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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 Divarty Street next to the Tanimura and Antle Family Memorial 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 can call home. Here students will be in an integrative learning environment where those seeking different degrees can work together, similar to that of the business world.

The \$44 million building, funded with state funds, not only provides CSUMB with more space to hold classes and seminars, but is a symbol of sustainability.

The BIT building is Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold Certified and could qualify for the highest rank of Platinum. To be LEED certified means the building not only saves money and resources, but also it has a "positive impact on the health of occupants, while promoting renewable, clean energy," according to U.S. Green Building Council.

This new wave of innovation includes: on-site stormwater retention, strategic shades to provide full blackout to 50 percent to full sun, water conserving plumbing fixtures, electric vehicle charging station, increased ventilation to improve indoor air quality.

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

"The glass exterior walls on the first floor and stairwells increases visibility and decreases criminal opportunity. Camera systems, blue light phones, landscaping and lighting were all designed to enhance the safety of the building," said Earl Lawson, chief of police for CSUMB.

"UPD was allowed to work with the users group in the earliest phases of planning. Several of our staff are trained in Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design," said Lawson.

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

The BIT building is not the only campus improvement CSUMB has made this year. The Promontory, a new student housing residence located just north of main campus, also opened up to students. To see more pictures of the BIT building, and the Promontory, head to page 9.

Open for *Business*



Alex Hennessey/Otter Realm

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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More lights, more safety says UPD

California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) students, staff and faculty can often be heard complaining about parking on campus. Many feel there is not enough parking to accommodate CSUMB's growth.

Despite this negative perception, the number of parking spaces at CSUMB has increased and our campus has pretty good ratio of spaces to students, one to two. Other CSU campuses have substantially fewer spots per student. Our neighbors to the north at San Jose State have one spot to every five students and with possibly the worst ratio of all CSUs Chico State offers one slot for every eight students there.

Another issue this semester relates to the increase in the parking permit fee, which is now \$108 per semester for students.

"The new fee is still well below the CSU average cost," said Earl Lawson, CSUMB Campus Police chief. "And 100 percent of the money goes back in to parking maintenance."

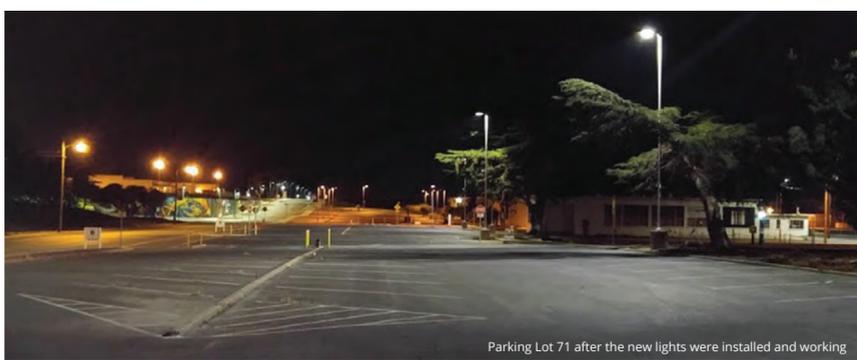
Parking services are a part of the University Police Department, and oversees all non-housing parking areas, which consists of more than 3,500 parking spaces.

"My ambition is that the campus parking lots are better and safer," said Lawson in reference to a major project to improve lighting in the parking areas and walking paths. The walking path from the Promontory housing to main campus and new lights in parking lot 208 were completed over the summer. Many other lots will close over winter break so new lights can be installed.

Early estimates for the campus



Parking Lot 71 before the new lights were installed and working



Parking Lot 71 after the new lights were installed and working

Photos provided by Earl Lawson, CSUMB University Police chief.

lighting project were near \$1.8 million, however Lawson said as the project moves forward and actual costs are determined, he believes the total will be closer to \$1.4 million.

He notes the increase in the parking fee will have pay for only a portion of the project. The campus will incur a debit that it will service. No money from the general fund or tuition goes toward parking services; it is self-funded.

"Students are paying for the project now, and they will see the improvement, the direct benefit, now or this spring when they re-

turn to campus," said Lawson.

Safety in parking lots, and across campus, is also improved by the presence of "blue light" phones. There are more than 60 emergency phones on campus. In the event of an emergency you can reach the Campus Police dispatcher using one of the phones.

