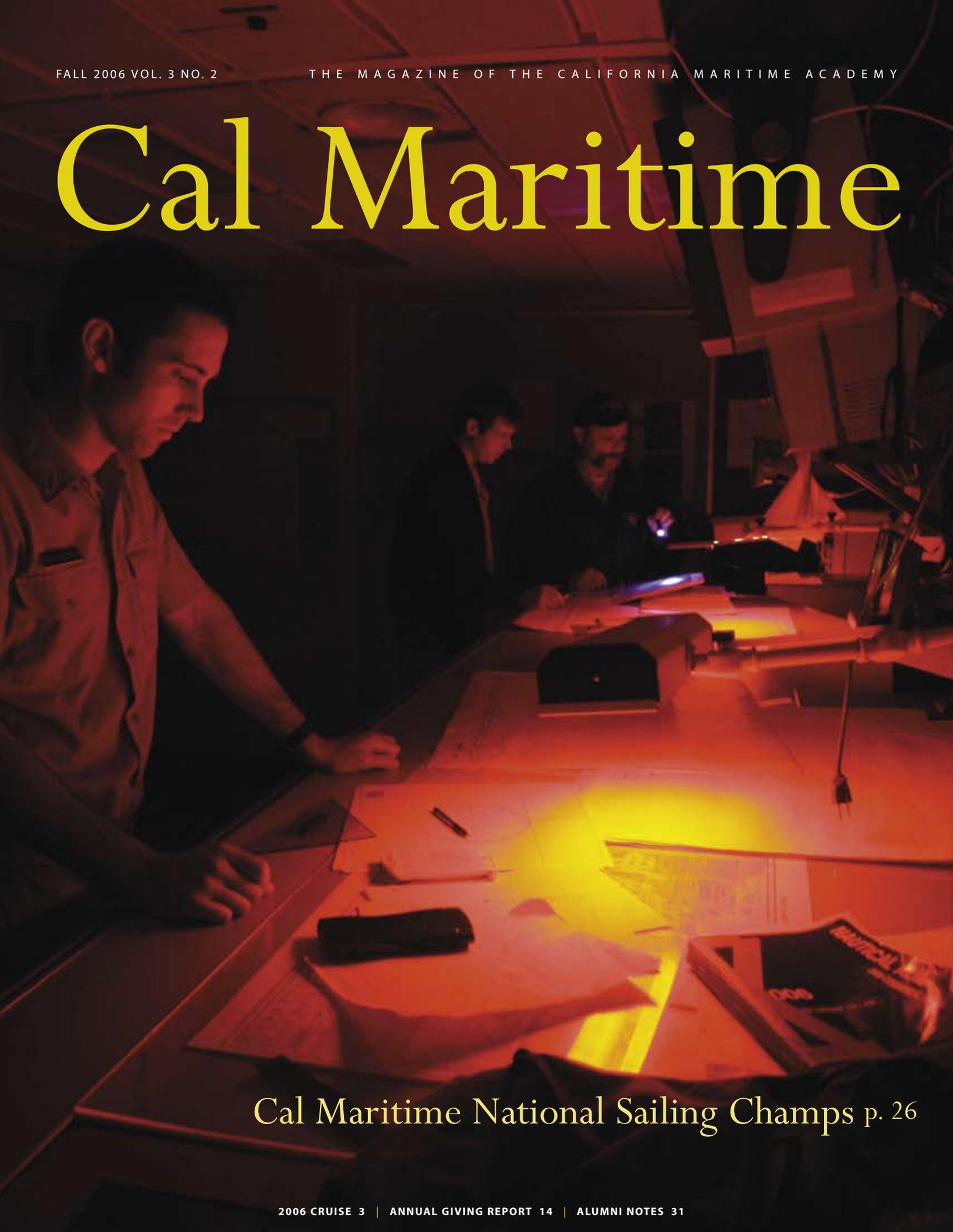


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Cover photo: Cadet Patrick Nohr Forrester MT-07, checks the navigation plot for Cal Maritime's Training Ship *Golden Bear* during a night watch on the run from Valparaiso, Chile to Costa Rica. Red lights are used on the bridge at night to preserve night vision for everyone standing watch. (Photo by Doug Webster)

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A Letter From the President



President Eisenhardt and members of the Cal Maritime staff greet a recent visiting delegation from Dalian Maritime University, Dalian China. (L-R) Stephen Kreta, Academic Dean; Commodore John Keever; President Eisenhardt; Chief Engineer Bill Davidson; Wen Xiaoqin, Vice President of Dalian; Song Bin, Director of the Educational Office of Scientific, Educational and Cultural Division of the Chinese Ministry of Finance; Liu Zhengjiang, Dean of Navigation College, Dalian University; Don Zingale, VP Academic Affairs; Cheng Kan, Associate Researcher of the Budget Office of the Financial Division of the Chinese Ministry of Communication; Professor Graham Benton, Dept. of Global and Maritime Studies.

AS WE HEAD INTO OUR 77TH YEAR, (and my 6th year as President), we're facing a classic case of "Good news/bad news." The good news is that our incoming 2010 freshman class of 250 is the largest in the school's history, part of a total student body of approximately 850. Our enrollment at Cal Maritime has grown 50 percent in the last seven years. (Our 1995 freshman class, by comparison, was 84 cadets.)

The California State University system counts a student as one "full-time equivalent" (FTE) for each 15 hours of coursework he or she carries per semester. With our intensive curricula in math, science, engineering and business, Cal Maritime cadets routinely handle over 20. And that is the "bad news." Our FTE count this year will be well over 1,000, and that means increased demand for everything from faculty and support staff to parking, residential and dining space, classrooms, libraries, information technology, and labs and training simulators.

The reasons for our growth are numerous:

- The expanding recognition of Cal Maritime as a center for expertise and excellence. That's reflected in growing contacts by CNN and other media, in our ranking, for the second straight year in *U.S. News & World Report's* listing of top 4-year university engineering programs, and calls for faculty input and participation at international forums, and membership on international standards-setting bodies.
- The expanding presence of our graduates in global leadership positions. By word and deed, they serve as "ambassadors" for the institution and spread the word about our quality and reputation.
- Our track record in graduating students in four years — versus a national average of closer to six years — and our astounding hiring placement rates and strong starting salary levels.
- The strong market demand for our graduates, not only as licensed deck and engineering officers and marine pilots, but in such diverse fields as power generation, utility system management, pharmaceutical production, port and terminal facility design and management, maritime security, cargo logistics, international business and maritime law. Our annual job fair is routinely sold out and drawing recruiters nationwide.



Success brings challenges.

- We must work within a budget system that does not always recognize the higher costs of a technically focused educational program, or recognize the merits and efficiency of smaller size.
- Getting the required approvals and budget support for capital improvements like parking, residence halls, laboratories and other resources can often take years, while costs seem to regularly exceed original estimates.
- The costs of operating our training vessel, *Golden Bear* — one of the key elements of our overall educational program — have risen sharply. (Our fuel bill for this year's training cruises nearly doubled to \$1.2 million)
- The growth of our cadet corps reflects ongoing efforts to expand educational opportunity, and with it the challenges of accommodating and adapting to expanded diversity in both students and programs.

We are confident however, that we can meet these positive challenges.

Looking at our campus today, we can point to significant successes:

- As noted elsewhere in this issue, we have just broken ground for a new state-of-the-art Simulator Center, which is vital to the training of our license-track Deck and Engineering cadets.
- On the drawing board and awaiting needed regulatory and fiscal support is a new physical education/emergency training center and additional dorm and dining facilities.
- We're expanding and strengthening our programs, faculty and staff.
- We're also seeing solid growth in private support for the institution from alumni and friends and from business and non-profit groups.

I am confident that our growth, coupled with the support of our faculty and staff, and each of you, will help turn those challenges into new successes for Cal Maritime over the next several years.

Sincerely,

President

Up They Go



CAPS IN THE AIR marked the completion of graduation for the over 100 Cadets of the class of 2006. The April 29th program began with the commissioning of those entering the Marines, Navy, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine. A mid-morning Awards Program honored Cadets for particular records of excellence with awards presented on behalf of numerous businesses, associations and individuals committed to the Academy and its programs.



Former Cal Maritime President Mary Lyons, now President of the University of San Diego, delivered the commencement address and received the President's medal for her contributions to the institution. Dennis McLeod of the class of 1946 was honored as a distinguished Alumnus for his career and his commitment to the school.

2006 Training Cruise Visits the West Coast of the Americas



THE TRAINING SHIP *GOLDEN BEAR* returned to campus Tuesday, August 29th from a pair of two-month training cruises to West Coast Latin America. The first cruise departed on April 1st with calls to: Zihuatanejo, Mexico; Lima, Peru; Valparaiso, Chile; and then returning via Golfito, Costa Rica to Vallejo. The second cruise departed June 28th, following the same itinerary.

The first cruise involved 252 cadets, including 32 international studies students from Cal Poly. The second cruise carried 232 including a contingent of 99 cadets from the Texas Maritime Academy (Texas is currently awaiting completion of a new training vessel. Cal Maritime provided spaces to the Texas cadets to enable them to complete the hands-on learning vital to their licensure and graduation.)

Both cruises this year included a visit to the dormant volcanic island of Cocos, an internationally designated wildlife preserve 300 miles off Costa Rica. Its remote location limits visits to passing sailors and skindiving excursion boats drawn by the island's abundant sealife. *Golden Bear* lifeboats ferried cadets and staff ashore with some adventurers following very muddy paths to explore the surrounding waterfalls and jungles on the hilly island.

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LEFT: The *Golden Bear* sets off on the first of two 2006 training cruises, passing under San Francisco's Golden Gate bridge April 1st, on her way to the West Coast of Mexico, Central and South America. **TOP:** The *Golden Bear* at anchor off the Costa Rican island of Cocos. **Above:** U.S. Ambassador to Costa Rica Mark Langdale was a guest aboard the *Golden Bear* for the trip to Cocos Island on the second cruise. He is welcomed by Captain Paul Leyda and an honor guard of cadets.

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On Cocos, Ambassador Langdale met with Costa Rican park rangers to learn more about their conservation work there. Despite its small size, Costa Rica has earned an international reputation for its dedication to environmental protection. Upon the ship's return to Golfito, the *Golden Bear* hosted the Ambassador's reception for invited guests from throughout the country.

During the two voyages, Commodore John Keever and Captains Dan Weinstock and Paul Leyda served as skippers, as faculty members and skilled mariners guided cadets in daily training exercises in shipboard classrooms, on the deck and bridge, in the engine room and at lifeboat stations. Constant drills helped cadets get practical experience in fire fighting, emergency rescues, navigation, docking and anchoring, watch standing, and the continual work of maintaining a large modern ship in top condition. For cadets, it was an invaluable chance to take what they have learned at the Vallejo campus and put it to real-life practice.

Cruise also provides another invaluable experience for cadets — a chance to visit foreign lands and experience other languages and cultures. Cal Maritime's Global and Maritime Studies cadets prepared detailed briefings for each port and country visited, and each was well attended. The lectures covered the local culture, politics, history, and economy, and offered tips on how to be good ambassadors and adapt to cultural differences. For those graduating next spring, this will be their final cruise experience at Cal Maritime. Other cadets are already looking forward to 2007's calls at ports on the Northern Pacific Rim.



