**T**he generous support received from alumni, friends, faculty, and staff of Cal Maritime over the years has ensured the continuation of academic strength, technical education, global awareness, and leadership development for which Cal Maritime graduates are well known. We hope you will be able to continue such generosity. To that end, you should have recently received a 2003–2004 year-end letter requesting your support.

Private contributions provide important financial support to Cal Maritime and are a necessary augmentation to the state funds allocated through the California State University system. For Cal Maritime to continue its momentum, annual gifts are critical.

Your gifts allow Cal Maritime to address a number of needs. Continuing generosity makes things possible, as evidenced by our wonderful new Technology Center (see page 1). By supporting Cal Maritime's Annual Fund today, you help shape and influence what students can do tomorrow.

While prospects for Cal Maritime continue to be bright, the general business downturn has significantly impacted the California state budget. The downturn has also affected contributions from corporate and organizational sources, making your participation this year all the more valuable. Contributions at all levels are gratefully received.

## CMA Crew Team Heads to the Charles

**C**MA's crew team participated in its first Head of the Charles Regatta, and equipped themselves well. Held on the Charles River in Cambridge, Mass., the three-mile course is home to three extremely challenging reverse curves, considered among the most dangerous in any regatta in the world.

Established by Cambridge Boat Club members with the assistance of a Harvard sculling instructor, the regatta is the largest two-day racing event today. This year, more than 1,400 boats and 6,500 athletes entered from all over the world to compete in 24 racing events. Its rules are similar to those for traditional races held in Great Britain and the boat that rows

the course in the fastest time wins. Winners in each race category receive the honorary title of "Head of the Charles."

Cal Maritime's crew participated in the open race category, competing against such schools as Melbourne University, Northeastern University, and the U.S. Naval Academy. With 53 teams racing, the school placed above teams from Harvard Law, Tufts University, and the MIT Rowing Association. The eight men and coxswain participating included seniors Tony Morain, Scott Mossinger, and Ryan Libhart (coxswain); juniors Nick Moore and Ryan Boatright; and sophomore Chris Hammond. In addition,

three first-year students—Pat Ciulla, Tim Dorn, and Cameron McCarty—participated in the regatta, rowing in their first race.

Coached by Chris Walker (D-99), the team has entered six regattas for the fall semester, and five more in the spring.



The crew team racing on the Charles River.

## Military Sealift Commander Visits Campus

Cadets interested in a career with the Military Sealift Command (MSC) recently had the opportunity to meet with and talk with Vice Admiral David Brewer III, Commander, MSC, U.S. Navy. Vice Admiral Brewer informally discussed a variety of career opportunities, both ashore and afloat, that are available in the MSC. He also touched on his own career path and the role and future of the MSC. A summary of his comments follows.

**What Is the MSC?** The MSC is one of three commands of the U.S. Navy. It reports to the joint Service U.S. Transportation Command, known as USTRANSCOM. MSC provides ocean transportation of equipment, fuel, supplies, and ammunition to sustain U.S. forces worldwide, in both times of

peace and of war, for as long as operational requirements dictate. Unlike on other U.S. Navy ships, MSC crews are civilian mariners (CIVMARs). Civilian mariners are part of the U.S. Navy, but are not “in the military” because there is no required service obligation.

**MSC Statistics.** The MSC is headquartered in Washington, D.C.; it also maintains several shore offices and area commands around the world. The MSC operates 124 ships; worldwide, it employs about 7,500 people, both military and civilian personnel.

**MSC Opportunities.** CIVMARs have four areas of specialization: Deck, Engine, Supply/Food Service, and Communications. Cal Maritime graduates are eligible to apply in any of these categories. CIVMARs are offered plenty of room for advance-



*Military Sealift Command Vice Admiral David Brewer III and President Eisenhardt on a tour of the campus.*

ment, as more skills are attained and more responsibilities are assumed.

