From President Ochoa, and A.S. President Emma Richardson

The $44 million structure housing the College of Business and School of Computing and Design, will provide a new learning environment for students and professors starting this academic year.

More lights, more safety says UPD

With ID card in one hand and a map in the other, new students at California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) hit move-in day full-throttle. Starting at 7 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 21, a group of 35 professional staff, 64 Resident Advisors, more than 400 student assistants and the Otter Welcome Team graciously welcomed fall 2015 students.

Joseph Chiappa, associate director of Student Housing and Residential Life, shared how “move-in is the end result of months of hard work and planning by our entire staff, which begins even before students begin applying for housing in the spring.” Chiappa went on to outline various changes that had happened from last year.

The biggest change was encouraging students who were returning to Main Campus to check-in on October 15th. Aug. 22, Chiappa explained how this helped the flow of move-in rush in shorter lines and an overall better student experience.

A third year biology major, Erica Epps, who was a part of the Welcome Team, expressed how positive the attitudes were of new students. Epps estimated that the first wave of check-in was packed with nearly 200 people at 9 a.m. Even with students arriving as early as 8 a.m. “This number was lower than last year, around 200 students mostly moving-in on the first day,” according to Chiappa.

Something else observed was how inventive students could be when moving furniture into their rooms or apartments. A business student, Max Wright, mentioned how he and his mom created an assembly line to move belongings in his through his window. Wright mentioned how he is most excited about meeting new people, being by the coast and joining new clubs.

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NEW BIT BUILDING IS READY FOR STUDENTS

What has three levels, eight classrooms, 12 laboratories and a graduate student lounge? Here’s a hint... it’s a 58,000 square foot sustainable structure, located on Divinity Street next to the Tam Susan and Hud Family Monmouth Library.

The new business and Information Technology (BIT) building represents California State University, Monterey Bay’s (CSUMB) newest academic building.

The new BIT building is where the College of Business and the School of Computing and Design students will study, and could qualify for the highest rank of Platinum. To be LEED certified means the building not only saves money and resources but also has a “positive impact on the health of occupants, while promoting ‘clean energy,” according to U.S. Green Building Council.

This new wave of innovation includes not just impressive sustainability features, strategic shades to provide full blackout to 50 percent of full sun, water conserving plumbing fixtures, along with high charging stations, increased ventilation to improve indoor air quality.

During the design of the new building, planners and law enforcement made sure they paid important to sustainability features.

The glass exterior walls on the first floor and stairwells in crisscross visible and decrease criminal opportunity. Camera systems, blue light phones, land scanning and lighting were all signed to encourage the safety of the building,” said Earl Lawson, chief of police for CSUMB.

“UPD was allowed to work with the users group in the early phases of planning. Several of our staff were trained in Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design,” said Lawson.

Faculty and students are also enjoying the new technologies aspects the building has to offer. The first floor contains most of the classrooms the building holds, while teachers are able to use smart projectors that allow them to directly write and take notes on anything that is being projected.

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The new classrooms, laboratories and offices are all part of the $44 million structure housing the College of Business and School of Computing and Design, will provide a new learning environment for students and professors starting this academic year.

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From the Editor

Fall 2015

For me nothing seems to be certain, except change is inevitable. “The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new.” Socrates’ words inspired me personally and professionally.

Starting my senior year and realizing I will be graduating is a new mentality all in itself. What I took from Socrates is not worry about what happened but to focus on what could.

Before transferring to California State University Monterey Bay (CSUMB) I thought I was headed towards a career in science. Come to find out that wasn’t for me. Instead I found an interest in communications. Finding ways to vocalize my passions and perspective is exciting and rewarding.

In spring of 2015, I became a staff reporter for the Otter Realm. Throughout my semester not only did my love for writing grow but I found my voice. It was a chance to share my insights of health, sports and community awareness.

I wanted to share what I learned with others and give them the same opportunity I had. That is when I applied for the Editor in Chief position. Before senior fall I journaled of my new role and all I could think about was how I wanted to share this newfound love with incoming staff reporters.

The accomplishments of our previous editor Elizabeth Hensley, inspired me to have a strong work ethic and an endless passion to keep the Otter Realm successful and growing. Under her watch and the help of a creative team, the Otter Realm won eight awards at the California College Media Association’s annual Excellence in Student Media Awards ceremony last year. With that in mind, I strive to again earn these awards plus some. My goal is to create a new cycle encompassing the essence and importance of our community.

