6:15 p.m.   Cocktails and Hors d’oeuvres
7:30 p.m.   Gourmet Dinner
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April 2, 2005
World Trade Club
One Ferry Plaza
San Francisco, CA

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A Letter From the President

Over these past months we have continued to celebrate Cal Maritime’s 75 years of service to California and the West Coast. Recently we were privileged to have more than 30 years of presidential leadership on our campus. Four previous presidents—Joe Rizza, Joe Eklund, Mary Lyons, and Jerry Aspland—and myself gathered in our new Peachman Hall to discuss how Cal Maritime can continue to serve in the 21st Century. Questions were taken from various campus sources as well as from the floor that day (excerpts from the panel discussion begin on page 10). Later that day, a reception was held in Rizza Auditorium, where employees, alumni, students, and past presidents were able to renew old friendships and make new acquaintances. It was a great occasion and I am still thinking over all the ideas raised that day.

Also in this edition we have reported on the generosity of all our friends who have helped us over the past several months. Without their support we would not be able to maintain the level of educational excellence for all of our students. I want to particularly point out that support for student scholarships has increased markedly this year, a gift that indeed helps ensure the future of our state and the West Coast. We have an enviable record for keeping students in the Academy and for graduating students within four years with wonderful employment opportunities. No other CSU campus can match us in combining all these measures, and a good part of this performance can be directly attributed to the help of our friends and alumni. Thank you!

Finally, we have embarked on a program to revitalize our recreation and athletic programs, both of which are an important expectation of a residential college experience and in research has been shown to impact enrollment. In recent years we have added two varsity programs for women, transformed rugby from a club to varsity status (and they are undefeated as I write this!), upgraded exercise equipment, and begun to upgrade our facilities. We currently provide our students with a gym and locker room that cannot meet the needs of a junior high school, much less a college. The gym floor itself—all of it—does not accommodate a regulation basketball court. Accordingly, from time to time you may hear us call for help in this effort, not only for funding, but also for advice and counsel as to how we may accomplish our goals.

Once again, a heartfelt thank you to all of you who have supported us.

Sincerely,

William B. Eisenhardt
President

President Eisenhardt watches from the sideline as the men’s basketball team takes on Bethany on January 11th. He served as guest assistant coach for the game.
HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR TICKETS FOR CAL MARITIME’S 75TH ANNIVERSARY GALA YET?

The gala, which will be held on Saturday, April 2 at the World Trade Club of San Francisco, will include an evening of music, dinner, dancing, and auctions that will feature such coveted items as an original painting of the former Training Ship GOLDEN BEAR and a seven-day Hawaiian cruise.

Established in 1929, Cal Maritime is in the midst of celebrating its 75th Anniversary. Since its founding, Cal Maritime has served the needs of the Pacific maritime and intermodal transportation industries, as well as the State of California. Then, as now, our mission has been to provide a rigorous, high quality education focused on leadership development, global awareness, applied technology, and intellectual learning.

We honor the commitment of generations of faculty, staff, and students by keeping the education at Cal Maritime affordable to all. That goal depends on our ability to provide scholarship support to hard working students, regardless of family wealth. The proceeds of the 75th Gala will be used for that purpose.

A limited number of tickets are still available, and range from $250 per person to $5,000 for an Admiral’s Table of 10. $100 of the ticket price is tax deductible.

To purchase tickets, please contact Cal Maritime’s Advancement Office at 707-654-1246. We hope you will be with us to celebrate this important event!

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Dr. Jim Wheeler, faculty representative to the Foundation Board of Directors, sucks it in as he tries to see if his old tuxedo still fits. He’ll be at the gala (with a new tux, we promise). Will you?
Cal Maritime Graduates Remain In High Demand

A RECORD NUMBER OF RECRUITERS attended Cal Maritime’s Fifth Annual Career Fair, which took place on campus on January 18th. Meeting face-to-face with students and alumni were recruiters from nearly 60 companies, including Agilent Technologies, American President Lines, Genentech, Military Sealift Command, NCL America, Target Corporation (Logistics and Distribution), and the United States Secret Service.

Bahamian student Kenneth Carey, a junior majoring in marine transportation, was one of hundreds of students who attended the Career Fair. While he won’t graduate until 2006, Carey took the opportunity to get a head start on his job search by meeting with recruiters.

“I’m trying to find out as much about the industry as I can before I graduate,” said Carey, following his meeting with a recruiter from NCL America, a brand that made its debut with the cruise ship Pride of Aloha last July. “I grew up in a tropical place with a warm climate, so working on cruise ships is appealing to me because I’ll be able to stay away from the cold weather and also help keep passengers happy.”

“Hosted by the Office of Career Development, the annual Career Fair allows students and alumni to meet face-to-face with some of the top recruiters in the country to explain how their experiential-based education uniquely prepared them for success in the workplace. When asked how attending Cal Maritime gives him an edge over his counterparts on other campuses, senior Nick Moore didn’t hesitate.

“That’s easy,” said Moore. “Cal Maritime is much more hands-on. I remember when I was a freshman learning how to operate a fast-rescue boat under the Carquinez Bridge, and I kept thinking about my friends on other campuses who were in lecture halls with 500 people and I’m in a class with five people getting all this great hands-on experience.”

Senior Alexys Nielsen echoed Moore’s sentiment and added that the numerous networking opportunities provided by Cal Maritime have helped her sharpen her interpersonal skills, an opportunity that most college seniors don’t have.

“While at Cal Maritime, we have so many opportunities to hone our people skills at events such as the Scholarship Dinner, Career Fair, and other events,” said Nielsen, who will graduate with a degree in marine engineering technology this spring. “It’s great to be able to network and talk to people in the industry right here on campus.”

William Miranda, a recruiter with the United States Secret Service, another first-time Career Fair participant, said that he was pleased with the very enthusiastic questions he received from students and alumni at the Career Fair. He also noted that the Secret Service was interested in recruiting at Cal Maritime because the agency relies upon personnel who have a wide breadth of experience. Miranda added that the Secret Service is great for those who like variety.

