



Holiday Greetings from the Cal Maritime family!



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(L-R) TSGB Chief Engineer Bill Davidson, Chief Mate Dan Lintz, Capt. Harry Bolton (back to camera), Kevin Reynolds and Dan Clopton of the Seattle Marine Engineering firm of Glosten Associates, Inc., Kim McNutt, Dean of Sponsored Projects and Extended Learning and Steve Mastro, Chief Budget Officer for Cal Maritime, confer on initial plans for installation of a new *Shipboard Ballast Water Treatment Research, Development, Test and Evaluation Facility* aboard the *Golden Bear*. The new facility is expected to begin serving industry needs for ballast water system testing and certification starting next fall. And proving that Cal Maritime's reach in the maritime industry is wide and deep, Marine Engineer Dan Clopton is a 2005 Engineering graduate of the university. His wife, Julia Butler Clopton, also a Glosten employee, graduated from the Marine Engineering program in 2003. The Glosten engineers will be working closely with Davidson and the ship's team on system design and specifications and coordination of component installations.

Cal Maritime to Create Ballast Water Treatment Systems Test Facility

The California Maritime Academy is partnering with industry, government and higher education colleagues to create a *Shipboard Ballast Water Treatment Research, Development, Test and Evaluation Facility* aboard the school's 500-foot Training Ship *Golden Bear*. The \$700,000 project, underwritten by a **National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) SeaGrant**, with additional funding from the **U.S. Maritime Administration (MARAD)**, and the **California State Lands Commission**, is designed to streamline the time and expense associated with current testing. It is set to begin operation in the fall of 2009.

Bill Davidson, Chief Engineer for *Golden Bear*, Associate Professor Capt. Dan Weinstock and J. Kim McNutt, Dean of Cal Maritime Sponsored Projects and Extended Learning (SPEL), will play key roles in facility installation and operation. Working with them will be **Seattle's Glosten Associates, Inc.**, headed by **Senior Associate Kevin Reynolds** (design/installation), and the **University of Washington's School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences**, headed by **Research Associate Professor Russell Herwig** (facility testing/certification.)

"Ships routinely load and discharge large volumes of water to optimize vessel stability," Davidson notes. "This spread non-native marine species to foreign waters. Here in San Francisco Bay, for example, the Asian mitten crab has burrowed into vital delta levees, weakening their flood-protection capabilities."

Ballast Water System Research and Testing Facility—Continued

Government and private researchers are working continually to devise new and improved treatment systems, in advance of impending national and international mandates. However, each must be tested and independently certified to assure they meet baseline standards set by the International Maritime Organization (IMO). Shipboard testing, particularly while at sea, has often proved time-consuming, complex and expensive. The new Cal Maritime facility is designed to simplify and streamline testing, evaluation and certification.

SPEL Dean J. Kim McNutt explained that the new project will enable *Golden Bear* to function as a “plug-n-go” platform for research teams, regardless of how they approach the treatment challenge. “Researchers can install their system in a standard 20-foot shipping container, using connection specifications which we will provide. This will enable them to set up their platform at their home location, and then easily transport it to Vallejo for loading aboard *Golden Bear*. Standardized connections will enable researchers to tie into our ballast water tanks and test facilities without having to install their treatment system below deck.”

TSGB’s 30-ton capacity stern crane will enable containerized treatment systems to be easily moved to and from the ship for research, testing and certification.



“The *Golden Bear* is really an ideal solution for researchers,” adds skipper Harry Bolton. “We’re berthed at the Cal Maritime campus eight months of each year, except for our summer training cruise period. Our Vallejo campus is right next to a major interstate and with ample area lodgings for research teams. We will provide ready access to an operational ship with existing labs, and custom-configured for just this kind of research.”

