



GOODBYE VISION MURAL, HELLO NEW OTTER STUDENT UNION



Morning of Oct. 25 when the Vision mural was under destruction. Photo by Griffin Dehne.

Part Three: Interview with the OSU

By Jessenya Guerra

On Oct. 25, the Vision mural began to be demolished to make way for the new Otter Student Union building (OSU). The following question and answer session was answered over email by Chelsea Buffington, director of the Otter Student Union building. The following answers were received by The Lutrinae on the morning of Oct. 25, while the demolition of the Vision mural was beginning.

The Lutrinae: What does the new Otter Student Union Building mean for our campus?

Chelsea Buffington: The Otter Student Union will transform the California State University, Monterey Bay's (CSUMB) campus, providing a space devoted to embracing OSU's mission as the "heartbeat of campus and a bridge to surrounding communities, providing spaces, opportunities and advocacy that cultivate belonging reflective of CSUMB's founding vision." The Otter Student Union fosters communities, values voices, cultivates social justice, and is rooted in care and the new building will provide spaces and programming devoted to these values.

The variety of flexible spaces designed into the Union will increase the types and amount of spaces for student use on campus. The OSU will be home to the Otter Cross Cultural Center, three new retail dining options, beautiful outdoor spaces, including a Quad terrace, and will hold the Starbucks, which currently resides in the Student Center. Additionally, the OSU will include a space for a mural visible from Inter-Garrison that will continue telling new stories as we look toward the future of CSUMB.

How much is the OSU costing and how much are students paying?

Students began the process of conducting feasibility studies for a new union in 2012. Students, staff and faculty were in support of creating a new union and students voiced their approval to increase their fees in order to support this endeavor. Students pay fees of \$350 per semester. The construction contract for the Otter Student Union was \$55 million.

When is the OSU expected to open and is construction on time?

The Otter Student Union is expected to open in 2020. Construction is currently on time.

What decisions were made regarding the removal of the mural?

The location of the Otter Student Union was determined as part of the Campus Master Plan, which focuses the center of campus on the Quad. The site of the former Parking Lot 12 was selected as it provided an opportunity for a welcoming entry to campus from Inter-Garrison with accessible, inclusive access to the center of campus. In order to accomplish this accessibility, including ADA provisions, the entrance to the Union off Inter-Garrison needed to be at street level, which required the removal of the retaining wall on which multiple murals have been painted.

Why is the mural not being preserved or moved to another location?

It is infeasible to move or preserve the current mural on the retaining wall because moving it would compromise its structural integrity. The retaining wall was constructed for its specific location and not ever intended for removal to a new location. As such, the wall would not stay intact if removal were attempted.

Images of the current mural have been catalogued for historic preservation and will be available, along with previous mural images, in the CSUMB Library. A space for a mural has been identified on the new Otter Student Union. The new mural will be visible from Inter-Garrison.

When is the official removal of the mural scheduled?

As part of construction sequencing, removal of the retaining wall has begun and will be completed before winter break.

Is there anything being done to honor the mural, perhaps a candle light ceremony?

OSU is collaborating with the Visual and Public Art department to host an event that focuses on the past three murals as well as upon the plan for a mural space on the new Union. The event will likely be held on Friday, Nov. 30.

Is there anything else you would like to add or say regarding the new Otter Student Union Building and the Vision mural?

The new Otter Student Union is a continuation of the process to embrace CSUMB's founding vision to "feature an enriched living and learning environment and year-round operation." The new OSU will provide for excellent opportunities to enrich the lives of its students, faculty, staff, alumni and surrounding community members through expansive programming and opportunities to tell the ever-transpiring CSUMB and Monterey Bay stories. The new Union is expected to open in 2020, when CSUMB will turn 25 years old. This new building will be an investment "in preparation for the future," beginning the next quarter century of stories for this institution.

For the first two parts of the Vision mural series, you can visit thelutrinae.com.