“The Secret Service has a two-tiered mission: investigation and protection,” said Miranda. “So one day you can be arresting a counterfeiter, and the next day you’re protecting the President of the United States as he is traveling through your city.”

Whether their goals are to ensure the safety of the President of the United States or to work onboard a container ship, President Bill Eisenhardt says that Cal Maritime students are in high demand after graduation.

“For the last several years, Cal Maritime students have enjoyed a nearly 100 percent job placement rate upon graduation and starting salaries above the national average,” said President Eisenhardt. “In addition, Cal Maritime’s completion and time-to-degree rates are some of the best of any public institution in the state. The phenomenal turnout of recruiters attending this year’s Career Fair is further testament to the high caliber of our graduates.”
GEORGE DeOCAMPO
Lead Groundskeeper

Whether it’s trimming shrubs to look like the Training Ship GOLDEN BEAR, or planting the number 75 in yellow marigolds in honor of Cal Maritime’s 75th Anniversary, George DeOcampo brings an artistic flair to his position of lead groundskeeper.

A 17-year veteran of Cal Maritime, DeOcampo—who can often be seen wearing his signature knit cap, sunglasses, and walkman—is responsible for maintaining the outside facilities of the waterfront campus, including the lawns, irrigation systems, shrubs, trees, roads, and solid and hazardous waste.

A Vallejo native, DeOcampo received his training in landscape maintenance right here on the Cal Maritime campus, through an 18-month training program offered by the now defunct California Indian Manpower Consortium. DeOcampo says that the most rewarding part of his job is maintaining the aesthetics of the campus with limited staffing, but admits that it is also one of the most challenging aspects of his position.

“I think one of the biggest challenges is the fact that we are so small, and we have to undertake responsibilities that we wouldn’t normally undertake if we were on a larger campus,” he said. “But my goal is to continue to make sure the campus is maintained to the standards that everyone has become accustomed to.”

He says he’ll help achieve that goal with the help of co-workers John Sisneros, Robert England, and Jason Lacey, as well as student workers Nick Cresenzi, Ted Smith-Peterson, and Katie Kuykendall. “After all, every quarterback needs linemen to complete those touchdown passes,” he said.

When he’s not pruning them, he takes plenty of time to smell the roses, with hobbies that include fishing, woodcarving, playing basketball, and reading. He also enjoys drawing during his free time, so it’s no surprise that his artistic accomplishments go far beyond the campus shrubs and blooms. As the winner of the campus’ 75th Anniversary logo design contest, his artwork has appeared on everything from coffee mugs and t-shirts to banners and ball caps.

ERICA COOPER
Marine Transportation (’05)

According to Eric Cooper, 2032 will be a good year. That’s because by then he hopes to have already achieved one of his major life goals—to become President of the United States. Some might say he’s well on his way.

A Sacramento native, Cooper currently serves as a resident assistant and just completed his terms as 3D Division Commander and as the highest ranking elected student position on campus. “The most rewarding experience I’ve had at Cal Maritime was the day I was elected to be the voice for the students as the Associated Student Body president,” he said.

Other notable experiences for him include his two training cruises onboard the T.S. GOLDEN BEAR. “From taking in the night skies over the Pacific Southwest during my freshman cruise, to serving on my senior cruise as a Division Commander in charge of 25 cadets as we traveled to the Far East, each cruise has been a memorable experience that touched me deeply,” he said.

Cooper is one of four students who will be the first to graduate this spring 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.

Cooper, who will graduate this spring with a bachelor’s degree in marine transportation and a minor in law, says his immediate plans after graduating are to go into active duty in the United States Coast Guard. He’ll be stationed in Charleston, South Carolina, onboard the USCGC Dallas. He hopes to attend law school in the future, after which time he plans to get involved in politics.

Cooper, a movie buff, spends most of his free time watching movies. “From thrillers to action films, I always find myself watching them,” he said. “I feel movies are a way of life for me and a way for me to express myself.”
Questions for Doug Peterson, Cal Maritime’s historical archivist, may be sent to calmaritimemagazine@csum.edu.

Q: Where is the original site of the school?

—Jay Christofferson, former vice president for academic affairs

A: The California Nautical School was authorized on June 3, 1929, and the Board of Governors, superintendent/commanding officer, and chief engineer assumed their duties in 1930. Office spaces in San Francisco were then loaned to them by Matson Shipping to organize the school.

The actual initial location of the school itself (where the cadets reported and trained) was at the former Navy Fuel Depot in Tiburon, which was at that time called “California City.” In March 1931, the first 56 cadets reported to Tiburon for instruction. While the school’s administrative offices were retained in San Francisco, cadet training and the base for the Training Ship was located in Tiburon until the start of World War II.

Q: Was the current Training Ship GOLDEN BEAR a spy ship in its original Navy career?

—Numerous cadets and community members

A: Rumors have abounded since before we acquired the former U.S.N.S. MAURY in the mid-1990s that our current T.S. GOLDEN BEAR was originally built as a spy ship. Yes, the Captain’s Cabin did have a classified “red phone.” And, yes, there were compartments below decks that had controlled classified spaces with guards, double doors, and/or “cipher” locks.

But the answer is no, the TSGB was never built nor intended nor used as a spy ship.

U.S.N.S. MAURY (T-AGS-39) and its sister U.S.N.S. TANNER (T-AGS-40) were built in 1989 and designated as hydrographic survey vessels to map the bottom of the deep ocean for the safer navigation of our Trident fleet ballistic missile submarines. When built, these were the fastest and largest deep-ocean survey vessels in the world.

Because of the unique sensitive equipment being used, and the results of these specialized hydrographic surveys, particularly during the Cold War, military security was a major concern. However, with the end of the Cold War, the Navy no longer needed the ships and they were decommissioned in 1994. One of the ships came to us, while the other went to Maine Maritime Academy.

Q: How many cadets trained on the previous T.S. GOLDEN BEAR?