“Our location on the upper end of San Francisco Bay -- at the junction of the Bay and the Sacramento Delta-- also means that we have a rich ‘soup’ of marine organisms – providing ideal ballast water conditions for testing, whether on the load or discharge side,” notes Prof. Weinstock. “We provide a dynamic facility -- one capable of handling a wide variety of system concepts and designs. Best of all, we expect to reduce the lengthy time requirements and economic costs of existing shipboard testing. We’ll provide a consistent environment for standardization and quality

control of experiments. And this will be a great teaching platform for our cadets and general student populations on ballast water treatment and related environmental law and policy issues.”

Glosten Associates, Inc. will work closely with Davidson’s team on the design and installation of the facility. The University of Washington will calibrate system, provide independent certification of research team testing results and help develop teaching programs on ballast water treatment.

Cal Maritime’s SPEL Center will have responsibility for marketing and administering contracts for use of the facility once it is operational. “Our current timetable calls for the new platform to be available for use next fall (2009),” Dean McNutt explained. “Anyone interested in learning more about the facility, and wanting to be notified when we issue system specifications and begin accepting reservations for its use, can contact the **Cal Maritime Office of Special Projects and Extended Learning** at (707) 654-1217 or kmcnutt@csum.edu.

400-Plus on Campus for *Preview Day* Program

Prospective high school and transfer students from throughout California and the western U.S. came to the Cal Maritime Campus Saturday, November 8th for *Preview Day* to get a first-hand view of the campus and in-depth briefings on everything from specific major programs to campus clubs and organizations, financial aid, housing and student life and athletics. The program was organized by **Admissions Director Marc McGee** and his staff (**Cecilia Santos, Sandy Handel and Mike Tressel**) and was aided by a corps of faculty, staff, and Cal Maritime students, handling everything from registration to presentations to campus tours. McGee thanked everyone who pitched in to help make the day a big success. “Nothing makes quite as positive impression for a prospective student as actually seeing the campus he or she may be attending for the next four years. We received many compliments about the quality of the program and about Cal Maritime. “



Cadets welcomed prospective students and their families as they arrived at Rizza Auditorium, and gave them packets of information.



Admission Director Marc McGee welcomed visitors to campus and outlined the program for the day.



The new campus Simulation Center was a popular stop for both prospective students and parents and included a sample “ride” in one of the 360-degree projection simulators.



(Below) Asst. Admission Director Mike Tressel answers questions from a prospective student and his family outside Rizza Auditorium



Dr. Tim Lynch of Global Studies (L) and Dr. Chris Clott of International Business and Logistics (to his right background) detailed the two programs in Cal Maritime’s Maritime Policy and Management Department. Capt. Paul Leyda, (R) head of the Department of Marine Transportation, talked with students and parents about maritime education and career possibilities.



SHIPBOARD ORGANIZATION

MASTER		
Deck	Engine	Steward
Chief Mate	Chief Engineer	Chief Steward
2 nd Mate	1 st Engineer	Chief Cook
3 rd Mate	2 nd Engineer	2 nd Cook
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Preview Day—Continued



Above: Tom Mader, Chair of Engineering Technology explains the school's engineering majors and careers. (Below) Additional information about the variety of student life and activities was made available at a series of tables on the quadrangle.

(Top) A group of parents and students visits Training Ship *Golden Bear*. (Above) Assistant Admissions Director Sandra Handel chats with a family on the quadrangle.

(Below right) One of those tables included (L-R) Kent Ward (MT '10), Jade Evans (MT '09) and Sean Strachan (MT '10) from the Caribbean Island Students Club.



Cal Maritime Hosts *Women on the Water* Conference Nov. 6-8



Over 100 visiting guests mingled with Cal Maritime cadets and faculty and staff for the second annual *Women on the Water* Conference, November 6-8th, on the Vallejo campus. The event, sponsored by the U.S. Maritime Administration (MARAD) was originally scheduled for the **Texas Maritime Academy** in Galveston, but Hurricane Ike had other ideas. Cal Maritime's **Office of Sponsored Projects and Extended Learning** helped make it all happen on short notice....lining up hotel accommodations, and finalizing the agenda and other conference events right up until opening day. Leading the effort were **Veronica Boe** and **Kathy Arnold** with additional help from **Pat Harper**, **Kris Cranford** and **Josie Alexander** plus the **AV** and **Food Service Departments**.