ABOVE LEFT: The heart of the ship...the engine room, where cadets monitor all systems round the clock while underway. **ABOVE RIGHT:** It may be called "cruise" but there's not a lot of time for lying around. Drills are constant...everything from emergency first aid to fire drills using high pressure hoses and working in teams. **BELOW LEFT:** Cadets learn the multiple tasks involved in lowering and raising the massive ship's anchor, under the guidance of skilled Academy faculty. **BELOW RIGHT:** The ship's lifeboats were used to move faculty and staff between Cocos and the ship — and give cadets additional experience in lifeboat handling.



You can get a flavor of the 2006 cruise by visiting the "Follow the Voyage" link from the home page of the Cal Maritime website, www.csum.edu. You'll find daily descriptions of activities as well as extensive photo files of daily shipboard life and activities, both at sea and during port visits.

Cruises Include Humanitarian Good Works



Dave Chaney, Building Services carpenter, unloads examining tables for transfer to the *Golden Bear*. Over \$100,000 of medical supplies and equipment were transported to Peru for local clinics.

THE HUMANITARIAN AID ORGANIZATIONS

Counterpart International and Vida gathered over \$100,000 worth of medical supplies and equipment for Peru. The donations were trucked to Vallejo for transport to Peru aboard the *Golden Bear* during the 2006 training cruise. They were discharged on July 19th in the Peruvian Port of Paita and distributed to area hospitals and clinics by the Peruvian Ministry of Health.

The Academy's Circle K Club — the student chapter of the Kiwanis Club — spent much of the 2005-2006 academic year soliciting donations of toys and clothing for the Arturo Pratt orphanage in Chile. Cadet Lisa Fonzi of Atascadero (MT-09) is one of the leaders of the drive which used collection boxes around campus and contributions from the Vallejo Kiwanis to assemble clothing, toys and toiletries and over \$2,000 to help support the orphanage and its work.



During this summer's first cruise call at Valparaiso, Chile, cadets visited the orphanage to deliver the donations and cash, and hosted a visit to the ships by children. Cal Maritime first established a relationship with the orphanage during its last West Coast South American cruise in 2004.

Piet van Os

CAL MARITIME SENIOR CADET
Barend "Piet" van Os has won a coveted spot as a crewmember for the prestigious 2007 Transpac yacht race from Los Angeles to Hawaii, and something more — a role in a planned Disney documentary movie about the youngest team ever to enter the Transpac.

Roy Disney, himself an avid yachtsman and past winner of the famed race, decided last year to assemble a team of young sailing enthusiasts for extensive training, and then enter them in the 2007 event, with his film crews documenting both phases. A call was issued for interested applicants and 538 applied, including van Os. That number was then trimmed to 30 finalists who spent ten days in Long Beach, CA, sailing and taking part in team-building activities.

The Disney staff then selected 15 finalists. They will fly to Hawaii in January for four months of intensive training aboard the Transpac 52-design Morning Light. In April, final decisions on a crew of 12 and alternates will be made for the race itself — a biennial 2,225-mile July sprint which draws some of the world's best skippers, crews and state-of-the-art sailboats.

At 22, van Os will be the oldest member of the young crew. A San Diego native, he has spent most of his life around sailboats. That's not surprising. His grandfather won the Transpac in 1961. Piet started racing at age six and quickly progressed to national and international competitions. Although captain of his high school sailing team, he missed much of his senior year racing in Italy, New Zealand and Australia.

Cal Maritime sailing instructor and coach "Charlie" Arms said van Os has put in a strong performance at the Academy. "His strength in race tactics helped us capture the 2003



Above: "Piet" van Os (R) during Disney-sponsored trials in Long Beach to select the youngest crew ever to enter the Transpac race from Los Angeles to Hawaii next July. **Below:** Odds are, van Os (center with visor) and his teammates are going to be facing a lot of cameras over the next year.



and 2005 Service Academy Shields Cup trophy from such tough competitors as the Merchant Marine Academy at King's Point and the U.S. Naval Academy."

Despite his time on the water, van Os hasn't neglected his education. As he enters his senior year, he is already close to completing the credits he needs for graduation as a licensed deck officer — with additional certification as a qualified mechanical engineer (QMED) — one of the toughest academic tracks in school. van Os says he will work with his teachers to assure he can make up missed classes and assignments. If need be, he said, he is willing to delay his graduation a year to be part of what he understandably calls the opportunity of a lifetime.

"I'll be training with some of the top sailors and navigators in the world," he noted. Team members will be cross-trained in all areas of racing and actual positions won't be decided until late in training. "I applied as skipper/navigator

tactician. I am really looking forward to training with Stan Honey, winning navigator of the Volvo round-the-world ocean race and Robbie Haines, Olympic gold medalist — the sailing director."

Disney film crews will be following van Os and other team members to collect background about each of them, and to document their training and the race itself. That starts July 9th at Los Angeles and ends about eight days later in Honolulu. It is anticipated that the completed documentary will be released sometime in 2008.

JENNIFER WHITTY, who previously served as head of the Public Relations office for Cal Maritime, has rejoined the Academy's staff as Director of Development and Alumni Affairs in the Office of Advancement.

Tom Dunworth, Cal Maritime Vice President for Advancement, said he was very pleased to announce Ms. Whitty's return. "Jennifer already knows the campus, its people, programs and mission, and will be an important part of our advancement team. She'll be focusing her efforts on fund raising and alumni relations as we work to strengthen private support of the institution."



MAKING WAY FOR THE NEW SIM CENTER



CONSTRUCTION IS UNDERWAY on the California Maritime Academy campus for a brand new \$13-million Simulator Center. When completed in the fall of 2007, the Center will house the Academy's existing bridge and radar simulators and add two more bridge training facilities with 360-degree projection capability, two small-vessel bridge simulators, gas turbine and liquid cargo simulators and an oil-spill/crisis management training center. The new building will also house over a dozen offices for faculty and staff involved in the school's simulator program.

According to Center Director Phil Arms, growing enrollments, coupled with expanding training requirements for licensure in deck and engineering disciplines, make the completion of the new center a real priority. "The new software we'll be using will give us additional flexibility in creating real-life exercises on all kinds of vessels in all types of conditions. The upgraded simulator software we're installing will provide new and more realistic training in the operations of tugboats and commercial workboats, including winch operations, and a wide range of towing conditions. Limiting the number of participants involved in individual simulator exercises is

crucial to a quality learning experience. These additional facilities will help assure our cadets receive adequate hours of training prior to graduation and licensure."

Arms added that the Center will serve the maritime industry as well. "We're a key resource for extended education," he explains. "West Coast vessel officers and marine pilots must periodically renew their radar certifications and often use our simulator facilities for testing exercises.

"We're also a designated Pisces-2 Hazardous Spill Simulator operations facility. Not only can we take our simulator to actual spills to help guide the allocation of resources in the event of a mishap, but we can provide very realistic drills for everyone involved in a potential spill from the Incident Commander to those involved in communications and media relations. The entire center design allows us to interlink all of our simulators and our communications to create very detailed scenarios for drills at new levels of realism. This will enable us to conduct crisis training programs and spill simulation exercises on a larger scale than ever before for more effective training and review."

Stephen Frazier

AFTER A FOUR-DAY CROSS-COUNTRY DRIVE from Connecticut to California, Stephen Frazier arrived in Vallejo this summer to take up his new position as Cal Maritime's new Chief Information Officer. (His wife, Elaine joined him soon thereafter.) He brings to the campus nearly a dozen years of prior experience as head of the Center for Instructional Technology at Eastern Connecticut State University in Willimantic (enrollment 5,100 +).

During his tenure at Eastern, Frazier and his staff helped create an award-winning technology platform to support academic programs, management systems, the school's website, and training and help programs for faculty, staff and students.

An important tool in Eastern's technology evolution was the introduction of WebCT, a flexible software program (also in use at Cal Maritime) which enables faculty to construct and manage online courses. "With WebCT," Frazier explains, "teachers can create anything from individual modules — to supplement traditional classroom instruction — to pure distributed learning programs, in which most or all of the instruction and even testing is delivered electronically, with little or no face-to-face interaction between students and instructor(s)."

"Like many powerful software packages, WebCT has a lot of bells and whistles — over thirty different tools," Frazier admits. "However, in looking at how professors and instructors work at Eastern, we soon realized that we needed to take a pedagogical approach to training instead using a more traditional tools-based method. We asked faculty to bring the materials they use for instruction to the workshops. We then helped them develop their course's structure and convert their materials to electronic format appropriate for delivery over the Web before we started discussing the various tools in WebCT. We also make this same training available online."

Frazier said the effort was so successful that it was featured in WebCT's own customer newsletter. "In less than two years, faculty utilization of the program climbed to over 60%," he said proudly. Eastern is now involved in transitioning to WebCT Vista (WebCT's enterprise edition).

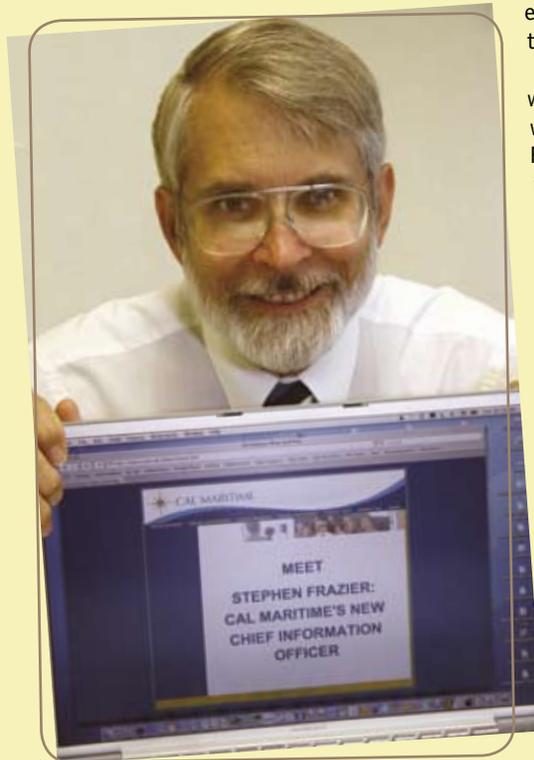
Frazier said the title and role of "Chief Information Officer" can vary from institution to institution. He views his tasks as helping Academy management, faculty and staff to use technology to support the school's mission. "In the instructional area, WebCT will be an important element of the process. Where possible, we'll work to automate many of WebCT's processes. We don't want to burden the professor with instructional software — we want the software to help them become more effective and efficient in conveying information to students.

"Ten years ago, instruction was almost entirely one-on-one with very little online delivery," Frazier continued. "Over the next decade I think that will be reversed, with greater use of automation and knowledge bases where faculty, staff and students can process, deliver and retrieve information as part of the educational process."

Frazier said he has two immediate tasks on his plate as he gets started in his new position. "First, we need to fill some vacancies in our Information Technology Department. These are critical to our ability to deliver services to faculty, staff and students. Over the past few years, the Academy has made great strides using PeopleSoft. We are now seeking to strengthen our academic support while continuing to

enhance current levels of administrative support. I plan to chat informally with faculty and staff, and get their feedback on technology bottlenecks or shortcomings as well as successes. As a campus community, we need to work together to develop a long-range IT strategic plan that supports the goals and mission of the institution."

"We will continually evaluate new technologies. In doing so, we'll be asking 'How will this help in the classroom, in management of the institution, and in communication with our key constituencies?' And like everyone in modern technology today, we need to make sure our systems are efficient, reliable and secure."