The new lights are LED and stainless steel, with improve energy efficiencies. New lights will be installed in areas that have been determined to be permanent parking areas. Temporary areas or sites that are mark for future construction or demolition will have temporary lighting.

During winter break, lighting on the pathway between the CSUMB Field House and Aquatic Center will also be updated along with multiple parking lots.

To purchase your parking permit go to:
csumb.edu/parking.

Login with your Otter ID to purchase the permit online.

Students pile in for move-in day

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 at full throttle. Starting at 7 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 21, a group of 18 professional staff, 64 Resident Advisors, more than a dozen student assistants and the Otter Welcome Team graciously awaited 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 mention various changes that had happened from last year.

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

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

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

WELCOME

From President Ochoa, and AS President Emma Richardson

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From the Editor



Briana Mackey
Editor in Chief

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 take from Socrates is to 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 interests 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 summer hit I learned 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 those awards plus some. My goal is to create a news 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 illustration of campus, on page 16, submitted by Andre Sitolini, a second year CART major.

This "Welcome" issue would be nothing without the help of Sam, Estella, Alex, Toutoua, Maria, Andre and 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 I have such a devout 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. 🐾

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



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Publication Dates

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

Welcome to the 2015-16 academic year, from President Ochoa



President Eduardo Ochoa



AS President Emma Richardson, Monte Rey and President Ochoa at the welcome BBQ Aug. 23.

Sam Robinson/Otter Realm

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 serving 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. There is no question that the big 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 must continue to add to our available student housing. The Promontory represents a big addition this year; another project is in the discussion stages for the near future.

However, it would be a mistake to focus on growth solely as a source of potential problems. It also presents 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 own right, but also freeing up space around campus. Check out the Campus Planning and Development Page for information on some of the resulting moves and changes. Our next academic building, to be located west of the BIT Building, is also in the planning stages. We are also 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 were held for students, faculty and staff before summer break. Over the summer, our planners have met with local representatives to get their ideas about how CSUMB's plans can best complement those of our surrounding communities.

During the fall semester, there will be more opportunities for comment. I urge students to keep informed about the process and offer their suggestions. We want our master plan to reflect the needs of our students, both now and in the future. One thing you probably no-

ticed on your return to campus is that the landscape looks considerably browner than it did when you left in May. In response to California's severe drought, we have been aggressive in cutting water use. As the Otter Realm reported, those efforts have re-

sulted in a substantial decrease in campus water use in recent years, even as our student population has risen. Some weather forecasters are predicting a wet winter. That 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 I hope that every student will incorporate that mindset into his or her 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 out 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 step forward, 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 anew every fall. Working together, we can continue to make this a great place to live, work and learn. **Eduardo M. Ochoa** President, Cal State Monterey Bay

"It is an exciting time to be on our campus."

AS President Emma Richardson

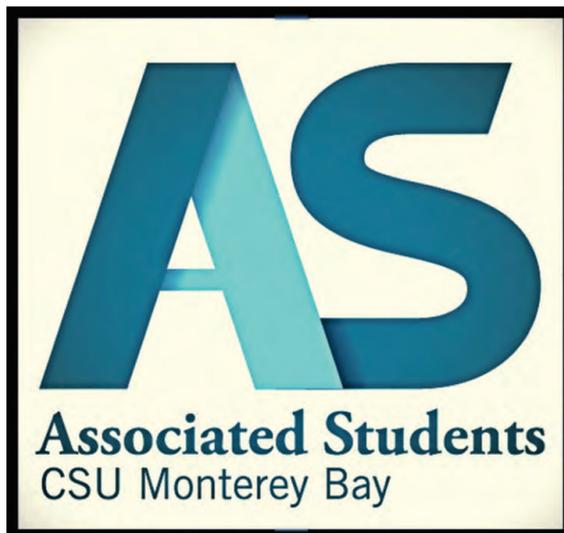
AS looks forward to secure a place for student voices to be heard



AS President Emma Richardson

On behalf of myself, and the entire Associated Students organization, I would like to welcome all of our returning students 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 educational experience is fulfilling your co-curricular experience plays an integral role in your development process here at CSUMB. For the new students out there, we understand that coming to the University is an extraordinarily meaningful life change, one that will inspire nerves and unexplainable emotions. We also understand that this is a time of growth and healthy changes. 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 process. One of the Associated Students' core values is unity. I stress this specific term knowing that we all come to this campus from a different place, different backgrounds, ideas, and goals. What we share, though, is that in stepping onto this campus we each become part of the student body. There are over 7,000 individual students at CSUMB and together, our collective voices are much stronger and much

more powerful. 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 to fit 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 are get stronger and it is, again, my please to welcome you to the CSUMB family. Go Otters! **Thank you, Emma Richardson** Associated Students President