—Al McLemore (E-71); chair, Engineering Technology Department, Cal Maritime

A: The second ship to carry the name T.S. GOLDEN BEAR was originally built as the S.S. DELORLEANS, then as U.S.S. CRESCENT CITY during World War II. She later served at Cal Maritime from 1971 to 1995, sailed on 25 major training cruises, plus assorted lesser voyages. It is estimated that more than 2,100 cadets trained on her during that time. For more on the history of this famous ship, all are invited to the new display in the lobby of the Technology Center.
EVER WONDER WHAT WOULD HAPPEN if a maritime terrorist event were to happen on a Bay Area waterway? Would local, state, and federal agencies and our maritime industrial community be ready? A first-of-its-kind Bay Area exercise conducted last October at Cal Maritime helped to shed light on the answers.

The drill, which was conducted by Cal Maritime in partnership with Oakland-based CEI Maritime—which is comprised of former US Coast Guard and US Navy personnel who have a strong background in maritime and port security operations—was a follow up to Cal Maritime’s maritime security conference (MARSEC-CON ’04) last May.

The exercise was targeted to test the security plan of Cal Maritime’s Training Ship GOLDEN BEAR as part of compliance with the provisions of the post-9/11 Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) of 2002. This is the first ship security plan exercise of its type to be conducted in California, and it involved the active participation and response of local and statewide law enforcement.

As the only maritime academy on the West Coast, we are committed to taking a leadership position when it applies to developing standardized training and curriculum for our students and the professional maritime community,” said Don Zingale, vice president for academic affairs at Cal Maritime. “Testing the necessary elements of our approved vessel security plan was only one of the day’s objectives. We plan to use our lessons learned during the exercise to develop curriculum for ship-oriented security plan training.”

Key elements of the day’s exercise included “armed intruders” donning facemasks and gaining entry onto the ship, a simulated small boat attack on the ship, a bomb-sniffing CHP canine searching for simulated explosives onboard the vessel, and the USAF Explosive Ordinance Demolition Team from Travis AFB “detonating” the simulated explosives.

In addition to participating CEI Maritime experts and Cal Maritime faculty, staff, and students, exercise participants included the California Highway Patrol, United States Coast Guard, Vallejo Police Department, Vallejo Fire Department, Solano County Sheriff’s Department, and the USAF Explosive Ordinance Demolition Team, Travis AFB. Additionally, exercise observers included the FBI and California Military Department.

Vallejo Police Department tactical commander Rick Nichelman said the exercise was helpful on a number of levels.

“There are a number of considerations you don’t necessarily think of unless you’re called down here,” said Rick Nichelman, the Vallejo Police Department’s SWAT tactical commander. “Sniper positions, how you would extract injured people. There needs to be specialized training, and this is an excellent drill to try to coordinate efforts.”

Dr. Larry Howard, assistant professor of business and logistics at Cal Maritime and one of the organizers of MARSEC-CON ’04, said that what went wrong during the exercise was just as important as what went right.

“In one scenario, a boat is stolen and terrorists are suspected. In the course of their initial communication, the first responders realized that the one place no one would notify in a case like that is Cal Maritime,” said Howard. “On one hand, that’s a flaw. On the other hand, it’s a success, because that’s just the kind of thing this type of exercise is designed to uncover.”
Cal Maritime Partners with Maritime, Defense, and Homeland Security Organizations

CAMPUS OFFICIALS AND LEADERS from the state’s maritime, defense, and homeland security organizations met in November to sign an agreement to work together to set statewide standards for homeland security exercises, evaluation, education, and training. Named the Consortium for Maritime Security Exercises and Training, the group is the first California consortium to address statewide maritime security standards.

The consortium will serve as a forum to ensure that California ports, harbors, and other elements of the maritime transportation system—including railroads, highways, and other facilities and services involved in moving freight to and from our nation’s harbors—are afforded the opportunities to train and exercise in order to meet domestic preparedness responsibilities in a manner that will set a national standard for excellence.

In addition to Cal Maritime, charter consortium members include the California Marine and Intermodal Transportation System Advisory Council (CALMITSAC), California Military Department, Irvine Valley College, Joint Interagency Training Center-West, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and the US Navy Center for Asymmetric Warfare. In addition, the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security is serving as a member of the consortium in an advisory role.

“We are pleased to partner with such a distinguished group of maritime, defense, and homeland security organizations in California on this important issue,” said President Eisenhardt. “As the only U.S. degree-granting maritime academy serving the Pacific Rim, we are committed to making all facets of the region’s maritime transportation system safer. The safety of our graduates and future graduates depends on it, and we take that very seriously.”

The consortium hopes that their work will ultimately be shared with Department of Homeland Security agencies in other states, setting a national precedent for cooperation on homeland security issues.

“The collaboration between the consortium partners will serve as an incredible resource within the fields of homeland security training exercises and education designed to make our seaports and our maritime industry prepared and secured,” said Norman Fassler-Katz, senior consultant for the Select Committee on California Ports, who represented CALMITSAC at the signing ceremony. “This is yet another opportunity for public and private sectors to join other efforts of collaboration to assist in meeting the challenges facing the movement of goods, which is so necessary to the vitality of our state.

Maritime security-related activities performed by consortium organizations will include port and harbor exercises, vessel and facility exercises, individual training, seminars and classes, research, symposia, and working with the federal government in a variety of maritime security initiatives.

The mission of the group consists of six primary tenets:

- Encourage cooperation between institutions
- Serve as a forum for information sharing on homeland security issues and develop a consensus for action
- Promote and facilitate standardized maritime transportation system homeland security training and exercises
- Encourage and facilitate maritime transportation system homeland security-related research and development
- Promote, encourage, and deliver appropriate educational courses to improve domestic preparedness awareness and response
- Cooperate with and support the United States Department of Homeland Security in other states by providing templates and lessons learned
TO FURTHER RECOGNIZE ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR, on February 15 Cal Maritime celebrated a truly historic campus event, as nearly 35 years of campus presidential leadership converged onto campus for a day of activities. Dubbed “Presidents’ Day,” the Cal Maritime community—including faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends gathered for a day of activities to honor Cal Maritime’s four past presidents and current president of Cal Maritime: Joseph P. Rizza, John J. Ekelund, Mary E. Lyons, Jerry A. Aspland, and William B. Eisenhardt. The historic event reunited the past presidents on campus for the first time in history.