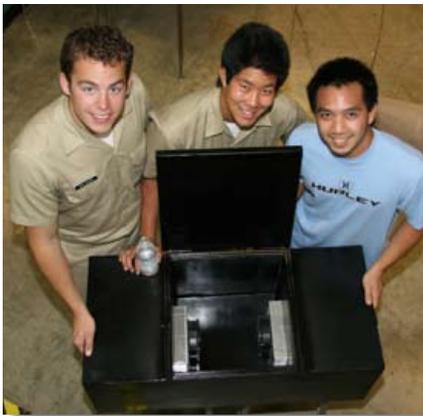


Senior Projects Test Creative Thinking for ME Cadets

CAL MARITIME'S MECHANICAL ENGINEERING MAJORS spend a good portion of their final year at the Academy working on a Senior Project. According to Stephen Pronchick, Chair of the Department, the projects draw upon the skills students have learned during their initial three years and require that they apply them to solving a particular challenge. Cal Maritime took a look at three of those projects undertaken by ME Seniors during the 2005-2006 Academic Year. Department faculty including Nader Bagheri, Jim Gutierrez, Tom Nordenholz, Mansur Rastani and Tony Snell provided advisory support.

THERMO-CHILLER

For Cadets Jason Nakasato, Cole Van Gundy and Chance Murakami, the inspiration for their project came from the kitchen. "Everyone has a microwave to heat things up quickly," said Nakasato, "but there isn't anything which can rapidly chill things like soft drinks or wine." The trio set out to create such a device and came up with their ThermoChiller. The invention uses thermo-



Mechanical Engineering Cadets Cole Van Gundy (Grants Bay), Jason Nakasato and Chance Murakami (Honolulu) with their ThermoChiller.

electric coolers — essentially scaled-up versions of the cooling devices found in modern home computers.

"They have no moving parts other than a fan," explains Murakami, "and they are very efficient." The team said the Thermo Chiller can cool a six-pack of soda from 80 to 40 degrees F. in 11 minutes. It would take about 35-40 minutes using a standard freezer. "Using water as a coolant, we could probably reduce the cycle time to closer to five minutes," Murakami explained.

HUMAN-POWERED SUBMARINE

Cadets Drake Hughes, Robert Harris and Rich Shier have teamed up on a multi-year Senior Project culminating in 2008 — a human-powered submarine. The project will be the Academy's entry in an annual nationwide competition created by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. Each year, students and their professors and advisors from around the country, create their own versions of an underwater vehicle. The challenge is speed and maneuverability.

Entries are timed through a straight-line and then a slalom course. According to Hughes, the world record of just under eight knots is held by an affiliate of the University of Quebec. "They have a budget of about \$40,000 a year and are using a computer-controlled variable-pitch propeller," Harris added.

Each Senior Project has a \$1,000 budget plus donations from supporters and businesses. The 2006 submarine team developed the framework for a fiberglass outer hull and the drive mechanism for the sub. Two scuba-equipped cadets will power the craft, one lying face up and the other lying face forward, and pedaling a bicycle mechanism powering a single drive shaft protruding from both sides of the hull. Additional modules will be developed in 2007 and 2008. "We need to create a gearing mechanism to connect the shaft to a pair of aft-facing propellers, complete the hull and steering gear, and make sure we have adequate safety mechanisms in place," said Hughes.



Teresa Jorris (Huntington Beach) and Jeff Jones (Vallejo) with their wheelchair fishing system. (Electronic controls not installed in this picture.)

HANDICAPPED FISHING SYSTEM

Cadets Jeff Jones and Teresa Jorris designed a system to allow individuals with physical disabilities to fish from a wheelchair. Their mechanism holds a standard casting rod and reel in a bracket on one arm of the chair. Electric controls allow the user to tip the rod back and then snap it forward to cast a lure. Another control regulates the speed of the retrieve mechanism, using a small motor connected to the reel's crankshaft.

"We've achieved casts of up to 60 feet so far," said Jorris. Jones and Jorris said the system is powered by a small supplementary battery which is attached to the wheelchair. The pair were assisted by the donation of a wheelchair from the Wheelchair Foundation and members of the organization provided advice and counsel in the development of the project.

(L-R) Project Cadets Robert Harris (Temecula), Richard Shier (Antioch) and Drake Hughes (Vallejo) look on as Cole Van Gundy and Jason Nakasato apply pedal power to the drive train of their human-powered sub design. The halfshell framework for the sub, which will be used to create a mold for fiber-glassing, lies in the foreground.

Academy Gala a Big Success

More than 250 faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends of Cal Maritime gathered Saturday evening, April 8th for the Academy's 2nd Black-tie Gala — an evening of dining and dancing on San Francisco Bay. The event featured live and silent auctions of gifts donated by a wide array of Academy friends and supporters — everything from an original oil painting of the Training Ship *Golden Bear II*, to a flight over San Francisco Bay, golf outings, meals, and vacations in Hawaii, Mexico and on a Montana dude ranch. Bidding was enthusiastic and spirited and when everything was tallied, approximately \$45,000 was added to the Academy's scholarship fund.

RESERVE THE DATE: Saturday, March 10, 2007 is the date now set for the next exciting Cal Maritime Black-tie fundraising Gala at the World Trade Club in San Francisco. Additional details will follow early in the new year.



Dr. Lee Kerschner and wife Helga

(L-R) Manuel and Ursula Estevez, Commodore John and Lindy Keever, President Eisenhardt, Than and Coast Guard Captain Jerry Swanson.



Members of the 2006 Gala Planning Committee (L-R): Maria Cundick, Office of Advancement, Diane Rawicz – Director of Cal Maritime Services, Susan Bigler – Presidential Aide, and Vineeta Dhillon - Purchasing. Additional committee members included Josie Alexander, Charlie Arms, Marv Christopher, Kris Cranford, Mindy Drake, Thomas Dunworth, Bobbie Solveson, Shayna Sullivan and Doug Webster.



President Eisenhardt and Coast Guard Rear Admiral Jody Breckenridge.



Cadets Joel Henning ME-06, Piet Van Os MT-07, Academy STCW Coordinator Peg Solveson and Cadet Stacy Sorensen MT-07

KEEVER NAMED COMMODORE



Captain John Keever is now known formally as Commodore. The one-star ranking was made in a surprise ceremony Saturday, April 8th during the Academy's 2nd Black-tie Fundraising Gala aboard the Hornblower yacht *California*. Cal Maritime President and Navy Rear Admiral William Eisenhardt introduced Rear Admiral Frank X. Johnston, Western Region Director of the U.S. Maritime Administration (MARAD), who presented Captain Keever and his wife Lindy with a Commodore's flag, uniform insignia and official proclamation. The honor makes Keever the senior officer among all the USMS training ship Masters nationwide.

2006 B.C. Kingsbury Golf Tournament

THE MAGNIFICENT HIDDENBROOKE GOLF COURSE in Vallejo, CA, was the site for this year's BC Kingsbury/Cal Maritime Academy Foundation Golf Tournament, Friday, Sept. 15th, with proceeds benefiting the Academy's Kingsbury Endowed Scholarship Fund. It was a day of fun on the links, followed by an awards dinner and spirited bidding on an array of great donated prizes.

Gusty winds made this challenging course even more of a test than usual with nobody capturing the hole-in-one prize vehicles offered by our sponsors. That didn't dampen the spirits of the nearly 150 participants however as they shared fun and comradeship under sunny skies.



Academy friends and supporters gathered for dinner in the Hiddenbrooke clubhouse after 18 holes of golf and fellowship at the B.C. Kingsbury Golf Tournament, organized by the Academy Foundation.

This year's tournament was made possible in part by these generous event sponsors.

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From The Bridge

By Lynn Korwatch (D-76)
Alumni Association President

CAL MARITIME is on the move. You can sense the positive energy and growth of the institution in many ways: The start of the 2006-07 academic year brings our largest-ever freshman class. It's a continuation of a pattern — over the past seven years, our enrollment has expanded by 50 percent.

As President William Eisenhardt notes in his message in this issue, that growth is a reflection of the demand for our graduates, and the increasing visibility and reputation of the institution. It also represents a major challenge to us in assuring we have the resources to educate, house and feed them all.

We are especially excited about a recent addition in the Alumni/Advancement area. Jennifer Whitty, whom many of you know from her previous service as Director of Public Relations for Cal Maritime, has returned as Director of Development and Alumni Affairs in the Office of Advancement. Jennifer already knows the campus, its people, programs and mission. The expanded Class Notes section in this issue of Cal Maritime is a reflection of her initial work.

(We're)...seeking volunteers to serve as secretaries for each of our graduating classes...and regional correspondents to communicate with area alumni.

A recurring comment from Cal Maritime alumni is that our modest size helps make possible a real sense of family among and between classes. However, once we graduate and begin our careers and families, it can sometimes be harder to keep in touch. It is our hope that expanded Class Notes, both here and on the Web, will help all of you maintain and strengthen the ties and friendships you forged while you were here on campus.

To that end, Jennifer is seeking volunteers to serve as secretaries for each of our graduating classes. Class secretaries, with support from the Alumni office, solicit and collect current information about their classmates. Three times per year, they forward that information to our offices for inclusion in the latest issue of Cal Maritime and on the Cal Maritime website.

We start you with the latest contact information we have on your classmates. Where we may have lost touch with a graduate, they are probably in continuing contact with one or more members of your class and collectively you can help us reconnect. (With printing and postage, each issue of Cal Maritime represents an appreciable cost-per-copy. Reducing mailings to outdated addresses helps us make the most efficient use of our resources.)



We also want to expand our information flow regionally. Two of our alumni, John Ryan D -54 (jnryan0230@msn.com) in the greater Los Angeles area, and Ken Passe E-69 (kpasse@csum.edu) in the Pacific Northwest, are functioning as regional correspondents. Each month they e-mail newsletters to interested area alumni with current news about area alumni, the very latest campus news and notes, and special Academy-related events in their areas — dinner get-togethers, visits by President Eisenhardt or other items. If you live in either of those areas and want to be added to their distribution list, drop John or Ken a note with your e-mail information. We are also seeking regional organizers in other areas where we have strong concentrations of alumni, including the San Francisco Bay area and the U.S. Gulf.

To keep up with the very latest campus news, we refer you to CURRENTS, a monthly publication, distributed electronically to faculty and staff. It's filled with stories and photographs about campus people, activities, events and milestones. Visit www.csum.edu/News/ and look for links to current and back issues of both publications. If you want to get CURRENTS automatically, send an e-mail to our Director of Public Relations, Doug Webster, (dwebster@csum.edu) and he will add you to our monthly external distribution list.

If you have ideas on ways to improve the flow of information or for stories you would like to see, just drop a note to Mr. Webster. Remember too, that each of you can play an important role as a Cal Maritime "ambassador" whenever you are talking to friends and associates. It's all part of the ongoing effort to expand awareness of the vital role the institution plays in training the leaders of tomorrow in maritime trade, transportation, business and logistics. You are a part of that proud heritage. The more you know about the institution today, the better equipped you are to tell others about us.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lynn Korwatch". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

THE CALIFORNIA MARITIME ACADEMY'S website (www.csum.edu) has a wealth of special resources for alumni and they're just a click away. To access all the functions of the alumni area, you will need to complete a quick and easy one-time online registration (if you haven't already done so) by logging on to the site and then clicking Alumni & Friends on the top menu bar, then Alumni Online Services on the right side of the next page, and Register Here on the left side of the third page. (Remember, this portion of the system is for Cal Maritime alumni only. If you are not an alumnus, you can access portions of the system by clicking on the Guest Pass link on the third page.)

Now, check the address label on your copy of this magazine. Enter your name in the format Joe_Smith (First name/underscore/last name) and for a first-time password, enter the unique ID # found in the top left of your address. (When your registration is complete, you can change the password to one of your choosing.)