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Monday - Thursday: 8 a.m. - midnight
Friday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday: 2 p.m. - midnight
Divarty Street

Student Center

(831)-582-3329
Monday - Thursday: 7 a.m. - midnight
Friday: 7 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Sunday: 4 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Building 12

Bookstore

(831) 883-1062
Regular hours:
Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Sunday: Closed
Inside University Center

Student Housing and Residential Life

(831) 582-3378
Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Inside Student Center

East Campus Housing and Residential Life

(831) 582-4802
Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
601 Thomas Drive

Alliance Residential Company

(831) 883-3157
Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
601 Thomas Ct. East Campus

University Police

Emergency: 911
Non-emergency: (831) 655-0268
Emergency conditions: (831) 582-5044
Building 82, Valley Hall

Otter Sports Center

(831) 582-3031
Monday - Friday: 6 a.m. - midnight
Saturday - Sunday: 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Building 84, Mountain Hall

Aquatic Center

Monday - Friday:
12 p.m. - 2 p.m.

4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday: 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Second Ave and Divarity St.

World Theater

(831) 582-4580
Monday - Friday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

IT help desk

Call (831) 582-4357 (HELP)
Monday - Thursday: 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Fridays: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturdays: 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Sundays: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Tanimura and Antle Library

Tech Rent

otter.techrent@gmail.com
Monday, Wednesday & Friday:
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Hours may change unexpectedly.
Heron Hall, Room 155

Otter Cycle Center

(831) 582-4617
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Student Center

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831-655-0268
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Academic

Academic Skills

Achievement Program (ASAP)

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Monday - Thursday: 10 a.m. - 7:50 p.m.
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Tanimura and Antle Library,
2nd floor (room 2125)

Center for Advising, Career, and Student Success

(831) 582-3937
Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Walk-ins every Wednesday:
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Tanimura and Antle Library, 3rd floor

First Year Seminar Program

831-582-3806
9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday
1 p.m. - 5 p.m., Monday/Wednesday
Tanimura and Antle Library

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Dining

Dining Commons

Monday - Friday:
Breakfast: 7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Continental: 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Lunch: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Dinner: 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Saturday - Sunday
Brunch: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Main Quad

Starbucks

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Friday: 7 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Sunday: 12 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Inside Student Center

Otter Express

Monday - Friday: 11 a.m. - midnight
Saturday - Sunday: 2 p.m. - midnight
Main Quad

Peet's

Monday - Thursday: 7:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday: Closed
Sunday: 4 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Inside the Library

Monte's

(831) 582-5020
Monday - Friday:
Lunch: 11:30 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Sunset Specials: 4 pm - 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 5:30 pm - 9 p.m.
Saturday - Sunday: Closed
Inside University Center

Health

Health Center

(831) 582-3965
Monday - Friday: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Building 80

Personal Growth and Counseling Center

(831) 582-3969
Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Building 80

Student Disability Resources

Tel: (831) 582-3672
Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Drop-in hours
Tuesdays: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Wednesdays: 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Fridays: 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Building 80

Monterey County Rape Crisis Center

Office: (831) 373-3955
24 Hour Crisis Line: 375-HELP (375-4357)

Doctors on Duty Marina

(831) 883-3330
Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
3130 Del Monte Blvd

Fall 2015 Calendar

Academic

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 26 ~Winter 2016 registration begins
November 2 ~Spring 2016 registration begins
November 11 ~Veterans Day ~ Campus closed
November 23-25 ~ Fall break ~ Faculty planning days
November 26 ~Thanksgiving Day ~ Campus closed
November 27 ~Academic Holiday for faculty and students~ No classes
December 11 ~Last day of instruction
December 14-20 ~ 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 - Graduate and Professional School Fair
October 23/24/25 - Homecoming Weekend
November 7 - Performing Arts Series
December 8 - Blood Drive

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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) Undergraduate Research Opportunities Center (UROC) and the Monterey Bay 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 turn my passion into my 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 catapulted me into the research community."