Conference attendees enjoyed a welcoming reception at the Student Center and tours of the campus Sim Center and Training Ship *Golden Bear* on Thursday. Friday and Saturday panel discussions covered the modern work environment, and challenges and solutions for women mariners, job opportunities, mentoring and human elements of the job.



(L-R) Capt. Lynn Korwatch, Dr. Donna Nincic, Stephanie Wright, Coast Guard Capt. Beverly Kelley and Capt. Laura Kovary took part in a Friday morning panel discussion on *Women in the Maritime Industry*.

Cal Maritime was well represented. **Capt. Harry Bolton** welcomed attendees to the opening session Friday in Rizza Auditorium. A Friday morning panel on *Women in the Maritime Industry* included **Capt. Laura Kovary** ('78) of BP Shipping, **Capt. Lynn Korwatch** ('76) of the Marine Exchange of San Francisco, **Stephanie Wright** ('05) of Harley Marine Services in Seattle, and **Dr. Donna Nincic**, head of Cal Maritime's Department of Maritime Policy and Management.

Coast Guard Rear Admiral and Director of Governmental and Public Affairs Mary Landry of the **U.S. Coast Guard** delivered a keynote address Friday evening. Saturday the conference reconvened at the Marriott Hotel in Vallejo (in part to make way for the Prospective Student Open House – see pages 3-4). Additional panel discussions covered the growing challenge of piracy, how to apply for maritime jobs, and legislative and regulatory factors in today's maritime business world.

Cal Maritime Hosts 3rd Maritime Academies Tournament



(L-R) Dave Covell coaches members of his Lady Keelhauler basketball team during the 2008 Maritime Academies Tournament, hosted by Cal Maritime: Shoshanah Finley, Keniya Thurman, Cherish Bustos, Lauren Westbrook, and Taylor Himmelspach.



The 3rd Maritime Classic Basketball Tournament, Nov. 20-22, kicked off with a Thursday dinner, and welcoming remarks from President Eisenhardt and Athletic Director Marv Christopher. Cal Maritime, Coast Guard, Maine Maritime, NY Maritime, and Evergreen College teams got a chance to get to know each other a bit better before the Friday competition began.



Maine Maritime's women held off Coast Guard for a 49-43 victory in the kickoff game. The Coast Guard men topped New York Maritime 75-59.

In the other opening bracket of the women's competition, Evergreen beat Cal Maritime 73-59 to advance to the championship round Saturday. That evening, Cal

Maritime men advanced to the finals, beating Maine Maritime 82-46.

Saturday afternoon's consolation bracket for the women saw the Lady Keelhaulers pull out a 49-44 victory for 3rd place. In the men's consolation, New York Maritime beat Maine Maritime 63-57.

Evergreen took the championship on the women's side with a 63-47 win over Maine Maritime. And in the men's championship, the Coast Guard defeated Cal Maritime 78-67.

"It was a great weekend of friendship and friendly competition," Christopher said. "Visiting teams and their coaches complimented the way things were run and were impressed with our campus and our hospitality." Christopher, noting that the fledgling Classic series rotates to the various maritime academy campuses, said he looks forward to the return of the tournament to Vallejo. "By then, our new athletic center will provide a showcase venue for this great event."

Hoping They Make the Grade....to Certification

It was a beautiful fall Saturday on the Cal Maritime campus on Saturday, Nov. 15th, but if you were a senior **Facilities Engineering** or select **Mechanical Engineering** student, the day was spent in Room 102 at the Technology Center, armed with stacks of books, notebooks, notes, calculators and hopefully, everything you learned up until now. The occasion was the eight-hour **Certified Plant Engineer In Training Test (CPE-IT)** — a graduation requirement for all Facilities Engineering and CPE stem Mechanical Engineering students. The test covers all aspects of engineering fundamentals. Open books are allowed, but won't do you much good if you don't know what's in them.