Once you are registered, here's a sampling of the alumni resources available to you:

Update your current address. It's easy to keep us informed of your latest contact information including address, phone and e-mail. It helps us stay in touch with you and also helps us make best use of our resources by reducing mailings to expired addresses. It also helps us in our efforts to expand use of e-mail to inform you of news and events in the most timely and cost-effective way possible.



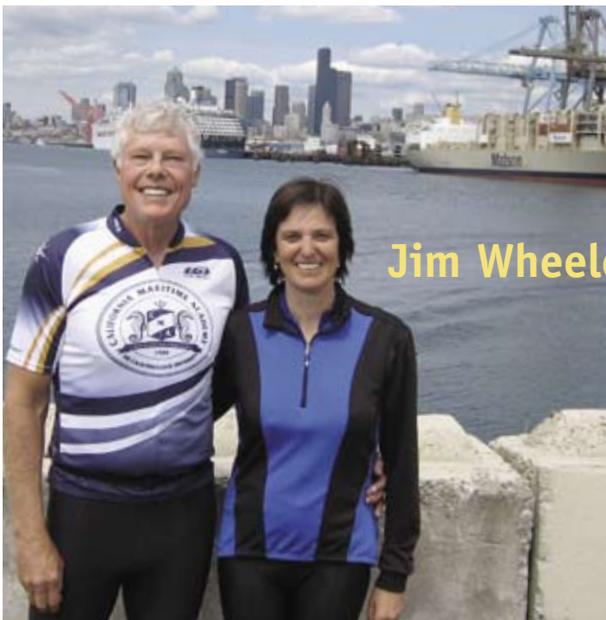
Share your milestones. If you've just received a promotion or workplace recognition or have other news you want to share with classmates, you can let us know via the website.

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Looking for a job? You can post your resume online for others to see — an audience rich with friends and colleagues who are often looking for people with skills like yours to fill key positions. You can search on a variety of criteria to find jobs which match your interests and skills.

Remember, alumni can attend the Academy's annual Job Fair in January. See the events calendar on the back cover for more details.

Looking for an employee? You and your company can file job openings on the website and edit listings as well. That puts you in touch with a pool of highly qualified candidates with the experience and leadership skills synonymous with Cal Maritime graduates. (If you are not an alum, but are interested in posting a job opening, you can access this area via a Guest Pass. See above for more information.)



Jim Wheeler Rides Bike to Seattle for Scholarships

That's Cal Maritime Professor **JIM WHEELER** and his wife **LAURIE SNODGRASS** in Seattle, WA. Not that remarkable until you realize that Jim rode to Seattle from Cal Maritime this spring — a two-week bike ride of over 800 miles to raise funds for scholar-athlete scholarships. (Laurie joined him for the last leg of the ride.)

Not only did he successfully complete the ride, but he raised some \$15,000 in donations for the cause. Wheeler's itinerary included daily segments of 50-70 miles. Upon his arrival in Seattle, he was met by a contingent of Pacific Northwest Academy Alumni, led by Academy regional representative and alumnus Ken Passe – E-69, who organized a picnic of area alumni and friends in his honor.

The California Maritime Academy Foundation Report of Charitable Giving

July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006

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A SAMPLING OF SCHOLARHIP RECIPIENTS



ROSALYNN KIM (BUSINESS-08), from Benicia, CA, is the 2006-07 recipient of the B.C. Kingsbury Endowed Scholarship.

Rose's father founded William Kim's Tae Kwon Do in Vallejo, now managed by his son, and at one time taught martial arts skills on the Cal Maritime campus. Rose said she first learned about the Academy through her father and said her parents had a very strong influence on her choice to attend the Academy. Her high school guidance counselor also recommended Cal Maritime as a school with strong academic standards.

As she heads into the second half of her undergraduate education as a business major, Rose is studying a range of market possibilities — looking for job opportunities “in a growth sector that offers a chance for entrepreneurial success.”

Rose said she deeply appreciated the thoughtfulness of Dr. Kingsbury and his friends for their creation of the endowed scholarship. “Scholarships help cadets concentrate on academics and not bills, and that’s a very big plus.”

“I would highly recommend the Academy to anyone who wants a good education and strong leadership development.” — Jennifer Wadsworth



RYAN SEAVER (MT-07), Ketchikan, AK, is a recipient of an Alaskan for Alaskan Jobs in Transportation scholarship. Cal Maritime serves not only California, but the Western U.S. and the Pacific Rim, including numerous cadets from Alaska. The Alaskan Jobs scholarship program was founded in 1997 by companies and organizations — primarily in Alaska and the Pacific Northwest — which

are active in Alaskan maritime business. It is designed to support Alaskan residents interested in attending the Academy and to encourage their return after graduation to provide their expanded skills to the Alaskan maritime economy.

Ryan has worked for the Alaska Marine Highway state ferry system as part of his summer commercial internship for the Academy, and hopes to work for them full time once he graduates next year. “You need deck and engineering certification to work as a deck officer or engineer in the maritime field,” Seaver notes. “The Academy’s education program leads to licensure, assuming we pass all of our courses and examinations. The Alaskan Jobs scholarship has been invaluable to me in helping me pay for school. It also helps industry by supporting the Academy’s efforts to graduate licensed cadets and meet today’s strong demand for their skills.”



JENNIFER WADSWORTH – B-08 Jennifer Wadsworth, 22, is a native of Portland, OR and now in her junior year at Cal Maritime with a major in international business. Jennifer comes to the Academy by a somewhat circuitous route, although she has always known about the school. “My father Herbert is a 1976 engineering graduate,” she explains, “and he worked for 22 years aboard ARCO

Marine Tankers as a first and then chief engineer, operating primarily between Alaska and the West Coast. Today he’s an Operation Supervisor running electrical generation facilities for Nevada Power.”

Jennifer said her father kept telling her she should think about going to the Academy, but at first she resisted and wound up attending the University of Las Vegas and then a community college in Portland. “I really felt kind of lost in those big schools,” she said. “There wasn’t the structure I needed, so one day I finally listened to my father and came to visit the Academy. I knew right away it was the right place for me. There are tremendous opportunities for leadership development and a real focus on the educational process. I like the fact that when you come to school you are immediately part of the corp structure and are given orientation in important life skills like time management and goal setting.”

Before Cal Maritime, Jennifer said she had to work off campus to help pay her college expenses and that made it harder for her to focus on her studies. “It’s awesome that someone has thought enough of this school that they have given back to it to help cadets like me. I feel a real responsibility to them and to my parents to achieve. The scholarship assistance I receive means I don’t have to work to stay in school and I can concentrate on my studies and activities.”

Jennifer is a member of the women’s basketball team and also serves as a resident advisor to younger cadets. “I would highly recommend the Academy to anyone who wants a good education and strong leadership development.”

“Scholarships help cadets concentrate on academics, not bills, and that’s a very big plus.” — Rose Kim

A SAMPLING OF ACADEMY DONORS

In its distinguished 76-year history, over 5,000 men and women have graduated from The California Maritime Academy and used the skills and experiences they gained here to establish varied and successful careers. Many of them, along with friends, family members and business associates, have given back to the Academy in the form of gifts and grants to support scholarships, construction projects and other resources which help enrich the school's programs and create educational opportunities for young people, regardless of their economic or social background.

The list of those donors is long and impressive....and growing each year. The debt the Academy owes each of them for their generosity is beyond measure. It is impossible in this limited space to recognize them all by more than name, but we also recognize that each name represents a story. We have selected a few as representative of the many whose caring makes this a better and stronger institution.

CAPT. ROBERT W. MCALLISTER (D-42) – FT. MYERS, FLORIDA



World War II placed a tremendous demand on the Academy to train qualified deck and engineering officers to serve in the U.S. Merchant Marine. Captain Robert McAllister went from a Third Officer to Master just two years after graduating from Cal Maritime in 1942, and kept that license valid until his retirement, 45 years later, in 1987. He completed his wartime career as skipper of the Liberty Ship Maria Sanfo and helped convert it to a transport vessel to bring 800 U.S. Army troops home to San Francisco.

Nearly half his career (22 years) was spent as a pilot on the Panama Canal, and in 1963 he had the proud honor of piloting the *Golden Bear* through the Canal. Captain McAllister and his wife Edith retired in 1987 and in her honor, upon his wife's passing in 2001, he established the Capt. Robert W. and Edith I. McAllister Fund at the California Maritime Academy. The \$800,000 gift, the largest yet received by the Academy, today underwrites scholarships for Academy cadets. At the time the Fund was established, Capt. McAllister said, "Since my livelihood was based on what I learned at Cal Maritime, I couldn't think of a better place to benefit from my life's work."

CAPTAIN TONY EUGENE PITTSEY (D-61)



Tony Eugene Pittsey graduated cum laude from the Academy in 1961, at age 21, with a degree in Naval Science. He retired as a Captain of the U.S. Naval Reserves with 31 years of service and from a career with SeaLand Service. Captain Pittsey died in 2004 at

age 63 in Naples, Italy where he lived with his wife Giuliana Gorlei-Pittsey. Today, Mrs. Pittsey, knowing of her late husband's love of the sea and of Cal Maritime, is establishing a scholarship fund in his name to commemorate his memory and support future Academy cadets.

W.R. "DICK" COCHRAN (E-50) – HALF MOON BAY, CA



Dick Cochran (R) and wife Ann aboard the Training Ship *Golden Bear's* 2005 training cruise.

Dick's 40-year career included two years of active duty in the U.S. Navy and 33 years with Westinghouse Electric Corporation — much of it as a field engineer.

Since retiring, Dick has made service to the Academy his second career. He was elected to the Alumni Association Board in 1995 and named President of the Association in 2000, a post he held for the next four years. He's still an active Board member

and an avid promoter of the Academy's *Golden Bear* Society — created to honor major bequest donors to the institution.

"I owe the Academy so much for whatever modest success I had in my life and career," Cochran says. "Ann and I donated securities to the Academy with the proceeds going to an annuity which pays us a regular monthly income for the remainder of our lifetimes — and at a rate better than we were getting on our stock. When we are gone, the annuity becomes an endowed scholarship fund for future Academy cadets."

Cochran said during his time at the Academy, all cadets were entitled to a Naval Reserve stipend of \$65 per month. "Those funds meant as much to us then as I hope our scholarship will mean to future cadets."

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Reserve the Date for Gala 2007

Planning is already underway for another great Gala Black-tie event.

The 2007 Gala will be held **Saturday, March 10, 2007**

at the World Trade Club adjacent to the Ferry Building in the heart of San Francisco's downtown waterfront.

Mark the date on your calendar and watch the Academy website and your mailbox for more information early in the new year.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

CAL MARITIME LIBRARIAN SELECTED



Stackpole

Mark Stackpole, Cal Maritime Library technician, has been selected (through a joint effort of the Library of Congress and the American Library Association) as a national trainer for the application of metadata and cataloging standards. This is a tremendous honor.

Selected from librarians throughout the United States, he joins only 23 other outstanding librarians from such institutions as

Harvard University, Princeton University, Rutgers, Penn State, University of Virginia, Rice University, Texas A&M, and UCLA. He attended a May “train the trainers” workshop at the American Library Association headquarters in Chicago.

This initiative is the result of the Bicentennial Conference on Bibliographic Control for the New Millennium sponsored by the Library of Congress. As a trainer, Mark will be invited by libraries and organizations nationwide to train their librarians on the newest techniques and standards to improve discovery and access of online resources.