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

"The most challenging part about this summer was the realization that nothing goes according to plan," said Yamagata. "I worked on my project for two months with the assay only failing; having to learn to persevere through obstacles was the most difficult and rewarding result of this experience."

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 Marina Station of Stanford University, Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute and the Naval Postgraduate School. Participants represented CSUMB, local community colleges and universities from South Carolina, Iowa, 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 paves the way for students to pursue a career in ocean sciences," said Bridgette Clarkston, REU program coordinator and Curriculum Associate for UROC. "In addition, it's critical 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."



Jesse Yamagata presenting her research poster.

Sam Robinson/Otter Realm

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

REU research topics included: the effects of climate change on development of red abalone; how seaweeds defend themselves from being eaten by urchins; ballasting 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.

"I wanted to see if more invasive crabs were found in areas of poor water quality in the slough," said Wendt. "My



Catrin Wendt presents her research on the European green crab.

Sam Robinson/Otter Realm

research suggested that the invasive crab species may be more abundant in sites with worse water quality."

Wendt, who hopes to earn her doctorate degree in Marine Ecology, said the 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 Phytopathological

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 Aug. 14. The Symposium consisted of student oral and poster presentations. This was the second year for both the REU and UROC summer research program.

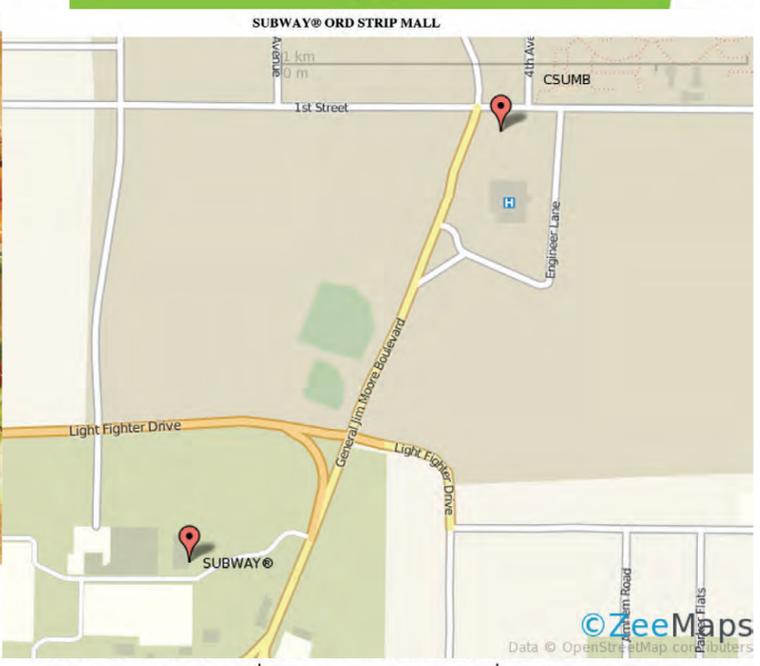
The UROC office is located on the second floor of the library. If you want more information about the program you can call them at 831-582-4241 or email uroc@csumb.edu. Applications for the next cohort will be available this fall.

Student presented their research find-



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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 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 60 mph and hit a guardrail, which penetrated her car and went through her right calf and thigh.

I took my finals at school and on my way home that evening I fell asleep while driving," said Ross.



"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."

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Movin' in, Fall 2015



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PEOPLE ON CAMPUS

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



ERIC HERNANDEZ
FOURTH YEAR, COMMUNICATION DESIGN

"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."



BEN STELTER
SECOND YEAR, GLOBAL STUDIES

"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 work load."



HELENE DOYING
FIRST YEAR, MARINE SCIENCE

"I'm nervous about time management, 16 units will be a challenge. 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."