According to **Dr. John Massey, Director of Facilities Engineering Technology**, the exam is sponsored by the **Association of Facilities Engineering (AFE)**. Those who pass win certification as a **CPE-IT (In Training)**, and can gain full CPE certification after five years of experience without further testing. Non - CPE-IT personnel must take an eight-hour test on engineering fundamentals and practical facilities engineering after five years of experience in order to become certified.

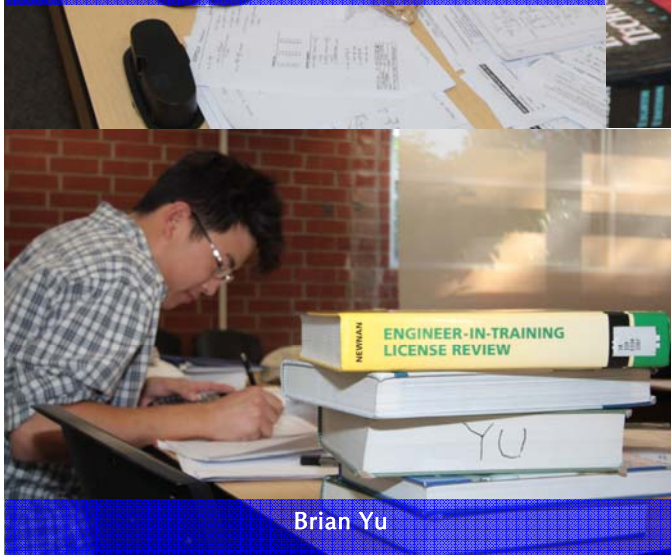
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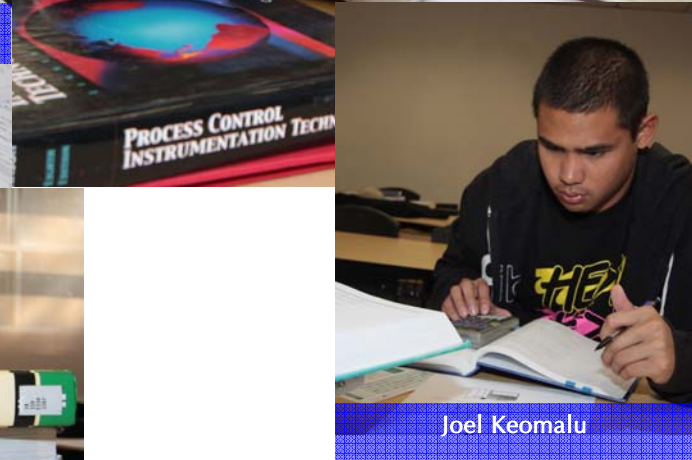
Chee Heng Ellen Lee



Gerald Bryant



Brian Yu



Joel Keomalu

Results will be announced and certificates presented to passing students at ceremonies in the spring.

Cadet Veterans Honored



The men and women of the Cal Maritime Corps of Cadets who served in the military were honored for that service at formation on Monday, Nov. 10th. As the veterans stood before their classmates, President William B. Eisenhardt (R) - himself a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and a Navy pilot in Viet Nam — told the Corps, “We are all in their debt for what they have given and sacrificed. Uncertainty, often less-than-ideal living conditions in remote locations, and exposure to danger are everyday facts of life,” he noted. “That these men and women chose to devote part of their lives to serving their country, is deeply felt and recognized by all of us here.”

San Francisco Bar Pilots Address Interested Cadets



For many Cal Maritime Deck Officer candidates, a career as a marine pilot is the ultimate goal. Capt. Dan Larwood (D '84) achieved that goal as a member of the San Francisco Bar Pilots Association, and he and Dan Bridgman (D '02) returned to Cal Maritime recently to talk to students about what it takes to make the grade. The presentation was coordinated by the Cal Maritime Career Center. Cal Maritime grads hold about a third of all the pilotage positions on the West Coast, Alaska and Hawaii and nearly two-thirds of those on San Francisco Bay. A cover profile on Tom Miller (D '80) in the Spring '07 issue of *Cal Maritime* magazine, provides an in-depth overview of the qualification process. A copy of that issue can be found in the News section of the campus website at www.csum.edu

New Alumni Website Debuts

The Alumni section of the Cal Maritime website has a new look and feel and new capabilities. Located at alumni.csum.edu, the site has a host of user-friendly features enabling alumni to access the site to update their contact information, search for classmates, check job listings, submit class notes, make donations, and register for events.