An aspect the Otter Realm will be focusing on is our stand in social media. This generation is moving to a tech infused lifestyle which is why our team of managers aim to increase the Otter Realm’s presence online. You can follow the Otter Realm on Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat and Instagram by searching @OtterRealm.

As you hold this paper in your hands, you will notice another change. This year we are trying a new layout called broadsheet format, giving the feel of holding a classic newspaper. As you will see, broadsheet allows us to present readers with more in-depth stories, larger photos and new space for advertisement. An example being a section of coupons for local business found on page 13.

Keeping the words of Socrates in mind, changes may be challenging but it is an opportunity to build on the past. Which is why I am proud to welcome our new faculty advisor, Sam Robinson, along with LaMarcus Bailey, our new Advertising and Distribution Manager. Both have a history in advertisement that we are excited to incorporate. Thankfully, our Production Manager Alex Hennessey, Toutoua Vang, our web designer, and Maria Becerra, our video production manager, will still be a part of our team. Otter Realm stalwart Estella Porras, will also continue in her role as advisor.

Along with the managers, I would like to welcome all of our new and returning students, staff and faculty to enjoy this semester of the Otter Realm. Undertaking new opportunities is what we hope to express to our readers. I highly encourage CSUMB students to showcase their talents and share their voices by submitting creative writings or art to be featured in the newspaper. A case being the intricate illustrations of campus, on page 16, submitted by Andre Sitonli, a second-year CAGT major.

This “Welcome” issue would be nothing without the help of Sam, Estella, Toutoua, Maria, everyone in the community who contributed. I personally thank you all for your time and effort.

Being a lead figure in this year’s publication could not have come at a better time knowing that I’m such a driven and energetic group behind me. So, what is certain? This year will be an exciting time for the Otter Realm and CSUMB and we look forward to sharing it with you.

Briania Mackey
Editor in Chief

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The Otter Realm serves two purposes: It is a training lab for students who wish to develop journalism skills, and it is a forum for free expression of campus issues and news. The Otter Realm Editorial Board will determine what to print on these pages and reserves the right to edit for libel, space or clarity.

Advertising revenue supports Otter Realm publications and events. Letters to the Editor for any reason.

Publication Dates

September 17
October 1
October 15
October 29
November 12
December 3

Staff reporters and their areas of news expertise. Contact them if you have news.
President Emma Richardson

Welcome to the 2015-16 academic year. It is an exciting time to be on our campus. Cal State Monterey Bay (CSUMB) is growing and changing. We are welcoming an increasingly diverse student body, and adding services, tenured faculty, housing options and a major academic structure – the Business and Information Technology Building.

Growth can be challenging. That is why we must learn from the jump in our enrollment last fall created some housing issues. While CSUMB traditionally has provided on-campus housing to a larger percentage of its students than most CSU campuses, we are now living in our new, available student housing. The Presenteeist represents a new generation, another project this is the discussion stages for the future.

However, it would be a mistake to focus on growth solely as a source of potential problems. It also represents great opportunities. As our campus becomes larger, we can increase our range of academic choices, student services and amenities. We become a more diverse and exciting learning community.

Certainly, the Business and Information Technology Building is a great addition, not only providing outstanding classroom, office and meeting rooms in its right, but also freeing up space around campus. Check out the Campus Planning and Development Page for information on some of the resulting classes and changes.

Our next academic building, located west of the BIT Building, is also in the planning stages. We are all looking forward to another great addition to our campus – a new Student Union and Recreation Center – funded through student fees, which we hope will be completed by the end of the decade.

To better prepare for the growth of our campus, we have begun the process to update our master plan. Public forums on campus – a new Student Union and Recreation Center – funded through student fees, which we hope will be completed by the end of the decade.

During the fall semester, there will be more opportunities for campus events. Many large student groups, the activities which we hope will be completed by the end of the decade.

Some weather forecasters are predicting a wet winter. This would be great, but it won’t change our goals. As a university, we will continue to be careful about how we use our water, but we need your help. Saving water is up to each individual, and it’s important that every student is mindful of their daily routines.

As our campus grows and changes, we want to be sure one thing does not change – the personal, small-campus feel that attracted so many of you to Cal State Monterey Bay. As Otters, we need to work together and look for one another.

Your college years can be both exhilarating and stressful. Please keep an eye out for friends and classmates who are having a tough time. Campus Health and Wellness Services offers professional and peer counseling, crisis intervention, spiritual support, and programs on stress reduction, healthy lifestyle choices and other important topics throughout the school year.

And when it comes to sexual harassment and assault, remember that “It’s On Us,” to stop it, speak out and help those who need our help.