“As we continued the planning process for the 75th Anniversary and were thinking about events that we could plan to further celebrate our milestone, it dawned on us that we have 30 plus years of Cal Maritime presidential leadership living in the State of California,” said President Eisenhardt. “We thought we ought to try to gather them together on campus around the Presidents’ Day holiday to celebrate.”

Not only did the day provide employees, students, alumni, and friends the opportunity to celebrate Cal Maritime’s 75th Anniversary year and the leadership of the presidents, it also provided an opportunity for the campus community to learn from the challenges each president faced and the wisdom they gained while helping to build the future of the Academy. These learnings will be instrumental as Cal Maritime begins to embark on the strategic planning process that will help chart the course for its future.

“I want to say how really grateful I am to be here today,” said Mary Lyons, who served as president from 1990 to 1996, making her the first woman ever to serve as president of a maritime academy. “This is the first time I’ve been here since I left nine years ago and the invitation really meant a lot to me. It’s so wonderful to see so many familiar faces.”

The day’s activities included a panel discussion entitled “Cal Maritime in the 21st Century,” a presidential lunch with the student leadership and Presidential Scholars, and a campus reception at which the new Cal Maritime choir performed a special tribute song “May the Road Rise to Meet You” for the presidents. At the end of the day, the presidents enjoyed a private dinner at President and Kathryn Eisenhardt’s residence, which was a particularly special homecoming given that the dwelling served as the home to all four of the former presidents during their times of leadership.

“It was an absolutely wonderful day,” said President Eisenhardt. “It was great having the former presidents on campus and to have the opportunity to visit with them, show them how the campus has changed, and learn from their experiences. I know our strategic planning process that we are beginning to undertake will benefit greatly because we’ve been able to include the previous leaders of this institution in the process, and I feel that our planning will take on much more meaning because of it.”
Joseph P. Rizza, RADM USMM (ret)
Presidency: August 1972–November 1983
Notable accomplishments during presidency:
- Longest serving president at Cal Maritime —11 years, 3 months, 10 days
- Title “superintendent” changed to “president” (1975)
- First five women admitted to CMA (1973)
- First three women to graduate from CMA (1976)
- Three-year course of study changed to four years, with first grads in 1977
- Fought the budget cutback battles with federal and state governments
- Cal Maritime underwent one of the largest construction programs in its history, with the following construction completed: 1976–Administration Building, President’s Conference Room; 1977–Lower Residence Hall, Plant Ops, Student Center, Rotary Flag Pavilion; 1978–Auditorium, Library Extension; 1978–Welding Lab; 1983–Radar Lab, Faculty Building, Mini Park

Mary E. Lyons, CDR USNR
Notable accomplishments during presidency:
- First (and only) woman to serve as president of Cal Maritime
- Training cruises shifted from early spring to summer–1993
- Campus became part of The California State University system (Agreement signed 1993, became effective in 1995)
- Negotiated the transfer and funding of the current TSGB
- Completed construction on Steam Simulator (1992) and a completely new dock for TSGB (1996)

John J. Ekelund, RADM USN (ret)
Presidency: November 1983–August 1990
Notable accomplishments during presidency:
- New admission age requirements—from 26 to 35 years-old (1984)
- New degrees added: Mechanical Engineering (1985); Business Administration (1986)
- Continued to fight the budget cutback battles
- Started search for TSGB2 replacement

William B. Eisenhardt
Presidency: July 2001–Present
Notable accomplishments during presidency (to date):
- Completed and obtained Board of Trustee approval for campus master plan
- Increased enrollment to an all-time high
- CMA joined International Association of Maritime Universities (2001) and developed closer ties with maritime academies around the world
- Initiated an International Visiting Scholars Program
- Construction of Technology Center completed
- Tripled Scholarship Endowment and started the Presidential Scholars Program
- Implemented an integrated computer management system

Jerry A. Aspland
Notable accomplishments during presidency:
- Only second non-military leader of school (the other was Dr. Richard C. Dwyer 1934–1937)
- Only CSU alumnus to have served as president of his alma mater
- Instituted double cruise (1999)
- First new building at CMA in 24 years was constructed (Lab Building) and another initiated (Technology Center)
- CMA became first U.S. maritime academy to be certified under the STCW95 amendments to the International Maritime Organization Charter
- Five-year strategic plan was developed that guided the Academy in its future development

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What is the most significant challenge that you faced during your time here that led you to make a significant change at CMA?

JERRY ASPLAND: I think I had the easiest of everybody, thank you Mary for giving it to me. Mary put us into the CSU, but it was my major goal and challenge to integrate us into the CSU. Because there was an immediate target to get into the CSU and learn how to use the CSU, it made it quite easy. And things around the campus developed around there.

MARY LYONS: It was shortly after coming to CMA that we did get a call from the budget analyst in Sacramento and we were told that we had 30 days to come up with a plan to reduce the budget to protect the governor’s priorities, which included higher education. And of course, I was like, ‘Excuse me? This is an accredited four-year school!’ But that didn’t matter. We were not part of the Higher Education Act, so we weren’t treated any differently than the Department of Fish and Game or the Department of Transportation. And it was a real tribute to many of the people in this room and we decided that we had to do something really different and circle the wagons. Within a short time, we managed to come up with a major change in the way in which the academy operated more efficiently. But at the same time, it was clear to me that we had to think seriously about the way we were regarded by Sacramento. I felt that we were being treated differentially as an academic institution.

JOHN EKELUND: One of the things that I saw an opportunity to develop was a greater opportunity for additional programs, and degrees to expand the interest of the larger group of students. So I went to the faculty and asked, ‘Are we able to add a business administration and mechanical engineering degree on both sides of the house?’ And, as they were always able to do, they came up with a very positive response and were very eager to proceed with that. We implemented it and I’m delighted to see that it’s in full force now. I’m impressed with what’s happened since I’ve left—the transition to CSU, new facilities—I couldn’t be more happy with what I see and congratulate those who followed me.