“Our hope is that the new site will make it easier for alumni to keep in contact with each other – whether they are visiting the site to find a mentor to provide career advice, or want to reconnect with classmates they haven’t seen in years,” said **Jennifer Whitty, Director of Development and Alumni Affairs**. “As an added bonus, the new site will allow us to keep CMA alumni better informed about new developments on campus.” Whitty added that alumni will be able to communicate with each other on a variety of topics on the website’s Log Book. In addition, users will be able to create blogs, and post photos.

HOW TO SIGN UP

To begin using the new site features, access www.alumni.csum.edu and click on “*First time login.*” Then, just follow these three steps:

- Enter your last name and hit submit
- Select your name from the list shown
- Enter your unique online community ID number (Note: Watch for the next issue of *Cal Maritime* magazine, due out shortly. Atop your mailing address on the back cover, you will find your ID number. If you just can’t wait, contact Bobbi Solveson in Alumni records (707-654-1210 or bsolveson@csum.edu)

If you have any trouble logging onto the new Alumni website, or if you have any additional questions, e-mail alumni@csum.edu or call 707-654-1299.



From the Archives—The First *Golden Bear*

Cal Maritime Alum Jim Bryant ('56) passes along some archival links to these photos of Cal Maritime's second training ship and first *Golden Bear* (ex *U.S.S. Mellena*), built in 1944 and in 1946



converted and turned over to the Academy as a training vessel. The first shows the ship at berth at the school's new Vallejo campus. The second was taken during her “Milk Run” voyage to the Mediterranean to deliver critical post-war relief supplies to Europe — many of them collected and donated by California citizens, led by then Governor Earl Warren.

www.navsource.org/archives/10/02/02032.htm - TSGB 1: 1946-1971

www.navsource.org/archives/10/03/03021.htm TSGB 2: 1971-1995

www.navsource.org/archives/09/10/1039.htm—Current TSGB



Marie Cluney is Cal Maritime's Champion Commuter



Cal Maritime Lead Custodian Marie Cluney was the campus winner of **The 2008 Solano Commute Challenge**, run by **Solano Napa Commuter Information**. The program is designed to stimulate awareness of commuting alternatives in Solano County and encourage workers in the region to make greater use of those alternatives in traveling to and from their workplace. Cal Maritime had a total of five Commute Champion employees (those who used a commute alternative on 30 or more workdays from August through October 2008). Marie topped the list, using a commute alternative 55 times during the period. There were also two Commute Contender employees who used a commute alternative on 10-29 workdays.

All will receive rewards of gasoline or grocery gift cards in mid-December. Marie (who regularly car-pools to work) and her fellow Commute Champions will be entered in an additional drawing for prizes of up to \$500.

Library Assistant/Archivist Named



Larry Stevens has joined the campus library as a library and archives assistant. He succeeds **Fran Fraser** who recently retired from the post. Stevens previously worked for the **Benicia Public Library**. He also spent five years working with the **McCune Rare Book Collection** at the **John F. Kennedy Library** in Vallejo. Their extensive collection of rare books

and printing industry artifacts gave him valuable experience in dealing with special collections. Larry is looking forward to becoming knowledgeable about Cal Maritime history, serving as the primary contact for the Library's campus history collections, creating displays, and assisting with other library activities. Watch future *CURRENTS* for more information on library services.

Project Linus—Comfort for Young Patients



L-R: Darian Waters—Human Resources; Karen Spall—Advancement; Pat Harper—Academic Affairs; Jennifer Whitty- Development and Alumni Affairs; and Bobbi Solveson-Advancement Records with some of the fabrics they will be using to create blankets for *Project Linus*.