AGNES BEDA
FOURTH YEAR, CHHS

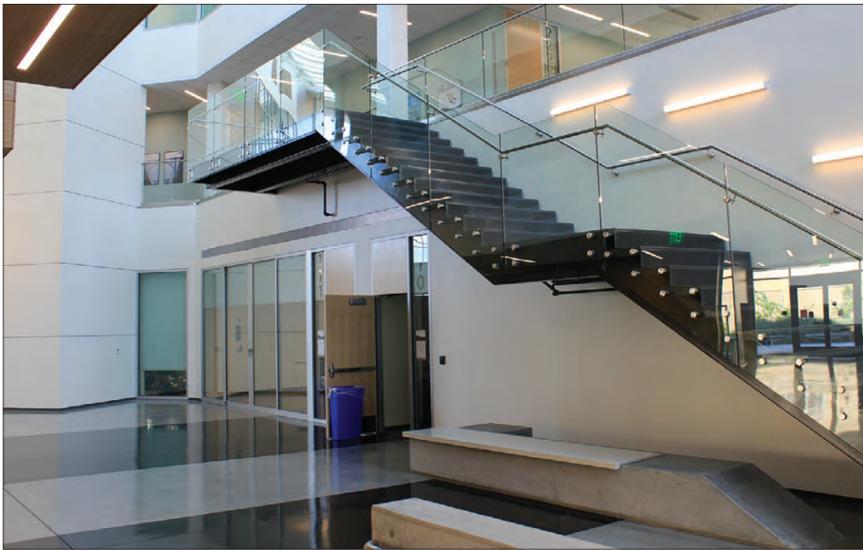
"I'm most nervous about time management. I put things off a lot, so I want to get my time management skills up to par. I'm excited about the small classes."



THOMY TRAN
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."

Business & Information Technology



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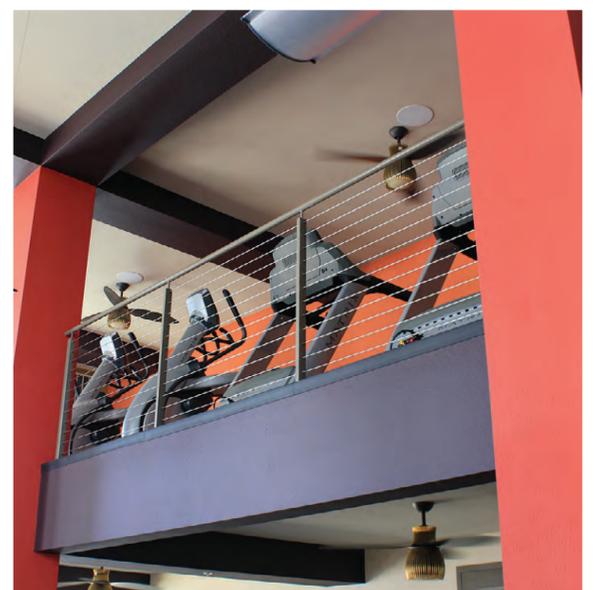
The BIT building has three levels. The first level is filled primarily with classrooms. The second level holds the School of Computing and Design faculty offices and classrooms. The third level holds all of the Business faculty offices.

The Promontory



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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.



Vision Students Reception Sept. 4

All students, faculty and staff are invited to the California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) Vision Student Reception!

The second annual vision student reception offers CSUMB students, faculty and staff an opportunity to promote community, belonging and enhance our understanding of inclusive excellence at CSUMB. The Vision reception highlights CSUMB student organizations and community resources available to new Otters, celebrates our diverse community and highlights the important work being done across our campus.

President Ochoa will offer a welcome, followed by entertainment and presentations. Free t-shirts will be given to the first 100 students who attend.

All students, faculty and staff—the entire campus community—are invited to meet and get to know each other as we start the 2015-16 academic year!



Parents welcomed to Otter family



College of Business Dean Shyam Kamath speaking with parents Greg and Mimi Rudd.

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 and care-givers 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 care-givers 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 also 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 days, 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.

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The City of Marina will celebrate Labor Day and the City's 40th Birthday on Saturday, September 5 with a parade and festival.

The event boasts the largest Labor Day parade in Monterey County with a military color guard, marching bands, horses, classic cars and dancers. The parade kicks off at 11a.m. and runs down Reservation Road, from Crescent Avenue to DiMaggio Park.

This year there will be a festival at the Park from Noon to 4 p.m. Music, food and fun abound at the festival at the end of the parade route. Marina's parade was started 39 years ago by Colonel Maggie's All Services Airborne Association.

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Burn season coming, but under control



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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.

Several agencies are working together to keep the burn controlled. 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 moderated temperatures.

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Otters got mobility options

Submitted by Campus Planning & Development

This year, Otters have more ways to get around than ever before. Transit services are more robust with more connections, roads are safer with more bikes moving around, and a new carpooling solution is now available.