Messer-Bookman

Professors James Buckley and Tuuli Messer-Bookman presented papers at the International Navigation Simulator Lecturer’s Conference (INSLC 14), July 3-7, 2006 in Genoa, Italy at the Accademia Italiana della Marina Mercantile (Italian Shipping Academy). INSLC is a Conference of the International Maritime Lecturer’s Association (IMLA), which is an IMO sanctioned body

headquartered at the World Maritime University in Malmo, Sweden.

Professor Buckley presented a paper on *Student Perception about Synergies in Course Sequencing Using Simulation As A Tool for Augmenting OICNW Watch Standing*, co-authored with Professor Paul Leyda.

Messer-Bookman presented a paper on *Developing a Unified Institutional Philosophy Towards Simulation-Based Assessments and Exercises*.

TIM LYNCH DELIVERS SCHOLARLY PAPERS AT HISTORY FORUMS

Professor Tim Lynch attended the annual conference of the North American Society of Oceanic History (NASOH) where he presented a paper *H-Maritime and the Asynchronous Learning Community: A Twenty-First Century Think-tank* as part of a panel on “Maritime History in the Digital Age.” The conference, held at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum in Manitowoc, was attended by members of NASOH, the Canadian Nautical Research Society, and the Society for Nautical Research (UK). Since its launch, the peer-reviewed H-Maritime listserve, founded and moderated by Dr. Lynch (who also serves as book review editor) has grown to 230 subscribers in 25 nations.



Lynch

On Friday, June 23rd, he chaired a panel titled *Sources and Approaches to Labor and Identity in World History* at the annual conference of the World History Association, held in Long Beach, California. The following day, he presented a paper *Maritime History as World History: Prospects, Perspectives, and Perils* as part of a panel dedicated to “Maritime and Atlantic World History.”

Lynch has had published *Globalization and the Golden Gate: Maritime San Francisco in the 19th Century* in *Sea History* (November 2006). His paper, *Black Ahab: William Shorey and the San Francisco Whaleshery* — was accepted by the Conference on Gender, Race, Ethnicity and Power in Maritime America held at Mystic Seaport, October, 2006.



Buckley

CAL MARITIME WINS CSU INFORMATION COMPETENCE GRANT



Drake, Chisholm, Jackson

Mindy Drake, Information Fluency Librarian, and collaborators **Dr. Julie Chisholm** and **Dr. Paul Jackson**, were awarded a CSU grant to assess our students' abilities to utilize information resources and communicate via computing technology. The grant process was highly competitive, with only 18 awards made out of a pool of 47 proposals. The grant will be used primarily to purchase and apply the Advanced ICT Literacy Assessment tool recently developed by the Educational Testing Service (Princeton, NJ) — the creators of such tests as the SAT, GMAT, and GRE. The instrument will be used to establish a pre- and post- assessment of Cal Maritime's information fluency, technology and communication programs. Data from the ICT Literacy Assessment will also be used to create rubrics and embedded assignments in order to enrich Cal Maritime's first-year experience and strengthen curricula across the disciplines.

FACULTY/STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND MILESTONES



Benton

Graham Benton's paper *Obedience, Authority and Strategies of Resistance in the Cinematic Bounty* was published in *Diegesis: Journal of the Association for Research in Popular Fictions* (Number 9, Spring 2006). Mr. Benton, Assistant Professor, English Literature and Humanities in the Department of Global and Maritime Studies, has also been accepted for conference participation at the following conferences:

- The International Association of Maritime Universities: Globalization, Cultural Intelligence, and Maritime Education (Dalian, China - 10/06)
- The International Maritime English Conference: Maritime English, Cultural Intelligence, and Maritime Education (Chabahar, Iran - 11/06)
- The Caribbean English Association conference on Literature of the Sea: Shark Films, Cinematic Realism and the Production of Terror (Univ. of Puerto Rico/Mayaguez 12/06).

Steve Browne's *Nautical Rules of the Road, 4th edition* was just published by Cornell Maritime Press and is currently available in the Academy bookstore. The book is a commentary on the International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) and the U.S. Inland Rules. Mr. Browne is an Assistant Professor in the Marine Transportation Department.



Browne

Diane Rawicz, Executive Director of Campus Services, wrote an article for the August, 2006 issue of *College Services: Journal of the National Association of College Auxiliary Services*. The article, *A Miracle Makeover — The California Maritime Academy Students Pitch in to Help Empty & Refurnish 85 Housing Unit*, details the completion of the Academy's four-year project to upgrade furniture in all of its 226 residence hall rooms.



Rawicz



Emeritus Professors Named



In personal letters to the two honorees, the President noted their service to the institution and students. Professor McLemore was cited for 29 years of service and Professor Hammaker for 24 years. In both cases the nominations were sent to the President with the full support of the Academy's Academic Dean, Stephen Kreta and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Don Zingale.

President Eisenhardt noted that Emeritus/Emerita faculty are granted privileges similar to those

granted full-time faculty including parking and library access, office and secretarial support, non-voting membership in the Academic Senate and, upon invitation, membership on CMA and Academic Senate Committees.

Note: Professor Hammaker passed away September 17th. A more extensive article on his contributions to the Academy will be included in the next issue of Cal Maritime.

ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY PROFESSORS **Robert Hammaker (R)** and **Albert McLemore (L)** have been conferred the status of Emeritus/Emerita Professor by President William Eisenhardt. The honor is given to selected retiring or retired members of the tenured faculty as acknowledgement of meritorious service to the institution. It is reserved for those who have made extensive and significant contributions to Cal Maritime's academic programs. Emeritus recommendations are made following a faculty and administration review of an individual's qualifications for the designation.

Retirees Honored

Lee Allen, Bob Hammaker, Al McLemore, Sly Morris and Mark Sekelick were honored on the occasion of their pending retirements at an April 6th faculty and staff reception in the lobby of Rizza Auditorium. Following brief remarks by President Eisenhardt and Vice Presidents Don Zingale and Mark Nickerson, each of the honorees were presented with an engraved Cal Maritime chair in appreciation for their service to the school.



(L-R) Lee Allen, Exec. Director/Facilities, Sly Morris, Director of Public Safety and Al McLemore, Chairman of the Engineering Technology Dept. were relaxed and enjoying thoughts of retirement as they tried out the Cal Maritime chairs presented to them at an April 6th reception in their honor. Chairs were also presented to Bob Hammaker, Engineering Technology and Mark Sekelick, Marine Transportation, who were unable to attend.

CAL MARITIME TO HOST NATION'S ACADEMY LEADERS AND MARAD

The annual meeting of the Presidents and Superintendents of the nation's maritime academies and senior executives of the U.S. Maritime Administration (MARAD) will be held this year on the Cal Maritime campus, November 30th and December 1st.

The annual event affords an opportunity for the academies and MARAD to exchange information on current programs of maritime education and training and to explore challenges and opportunities facing the institutions in meeting current and future mission goals. It is hoped that newly appointed MARAD Administrator Sean Connaughton will be a part of the agency group visiting the Vallejo campus.

Cal Maritime To Host First-Ever Conference In March

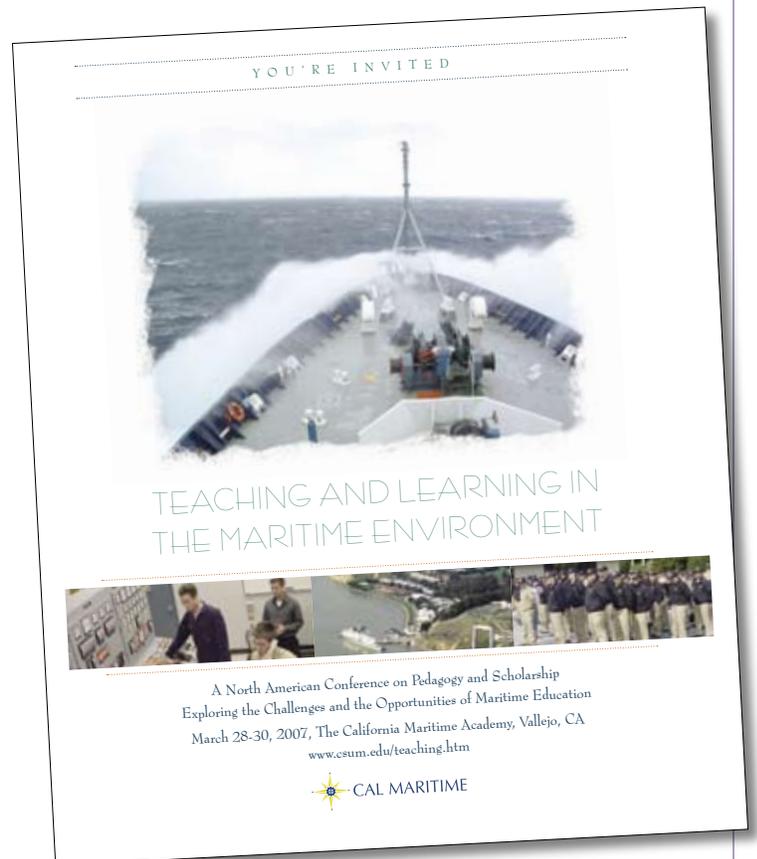
THE CALIFORNIA MARITIME ACADEMY will host the first-ever conference on *“Teaching and Learning in the Maritime Environment,”* March 28 -30, 2007 at its Vallejo, CA campus.

The original concept for the program was developed by the Academy’s Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Don Zingale. “The process of maritime education is a unique one,” he notes. “It’s a mixture of traditional curriculum and scholarship, coupled with experiential and learner-centered instruction. That combination offers a rich experience, but also presents special challenges for both teaching and learning. Significant numbers of our faculty come to us via non-traditional tracks such as the maritime or maritime business fields and bring their experiences to our classrooms.”

“The idea of the conference is to bring together a wide-ranging and stimulating mix of educators, practitioners and academicians — both traditional scholars and non-traditional — to explore the challenges, the benefits and the best practices of teaching in this specialized sector.”

Academy President William B. Eisenhardt said the conference has a series of goals:

- Recognizing the contribution of all types of maritime faculty to the body of knowledge that is maritime education.
- Introducing maritime educators — many of them newer to the role of faculty — to the basics of contemporary pedagogy and scholarship.
- Providing a platform for juried lectures and workshops on current best practices in the field, including publication of post-conference Proceedings.
- Enhancing networking and sharing of resources between maritime universities and related organizations with a maritime education mission.
- Establishing maritime education as a recognized leader and exemplar in developing new directions in higher education.



Based on initial discussions among colleagues at other maritime institutions, interest in this subject area is very strong, as is the opportunity for face-to-face exchanges of ideas, information and current practices among traditional and non-traditional faculty involved in maritime education and those considering entering the field.

Information about the event and registration information can be found by clicking the conference link on the homepage at www.csum.edu or by calling Veronica Boe, Office of Sponsored Projects and Extended Learning at (707) 654-1156.

Cal Maritime Captures U.S. Service Academy Sailing Championship for 2nd Year in a Row

IN A CLASSIC DAVID AND GOLIATH SCENARIO, Cal Maritime, for the second year in a row, and the third in the last four years, captured the 2006 Shields Trophy as the nation's top U.S. Service Academy sailors. The California Maritime Academy, the smallest member of the California State University, beat teams from West Point, Annapolis, Maine Maritime, The U.S. Merchant Maritime Academy and Mass Maritime, among others. Cal Maritime lacks its own larger sailboats, and has to practice on borrowed craft, but that hasn't hampered its ability to repeatedly bring home the top prize in service academy sailing.