Jennifer Whitty, Director of Development and Alumni Affairs, has taken on the volunteer position of Solano County Chapter Coordinator for *Project Linus*. Named after the blanket-toting Peanuts character, *Project Linus* (www.projectlinus.org) is a national non-profit group with hundreds of local chapters and thousands of volunteers across the United States. The organization is committed to providing love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, injured, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans – all lovingly created by volunteer “blanketeers.” All told, *Project Linus* has distributed more than 2 million blankets to children in need since its inception in 1995.

Jennifer is working to assemble an enthusiastic group of “blanketeers” to make the Solano County Chapter a success! “Serving as a *Project Linus* “blanketeer” can take as much or as little time as you’d like to give,” she explains. “We welcome blankets of all styles, including quilts, tied comforters, fleece blankets, crocheted or knitted afghans, and receiving blankets in child-friendly colors. Blankets must be new, handmade and washable.”



If you are interested in being a *Project Linus* volunteer, contact Jen at jwhitty@csum.edu or (707) 654-1245 to be added to her e-mail list for future updates on chapter needs and activities.

Cal Maritime Bosun and Cadets in Memorial Ceremonies



We didn't see these until recently, but it isn't every day that Cal Maritime **Bosun Peter McGroarty** gets decked out in his Scottish kilt. The occasion was last Memorial Day's annual ceremonies of remembrance at the **Grace Cathedral** in San Francisco, marking the anniversary of the end of WWI. Representatives of the U.S. and British military services have traditionally held the event each Memorial Day at the Cathedral with color guards leading a procession into the church. McGroarty was asked to accept the honor of presenting the British Legion wreath to the **British Consul General** who then placed it on the altar, acting in his capacity as a representative of **Queen Elizabeth**.

McGroarty said his participation in the ceremony was a very deep and moving honor. "The processional and recessional of color guards and wreaths and the silence of the participants at the end are a sign of the solemnity of

the occasion. The completion of the formal program at the altar is marked by the ringing of the Cathedral's bells, commemorating the Armistice signing which ended the war," he said. McGroarty was especially proud of the participation not only of Cal Maritime, but of a contingent of the Scottish Pipes and Drums providing musical accompaniment for the program, along with the U.S. Air Force Band.

At McGroarty's request, **Adam Nottberg ('09)**, (above left) **Commander of the Cadet Color Guard**, coordinated the Guard's participation in the ceremonies and joined with the Bosun in the presentation of the wreath to the Consul General.

The Cal Maritime Cadet Color Guard contingent at the ceremonies: (L-R) Dan Moultrie ('11), Wilmer Ramos ('10), John Palmer ('10) and Alyssa Jenness ('12). Mr. Ramos is this year's Color Guard Commandant.



McGroarty and Nottberg (L) delivered a wreath of commemoration to the British Consul General at the Cathedral's altar as part of the Memorial Day ceremonies.

Pacific Northwest Alumni Gather for Annual Dinner

The Puget Sound Chapter of the Cal Maritime Alumni Association held their Annual Dinner on Friday, November 21st at *Salty's on Alki* restaurant in Seattle. About 90 grads and guests, representing classes from '63 through '08 gathered for the event. Special guests for the evening were **RADM John Currier** and his wife Mary Jane. RADM Currier, **Commander of the 13th Coast Guard District**, which includes Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana, explained the Coast Guard's evolving mission and answered questions from the attentive audience.



Ken Passé ('69), Cal Maritime's PNW Alumni Coordinator and guest speaker, Coast Guard RADM John Currier, with Chris Peterson ('86), Vice President for Operations, Crowley Maritime.

The attendees continued the long-standing and enjoyable tradition of self-introductions. This portion of the evening has always been entertaining, as the grads learn of the many and varied careers followed by their friends and the career perceptions from the spouses.

The evening concluded with a raffle of CMA items supplied by the **Career Development and Advancement** departments at CMA, plus donated items from **Crowley, Glacier Fish, Harley Marine, Western Towboat**, as well as wine provided by **Marc Smith, '84**, and **John Urbanik, '69**. Proceeds from the raffle will be donated by the Chapter to help the student body kick-off the campus' new ***Sixth Man Club*** in support of student athletics.