**MSC Ships Operated.** Assignments can be on any of the seven categories of MSC ships operated. *Store* ships deliver food, freight, and mail. *Oilers* deliver fuel, freight, and mail. *Ammunition* ships deliver weapons and ordinance. *Fast combat support* (AOE) ships are multi-purpose vessels that deliver fuel, food, freight, and mail. *Tugs* provide towing, rescue, salvage, and diving operations. *Hospital* ships provide medical and humanitarian support. There is also one *special mission* ship.

*To learn more about a career with the Military Sealift Command, access [www.sealiftcommand.com](http://www.sealiftcommand.com) and [www.msc.navy.mil](http://www.msc.navy.mil).*

## President Reports on Visit to Hawaii

*By Bill Eisenhardt*

Recently I had the pleasure of accompanying Chris Krzak, Cal Maritime’s director of enrollment services, on a recruiting visit to O’ahu, Hawaii. I decided to accompany him because, with 5 percent of the entering class from Hawaii, I did not know much about the high school system or alumni working there.

We had a busy schedule. We held a breakfast meeting with O’ahu’s high school guidance counselors, and visited a number of public and private high schools all over the island, meeting principals, counselors, teachers, and students. The meeting and school visits helped me to better understand the aspirations and expectations of students there. I met a number of students interested in Cal Maritime, many of whom knew Chris by name.

One evening, the parents of 15 Cal Maritime students attended a parents’ dinner. It was a delightful event. Many parents had not previously met, so we had fun listening to them share their experiences. It was particularly helpful when parents of upperclass students

shared information with the parents of new students. As you might imagine, the logistics of Hawaiian families with students studying on the mainland is different from that of mainland parents. It was helpful to me to hear their issues.

In anticipation of our visit, alumni coordinator Chris Walker had arranged an alumni dinner at the Waikiki Yacht Club. It was an intimate gathering. The dinner was made possible by the generosity of David Lyman (D-65), a senior Hawaiian pilot and active supporter of Cal Maritime. Graduates from long ago and not so long ago attended, and the variety of work experiences made conversation lively. I filled in the group on the latest Cal Maritime happenings, and asked them to please advise me on how the school could best serve their island and its maritime industry.

The trip made it evident that Chris Krzak’s efforts continue to keep Cal Maritime’s visibility in Hawaii high. The trip had the happy result of making Hawaii’s student needs more visible to me.

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role Cal Maritime has played in their lives and follow suit.

A *charitable gift annuity* allows a donor to make an irrevocable gift in exchange for lifelong income payments. Annuities have attractive features, depending on circumstances (age, etc.), and the income stream is sometimes higher than existing CD rates. There are often tax advantages as well.

*For more information about donating charitable gifts in general, including gift annuities, access [www.calstate.edu/Donors/Giving/PlannedGiving.shtml](http://www.calstate.edu/Donors/Giving/PlannedGiving.shtml). Information can also be found at [www.csum.edu](http://www.csum.edu) by clicking on the “Alumni and Friends” link. You may also email or call Tony Macias, Cal Maritime’s vice president of university advancement, at [tmacias@csum.edu](mailto:tmacias@csum.edu) or 707-654-1037.*

## Homecoming Weekend

There's no better way to catch up with old friends and discover new ones than to attend homecoming at one's alma mater. During the weekend of October 11th and 12th, that's what many Cal Maritime alumni, accompanied by friends and family, did.

Attendees had a variety of options



*Day on the Bay participants approach the TSGB for their cruise on the bay.*

to choose from throughout the day. Many attended the Alumni Association's annual meeting to learn about the next exciting round of developments planned for the campus, which was followed by the ribbon-cutting and dedication ceremony of the new Technology Center. During the ceremony, President Bill Eisenhardt conferred the first annual Distinguished Alumni Award on Bruce Johnston, a 1948 Deck graduate. (Frank Oliver, a 1942 Deck graduate who was also a recipient of this year's award, was honored during Cal Maritime's graduation ceremony last April.)