Lead by senior tactician Piet van Os, (see related story page 6) Cal Maritime was declared the winner after two days of weekend competition at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis,



Cal Maritime's Shield's Cup Sailing Champions for 2006:
(L-R) Nathan Prather, Piet van Os, Bud McKay, Brian Vanderspek, Justin Scott, Cole Davis, Paige Johnston, Thor Proulx.

MD, Sept. 16th and 17th. Other members of the team included Brian Vanderspek, Daniel, "Justin" Scott, Nathan Prather, Charles "Cole" Davis, Bud McKay, Robert Proulx and Paige Johnston.

The Academy, by the way, is actively pursuing a boat donation in the 35-45 foot range that would be ideal for both Bay area and open ocean racing. Said Arms, "We

have established ourselves as a competitive team in college big boat sailing, and now we want to really go offshore and prove ourselves in distance racing as Navy has done in the Bermuda race series." For more information about the Cal Maritime sailing program call the Sailing Office. (707) 654-1257 or email carms@csum.edu.

Sports Night Awards Dinner

STUDENTS, COACHES, FACULTY AND STAFF gathered at the Campus Dining Hall Tuesday, April 4th for the annual Sports Night Awards Dinner. It was an opportunity for student athletes from all of Cal Maritime's sports programs to gather for an evening of friendship and fellowship and a forum to award programs for excellence in athletics and academics. Individual coaches handed out awards for their particular programs and spoke of highlights of the 2005-06 athletic year.

Cal Maritime Athletic Director Marv Christopher and Sailing Coach "Charlie" Arms presented Cadet Andrew Goodman of Stockton, CA with the award as the Academy's "Outstanding Scholar Athlete." Goodman joined the Academy Dinghy Sailing Team in his freshman year. In 2003 he served as bowman as the Academy captured the Shields Cup — the U.S. Service Academies' Sailing Championship. He was driver in 2005 when the Academy again won the cup. This spring he was at the helm again as Cal Maritime finished 3rd in the Kennedy Cup competition for U.S. Service Academy offshore racers.



Athletic Director Marv Christopher, Andrew Goodman and Charlie Arms

Cal Maritime Crew Gets Royal Treatment



Members of the Cal Maritime crew with (L-R) Assistant Crew Coach Scott Green, Athletic Director Marv Christopher, President William Eisenhardt and Coach Mike Tressel and the team's new 41-foot Vespoli eight-oared shell. The new state-of-the-art shell was christened the "Mary Helen" in honor of the wife of Academy friend and supporter Hal Boex who also gave the school a refurbished truck and crew trailer, freshly painted — and with the Academy logo prominently displayed.



THE MEMBERS OF THE CAL MARITIME CREW got one of the best presents they could imagine in September when President William Eisenhardt and Athletic Director Marv Christopher unveiled a brand new 41-foot long Vespoli eight-oared racing shell for their use.

"We're very excited," said crew coach Mike Tressel. "The V1 is the top of the line crew shell. Vespoli came up with a new hull design for this shell which should take us to a higher level of competitiveness in our crew program for men and women. It should help us shave seconds off our previous best times. I know that the rowers and coxswains will be working hard to earn their spots in that boat."

The shiny new shell has a design not found in other CMA boats...the coxswain lies down in the bow of the boat facing forward instead of sitting aft behind the stroke oarsman. The box-coxed boat provides for greater stability and better weight distribution. For coxswains Emily Ramos, Matt Moore and Liz Vuong, it also means that they will be focusing their attention in back of them as well as in front. Their commands will be delivered via a headset microphone and speakers built into the shell.

The goodies didn't stop with the shell either. The crew also discovered that it will be traveling to its events in style. The Academy's heavily used trailer for transporting shells was completely repainted, refurbished with the Cal Maritime logo prominently displayed, and outfitted with new tires. To add to the excitement, the trailer will now be towed by a low-mileage stake-body truck, also freshly painted with the Cal Maritime crew name and logo. The truck and the refurbishing of the trailer were both donations from Vallejo developer and long-time Academy supporter and Foundation member Hal Boex.

In Boex's honor, President William Eisenhardt arranged to have the new shell painted with the name of his wife, Mary Helen. "We can't thank Hal enough for his generosity," said Academy Athletic Director Marv Christopher. "It means so much to our cadets and to the Academy to make a professional appearance when we compete. The truck and trailer really help and we're pleased to be able to upgrade our sports program with the Vespoli shell."

FOLLOW THE KEELHAULERS ON THE WEB

One of the best ways to keep track of Cal Maritime's athletic programs for men and women is via the Academy website. From the homepage (www.csum.edu) click on Athletics on the left side of the page...follow the links to the Events Calendar and then in the lower right side, click on Athletic Events Calendar. You can view by day, week or month to see when the Keelhaulers are playing, home or away.

Maritime Academy Foundation Appointments

MANY PEOPLE KNOW LINDY KEEVER as the wife of Cal Maritime's Vice President for Student Development and Skipper of the Academy training ship *Golden Bear*, Commodore John Keever. What they may not know is that Lindy is herself



a graduate of Cal Maritime (D-'79), worked as a mate for ARCO Marine, and on numerous smaller boats on San Francisco Bay, is the mother of current Cal Maritime cadet Scott Keever (MT -'07), and a very successful businesswoman — working for the past 15 years as an independent commercial and

residential real estate lending broker in the Vallejo area and in the Sierra foothills around Auburn, the Keevers' hometown.

Now she's taking on yet another important role as a member of the Board of Directors of the Academy Foundation, which encourages, receives and manages private donations to the institution by individuals, corporations and non-profit charitable organizations.

Keever said she is particularly impressed by the strides Cal Maritime has made in recent years, citing its membership in the California State University system and the growing strength and diversity of its academic programs. "We need to do all we can to make sure our alumni know and appreciate the quality and vitality of their alma mater and the ways in which it has grown and strengthened its programs and its reputation. In addition, we need to encourage all of them to tell the Academy's very positive story to friends, colleagues and associates."

JOHN COMYNS, a Benicia-area dentist for the past 26 years, though not a Cal Maritime graduate, is a strong supporter of the Academy and its work — most recently as the newly elected Chairman of the Board of the Academy's private Foundation. Comyns got his undergraduate degree at the California Polytechnic Institute and a degree in dentistry from Creighton University in 1975. He began practicing soon after graduation, opening a practice in Vallejo and then in Benicia in 1980.

Community service is an important part of Comyns life. He has served as a Director of the Vallejo Symphony, a President of the Vallejo Rotary, and as President of the Sutter-Solano Hospital Foundation among other duties.

His friendship with another strong Academy supporter and dentist, Dr. B.C. Kingsbury, brought Comyns in contact with Cal Maritime, and for the past six years, he has been a Director of the Academy's private foundation and an advocate for the school and its programs.



Dr. Comyns has played a major role in creating and promoting the Foundation's annual B.C. Kingsbury golf tournament in support of Academy scholarships. "The Academy is a small jewel in Solano County that is sometimes overlooked," he observes. "President Eisenhardt has done a superb job of guiding the institution's growth, often in the face of fiscal challenges. He has done a great deal to strengthen the quality and reputation of the school, in part by encouraging increased donations to the institution by friends and supporters in both the private, non-profit and corporate sectors. Cal Maritime puts education to work. I wouldn't hesitate to recommend the school to a friend for the education of their son or daughter."

President Makes PNW Swing



Ken Passe and President William Eisenhardt chat with Susan Worthon, aunt of incoming Cadet Thor Proulx and Tom Steele, also recently accepted as a member of the class of 2010.

CAL MARITIME PRESIDENT WILLIAM EISENHARDT visited the Pacific Northwest this spring for a series of meetings and a reception and speech in the Seattle Area. With assistance from the Office of Advancement and Academy alumnus Ken Passe (E-69), the President met with numerous senior leaders of area businesses involved in maritime trade and transportation in both the Pacific Northwest and Alaska. At these meetings, he provided an update on the Academy's programs of education and training and its plans for future growth. He also encouraged his hosts to provide candid feedback on the kinds of job skills they need both today and in the next five to ten years in the people they hire. It is all part of a process of continually refining and expanding Academy programs and resources to assure that Cal Maritime truly provides relevant training programs.

Tuesday evening, April 18th, the President attended a reception for area alumni, hosted by Jonathan Quinn Barnett Yacht Designers of Seattle. Erika Lichy (MT-01) is a graphic designer with the firm which creates interior design plans for large-scale motor yachts worldwide. Her father Eric (D-73) has served for many years as a marine pilot in the Seattle area and he and wife Robyn are about to set out on a life-long dream journey — a multi-year global circumnavigation in their own sailboat. Approximately 40 area alumni and friends of the institution were on hand as well as several prospective enrollees and their parents interested in learning more about the Academy.

President Eisenhardt was the featured speaker before the Seattle Propeller Club and outlined the important role of the Academy in the long-term health and vitality of maritime trade and transportation not only in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska, but the entire West Coast and the Pacific Rim as well.



Copper Ships Visit Cal Maritime

Coppersmith Jim Adkerson with his model of the *U.S.S. Oregon*, now on display in the Laboratory. It's one of five models on long-term loan to the Academy.

Five meticulously detailed models of famous U.S. Navy ships, handcrafted in copper by California model maker and artist Jim Adkerson of Clearlake, are making an extended "port call" at the Vallejo campus of the California Maritime Academy.

Adkerson, 57, is a retired metalworker whose career has involved everything from crafting copper piping and vats for breweries to sheetmetal and ornamental and decorative work, has crafted the ships as a hobby.

"I work at a 3/32nd scale," he explains. "That is a size which enables the use of copper as the primary material and results in a finished model size that is manageable." Each of Adkerson's models is about 4-5 feet in length. He notes that if he had tried to create a model of a more modern ship like an Enterprise aircraft carrier in the same scale, it would be 10-12 feet long.

Adkerson said he chose copper as his medium because his skills lay in that area and because most model makers were working in more traditional wood or plastic. So far he has created eight ships in this scale...most of them dating from the late 1800s to the early 1900s when the U.S. Navy was expanding its size and its global presence.

Adkerson and his wife are about to set sail on an extended retirement voyage. Through a friendship with Academy faculty member Tuuli Messer Bookman, arrangements were made to make a temporary home for five models at the Academy over the next year or so.

The *USS Monadnock* is now located in the Administration building lobby. Of the remaining models of the *USS Maine*, *USS Brooklyn*, *USS Olympia* and *USS Oregon*, two have been placed in the lobby of the laboratory, one in the tech center, and the location for the fifth will be determined shortly.

Another Successful "Bridge" Program

OVER TWO DOZEN STUDENTS primarily from inner-city Oakland high schools and chosen for their academic promise, spent six weeks living and studying at Cal Maritime this summer under the Bridge Program run by program creator, manager and Academy consultant Howard Jackson.

During the program, each student gets a true taste of college life — they live in a campus residence hall, eat in the dining hall, and are graded in college level courses that include Advanced Algebra and Trigonometry, Calculus I, General Physics, English Literature, and Engineering. In addition, each student works as a team on an engineering project — designed to foster academic skills as well as teamwork and time management.

The program also helps motivate the students by showing them that they can do college level work and that financial and educational resources are available to support their dream of a higher education if they are ready to make the commitment. Jackson said one of the biggest rewards of the program, now in its fifth year, is seeing students come to the realization that they have the skills to make the college dream a reality.



Bridge students make several excursion trips during the six-week campus program. This year they visited the Hyde St. Pier, the San Francisco Maritime museum, and the restored sailing ship *Balclutha*.