The Chapter members wish to express their thanks to, and acknowledge the support from: **Crowley, Foss, Harley Marine, Puget Sound Pilots, San Juan Navigation, Western Towboat**, and one anonymous donor. The event would not have been possible without support from these fine organizations. Among those attending:



Julie Ittner & John Ittner '54



ABOVE: Ed Thiemann '86, Phillip Brotherton '86, John McDonald '85

BELOW: Ron Gerde '72, Steve Hiatt '71 & Kristen Hiatt



Pair of Lectures on California Maritime History Set for December

Cal Maritime will play host to a pair of lectures on matters relating to the state's rich maritime history in December. Both are open to the public.

On Monday, December 8th at 7 PM in Peachman Auditorium, Dr. Matthew James, Professor of Paleontology at Sonoma State University will talk about the famous California Academy of Sciences Expedition to the Galapagos Islands in 1905-06. For 17 months, a team of eight young men, each a specialist in his own scientific field, explored the Galapagos aboard an 89-foot schooner. Their work gave new force and power to Darwin's theories on evolution and today forms the basis of much of what we know about the Galapagos. Today, the collections they brought back from their adventure still are being used to advance understanding of the evolutionary process. 2009 marks the 200th anniversary of Darwin's birth and the 150th year since the publication of his famous *The Origin of the Species*.



On Thursday, December 11th, again at 7 PM in Peachman, University of California/Berkeley historian Robert Eric Barde will discuss his new book, *Immigration at the Golden Gate: Passenger Ships, Exclusion and Angel Island*. Barde notes that while many may think of Angel Island as similar to New York's Ellis Island as a place of welcome for immigrants, it was more commonly a roadblock to many Asians. They knew it as a grim and uncertain way-station for those waiting to learn whether they would be allowed to enter the country in the face of increasingly Draconian immigration laws. Mr. Barde's talk will focus on how the immigration process affected the maritime industry at San Francisco—not only the detention facilities at Angel Island and elsewhere, but the ships and shipping companies which specialized in the immigration trade on the West Coast.

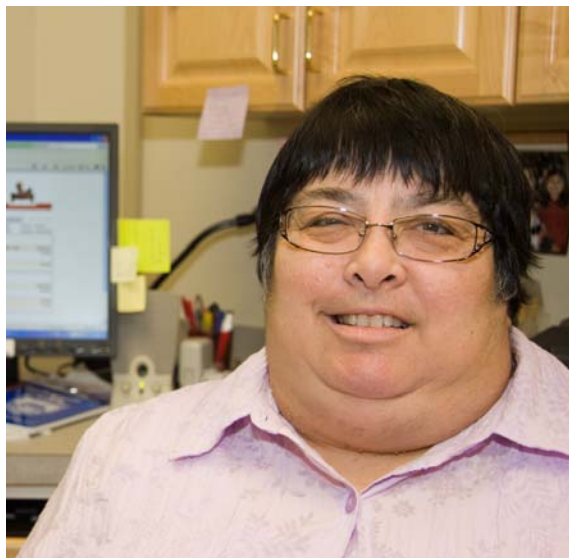
"Anyone interested in the rich history of West Coast immigration will enjoy Mr. Barde's talk," said Dr. Timothy Lynch, Maritime History Professor with Cal Maritime's Department of Maritime Policy and Management. "The important role steamship companies played in immigration, and the impact that government policies had on those operations, were profound. This is a great opportunity to hear that story."

WATT YOU CAN DO TO SAVE ENERGY

Energy conservation upgrades are taking place all over campus these days. You can also help save energy and money in these times of tight budgets:

- Turn out the lights when leaving your office for any length of time
- Put your computer on sleep mode (Click Windows flag/Shutdown/Sleep Mode) All it takes is a keystroke or wiggle of your mouse when you return to come back to life.
 - Turn off printers, computer monitor and other devices.