After a barbeque lunch on the waterfront, attendees had the opportunity to tour the campus and marvel at all the



*Captain Ralph Swany (D-33), Cal Maritime's oldest living alumnus.*

changes since they graduated, take sailboat rides, enjoy the historical archives exhibit, and take in a soccer or volleyball game.

### New Historical Archives Exhibit

The new main exhibit, which was officially unveiled at Homecoming, documents Cal Maritime's 60 years in Morrow Cove. The Academy's actual arrival date was August 24, 1943.

## Reunions

The classes of 1943, 1953, 1963, and 1983 held reunions for their 60th, 50th, 40th, and 20th years since graduating, respectively.

### Class of 1943 Reunion

"Our class has had more reunions than any other class in the history of Cal Maritime," said Ed Johannessen (D), when asked about their recent 60th reunion. "Maybe because we were the first class to be assembled after Pearl Harbor, we developed a special bond."

The activities started the Friday

evening before Homecoming, with a dinner for 22 (including spouses) at the Hiddenbrooke Country Club. After participating in Homecoming and the Day on the Bay activities, the group met off campus for a final going-away dinner.

The Class of 1943 has been holding reunions every five years since WWII. It's clear that this class enjoys the bonds of loyalty and friendship forged more than 60 years ago.



*Class of '53*

Others went to Homecoming, and saw how the campus had evolved in the 50 years since they had been first-year students.

This class likes to meet regularly to keep up-to-date with their former classmates. They consider themselves a tight-knit group, who feel at ease with each other even after long absences. "The gathering was like old home week," said Donn Furgerson (D). "It's great to reconnect with everyone."

### Class of 1963 Reunion

Forty years plus has come and gone, but that hasn't affected the camaraderie and strong bond imbued in



*Class of '43*

### Class of 1953 Reunion

What could be more appropriate than for alumni from Cal Maritime to hold their reunion on board a ship? So thought the Class of 1953 alumni who, along with their spouses or significant others, took a four-day cruise to Ensenada and back.

Among the artifacts on display are large aerial photographs of Morrow Cove taken over the 60-year span: in 1922, 1946, 1957, 1971, 1993, and 2001. Accompanying text provides details about the various buildings pictured and historical tidbits about what was happening in general during

the period the photographs were taken. The display will be up for several months, so for those who missed it, there's still time to view the exhibit and, perhaps, take a walk down memory lane.



*The silhouette of San Francisco was a perfect backdrop for the exciting Blue Angels performance.*



*Admiring the view from the deck.*

### A Day on the Bay

Sunday, October 12th, couldn't have been a more perfect day for more than 640 participants to go cruising on San Francisco Bay as part of the second day of celebrations of Homecoming.

With Homecoming weekend again coinciding with Fleet Week, there was no better vantage point to see the Blue Angels flying demonstrations than from the deck of a ship in the middle

of the bay. Hundreds of other boating enthusiasts had the same idea too, so the bay looked especially beautiful, with the sun glinting off the sails and hulls of the many boats anchored for the exhibition.

With nothing to do but talk to old friends, meet new ones, eat, listen to a guitar duo, and admire the incredible views, a great day was had by all.

members of the Class of 1963 who first met on a foggy day in August 1960. This year's reunion had a great turnout, with 48 out of 60 class members attending.

Besides Homecoming and a Day on the Bay, the weekend was full of activities, including: a reception on Friday night; a special luncheon hosted by President Eisenhardt and his wife, Kathryn; a reunion dinner Saturday evening; and a farewell brunch on Monday before heading home.

**Back from the dead!** The reunion proved to be an extra-special occasion, as reports that one of their classmates, Noel Burt, had died in Vietnam

proved to be untrue! The story unraveled like this: Recently, Mike Huntsinger (D) saw an article and photo in a local Vallejo paper about guest speaker Noel Burt who would be talking in Fairfield. Mike couldn't locate his *Hawespipe* yearbook fast enough. After comparing photos—there was a definite resemblance—Mike tracked him down and discovered that this Noel Burt was one and the same. Burt was delighted to be reunited with his former classmates, and now understands why no one has gotten in touch with him over the years. He had been a member of the crew of the tug that sank in 1963, but had changed assignments the week before the incident. Now that everyone has his contact information, he won't be allowed to disappear again.