JOE RIZZA: When I came here to the Academy, I came with great dreams and energy. I felt it was time for us to move into accreditation and move into a higher education institution. I spent most of my time in the chambers of the Assembly fighting for funds and money and I had a lot of negative opposition. I knew we could overcome it; I was going to overcome it come hell or high water. It took three years to get accreditation; it was a tough job because we weren’t anywhere near accreditation. We did get to accreditation and I think everybody was happy with that.

As the Academy expands into more degree offerings that don’t require a license, do you think leadership development is important for all students?

EKELUND: Absolutely, the leadership program should include all the students. Every field of endeavor that they are going to be in, leadership is going to be a requirement for success. Integrity, responsibility, the ability to observe authority in a proper way, they apply in every field. So, it’s not a question of, ‘Well, those that are unlicensed shouldn’t have an interest.’ They should have an interest; they should be interested. That’s part of the expectation that the school should place on them because it’s an essential element of their development. It’s easier to do it in the licensed programs, but not impossible to do it in the other programs.

LYONS: The epiphany for me was being able to take a short hop on one of the cruises and go down and stand on the bridge of the ship or go down into the engine room. And to watch these men and women who maybe on campus a few weeks before had been in a little bit of trouble or acted a little immaturely, but you all know that the minute they’re on watch, the minute they are given responsibility, they rise to the occasion—men and women both—and perform superbly. If that isn’t an example of why the Academy’s leadership development program does something very special for the men and women enrolled here, I don’t think anything does. It’s too bad that some of that couldn’t be exported to all of higher education, I think it would benefit students everywhere.
In the course of time, a student’s perspective and expectations of what Cal Maritime should be often changes. How do we channel those changes and expectations to be a positive force for potential change in the future, or how do we keep from changing to meet those expectations?

ASPLAND: I still do a lot of recruitment down in the Los Angeles area and you have to go take a look and sit through one of these recruitment fairs to understand and probably appreciate what I’m going to say because you get 1,000 to 5,000 students who come through, you can almost look them up and down and figure out who’s right for here and who isn’t. But there are some very point-ed questions that I ask. I look the student in the eye and I ask, ‘Are you willing to go to class eight hours a day? This isn’t like your friends who are going to go to Long Beach and go Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.’ Then I say, ‘Are you ready to wear a uniform? Are you ready to get up at midnight and stand watch somewhere?’ And you’d be surprised the numbers that in fact turn away and leave then. But I think that’s a very practical and straightforward [way to approach it]. When we do recruit, that’s the time for them to really be sure they understand and when we develop a program for recruitment, those are the kinds of questions we should put to the students so that they truly understand that this is different. We are different and it’s the uniqueness that makes this place strong.

EKELUND: Seems to me that we need to study the losses so we know what to look for ahead of time. We’re building history every year and we need to debrief with departees, if you will, those that are failing to complete whatever stage—halfway through, at Christmas time, whatever it is. We need to find out why they have the capabilities and potential, but couldn’t make the decision to stay. And that will allow you to keep looking at that process and will help develop the right kinds of questions and right kind of review in selecting applicants who will be successful.

In your opinion, what are the most important values and characteristic traits that a Cal Maritime graduate should possess upon graduation?

RIZZA: I think the most important thing you’re going to get out of here and what’s going to make you go to the top and be respected is leadership. Leadership is the most important characteristic of a person who is going to become a CEO or [another high position]. Also, another thing that the Academy does for students is teach self-discipline, integrity, and honesty. These are all the qualities that make a leader.

ASPLAND: I came from industry and I did come here as a student. I do a lot of mentoring and getting people ready for the workplace. I think there are three values [that CMA provides to students]: No. 1, when you leave here you have a sense of what I’m going to call discipline. That self-discipline we need to get things done, they need to be done correctly, they need to be done on time. It’s important to be places, and so on and so forth. No. 2, contrary to some popular belief, you have some sense of leadership. Students have some sense that there are some people in charge and that there are some organizational rules they have to follow. I think lastly, the students who graduate from here have a value that the world is different than the U.S. The cruise provides that. As you cruise around the world, you see what’s different, and I think that’s extremely important as you develop your values.

If you were to be president today, what is the number one initiative that you would pursue for the future that might not have been appropriate at the time you were president?

LYONS: It just seems to me that there are a couple of things I had noodled about when I was here and I guess if I were to come back, I’d still noodle about them. One was, the location of the campus here, which is so far away from the heart and soul of the intermodal transportation center of the West Coast. It always posed difficulty, I thought, for us to be able place our students conveniently into internships and that somehow with technology and a lot of other things, the opportunity to create relationships with the industry—which is one of the reasons I was so thrilled when Jerry Aspland came to the Academy—because I really did feel the next step had to be a closer tie to industry, and I feel like that happened.

So thinking of the Academy, yes as a maritime academy, but also as an Academy that has a special relationship to all transportation, intermodal transportation and even beyond that. It seems to me to be a way of sort of broadening an incredibly important base. It’s leveraging the fact that this is a region of the world that’s on a major ocean so that sounds self evident and obvious, but it’s not in terms of the Academy’s opportunity to expand its relationship both up and down the coast but also to the Pacific Rim. I just am convinced of the notion of globalization, which has really taken hold here in the curriculum as far as I can tell, that there is probably a lot more that can be done to build on that in all the different areas of the Academy’s curricular life as well as its professional training and development of students.

EISENHARDT: I think if I had to go back again and had the resources, I would probably have started with enrollment management a bit earlier in its holistic view because I think it touches so much: the marketing, the expectations, the end product, how you want to profile your institution so that it is somewhat unique. The faculty here has heard me often make this analogy: I think we are a 100-pound chimpanzee in a land of 800-pound gorillas. The day we become a 100-pound gorilla, we’re not going to be able to survive well. So, we need to keep being unique and we need to plan for that.
Recent to the Lineup

Dave Covell recently finished his first season as the head coach for Cal Maritime’s first intercollegiate women’s basketball team. Previously, Covell was the assistant men’s basketball coach at Porterville College in Porterville, Calif., where he was in charge of assisting in daily practice, scouting upcoming opponents, and recruiting incoming players. He also served as an adjunct faculty member at Porterville College, where he taught basketball skills and basketball officiating classes.