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is recognizing
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OPINION

A rant on education and science

By Navid Amarlou

The capabilities of humanity do not stop here, it is the responsibility of our collective species to push the boundaries of what is possible with the sciences in order to push out species into a new age. Our leaders and the very structure of our nation should be built as to promote the growth of the sciences and if we can do this then the potential our species has for growth is remarkable. Science despite its natural value is not only important for increasing our understanding of all that is around us but for improving the quality of life of individuals.

Let's take a look at the history of our own nation prior to the industrial revolution and modern medicine. People were dying of illnesses we now see as fairly common and easy to treat like the common cold. In terms of technology they did not have the same luxuries that we do now in terms of medical instruments, entertainment through television and the internet, and ease of access to information in order to promote education amongst the general populace.

We live in an age where many of us at least here in our community are able to have access to education, free reign to access the internet and all the information it holds, and the ability to strive towards a better world through education and research. Every human being should have access to schooling and education, all people should have access to proper medical care and insurance in order to promote their livelihood, and we should have a schooling system focusing on cultivating the inquisitive nature of humans opposed to cramming information down their throats in order to do well on evaluations of a schools performance.

It is important to know world history, basic sciences revolving the world around

us, mathematics, and language. The last two are truly fundamental to an individual being able to enter the job market. But this is not enough, the most crucial skill to be successful is being able to learn new skills and what is more important to learning new skills than to have the curiosity and drive to learn new things. We need to raise a generation of scientists that don't just question the validity of things in front of them but also ask why.

The most important question in the world of science is why. And if we can understand why things have the functions and abilities that they do we can then use this to not only improve our understanding of the world around us but also put it to use in order to change the world around us! We did not become all we are today by sitting around being content. It is this underlying dissatisfaction that pushes humans to grow. Would we have grown from those early hominids if we had not tried finding easier and more successful ways to survive? The concept I am trying to push for is a society that aims for a technological utopia, a society in which we promote advances and intellectualism. It is important as young people to look at what we want our future to be like. Do we want a government dictated by politicians who cling so dearly towards pushing their parties agenda that the common people are left behind or by people who view humanity in its entirety beyond just the borders of just our nation? A party's agenda can be to promote the wellness of humanity, we have such parties now. Though the argument I am trying to make is that the future lies within the sciences and we need to collectively support these endeavors to advance our species and must choose leaders which do the same. For there is no greater tool than knowledge and the ones who wield it can build the world to their design.

This day in history

November 8

By Ray Kaiser

1519

Hernán Cortés entered Tenochtitlán after an invitation from Aztec ruler Moctezuma. Shortly after the welcoming festivities, conflict broke out, eventually causing Moctezuma to be stoned to death and Cortés and his company to be chased out of the city.

1644

After the collapse of the Ming dynasty, Shunzhi Emperor was enthroned in Beijing as the first Qing emperor to rule over China.

1889

Montana was admitted as the 41st U.S. state.

1895

Wilhelm Röntgen discovered the X-ray while experimenting with electricity.

1950

The first jet aircraft-to-jet aircraft dogfight occurred during the Korean War when two North Korean MiG-15s fighters were shot down by a United States F-80 Shooting Star.

1957

Pan Am Flight 7 went missing between San Francisco and Honolulu. A wreckage and bodies were discovered about a week later.

1965

The overseas territory of the United Kingdom the British Indian Ocean Territory is founded, consisting of Chagos Archipelago, Aldabra, Farquhar, and Des Roches islands.

1966

Former Massachusetts Attorney General Edward Brooke became the first African American elected to the United States Senate.

2002

The United Nation Security Council Resolution 1441 is unanimously approved, forcing Saddam Hussein to disarm or face "serious consequences."

1972

HBO launches its first programming with the broadcasting of the 1971 film *Sometimes a Great Notion*.

1999

The world's first "Internet murder" is committed when Sharee Miller convinced her online lover Jerry Cassaday to kill her husband Bruce at his junkyard near Flint, Michigan.

2011

The potentially hazardous asteroid 2005 YU55 passed 0.85 lunar distances (approximately 324,600 kilometres or 201,700 miles) from earth, the closest known approach by an asteroid of its brightness since the asteroid 2010 XC15 in 1976.