### Class of 1983 Reunion

Las Vegas was the designated meeting place for 25 members of the Class of



*Class of '83*

1983, who decided to get together for their 20th reunion. For those interested in exercising, the day started off with a five-hour hike in Red Rock Canyon. Later, there was wining and dining at the Imperial Palace Hotel and Casino and great jazz music at the House of Blues. The event was organized by Joe Martin (D) and the evening was MC'd by David Chapman (D). At one point, participants went through their yearbook asking for updates on the other 1983 graduates. Everyone agreed that reminiscing about classmates was a lot of fun. Jerry Harris (E) said he had a blast, and highly recommends that other classes organize a similar event.



*Class of '63*

## New Alumni Web Site Planned

Cal Maritime's alumni coordinator, Chris Walker (D-99), has been busily engaged in developing a new alumni Web site that will work as a seamless connection with Cal Maritime's [www.csum.edu](http://www.csum.edu) site. Planned for completion in January 2004, the new site is funded jointly by the Department of Career Services, the Office of University Advancement, the CMA Foundation, and the Alumni Association.

The new Web site will include the following information and features:

- **News**, including current on-campus and alumni publications.
- **Calendar of events and event information** that will include a list of alumni, sports, and Cal Maritime events. It will be possible to register and pay for events online or print out registration forms for mailing/faxing.
- **Charitable contributions** now will be able to be made online, as the new

site will accept credit card payments. Printable forms will also be available should one want to fax or mail donations to the Alumni Association, Cal Maritime, the Foundation, and other fund designations.

- **Membership dues** will also be able to be paid online with a credit card.
- **Career services** will allow alumni and cadets to log on to view job and internship postings. Companies will be able to post jobs and internships for free, or they can email/mail the postings to career services for posting. Alumni will also be able to post resumes for viewing by potential employers. These services will be password protected.
- **Class notes** link, which will give alumni the opportunity to log on to create and post class notes. Any alum will be able to view class notes.
- **Alumni directory**, which will allow alumni to log on and search for the

name, address, email, and telephone number of other alumni. These services will be password protected.

## From Main Engine Control . . .

By Dick Cochran (E-50), Alumni Association President

The alumni chapters in Los Angeles/Long Beach (LA/LB), Seattle, and Hawaii have all had successful dinner meetings in recent months. The cost of the LA/LB and Seattle dinners included a new book stipend donation for the CMA library. LA/LB invited parents of CMA cadets to attend its dinner, where they were offered the opportunity to join our Alumni Association as affiliate members.

The San Francisco Bay Region chapter is planning to have a dinner meeting on January 28, 2004, to be held at Spenger's Restaurant in Berkeley. Save the date—invitations will be sent early in the new year.

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shipping industry. Attendees listened to a number of member presentations, including those on the topic of "Maritime Security—Vessel and Port: Training and Operation" and "The Human Element in the Maritime Industry: Building Competence through Global Standards."

Cal Maritime panel participants included Dr. Jay Christofferson, Captain John Keever, cadets Chris Beck and Sharon Demming, and 1973 CMA alumnus Captain Frank Whipple Jr. Panel topics included:

**Maritime English.** Cal Maritime is working to develop an easy, low-cost way to improve the English skills of seafarers, in conjunction with the Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology, the Kobe Maritime University, and the Japanese National Institute for Sea Training.

**Maritime Security.** The panel discussed new international training

requirements that will soon go into effect. Countries that are not in compliance will not be allowed to bring their ships into U.S. waters.

**Technology.** The importance of being current in electronics and engineering training was discussed, along with the cost-benefit ratio of an acceptable level of technology.