Gale Gomez Retires After 25 Years at Cal Maritime



She's worked for five Presidents, five Vice Presidents and seven Accounting Managers. She's brought in millions of dollars for Cal Maritime (and disbursed millions more.) She's dealt with more than half of all the cadets who ever attended the institution (including some second generation students.) And now **Gale Gomez** is retiring on Christmas Eve, after 25 years as an Account Tech and Cashier.

"I started work on April Fool's Day, 1983," she remembers clearly. "I graduated from **Napa Community College** and worked at **Napa State Hospital** for several years before a colleague of mine, **Janice Beitler**, who had already gone to work for the Academy, encouraged me to apply." In those days, Gomez recalls, the campus enrollment was around 500 students and the school operated on a trimester

system with all cadets going on cruise from January to March.

"About 13 or 14 years ago, I got to go on a South American cruise as ship's writer aboard the previous *Golden Bear*. We went around the Cape to Uruguay and that passage through the Straits of Magellan was a rough one. Waves were breaking over my porthole and I had to hang on for dear life." Gomez recalls one of the highlights of that trip was visiting a nature reserve with a colony of penguins. "Everyone else had left and suddenly a flock of penguins walked right up to me. I think maybe they thought I was a penguin. It was pretty neat."

YOU ARE INVITED

A Farewell Reception for Gale Gomez

3-5 PM—Thurs. Dec. 11th—Student Center

Gomez has seen lots of changes in her work during her tenure at Cal Maritime. "The most obvious has been the implementation of technology. We've progressed from lots of hand-written records to more efficient computer systems like Access and more recently, PeopleSoft and CashNet. Over the years, the volume of payment receipts and payment checks and reimbursements has grown...and so have the amounts. I recall paying a fuel bill for *Golden Bear* of about \$200,000 one year," she recounts. "Today the total can run five times that and more."

Asked what people didn't understand about her job over the years, she quickly replied, "That we didn't just hand out paychecks. We handle a vast array of fiscal transactions for the campus... everything from cash for cruise to receipt of tuition payments and financial aid disbursements, reimbursement checks and more. And on top of it all, we are often the main liaison between the campus and parents wanting information about tuition and other payments due."

Ask what she will miss most as she begins retirement, she answers, "The students. They were my children. I still hear from many of them over the years. They helped keep me young. I sometimes cooked for students living off campus and I've always enjoyed the interaction with them and seeing them succeed."

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Whenever we can, we're happy to photograph events for inclusion in *CURRENTS*. Please give us as much advance notice as you can, including information about the event, date and location.

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WE'RE ON THE WEB

WWW.CSUM.EDU

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Cal Maritime Calendar of Events

- Dec. 8 *7 PM Peachman (Open to the Public)*
Sonoma State Prof. of Paleontology Matt James Lecture—The Untold Story of the Vindication of Charles Darwin by the 1905-06 Galapagos Expedition of the California Academy of Sciences (See Page 14)
- Dec. 11 *7 p.m. Peachman Auditorium (Open to Public)*
Robert Barde Lecture—Golden Gate Immigration—(See {Page 14})
- Dec. 25—Jan. 1 *Winter Recess—Faculty/Staff*
No 4th Thursday December Events Due to Christmas Holiday

2009

- Jan. 19 *Alumni Association Retreat, Vallejo, CA*
- Jan. 20 *Cal Maritime Career Fair—Vallejo Campus (Open to Alumni)*
- Jan. 20 *Cal Maritime Scholarship Dinner—Zio Fraedo's/Vallejo (Contact Advancement Office for Details)*
- Jan. 22 *Fourth Thursdays for CMA Alumni (visit www.csum.edu/alumni for locations) 5:30 p.m.*
- Feb. 26 *Fourth Thursdays for CMA Alumni (visit www.csum.edu/alumni for locations) 5:30 p.m.*
- March 26 *Fourth Thursdays for CMA Alumni (visit www.csum.edu/alumni for locations) 5:30 p.m.*
- March 28 *Gala Fundraiser—Marines Memorial, San Francisco*
- May 2 *Commencement—Class of 2009*