2013

One of the strongest tropical cyclones ever recorded, Typhoon Haiyan, strikes the Visayas region of the Philippines.

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a subfamily classification,
scientific name for the otter.

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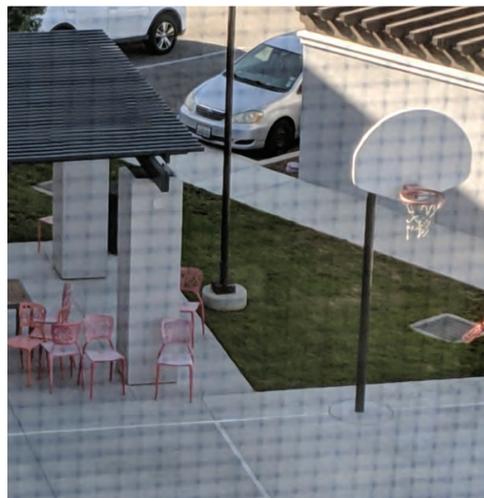
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How the basketball court in Promontory is slowly killing me



The Hell hoop from my dorm room. Photo by Kristen Finley

By Kristen Finley

Before transferring here this fall, I was feverishly waiting for confirmation that I'd stay in Promontory. With the promise of my own room, private bathroom, and a washer and dryer in-unit was enough to persuade me to front the money for the hefty price tag. However, in the persuasive description of the most lavish housing our campus has to offer, they left out a crucial detail: that I'd be either woken up at absurd hours of the night into the early morning, or kept awake because of the basketball court.

Upon moving in, I noticed my proximity to the basketball court and didn't think anything of it initially, because I was naive enough to assume that the residents would have an established sense of decency and consideration for their fellow classmates. I was painfully mistaken. Almost every night since I've moved in, I've been harshly shaken from much needed sleep to listen to people playing basketball, screaming and yelling, blasting music or whizzing around on beeping Lime scooters as early as 4:30 a.m.

I tried a plethora of things rumored to combat the noise: ear plugs, listening to relaxing music, taking [natural] sleep aids - even to the extent of

buying heavy curtains for my windows and a room air conditioner, so I didn't wake up sweating from having to close my windows. So far, nothing has worked. I emailed the community advisor, and despite a rich history of calling the RA's to eradicate the issue, nothing has stopped the excessive noise in the middle of the night. All the advisor had to say to me was that my "best option" was to keep calling the RA's.

Which, clearly isn't working if I'm still being woken up almost every single night because of students disregarding the people their actions are directly affecting. If calling the RA's was enough, there wouldn't be a need to contact the advisor, or go through extreme measures and spend more money to sleep through the night. Ever since the issues arose, I've slept through only a handful of nights since I've been here. As a result, I'm dreadfully tired every single day, which is directly affecting my performance as a student. I've had crippling effects to my memory, as well as the ability to articulate in verbal communication. The worst side effect is my ability to concentrate in class.

Despite voicing this to the advisor a second time in effort to spark movements to combat this, the second option I was presented with was moving rooms. Which I feel strongly should be a last resort after the Promontory staff exhausted other options, considering I don't have the time to pack up and move, especially with it drawing closer to the end of the semester. Instead of moving, I wrote, I would like to try and eliminate the root of the issue: not just for myself, but for other students feeling the effects of negligence. A roommate of mine met with the advisor, and was told little could be done. She's now in the process of trying to move to different housing completely.

With having students pay so much money, even for a double room, one would think that the administration for Promontory would go out of their way to make it worth the money students are paying to live there. I guess the freedom of playing basketball into the early hours of the morning is more important than residents trying to get a decent night's sleep.

CAMPUS

Honoring veterans

Wall of heroes

By Hailey Hill

Starting Tuesday, Nov. 13, a “Wall of Heroes” will be on display in the Tanimura and Antle Family Memorial Library lobby. The Wall of Heroes is a project aimed to honor students, faculty, staff and family members who have served in our country’s military.