Covell has also served as a summer basketball camp counselor at Holy Names College and as a basketball coach at Brook Haven Middle School in Sebastopol, Calif.

“I have enjoyed my first year at CMA and am very proud of the women on the team for their dedication and heart throughout the season,” said Covell. I look forward to bringing in more women for the upcoming seasons and having as good of an experience as I had this year.”

Covell graduated with a bachelor’s degree in liberal studies from Holy Names College and is working to obtain his master’s degree in health, physical education, and recreation from St. Mary’s College.

Tim Harrison recently completed his first season as the head coach for Cal Maritime’s men’s basketball team, replacing Dan Dion who retired after eight seasons of coaching the Keelhaulers. Harrison, who has spent 11 years as a coach at the collegiate and semi-professional levels, brings a wealth of head coaching experience to the Keelhaulers’ bench.

Prior to taking the coaching position at Cal Maritime, Harrison spent the 2001-2002 season as an assistant coach under the tutelage of Mike Dunlap at perennial powerhouse Metropolitan State College in Denver, Colo. That season Metro State won the NCAA Division II National Championship with a 29-5 record overall. Harrison was responsible for recruiting, guard play, practice and game organization, equipment, and academic counseling.

Prior to his time at Metropolitan State, Coach Harrison had four successful seasons at the NCAA Division II level with Colorado School of Mines. Harrison has also coached in Holbaek, Denmark, where he led their professional team to a 14-8 mark.

“I am excited to be back in this great game of basketball and back home in the Bay Area,” said Harrison. “We are in the process of building a winning culture here at CMA, and I’m looking forward to elevating the basketball program to new heights.”

Harrison earned his bachelor’s degree in psychology from UC Santa Barbara and obtained his master’s degree in health, physical education, and recreation from Saint Mary’s College. Harrison also works as a part-time admission counselor at Cal Maritime.

Shipmates Help Teammates

Each intercollegiate team has selected a top priority as their fundraising goals for the 2005/2006 seasons. Rugby Coach Edward Roberts says that his team’s priority, a media tower for Bodnar Field, will help the team improve its level of play.

“After each rugby game, we view a videotape of the game with the players to help us review the team’s strengths and weaknesses,” said Roberts. “However, when we currently videotape our rugby games, we have to videotape from the bleachers, which doesn’t give us a vantage point that allows us to really analyze the game. The media tower will allow us to videotape from a much higher vantage point, which will allow us to better analyze our team’s game performance and, ultimately, improve our level of play.”

The crew team plans to use funds raised through the Shipmates program on a more modern, lighter eight-man shell.

“Our older shells are heavier and more cumbersome, which makes it difficult for our team to perform as well as we’d like against the other teams,” said crew coach Mike Tressel. “The lighter eight-man shell will allow us to be more competitive.”

Other team priorities that will benefit from the Shipmates program are:

- Women’s Volleyball: Competition Net System
- Women’s and Men’s Basketball: Logo Gameday chairs
- Water Polo: Updated water polo goals
- Dinghy Sailing: Funds to attend an intersectional regatta on the East Coast
- Offshore Sailing: Funds to attend the Intrepid Cup hosted by the US Naval Academy
- Golf: Team golf bags
- Soccer: Practice ball serving machine

“Obviously it would be incredible if a donor called up and said, ‘Sure, I can buy the crew team a boat,’ but we are also looking for a broad base of support at whatever level one can contribute,” said Marv Christopher, director of athletics and recreation at Cal Maritime. “Gifts at any level will be greatly appreciated by the student-athletes and athletic department as a whole.”

If you would like to make a gift today, please make your check payable to The California Maritime Academy Foundation—Attn: Athletic Department, and mail it to: Cal Maritime Athletics, 200 Maritime Academy Drive, Vallejo, CA 94590.

For more information about joining the Keelhauler Shipmates, contact Marv Christopher at 707-654-1050 or mchristopher@csum.edu.
On December 15, President and Mrs. Eisenhardt hosted Cal Maritime’s holiday reception at the St. Francis Yacht Club. Donors and friends were among those invited to the annual gathering, which serves as a way to say thank you to those who have shown their support to Cal Maritime and its students.
From The Bridge

By Lynn Korwatch (D-76)
Alumni Association President

SINCE TAKING OVER FROM DICK COCHRAN as Alumni Association president last October I have had several opportunities to meet with alumni, students, faculty members and the administration of CMA. At one event, the Career Fair, many alumni were there representing such companies as Crowley Marine Services, Patriot Holdings, Masters, Mates and Pilots Union and Target Stores. What was interesting to discover was the wide range of information and opinions about the value of being a member of the California Maritime Academy Alumni Association (CMAAA).

More recent grads seemed to have little or no interest in being a part of 75 years’ worth of tradition, while graduates who have been away from the Academy for 10+ years are at the point in their careers and life that they are able to see the significant value of their educational experience at CMA. Clearly, attending Cal Maritime is a unique experience; the class load is rigorous, the program requires a strong commitment and makes demands upon students that are both physically and mentally challenging.

However, these same adversities are the things that bind us together. The fact is that no matter what year you graduated, between you and your classmates there was that same sense of struggle and incredible feeling of accomplishment when you finally walk across the dais and received your diploma. This feeling of camaraderie is what makes the CMAAA unique. A UC Berkeley graduate probably has plenty of friends and business contacts made through school, but have they studied, worked, lived, and been in situations where their lives depend upon their classmates? Probably not, yet at CMA we can say those things about every one of the approximately 3500 graduates of our Academy. We’ve all been there and done that!

My goal as president is to strive to make the CMAAA an organization that supports the needs of our alumni as well as current CMA students, our future alums. Towards this effort, the Board of Directors of CMAAA recently had a two-day meeting to explore the strengths, weaknesses, and resources of the organization. We received input from students, faculty, and the administration. Our task now is to take that information and develop a strategy to increase our visibility and insure that our efforts are effective and provide value. But, we need your help too.

Since the CMAAA is about people connecting to people, we need you to get involved. Are you willing to informally meet with students to provide them information about your career, both good and not so good? Could you provide a tour of your operation to students? Would you be interested in being a division advisor? Activities like this don’t require money, just time. Even the most recent grad is in a position to give advice and guidance back to his fellow students.