Volunteers Needed as Class Secretaries: With this issue of Cal Maritime, you are seeing the initial results of our efforts to expand the Alumni Class Notes section, but our success depends heavily on having a good network of class secretaries....and on hearing from each of you. To find out more about what a class secretary does, how you can help and how to go about getting involved, be sure to read Lynn Korwatch's column in this issue (page 12). You'll also learn more about other ways you can keep in touch with the campus and what's happening between issues of the magazine.

Alumni Resources on the Website Including Jobs and Job Posting: The Alumni section of the Cal Maritime website is also a useful resource for you. See our instructions on page 13 on how to access special sections of the site, including job postings, using the registration code found on your Cal Maritime mailing label.

Class Notes Fall 2006

Class of 1942

CAPT Frank Oliver, USCG (Ret.) was recently honored with the 2006 Lalonde Spirit of the Seas Award, which is the Council of American Master Mariners (CAMP) most distinguished honor. The Lalonde Spirit of the Sea Award is awarded each year to a Council member who best embodies the ideals of humanitarianism, professionalism, seamanship, lifetime achievement and noteworthy accomplishments, along with contributions to the maritime industry and the practice of the "Spirit of the Seas" in their everyday lives. The CAMP has a chapter in each major seaport and Frank is a member of the San Pedro Chapter.

Class of 1947



The class of 1947 gathered this spring in Palm Springs for their 59th reunion and had an excellent turnout. President and Mrs. Eisenhardt were able to join the group. A reunion photo L-R includes: **Daniel Yee**, **Stewart Tinsman**, **President Eisenhardt**, **Irving Williams**, **Richard Nevins**, and **Dieter Rall**. Behind Daniel Yee is **Richard Holmgren**. In the back row: **Jackson Hargis**, **Joseph Ursich**, **Edward Weller**, **Richard Fiedler**, **William Froelich**, **Allan Beek**, **John Marin** (while at CMA it was John Marinkovich) and **Robert Whalen**.

Class of 1961

Glenn Burch is retired from a career as an historian with the California Parks Department. He now lives aboard his yacht in the Petaluma Yacht Harbor.

Gary Nelson has retired from the dental practice he shared with his wife Kelly in Mill Valley. His lifelong interest in golf has led him to be the new coach of the University of San Francisco golf team.

Class of 1965

As many of you know, **Dave Lyman** passed away as a result of a work-related accident. Dave was a bar pilot in Hawaii. The bar pilots have honored Dave by naming one of their pilot boats after him.

"Jungle" Jim Landon sent us a note advising he retired from the Columbia Nuclear Generating Station in the Pacific Northwest and is now in process of becoming "Farmer Jim," with some agricultural property he and his wife Valerie acquired on the Columbia River about 15 miles south of Kennewick, WA. He says it was easier running machinery than livestock!



Brian "Max" Maxwell, **Dennis "Gramps" Gregor**, **Dick "Twig" Branch** and **Bob "Bondo" Piazza** gathered, with spouses, at Bob's house in early August for their quarterly get together. They all drove Bob's grand kids "sand rail" around the place and tried not to kill themselves. Brian and Dick are retired and stay home bothering their wives while Dennis heads up R.F. MacDonald's Boiler sales and Bob is still in the pump business. They also get together once a year for golf; the front 9 on the course and back 9 at the club house!

Rumor has it the **Jan Moehl** moved from Reno to Boston recently but we haven't heard from him. Jan, let us know where you are by e-mailing Bob Piazza at rwpiazza@comcast.net!

Class of 1969

Joe Conway began sailing for Matson in 1976 and brought the *SS Maui* out of the shipyard as a new-build in 1978. He retired in June 2006, after 22 years as Chief Engineer on the *SS Kauai*, truly "his ship." He lives in Bodega Bay and relaxes by riding his bicycle around the area and doing some giving back to the community wherever possible.

Pete Desmond started on the coastwise tugs in 1971 when shipping slowed down. He is presently sailing as Captain on the *Intrepid/M-254*, an ATB engaged in the Jones Act petroleum trade. The vessel is owned and operated by Maritrans Operating Co, for whom Pete has worked for more than 27 years. His current run is from Port Arthur, TX to Tampa, FL. Pete and his bride of two-and-a-half years, Rosemarie — who is a registered nurse and works in the home health care field — live 45 miles north of Tampa, FL. Pete has a granddaughter who will be 16 at the end of August, so if you live in South Carolina, beware of the new driver on the road! He still plays a pretty good game of golf, enjoys cooking and fine dining, though he has been lucky to remain slim over the years. Pete is looking forward to retiring in 2010 and probably will do some teaching while traveling to the Mediterranean area.

Kim Magnuson sailed as Master for Matson Navigation and was well known for wearing his propeller beanie hat on the bridge. Kim retired in 1995, as one of the youngest retirees in the class. After living on the Oregon Coast for many years, Kim moved to the Hawaiian Islands, and is now living in the town of Papaikou. Kim teaches sailing for the Na Hoa Holomoku yacht club of Hawaii and enjoys wandering around the area trying to find his mind — it is the thing he misses the most. Kim can also be found tending his tropical fruit trees and nurturing his carnivorous plants.



Since early 1971, **Paul Nave** has worked in various positions for Crowley Maritime and is currently a project manager for the special contracts division of the company. After sailing as an engineer, then becoming a port engineer, he now has responsibilities for special project work that comes up throughout the year. Paul's travels have taken him around the globe, including South East Asia, the Middle East, Europe, Caribbean, South and Central America, US West and Gulf Coast,

the Arctic and the Russian Far East. He has resided in various locations including California, Singapore, Great Britain, Puerto Rico, Alaska and is now (and hopefully finally) settled in Issaquah, Washington. Along the way he has gained a wife named Mary (in Scotland), a son named Chris (in England), a daughter named Julie (in Puerto Rico), several cats and a dog, and now a llama in Issaquah. In his off time, Paul enjoys gardening, family, travel (believe it or not), and just kicking back on a lazy afternoon in the sun. Contact him at paul_nave@hotmail.com or paul.nave@crowley.com.

Following graduation, **Bill Randall** served 10 years (and one day) with the US Coast Guard in New Orleans and the Bay Area, both as a marine inspector and engineer. Moving into civilian life and to the Sacramento area for the next 20+ years, he held positions in the publishing, construction, and computer industries. Always willing to try something new, Bill and his wife, Karen, recently moved to southern Colorado, where they've made a considerable investment in a 1909 homestead — and they have the pictures to prove it! Now that the Colorado accommodations are acceptable to Karen's two horses, Bill is working for the Rockies Express Pipeline project in Nebraska; he hopes to be home before he's eligible for Social Security. He has two sons living in SoCal — John, a CPA/MBA/small business-owner/father-of-2/darned good golfer, and Dean, a professional photographer/skateboarder/musician/aircraft parts manager who just earned a second bachelor's degree. According to Bill, his two granddaughters are perfect in every way.

Class of 1986



Marc Winocur has been promoted to the position of Non-Retail Supply Chain Manager for Target Transportation, a division of Target Corporation. He is responsible for overseeing logistics, storing and transportation of all non-retail items for the entire Target network of stores nationwide. "Basically everything that doesn't have a price tag on it is my new business — including fixtures, signage, photo labs, you name it."

Class of 1988



CDR **Dan "Dozer" Dwyer** is currently underway on the *USS Kitty Hawk*. He is the Commanding Officer of an F-18 Super Hornet squadron that has 25 Officers, 250 Enlisted and 13 F-18's. His squadron is one of eight onboard the *Kitty Hawk*, four of which are F-18 squadrons. His squadron flies daily, with training that consists of dog fighting, air-to-air intercepts, and dropping bombs to include laser and GPS guided. He and his wife, Christina, son and two daughters have lived in Japan for nearly a year-and-a-half.

Classes of 1995 & 1996

Mike Avery ('95) and **Chris Chilton** ('96) are currently working for Alaska Tankers on the Prince William Sound. Mike is serving as 1st Engineer and Chris is serving as 2nd Engineer.

Class of 2004

Andy Rhyne was married July 9, 2005 on California's Central Coast, and he and his wife Katie recently purchased a condo in Oakland, CA. Andy works as a lead utility operator with Genentech, Inc. in South San Francisco. In their spare time, the Rhyne's are volunteer puppy raisers for Guide Dogs for the Blind, and have currently opened their home to Minerva, a female black lab puppy. Pictured is Andy with the 10-month-old guide dog-in-training.



Cal Maritime graduate and Navy Lt. Junior Grade **Ian Sprenger** (MT-04) is well on his way to becoming a top-notch pilot. He graduated number one from primary flight training at Pensacola, FL, and number two from advanced training in Mississippi. He received his Navy flight wings in August and now has been sent to Lemoore Naval Air Station, south of Fresno, CA for further advanced flight training.

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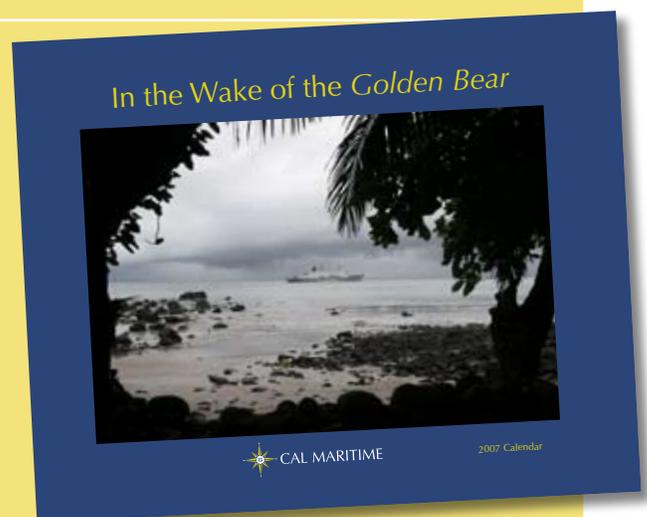
In the Wake of the Golden Bear, a beautiful 2007 Cal Maritime calendar featuring striking full-page color photos from the 2006 voyage of the Academy's training ship *Golden Bear*, is being made available in a very limited edition.

Cost per calendar is \$15 with proceeds going to benefit the Foundation and its work in support of the Academy. Each month's calendar listings include notations of traditional holidays as well as important milestones in the Academy's 2007 academic year, including semester breaks, commencement and dates of 2007 training cruises. It's a perfect gift for yourself, a friend, a cadet or a parent — and a great way to show friends and associates what the Academy and the training cruise experience are all about.

Quantities of the 2007 calendar are very limited so get your order in now. Contact the California Maritime Academy Foundation at 707-654-1246 or cmafoundation@csum.edu (For a better look, click the "2007 Calendar" hotlink off the homepage of the Academy website, www.csum.edu.)

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Cal Maritime Grads on USNS Mercy Humanitarian Mission in Pacific

CAL MARITIME graduates David Boudreaux (class of '80), Mark Shartel (class of '91), Dan Zelenka (class of '91), John Hart (Class of '99) and Scott Pistorosi (class of '03) are civil service mariners currently serving aboard Navy hospital ship *USNS Mercy* as it travels through Southeast Asia and the Pacific Islands on a four-month humanitarian mission. The ship's master, Capt. Robert Wiley, is a 1980 graduate of the school. Cal Maritime cadets Michelle Brierley, Anthony Merlonghi, Stacy Shuppert, Aziz Quershi and Christopher Yarussi were also embarked on board the ship.

Mercy departed San Diego April 24 and was scheduled to return in late September. The ship just completed its last of 10 stops. Previous stops were in the Philippines, Bangladesh, Indonesia and Timor.