We are committed to building a safe and supportive campus community here at Cal State Monterey Bay. That job is never finished. It begins every fall. Working together, we can continue to make this a great place to live, work and learn.

President, Cal State Monterey Bay
Eduardo M. Ochoa

It is an exciting time to be on our campus.

On behalf of myself, and the entire Associated Students organization, I would like to welcome all of our returning student, and all of our new Otters to the CSUMB family.

We are thrilled to be a part of your journey and are here to ensure that your college experience goes according to plan that your education experience fulfills your co-curricular expectations. As your student body, CSUMB is here to advocate on your behalf, and to provide the programs and services necessary to assist you through this life-changing experience.

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For the new students out there, we understand that coming to the University is an extremely meaningful life change, one that will inspire nerves and unexplainable emotions. We also understand that this is a time of growth and healthy change. That is why your Associated Students are here to advocate on your behalf, and to provide the programs and services necessary to assist you through this life-changing experience.

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AS President
Emma Richardson

AS looks forward to securing a place for student voices to be heard

It is our role as your student representatives to secure a place for your voices to be heard. It is my hope that in any period in which a student experiences a grievance with the university that they look to their Associated Students to aid them in their advocacy efforts. We serve as the liaison between students and the campus administration and can work to improve this campus for the needs of our students.

It is difficult to convey the gratitude that we have for your students who continue to shape this University every day. We are 7,000 strong and we are stronger and it is, again, my place to welcome you to the CSUMB family. Go Otters! ☺

Thank you,
Emma Richardson
Associated Students President
Fall 2015 Calendar

**Academic Events**

September 4 - Last day to add/drop classes

September 7 – Labor Day – Campus closed

September 21 – Enrollment census date

October 12 – Spring 2016 advising begins

October 22 – Winter registration begins

November 11 – Veterans Day – Campus closed

November 23-25 – Thanksgiving Break – Campus closed

November 27 – Academic Holiday for faculty and students – No classes

December 11 – Last day of instruction

December 14 – Assessment/ final exam period

December 17-18 – Capstone Festival

December 25-31 – Holidays observed – Campus closed

January 1 – New Year’s Day – Campus closed

January 4 – Grades due – Last day of fall semester

**Campus Events**

September 4 – Vision Student Reception

September 7 – Pool Party - Aquatic Center

September 19 – Clean Up the World day

September 23/24 – Blood Drive

October 3 – First Blue Crew Tailgate

October 5 – 2015 Majors Fair

October 13 - Flu Vaccination Clinic

October 16/17 – Dance Dash 2015

October 21 – Grad and Professional School Fair

October 22, 24-25 – Homecoming Weekend

November 7 – Performing Arts Series

December 8 – Blood Drive

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**Dining Commons and World Theater**

Breakfast: 7 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Lunch: 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Dinner: 5:30 p.m - 9 p.m.

Saturday: Lunch 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Sunday: Dinner 5:30 p.m - 9 p.m.

Dining Commons

Friday: 7:30 a.m - 10 p.m.

Saturday: 12:30 p.m - 10 p.m.

Sunday: 12:30 p.m - 10 p.m.

Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Building 80

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UROC rocks summer research experiences

While many students spent their summers hanging out at the beach trying to forget about school, more than 50 students spent their breaks doing undergraduate research. California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) Regional Ocean Science Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) provided students unique opportunities to get hands-on experience with research projects.

“I always felt at home in the lab classes offered at school and when I heard of UROC I knew this would be my opportunity to try my passion into reality,” said Jesse Yamagata, CSUMB senior in Molecular Biology who participated in the UROC summer program. “This was my first research experience, but it has captured me into the research community.”

Yamagata’s project researched Erysiphe necator, which is a fungus that causes powdery mildew on grapes.

“I worked on my project for two months with the only failure: having to learn to persevere through obstacles was the most difficult and rewarding result of this experience,” said Jesse Yamagata.

Students participating in the REU were placed at one of six partner institutions, which included: CSUMB, Moss Landing Marine Laboratories, Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve, Hopkins Marine Station at Stanford University, Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute and the Naval Postgraduate School. Participants represented CSUMB, local community colleges and universities from South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, Washington state, Kansas, New York, and even Guam.

It is crucial for participants “to have an authentic research experience that is challenging, rewarding, fun and ultimately serves as a way for students to present their work in real science,” said Bridgette Clarkston, REU program co-ordinator and Curricular Associate for UROC. In addition, it’s crucial we make a good mentor-student match to help facilitate not only a strong research and learning experience but to build our students’ professional connections.