Aldous Huxley said, “Experience is not what happens to you; it’s what you do with what happens to you.” The CMAAA is what we make it, and I know that it can be more connected to you both now and in the future. I look forward to working with all of you to make The California Maritime Academy Alumni Association an organization that you are proud of.

Smooth sailing,

alumni news

COMMEMORATIVE ARTWORK

75th Anniversary commemorative posters featuring a reproduction of Benicia artist Gary Brogan’s painting of the Training Ship GOLDEN BEAR are available for purchase in the Campus Store for $25 each (or 2 for $40). Proceeds from the sale of the posters will benefit the Cal Maritime Scholarship Fund. To purchase a poster over the phone, call 707-654-1186.
MARC WINOCUR (D-86)

You could say that alum Marc Winocur’s career path has been right on target—literally. As the Senior Operations Manager for the Transportation Division of Target Corporation, Winocur is part of a team that manages the imports coming into the United States from more than 80 countries. He oversees the inbound daily operations of Target’s 1.5 million square foot Import Warehouse in Lacey, Wash.

“Target imports the second highest quantity of containerized traffic into the US,” said Winocur. “On an average day we process more than 100,000 cartons, and over the course of a year we’ll process more than 25 million cartons in just our center. My career contribution at Target is part of the puzzle to move vast amounts of the total imported freight coming into the US through West Coast ports.”

After graduating from Cal Maritime with his degree in Nautical Industrial Technology, Winocur sailed on tankers and bulk ships for Maritime Overseas Corporation for four years before transitioning to the retail manufacturing industry. Prior to Target Corporation, Winocur was the director of operations for a design manufacturing company that specializes in retail environments.

When asked to what he attributes his success in his career and life, he is quick to point out some invaluable lessons learned at his alma mater.

“All major organizations look for a couple of key components in their executives, the first and foremost being great leadership,” said Winocur. “The behaviors that make up great leaders are a cornerstone of the education process at Cal Maritime. The second key component organizations look for is initiative and ‘out of the box’ thinking. CMA challenges students to look beyond the first right answer and, as a bottom line, make things happen. For me, that’s been an invaluable life experience.”

Winocur lives in Tacoma, Wash. with his wife Jacqueline and 11-year-old daughter Alex. When he’s not working, he can be found sitting on the couch watching movies with his wife and daughter. However, those who know him know that this family man also has a “racy” side.

“I love anything with speed,” said Winocur, who enjoys offshore powerboat racing and off-road racing Ford F150s, Explorers, and Expeditions, and was named the off-road racing national champion in his class in 2001.

scholarshipDINNER

Above: Nathan Woodward, CMA Class of 1950 Scholarship recipient; Dick Cochran (E-50); Andrew Nottberg, CMA Classes of 1933 to 1949 Scholarship recipient, and Jason Gouw, Cal Maritime Alumni Association Scholarship recipient

Left: Dennis Yen, Vallejo Kiwanis; Deborah Bauer, McAllister Scholarship recipient; Peter McGroarty, Cal Maritime instructor

Above: Steve Brady (E-80), Chevron Texaco; Jonathan Margraf, Chevron Texaco Scholarship recipient; Joe Tormos, Nautical Engineering, Inc. Scholarship recipient

On April 17, Cal Maritime held its annual Scholarship Dinner, which allows scholarship recipients to personally meet and acknowledge the donors that helped make their college education possible. Thank you to the many individuals, corporations, and organizations who generously support our our students.
Class of 1946 Reunion
By Bob Lawrence (E-46)

Still nautically inclined, the Class of 1946 headed south for a few days last October for a reunion “On the Bay” in San Diego. The Embarcadero was just the place for everything from sailing ships to aircraft carriers, and classmates enjoyed their 58th reunion banquet aboard the elegantly restored Southern Pacific Ferryboat Berkeley. Even the spouses enjoyed Berkeley’s ancient operating triple reciprocating piston steam engine with its giant cranks and cross heads in motion, which are identical to our class’ training ship, the T.S. GOLDEN STATE. Our class continues to keep in touch regularly via e-mail and have decided that biannual reunions are optimum for us.

Classmates from 1946 catch up at their San Diego reunion. (Standing left to right) Bill Bradley, Lucian Vandegrift, Bill Schill, Rush Backer, Ralph Hoyt, and Ralph Levin. (Kneeling left to right) Craig Karasky, Curt Harrison, Bob Lawrence, Denny McLeod, Jim Chambers. (Not shown: Don Everson)

Alumni Association Puget Sound Chapter Holds Dinner
By Ken Passé (E-69)

The Puget Sound Chapter of the CMA Alumni Association held a dinner meeting on November 11, 2004 at the Odyssey Maritime Discovery Center on the Seattle waterfront. Forty-five alums and guests—including stalwarts from the classes of 1967 and 1969, as well as Captain Shirley Kohlwes and James Dalske of Cal Maritime’s Office of Career Development; Tom Dunworth, executive director of The California Maritime Academy Foundation; and two current students—enjoyed the event at this unique maritime venue. Odyssey is the West Coast’s only contemporary, interactive maritime museum, celebrating the links to Puget Sound and the North Pacific through shipping, trade, transportation, commercial fishing, recreation and marine stewardship. Attendees were free to walk throughout the center but, in fact, most stayed near the meeting room to share sea stories with fellow alums!

Master of Ceremonies Mike LaTorre (E-68) introduced the speaker for the evening, Tom Dunworth, executive director of The California Maritime Academy Foundation. Tom presented a very upbeat view of the current status of Cal Maritime and its students and spent considerable time answering questions from the audience. The evening concluded with a raffle of Cal Maritime clothing and supplies, contributed by Captain Shirley. The entire proceeds of the raffle were donated to the CMA Historic Archives Project. Thanks to all who participated in the raffle!

To improve communications in the area for future gatherings and for newsletter distribution, all Puget Sound/Washington alums are encouraged to provide their postal and email address information to: Ken Passé, 8255 SE 61st Street, Mercer Island, WA 98040 or kpassé@comcast.net. Send in that information! And look for future events in the Northwest.