The 894-foot *USNS Mercy* is one of two hospital ships operated by the U.S. Navy's Military Sealift Command. *Mercy's* navigation, propulsion and engineering services are provided by 66 civil service mariners. Navy medical personnel along with non-governmental organizations are deployed aboard *Mercy* to provide surgical, dental and other medical services to people in areas where advanced medical care is not available. The ship has 12 operating rooms and a 1,000-bed capability, making it one of the world's largest hospitals.



Boudreaux



Shartel



Zelenka



Pistorosi

IN MEMORIUM

Mark Sekelick, Professor of Marine Transportation Robert Hammaker, Professor of Engineering Technology

MARK SEKELICK passed away May 14th, at the age of 50 after a battle with pancreatic cancer. Professor Sekelick joined the California Maritime Academy faculty in 1988, teaching a variety of business, transportation and maritime courses. He was also an active member of the Academy's California Faculty Association (CFA) Collective Bargaining Committee, and as President William Eisenhardt noted at Mark's memorial service on May 20th, had a deep commitment to the school.

"In my first week here, Mark met with me as President of the local CFA chapter. What was supposed to be a brief courtesy visit became a lengthy and detailed conversation between colleagues, discussing the potential of this institution and the vision needed to achieve it. Mark was, indeed, a valued colleague in the full sense of the word, and we will miss his presence profoundly."



A native of Pittsburgh, PA, Sekelick lived in Napa for 20 years. He graduated from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, sailed as an officer on merchant ships for much of his maritime career, and was an active member of the Masters, Mates and Pilots union.

Mark received his MBA from San Francisco State University before coming to Cal Maritime. He loved to show visitors around campus and tell them about the school's academic programs and the details of the *Golden Bear* and its training voyages.

He is survived by his wife Peggy, brothers Matt and Peter, and his many

many friends and colleagues. Contributions in his memory in support of pancreatic cancer research can be made to PanCAN, 2141 Rosecrans Avenue, Suite 7000, El Segundo, CA 90245, www.pancan.org.

Robert Hammaker, Professor



Robert Hammaker (see related story on Emeritus appointments on page 24) passed away September 17th after a battle with cancer. Due to editorial deadlines for this issue, a more extensive article about Bob and his contributions to the Academy will be included in the next issue of Cal Maritime.

Capt. Ralph M. G. Swany, Jr. – D-33

CAL MARITIME lost one of its oldest and earliest graduates and a man whose life was deeply intertwined with the history of the Academy with the passing this May of Captain Ralph Swany.

Capt. Swany was born in Los Angeles, March 15, 1914. Prior to finishing high school, he was accepted as the youngest member of the first group of students to enter the California Nautical School in Tiburon. The California Nautical School later became the California Maritime Academy in Vallejo and is now part of the California State University system.

During his time as a student midshipman, Swany traveled to many ports including Egypt, Sri Lanka, South America, Hawaii, Italy, France and Spain.

He was always proud that after graduation in 1933, at age 19, he was the first Academy graduate to obtain employment in the maritime industry. Ralph sailed with Luckenbach Steamship Company's merchant fleet from 1933 to 1939.

Capt. Swany joined the U.S. Navy in 1939 and remained on active duty until 1946. In 1941 he met and proposed to Dagny Swany. Their engagement party was held on December 7, 1941 and because of the attack on Pearl Harbor, he was only able to make a brief appearance before reporting back to the ship. Ralph and Dagny were married on January 1, 1942 and had a brief honeymoon before his military duties resulted in lengthy absences.

His experience in merchant service and in command proved to be very valuable during the war. At age 29, he was in charge of a 14-vessel convoy transiting the Panama Canal into the Pacific theater. During much of the war he was commanding officer of a repair ship in the Pacific, which he said described as "accomplishing very difficult tasks in quite difficult circumstances."

Ralph retired from the Navy in 1946 at age 32 with the rank of Commander and later served as a Captain in the USNR.



(L) Ralph Swany as a cadet — his cap bearing the insignia of the California Nautical School.

(R) Capt. Ralph Swany, then skipper of the Golden Bear and California Governor Earl Warren prior to the ship's famed 1948 "Milk Run" voyage to Europe to deliver post-war relief supplies.



Upon leaving service at the end of the war, he accepted the position of Captain and Commanding Officer of the California Maritime Training Ship *Golden Bear* as well as Head of the Department of Seamanship and Navigation for the Maritime Academy — posts he held for the next 11 years. During that time the *Golden Bear* made eleven training cruises to destinations including Mexico, Jamaica, Italy, France, Greece, Algeria, Chile, Peru, Dutch West Indies, U.S. Virgin Islands, Hawaii, Guatemala, American Samoa, and Tahiti.

The ship's 1948 cruise made history as the famous "Milk Ship," delivering much needed supplies, largely donated by California citizens, to war torn Greece, Italy and France.

As Captain of the ship and representative of those providing the relief supplies, Capt. Swany met with then California Governor Earl Warren, and was granted an extended private audience with Pope Pius XII. He was 34 at the time.

From 1958 to his retirement in 1979 Ralph worked for the maritime department of Chevron. His voyages were primarily between California and Alaska but included trips to Hawaii, Wake Island and Viet Nam.

Ralph and Dagny had two sons, Skip and Phil, and made their home in Walnut Creek. Capt. Swany retired

at age 65 and became a civilian traveler. He also returned frequently to Cal Maritime events and class reunions.

Note: The Swany family has generously provided us with extensive materials from Capt. Swany's memoirs including photographs. It is our hope to place more of this material in the Alumni area of the Cal Maritime website shortly.

GUY DENUYS CONOVER (E-38)

Guy DeNuys "Denny" Conover passed away December 9, 2005 at the age of 90. He graduated from CMA in 1938, and went on to study at U.C. Berkeley, where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in engineering in 1942. Immediately after college, Guy began his service as a Chief Engineer with the Merchant Marines during WWII throughout the Pacific Theater of War. After receiving an Honorable Discharge in 1945, he was appointed Commander in the United States Maritime Service in 1947. He worked for General Electric as a contract administrator, retiring from the company in 1976. He also had a 35-year career in real estate. At the age of 81, he started traveling to Spain to "keep up on his Spanish," and enjoyed keeping in contact with his fellow CMA alums.

RICHARD MURRAY ROCHE (D-42)

Richard Murray Roche of Walnut Creek passed away on July 14 in Chico at the age of 84. Dick was born in San Francisco on May 25, 1922. He graduated from the California Maritime Academy and served as a Merchant Marine deck officer during WWII. He married Elaine Brewer in 1944. He went to work for Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company where he continued to work until his retirement. They moved to their home in Walnut Creek in 1972.

Preceding him in death was his son Dan, and his wife of 61 years, Elaine. Dick is survived by his son Richard and wife Cathy of Gresham, Oregon; Steve and wife Patty of Chico; daughter-in-law Linda of Antioch; daughter Cathy and husband Craig of Irvine; and eight grandchildren.

CALVIN REED (E-43)

Calvin "Cal" Reed passed away on June 17th at the age of 82. A graduate from the Class of 1943, Cal was a member of the Merchant Marines and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. After receiving his bachelor's degree in radio and advertising from USC, he went on to become a film and video director and was nominated for an Oscar for the documentary film "With Their Eyes on the Stars." He spent most of his career documenting the U.S. space effort. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Dene Reed; daughter Kerry Reed; son and daughter-in-law Mark and Vicki Reed; and two grandchildren.

MERRITT ROBERT NICKERSON, JR. (E-46)

Merritt Robert Nickerson ("Nick"), passed away on August 17, 2005 after a 10-year battle against Alzheimer's and Parkinson's Disease. The Eagle Scout from Sacramento became the quiet engineer from CMA, the Micro Biologist from Stanford, and the LT Naval Reservist during the Korean War. He lived in Mill Valley for the last 43 years. Nick was a strong outdoorsman with a passion for hiking and skiing,

and thus became an official photographer at the Squaw Valley Olympics in 1960. He joined Leica Microsystems of Germany and New York in 1963 and combined his interest in biology and technology working with West Coast universities to solve technical problems in their research projects. He is survived by his former wife, Susan Reynolds, son Kurt, daughter Jill, and grandchildren Kurt Jr. and Jessica.

CARL WARREN WOODSON (D-54)

Carl Warren Woodson passed away on July 14, 2005 after a five-year battle with a form of cancer called multiple myeloma. Carl was a truly humble and accomplished man and his son, James, wishes to thank those who knew him for their valued friendship. His ashes were scattered in the ocean, a fitting resting place for a man who was, in his heart, a sailor.

BOB RIDDERVOLD (E-60)



Robert "Bob" Henry Riddervold passed away on June 9, 2006 of leukemia at the age of 66. Bob's graduation from CMA in 1960 set the platform from which he excelled for the next 40 years. He raised his license steadily after graduation in 1960 to Chief Engineer, and was hand-picked by the infamous "Charlie" Dearing of APL to go ashore in 1967 as a Port Engineer. Bob

retired from American Presidents Lines (APL) on December 31, 1996 after 35 years as a Ship's Engineer, Port Engineer, Senior Port Engineer and Superintendent.

Bob had a long and illustrious career in the merchant marine, retiring in 1996 after 35 years with American President Lines. Most recently, he consulted for the Calhoun MEBA Engineering School in Maryland, helped his daughter rebuild a grand old home in Boston, and remained active in several maritime industry groups.

Bob is survived by his wife, Carolyn; brother, Glen; sister, Karin; son and daughter-in-law, Rob and Marilyn; and daughter and son-in-law, Leslie and David. Bob and Carolyn welcomed their first grandchild, Robert Lloyd McAdams, just weeks before Bob's passing.

Bob is best described by his peers as a person who had integrity, was honest, committed, sensitive, a loving family man, mentor, leader and, most importantly, a friend. His Memorial was attended by three generations of family, friends, shipmates and maritime industry peers both active and retired. Anyone who would like to donate in Bob's name may donate to: The California Maritime Academy Scholarship Fund, 200 Maritime Academy Drive, Vallejo, CA 94590 or Boy Scouts of America.

events**calendar**

- Oct. 13** Greater LA Chapter Fall Dinner - Ports of Call, Long Beach, 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact Jerry Aspland ('62) at (714) 968-4409 or jerryaspland@yahoo.com
- Nov. 3** SF Bay Area Chapter Dinner - Spenger's Fish Grotto, Berkeley, 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Chris Walker ('99) at (707) 853-4440 or cmagrad@yahoo.com
- Nov. 16** Puget Sound Chapter Dinner - Pyramid Alehouse, Seattle, 5:30 p.m. For more information, contact Stephanie Wright ('05) at (206) 334-4425 or swright@harleymarine.com
- Nov. 20/24** Thanksgiving Holiday
- Nov. 30-
Dec. 1** Maritime Academy Presidents/Superintendents/MARAD Annual Mtng.
- Dec. 23-
Jan. 1, 2007** Winter Recess Faculty and Staff
- Jan. 16** Annual Cal Maritime Job Fair - Open to Undergraduates and Alumni. Contact Capt. Shirley Kohlwes, Director of the Career Development Ctr. for details on attending, recruiting and/or exhibiting. 707-654-1070
- Mar. 10** 2007 Black-tie Gala Dinner/dance/Auction Fundraiser - World Trade Club, San Francisco. (Reserve the date. More details in early 2007)
- Mar. 28-30** Teaching & Learning in the Maritime Environment Conference hosted by Cal Maritime (www.csum.edu/teaching.htm)
- April 25** First Cruise begins
- April 28** Commencement - Class of 2007
- June 27** Second Cruise
- August 28** Second Cruise Ends
- Sept. 4** Fall 2007 Semester begins

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