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Mentors for the 12 REU and 40 plus UROC participants were from the partner institutions and CSUMB faculty. Carla Fraser, UROC research associate, served as the summer program coordinator.

REU research topics included: the effects of climate change on development of red algal bloom; how seaweeds defend themselves from being eaten by archaic, hallucinating autonomous underwater vehicles; and the distribution of crab species in Elkhorn Slough, according to the CSUMB website.

“It was exciting to apply everything I have learned to answer my own scientific question,” said Catrin Wendt, a CSUMB senior in Marine Science and REU participant. Wendt conducted research at the Elkhorn Slough site with her mentor, Dr. Rikke Jeppesen. The project examined issues related to the European green crab, an invasive species, and poor water quality in the slough caused by excess nitrogen in the system.

“Most challenging part of the experience was not the research, “or even the thick mud of the slough,” but rather learning to communicate with a large group of researchers and staff. She added that her communication skills greatly improved as a result of the program.”

After participating in the summer research experience, Yamagata attended the annual American Physiological Society conference where she was offered graduate positions at Oregon State University and Simon Fraser University in British Columbia.

“The REU holds two spots each summer for eligible sophomore and junior-level students from CSUMB, who often have the misconception that the program is only for students outside of our campus,” said Clarkston. She encourages students who are interested to “like” the Facebook page: Monterey Bay Regional Ocean Science Research Experiences for Undergraduates. Student presented their research findings at CSUMB’s Summer Research Symposium on August 14. The Symposium consisted of student oral and poster presentations. This was the second year for both the REU and UROC summer research programs.

The UROC office is located on the second floor of the library. If you want more information about the program you can call them at 831-582-4241 or email uroc@csumb.edu. Applications for the next cohort will be available this fall.

Sam Robinson/Otter Realm
Unstoppable – a story of survival, perseverance and inspiration

When you first meet Kate Ross you are instantly moved by her infectious smile and constant laughter. Her friends describe her as fun, inspiring, outgoing, incredible, full of energy, strong and a positive presence. She describes herself on her blog biography as a “student, animal lover, daughter and sister, spiritual, music obsessed fitness enthusiast, artistic, friendly, optimistic and a volunteer.”

You would never sense from her upbeat demeanor or the words used to describe her that nearly 10 years ago, her life changed in an instant and she now proudly wears a very fashionable paisley and crystal-studded prosthetic leg. Nowhere in the description of Kate could you tell that she was faced with a tragedy that could have easily left her feeling sorry for herself.

In fact, her story is quite the opposite.

“In Dec. 2009, I was weary from exhaustion of being a full-time student and working full-time. I took my finals at school and on my way home that evening I fell asleep while driving,” said Ross. When she dozed off she was travelling 61 mph and hit a guardrail, which penetrated her car and went through her right calf and thigh.

“I knew the severity that something was drastically wrong with my leg, although I’m lucky that I didn’t realize there was a guardrail basically through my entire body at that point.”

Ross was taken by ambulance to the hospital and after several surgeries, doctors put her in a medically induced coma. Seven days later, on Christmas Day, doctors made the grave decision to amputate her leg above the knee.

“She reminded me it was donated blood that helped save my life after my accident.”

“I was very thankful for the blood being available when I needed it, but I never thought about being a blood donor myself because I’m terrified of needles.”

But it was her best friend and coworker who asked her to participate in a blood drive that made her realize that despite her fear, she should give blood, too.

“She reminded me it was donated blood that helped save my life after my accident. It was like a big-needed slap in the face that reminded me that I wouldn’t be here to tell my story if it hadn’t been for the generosity of blood donors.”

With a newfound gratitude and outlook on life, Ross did become a blood donor last year and strives to “be the good you wish to see in the world.” Once a blood recipient, now she is paying it forward.

“I am very excited to say that I have become a blood donor myself because I know how important it is to give something that means something – the gift of life. You never know when you or a loved one will be the one that needs blood.”

CSUMB Blood Drive

Wednesday, September 23, 2015
& Thursday, September 24, 2015
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
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Movin’ in, Fall 2015

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1,026 incoming freshmen
850 transfer students

What are you most nervous and/or excited about for the fall semester?

“"I am excited about the new Business Information Technology Building. It’s convenient for me because all of my classes are in the same building. I’m nervous about how there is no school spirit, there is less tailgating and support for clubs. A lot of events on campus don’t reach out to a lot of the students.”