Did your class recently have a reunion?
If so, we’d like to hear about it. Send a photo and brief article to Editor, Cal Maritime Magazine, 200 Maritime Academy Drive, Vallejo, CA, 94590 or calmaritimemagazine@csum.edu.
The Alumni Association recently launched a new Web site, which works as a seamless connection with the Cal Maritime Web site. Among the new features is the capability for alumni to now pay their membership dues online. Alums can also log onto the password-protected site to access the “People Finder” feature to look up contact information for their classmates.

Job hunting also just got a lot easier for both alumni and cadets, who can now log on to the new site to view job and internship postings, and also post resumes for viewing by potential employers. Companies and employers can post jobs and/or internships to the site at no charge, or, alternatively, can e-mail or mail the postings to Career Services. To access the new alumni site, visit www.csum.edu and click on “Alumni and Friends.”

**Class Notes**

**Bill Clune** (E-60) celebrated his recent retirement from Shell Oil New Zealand by walking along medieval pilgrimage trails for 2,300 kilometers from The Black Forest in Germany to Santiago de Compostela in Spain.

Navy Ensign **Christopher M. Descovich** (D-04) recently received a Letter of Appreciation from the Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV), for assisting in tsunami relief efforts during Operation Unified Assistance in Southeast Asia, while assigned to the guided-missile destroyer USS Milius, homeported in San Diego. Descovich, along with thousands of other U.S. Sailors and Marines, supported more than 6,000 flight hours, helping to deliver more than 20 million pounds of medicine, food and water. The supplies helped save thousands of lives and eased the suffering of thousands more.

**Crossed the final bar**

**LCDR. Elmer A. Banke, USN (Ret.) (D-49)**

A proud graduate of The California Maritime Academy, Elmer Banke passed away on November 4, 2004 at his home in Flagstaff, Arizona. Banke sailed for several years, working his way up to Chief Mate. In 1953, he was called to duty in the Navy and retired in June 1970 with the rank of Lieutenant Commander. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Iyone, sons Bruce and Ross, and three grandchildren.

**Scott Patrick Rowe (D-86)**

Scott Rowe died peacefully on January 31, 2005 in his Edgewood, Wash. home, following a 15-month bout with brain cancer. A graduate from the class of 1986, Rowe first expressed interest in a maritime career as a child. After graduating from Cal Maritime, he worked for Jones Washington Stevedoring at Terminal 46 in Seattle. In 1998, he became a container-yard manager with Hyundai Merchant Marine Co. at Washington United Terminals, Port of Tacoma, and was employed there until his death. He is survived by his wife Kimberley; sons Ethan Lee and Sean Elliott; parents Clifford and Jill Rowe; sister Petra; and brother Stuart.

**Raymond William Racouillat (D-40)**

Captain Raymond William Racouillat, passed away December 15, 2004. A graduate from the class of 1940, Racouillat retired from the US Coast Guard. He worked for Matson Shipping and retired as captain for Sealand Inc. His passion was for the sea and his family. He is survived by his wife Jerine Racouillat; children Dee and Jeff Racouillat; grandchildren Brian and Scott; and great grandchildren Justin, Brandon and Rebecca.

**Charles E. Rhodes (D-78)**

Captain Charles E. Rhodes, a Cal Maritime graduate from the Class of 1978 and San Francisco ship pilot whose skill at guiding large vessels in and out of the bay was legendary, died February 15 at the age of 52 at his home in Alameda, Calif. after a year-long battle with cancer. Capt. Rhodes was best known in maritime circles for planning and piloting a ship carrying huge container cranes under the Golden Gate and Bay bridges, on two occasions, in 2000 and 2002. He brought in a total of eight cranes to the port of Oakland, and on one of the trips, the cranes cleared the underside of the Bay Bridge by only 25 inches. All traffic on the bridge was halted for both trips and the event was covered extensively in newspapers and live on local television.

After graduating from Cal Maritime, he went to sea as a mate sailing for United States Lines, got his master’s license and became a San Francisco bar pilot in 1991. Capt. Rhodes was honored with a commendation from the San Francisco Board of Supervisors less than three weeks before his death.

He is survived by his wife, Pam, and by four children, Tiffany, Megan, Nick and Chuck Rhodes, all of Alameda. He is also survived by two sisters, Linda Rhodes of Hayward and Debbie Danielson of Port Orchard, Wash., and a brother, also named Charles Rhodes, of Junction City, Kan.

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| MARCH 22 | Spring Luncheon for Women Students  
|          | President's Residence |
| APRIL 2  | 75th Anniversary Gala*  
|          | World Trade Club, San Francisco |
| APRIL 9  | Open House for accepted students and families** |
| APRIL 29 | Welcome to the Alumni Association!  
|          | Champagne and strawberry reception  
|          | for graduating seniors  3:30 p.m. |
| APRIL 30 | Commencement  
|          | 9:00 a.m. Commissioning Ceremony  
|          | 10:30 a.m. Awards Ceremony  
|          | 2:00 p.m. Commencement Ceremony |
| MAY 1    | Cruise 1 Departs from Vallejo, 9:30 a.m. |
| MAY 25   | Bay Area Alumni Dinner***  
|          | Pyramid Alehouse, Berkeley, 6:30 p.m. |
| JUNE 28  | TSGB Arrives in Honolulu, 8:00 a.m.  
|          | (Note: Cruise 1 ends and Cruise 2 begins on June 29) |
| JULY 1   | Honolulu Alumni Reception*** |
| JULY 2   | Cruise 2 departs from Honolulu |
| JULY 9   | Free Summertime at the Maritime Concert:  
|          | Gospel Hummingbirds Waterfront Lawn, 7:00 p.m. |
| AUGUST 20| Free Summertime at the Maritime Concert:  
|          | LaVay Smith, Waterfront Lawn, 7:00 p.m. |
| AUGUST 26| San Diego Alumni Reception (tentative)*** |
| AUGUST 29| TSGB Arrives in Vallejo, 7:00 a.m. |
| SEPTEMBER 6| Instruction begins, Fall 2005 semester |
| OCTOBER 8-9| Homecoming*** |

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