"The need for uniform standards in all aspects of language, security, and marine environment use cannot be expressed sufficiently," said Captain John Keever, Cal Maritime's vice president of marine programs and student development, and captain of the *Training Ship Golden Bear*. He served as chair of this year's conference.

## About AMETIAP

AMETIAP's mission is to support the aims and objectives of the International Maritime Organization. It recognizes the vital importance of

maritime education and training to expand trade and economic growth in the Asia Pacific region and to promote greater safety at sea and protection of the marine environment.

For more information on AMETIAP, access [www.ametiap.org](http://www.ametiap.org).

## ★ EVENTS CALENDAR ★

- January 20** Career Fair\*
- January 28** S.F. Bay Area Alumni Dinner, Spenger's, Berkeley\*
- February 16** CMA Days\*\*
- March 2** Changeover
- March 8 & 22** CMA Days\*\*
- April 8** 8th Annual Scholarship Dinner
- April 12** CMA Days\*\*
- April 25** Awards Ceremony
- May 1** Commencement
- May 1** TSGB Cruise 1 departs
- July 2** TSGB Cruise 2 departs

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\*\*By invitation only, for accepted students.

## FACES ON CAMPUS



**Misty Bain,  
Corps Admin-  
istrative  
Officer**

Misty Bain grew up on Nassau, an island in the Bahamas. With her father enjoying a long

and satisfying maritime career and currently serving as the senior nautical inspector of the Bahamas Maritime Authority, her family was not surprised that she also chose to pursue a maritime career.

Bain selected Cal Maritime over an East Coast college because of the high marks given to the school by Steven Hilliard (E-63), who presented her with a scholarship she had been awarded.

Now a senior, she is the Corps Administrative Officer for 2003–2004. She is responsible for carrying out orders given by the Corps Commander and Corps Executive Officer, preparing muster report sheets, and co-managing the scheduling of community service projects with the Professional Development Officer.

In the midst of her busy life, Bain finds time to enjoy her hobbies—writing, singing, traveling, and learning foreign languages. She is a member of the California Women's Maritime Association, the Circle K Club, and Toastmasters, and is a resident assistant in her on-campus dormitory.

Bain will graduate in spring 2004 with a major in Marine Transportation. Immediate plans are to sail, with a goal of upgrading her license to Master-Mate. Eventually, she would like to practice admiralty law or be involved in the logistics side of the maritime industry.



**Doug Peterson,  
Historical  
Archivist**

Just as his computer screen saver reads, “Smile, you might be making history,” there’s no ques-

tion that Doug Peterson is making history of his own—serving as the academy’s first official historical archivist. Since commencing work on Cal Maritime’s archives in March 2002, Peterson has created order out of the chaos existing in more than 200 boxes of unidentified items collected over the last seven decades.

Peterson had a hard time summarizing his career. With more than 26 years in the United States Coast Guard (USCG), he sailed the Pacific Ocean—from the Equator to the Arctic Circle and from the West Coast to Asia. He started his service as an enlisted man, came up through the ranks as a “mustang,” and retired as an officer.

Upon retiring, he worked in private industry as a document control specialist and technical writer for 12 years, and became involved in local city government. In his spare time, he continued his research as a maritime historian, and wrote the award-winning book *U.S. Lighthouse Service Tenders, 1840–1939*.

Peterson is a member of the Society of American Archivists, Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association, Officers Christian Fellowship, National Model Railroaders Association, and Zeta Upsilon Tau (the Fraternal Order of Coast Guard CW Operators).

Peterson is currently working on a new maritime research project, and enjoys his eight grandchildren.

## School Bond May Fund New Simulator Center

Cal Maritime is committed to being a leading educational institution that is recognized for its excellence in preparing students for roles in the business, engineering, operations, and policy aspects of the transportation and related industries of the Pacific Rim and beyond. One of the ways Cal Maritime makes good on this commitment is by providing students with state-of-the-art technical simulators that model real-life situations to help improve their decision-making, team building, engineering/ship operations, and transportation system management skills.