Eric Hernandez
Fourth year, Communication Design

“I’m most excited about not taking any math or science classes, and I’m also excited about my international relations class, as well as my art class. I’m most nervous about finding a job and balancing it with my workload.”

Ben Stelter
Second year, Global Studies

“I’m nervous about time management. I don’t know the layout of the campus, I’ve already walked into the wrong class. I’m excited about meeting new people, especially exchange students. I’m also looking forward to interning at the Monterey Bay Aquarium and working with so many different species.”

Helene Doying
First year, Marine Science

“I don’t know what to expect or what will come to me. I heard most people drop out at the second semester. It’s kind of nice to have my own freedom. Nobody to make choices for me, but at the same time I wish I had my high school counselor to give me the push I need.”

Thomy Tran
First year, Marine Science

All photos by Briana Mackey/Otter Realm
The BIT building has three levels. The first level is filled primarily with classrooms. The second level holds the School of Computing and Design faculty offices and classrooms. The third level holds all of the Business faculty offices.

The Promontory complex, off of 8th Street, holds three different buildings that house 176 apartments. Apartments vary from 2-4 bedrooms and all include a full kitchen and washer/dryer. On site is a full gym, game room and cyber-cafe.
The room was buzzing with chatter. President Ochoa, various Deans and other campus administrators fielded questions about classes, housing, health care and campus life. The myriad questions and excited nervousness did not come from new Cal State Monterey Bay (CSUMB) students though, but rather the parents and caregivers who helped get them here.

More than 100 people attended the annual Parent’s Reception on move-in day, Aug. 21 in the Alumni and Visitors Center. The event is designed to give parents a respite from the day’s activities, and to allow students and caregivers a little break from one another, said Christine Erickson, associate vice president for Student Affairs and Dean of Students.

“He is my first, and only child; I have mixed emotions,” said Mimi Rudd, whose son Jeremy is a freshman in Computer Science. “I am excited that he is going to college and it is close to home (Aptos, Calif.), but I am really going to miss him.”

Rudd and her husband Greg are hoping their son can make new friends here, and still find time to visit home.

Missing the daily interaction with her son was also on the mind of Jeannie Antongiuvanni, who was moving her oldest child to CSUMB. She said her son Jeremy, Computer Science, is really looking forward to the coastal weather and time away from the heat of his hometown of Bakersfield, Calif.

Both of the moms appreciated the opportunity to take a break and to get to know one another.

“We want parents to know they are a part of the Otter family too,” said Erickson. “We are very much a community and parents are an important part of that.”

She pointed out that by the time a parent arrives on campus to move in a student, they probably already have been to several events on campus: Open House, Admitted Students Reception and Orientation. She said many of the questions on move in day, are about the future and next semester.

To help parents keep up on campus activities and deadlines all of those who attended were given a CSUMB calendar with important dates listed, and the opportunity to sign up for the CSUMB Parent’s Club and a quarterly newsletter.

Parents welcomed to Otter family
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Thursday, September 3

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The Army has announced a prescribed burn of almost 500 acres of the former Fort Ord, woodlands near the Cal State Monterey Bay campus. The burn is planned to happen between September 15 and December 31, when weather conditions are favorable.

The reasons for the burn program, according to the Fort Ord Environmental Clean-Up office, is to protect rare species that live in the chaparral forest which require periodic fires to sustain its diversity. The Army previously used this area for military training activities involving military munitions, the burn will also facilitate the clean-up process of munition and minimize the risk of wildfires. There is no safety risks for residents of the surrounding communities. Potential negative impacts are the exposure to smoke and the temporary closing of some recreational trails.

In order to minimize smoke impacts, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District are advising residents to take precautions such as close doors or windows at home, avoid outdoor activities, keep hydrated, and seek medical care in case of respiratory illnesses.

The optimal weather conditions to incite the burn include light winds, clear skies and moderate temperatures.

To be prepared and get short phone or email notices about the exact date when the burn starts and is completed, the Army has set up a direct notification program. You can enroll by calling 831-242-7383.
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Boards
Skateboards, longboards and even hoverboards are a great means of getting around campus. Board racks are provided in the Library and Dining Commons for your convenience - RVOL (Bring Your Own Lock)! Please remember to yield to pedestrians at all times, and pass with care.

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Your current Otter ID gives students, staff and faculty free, unlimited access on all Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) bus routes wherever they pick up and go. Transit lines serving campus provide direct access to surrounding communities, and may provide time and cost savings over driving alone. Visit csumb.edu/TRIP for more information.

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