Bikes

Biking is a joy and often more efficient than driving to campus. With great community bike connections, Otters may consider riding to campus once per week. The Otter Cycle Center offers group maintenance classes and one-on-one maintenance appointments throughout the semester. For your convenience, bike racks are located near most building entrances, and bike lockers are available for long-term rental. The Bike Bunker is also available for commuters for periodic rental. The Campus Planning & Development department

has plans to install many new racks near academic buildings, residence halls and athletic facilities. Visit csumb.edu/TRIP for more information.

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 - BYOL (Bring Your Own Lock)! Please remember to yield to pedestrians at all times, and pass with care.

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Rideshare & Taxis

The CSUMB transportation resources page (csumb.edu/TRIP) offers information taxis and ridesharing services that serve campus. Müv is a new ridesharing service that matches commuters headed in the same direction. With Müv, you can find friends, classmates and coworkers with similar schedule, and offset the cost of your commute.

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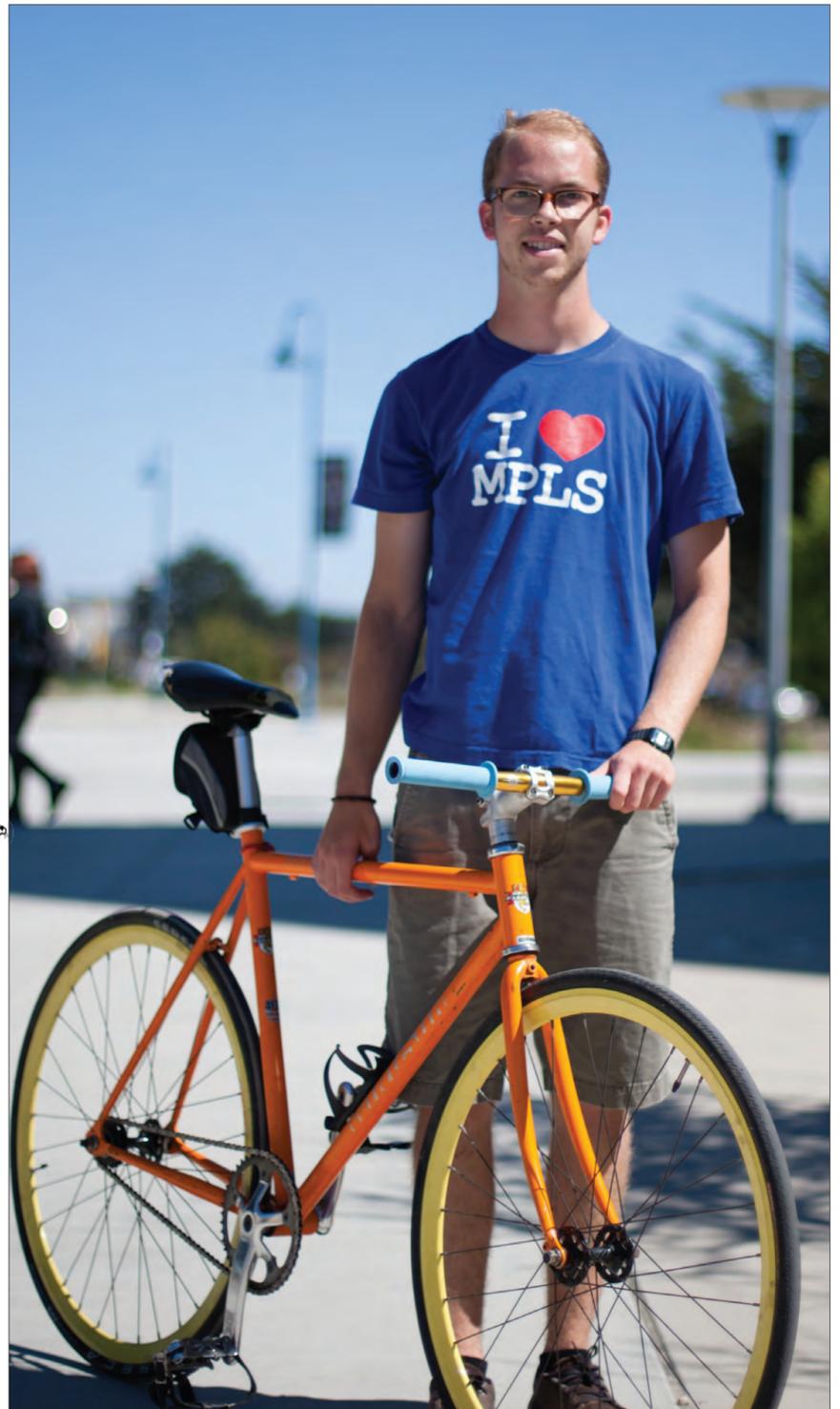