The Wall of Heroes is part of California State University, Monterey Bay’s (CSUMB) celebration of Veteran’s Day, which is on Sunday, Nov. 11. Aside from recognizing those who serve via the Wall of Heroes, there will be no classes on Monday, Nov. 12 in honor of Veteran’s Day.

Honoring those who have served our country is very important, and the Wall of Heroes is a great opportunity to do so. Anyone attending or working at CSUMB is able to put up a picture on the Wall of Heroes in order to pay tribute to their loved ones or even to gain recognition for what they have contributed to our nation.

The Wall of Heroes is especially interesting because CSUMB is situated on the old military base, Fort Ord. Some students and staff, including myself, even have relatives who spent time on the base while serving. This unique situation creates a special connection between the history of the campus and those who now live, work, and study at CSUMB. Student, staff and faculty veterans should feel proud of what they have accomplished and of how they have represented CSUMB in such a selfless manner.

The Wall of Heroes will be displayed from Tuesday, Nov. 13 to Friday, Nov. 16. It will be available to visit from 8 a.m to 5 p.m. Additionally, those who visit the wall have the opportunity to learn more about services that are offered by CSUMB to students, staff and faculty members who have served.



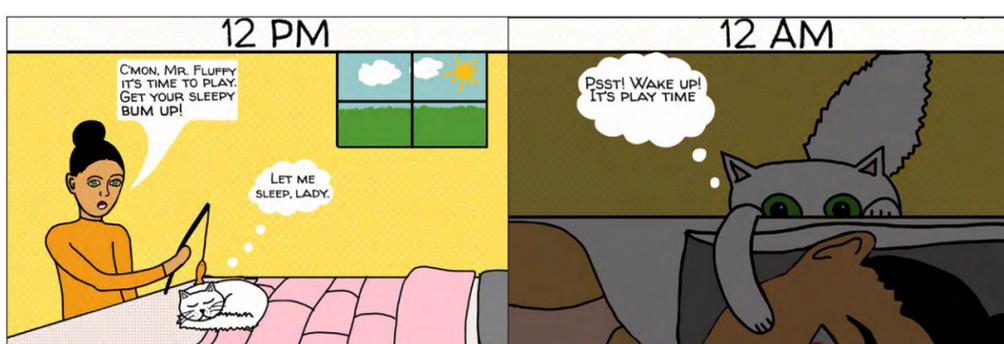
Winter housing

By Kristen Finley

For the first time since opening, California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) is restricting access to students living on main campus during winter break until the spring semester. There are exceptions, but there are certain requirements needing to be met, such as: being a student attending a winter session, an international student, an athlete in season or a student assistant. Any student can apply for an exception of policy, and the form can be found on the website under Student Housing and Residential Life for winter 2018.

The deadline to fill out the forms and be approved to stay during winter break is fast approaching: Nov. 16 by 5 p.m. There are no additional fees upon approval. CSUMB only grants housing to those approved for part of the winter break. The campus remains closed to all students with the exception of special circumstances from Dec. 24-29, due to construction to main campus.

Cartoons *By Madi Rapella*



Midterm stress relievers

By Hailey Hill

It’s no secret that college is stressful, and finding ways to cope with the various stressors can be difficult. Many students at California State University, Monterey Bay are currently in the midst of taking midterm exams in their classes, making this time of year particularly stressful.

Luckily, stress is not something that is impossible to overcome. There are many ways to cope with stress and get everything done without becoming overwhelmed or “burnt out.” Here are a few “do’s and don’ts” of coping with stress.

Practice self-care

This one is arguably the most important in dealing with stress in college or in any other situation. Even if your work is piling up, you still need to sleep; pulling an all-nighter actually hurts your chances of doing well on an exam because your brain has not been given the opportunity to rest and retain the information it has processed. It is also very important to eat, having enough

nutritious foods can keep your energy levels up and keep stress levels down.

Talk to your professors or a tutor instead of teaching yourself

If you are struggling with a complex topic, asking for help from professors or a tutor can be much more beneficial than attempting to teach yourself. Teaching yourself will likely only lead to more confusion, leading to more stress and decreased productivity.