As you can imagine, these simulators are extraordinarily expensive and demand tightly controlled environments.

This March, California voters are being asked to approve Proposition 55, a K-12/Higher Education bond that would provide \$12.2 billion for the state’s educational systems, of which more than \$8 million would go to Cal Maritime to fund a brand-new state-of-the-art Simulation Center. The Simulation Center would house Cal Maritime’s existing instructional simulators and add a second full mission bridge simulator, five new radar stations, a gas turbine tanker loader, and a spill management crisis center.

Proposition 55 is the follow up to Proposition 47, which was already approved by the voters, and will permit acquisition of land outside the front gate for use as future building sites and for the development of a formal campus entrance.

Technology is a primary driver in our society, and Cal Maritime is committed to making sure that our graduates are sophisticated users of technology in their fields and will be fully prepared to meet the technological challenges of the 21st century. For this reason, the Cal Maritime Academic Senate, Associated Students, and Cal Maritime Alumni Association strongly support Proposition 55.





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power generation. "It is central to educating students about the full range of modalities used by the transportation industry—ships, planes, trains, and cars," he added.

The center is the second new building to be completed in the last three years—signaling the importance of the Academy as a member of the California State University system.

Funding for the new center was made possible in large part by the California Legislature and the Board of Trustees of the California State University. Generous financial and in-kind support was also received from the Cal Maritime Foundation and outside corporations, including Miller Electric Company and Koffler Electrical Mechanical Apparatus Repair, Inc. Additionally, the family of Frank Rodgers (E-01) donated an Alturdyne gas turbine generator set, Jack Orme (E-70) worked through Northrop Grummand to donate a 150 kw generator, and Cal Maritime president emeritus Jerry Aspland arranged for the donation of a Caterpillar marine engine. A centerpiece of the building is The Captain Ralph R. and Florence M. Peachman Lecture Hall, which was made possible through a \$500,000 bequest from the Peachman Estate.

*Thanks to those who helped make the Technology Center possible. Additional funds to equip the power laboratory in*

*the Technology Center are still needed. Interested parties should contact Stephen Kreta, academic dean (skreta@csum.edu or 707-654-1019) or Tony Macias, vice president of advancement (tmacias@csum.edu or 707-654-1037).*

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**to improve and grow.**

We plan to add a new Simulator Center (if Proposition 55 passes) and an STCW Physical Training Center to replace our aging and inadequate physical training facility. In addition, we continue to pursue many other ongoing and future projects funded by our generous alumni, corporate donors, and other friends of Cal Maritime.

We are trying out a revised academic calendar that has seniors taking the USCG exams in January instead of in May just after graduation. Besides putting this milestone behind them before graduation, this gives them a number of chances to retake the exam before graduation, if needed.

Another welcome calendar change: We have reestablished a longer break at Thanksgiving and a week of Spring Break for students and faculty. Previously they went 15 weeks without any real break; many students had classes six days a week plus watches on other days during the semester.

Our new visiting international scholars program is starting. Next semester professors will visit the cam-

pus from the Mokpo Maritime Academy of Korea and the Admiral Makarov State Maritime Academy of St. Petersburg, Russia. They will teach classes and make presentations about the industry. We hope to have at least one such visiting scholar on campus each year.

As part of our underclass population, our maritime students from Mexico, China, Germany, the Arab Shipping Company, and Japan all provide an added dimension to our living/learning community. Further adding to Cal Maritime's international knowledge, several faculty, staff, and students traveled to the International Association of Maritime University (IAMU) Congress in Alexandria, Egypt this fall, where they presented papers and interacted with maritime educators from 44 other countries. Our cadets were judged to have presented the best student paper.

As we continue to grow and flourish, it is my pleasure to wish you all a Happy New Year from Cal Maritime.

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