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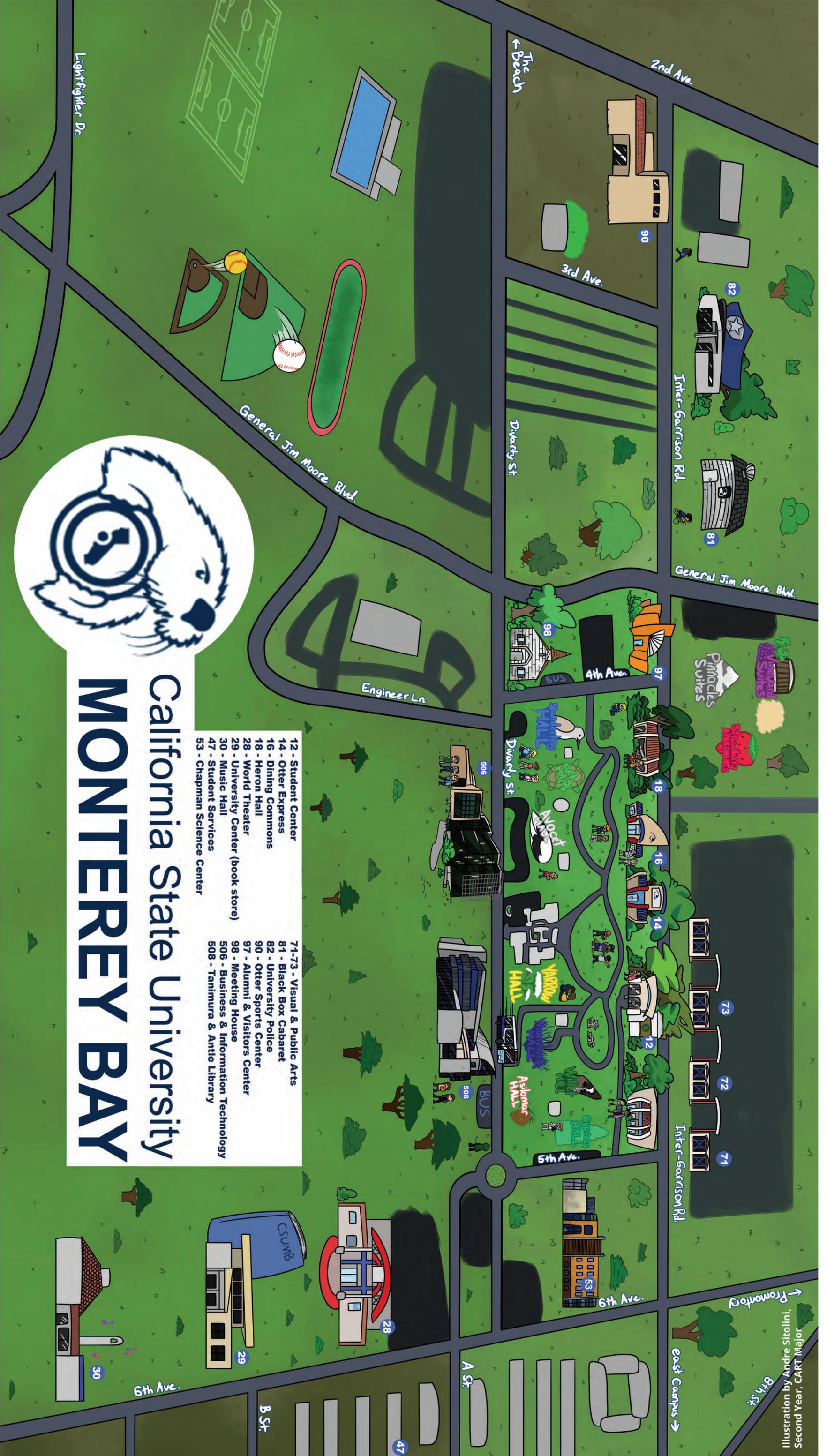


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