Take breaks from studying

Forcing yourself to continue studying when becoming increasingly tired and frustrated only hinders retention of information; even taking a few minutes to walk outside and get some fresh air can help you refocus and find the motivation to continue with your work.

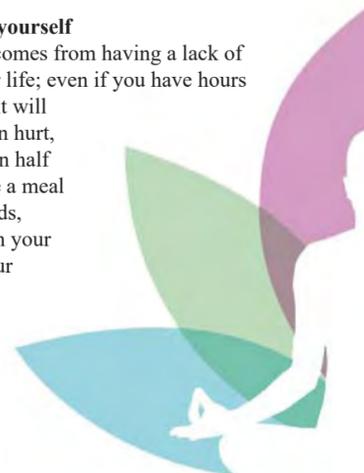
Don’t procrastinate

Although most people have heard the dangers of procrastination many times throughout their time in school, it is truly important not to wait until the last

minute. Procrastination is one of the biggest contributors to stress, and doing smaller amounts of work over a longer period of time can reduce stress astronomically.

Take time for yourself

A lot of stress comes from having a lack of balance in your life; even if you have hours of work to do, it will help, rather than hurt, you to take even half an hour to have a meal with your friends, spend time with your pets, or call your family. Even a little time away from your work can help you clear your head and get work done.



International week celebrations

By Yollette Merritt

The week of Nov. 13 at California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) is loaded with activities highlighting and celebrating CSUMB’s international programs and offerings. Staff and student ambassadors will be available at tabling to answer questions and distribute information about the range of short and extended study abroad opportunities in countries around the world, including financing of study and scholarship support. A passport application booth will be available, as well as a special resume building workshop called “Put your international experience to work” on Nov. 14 from 1 to 3 p. m. facilitated by Grace O’Dell, Career and Academic Advisor of the Middlebury Institute of International Studies.

Students will perform international cultural performances every day-- Aztec dancers, African drummers, Lion dancers and more-- in the main quad beginning Tuesday, Nov. 13 from noon to 3 p.m.. A diversity march Nov 13 on campus starts at noon from Gavilan Hall and marching to the main quad. All are invited to participate.

Over a period of three days, international and CSUMB students, faculty, staff and community members-- including CSUMB Provost Bonnie Irwin, Dean Britt Rios-Ellis, and Professors Juan Jose Gutierrez and Odine Gage-- will share their experiences studying, traveling,

volunteering, doing research and/or working in countries around the world. There is also an opportunity for those interested to share their own personal story.

A highlight starting off the week’s activities will be the presentation by keynote speaker, Anisa Medhi, an award-winning film director and producer who will share relevant insights and lesson learned from her rich experiences traversing various cultures in many lands. A free screening of her critically acclaimed documentary "Inside Mecca," is scheduled for Nov. 15 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Student Center. This National Geographic special follows the stories of three Muslims from diverse backgrounds on their pilgrimage to Mecca.



Photo courtesy of the Office of International Programs (top). CSUMB International students fall 2018 students visit Monterey (bottom).

COLUMNS

Reflection on October, looking into November

By Kristen Finley

Please remember that this is based on sun sign analysis only - your readings are always affected by your planetary placements.

Aries

(Mar. 21 - April 19)

Despite New Years being a few months away, October brought challenges that upon facing and conquering, brought on a whole new version of yourself. Dealing with the emotional challenges made you less tolerant to manipulation from others, and having kept a repeat offender at bay, made you a lot more confident of a person. You've historically needed a fairly harsh push to make changes in your life, but after this one, you're not likely to be as stubborn. Thankfully, though, your tight circle of supportive friends grew even tighter. November will be the month you relish and profit from your newfound freedom.

Leo

(July 23 - Aug. 22)

You're not sure why, but it seems like all you've been doing is pissing people off. Before you jump to assume everyone else is just too sensitive or lacking intelligence, ask yourself what part you had in their emotional outburst against you. A lot of times, things can be fixed with a simple apology once you understand what happened. Be sure to reflect on how your actions may have sparked negative reactions, or how it was most definitely their fault. Make November the month you set your pride down for a moment, if need be.

Sagittarius

(Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

You surprised yourself this October, when you took time off from free counseling to spend a little time on yourself. It was a vacation you needed, and you spent most of the time doing some soul searching. What you gained from that wasn't exactly what you expected - you might not be as emotionally sensitive or intelligent as you once thought. It's alright, though, there's always room for change. November will provide the room to grow.

Taurus

(April 20 - May 20)

You've been a little distant from your friends and family this October, thanks to the opportunities you were busy hunting down. While you will continue to reap the benefits of your efforts, your loved ones can't help but feel a little less important. Don't forget to reconnect with those who walked with you to where you are now. Just take a moment to touch bases. Next month will be the month you're humbled by how many people care about you.

Virgo

(Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)

Thankfully, you've established a good stance amidst the new changes this past October. You've found a reasonable place to settle, and you've developed a better sense of security. Things have stopped having such an effect for you - but only for the time being. November, people will begin to ask more of you and the stress will resume. Although, it can be less exhausting if you accept that you're able to handle what comes to you. Rest easy, Virgo, not everything has to be a top tier emergency.

Capricorn

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

The push you placed on yourself has paid off, and you landed yourself right where you wanted to be. Although now, you're having a difficult time being in the limelight. Don't be so quick to pass off the glory to someone else! People want to ask your questions, and they're all good questions. Stand by your reasoning and answers. The reception will be a lot better than you expected. November will either make or break your success, depending on how you handle the pressure.

Gemini

(May 21 - June 20)

Among the changes you made for yourself, a big decision was made that raised the alarm for those close to you. Not because the changes were necessarily bad, but because it's not exactly what they expected. Just try to remember that their concerns don't come from a place judgement, but of earnest curiosity - they want the best for you! While your decision makes perfect sense to you, your loved ones may just need a more detailed explanation. Don't take their question their intentions just yet. November will be the month where you find out who really supports you, and those who don't.

Libra

(Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

Unfortunately, October did not go as expected. While you made a lot of steps towards positive things, there were a few things that may have put you back to square one. Don't be so quick to give up, though - your goals are still within reach. You might just have to stretch yourself in a different direction to meet them. This is a feeling you're not accustomed to, but be sure to remind yourself that you've indeed handled worse. November will be the month you find out how your efforts impact the result.

Aquarius

(Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

So far, there's been one too many hurdles you're expected to have to jump through. Asking for help has never ever been your forte, but you've been pushed to the point of stepping back from your stubbornness. Your sarcastic nature can make you a little difficult to read, so consider a more direct approach. Don't take this for weakness, Aquarius, everyone needs a little help from time to time. You'll be surprised at how willing people are to help those who ask nicely.

Cancer

(June 21 - July 22)

October was an interesting month for you. You've lost a few friends, but you've gained a few more. Your opinions and beliefs have become a lot more defined for you - to the point where it's almost all you talk about. Which isn't bad by any stretch of the imagination - it just wasn't who you were a few months ago. Keep in mind that there are indeed more things to discuss than politics. It'll make your Thanksgiving a lot more friendly and less frustrating.

Scorpio

(Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

October was an emotional month for you, Scorpio. And not necessarily in a bad way! While the pace of your life has changed, you feel like you've finally adjusted to it. After an epiphany at some point during the month, you've come to the realization that feelings are a lot easier to deal with once they're on the table. The next step is developing a better way to dole them all out. November will be the month you find out whether you're better off alone, or if you need a little help from your friends.

Pisces

(Feb. 19 - Mar. 20)

People have been pushing you farther and harder than you are comfortable, and all October you've made changes to eradicate it. You've gained a backbone and an attitude you never expected for yourself, but it's gotten you what you wanted and where you needed to be. You're done being pushed around, Pisces, and you're loving the realization that toxicity is only on your plate for however long you allow it. Keeping this up will get you through November confidently and effectively.

Word Search

In celebration of Thanksgiving and the upcoming break, this week's word search features popular Thanksgiving dinner dishes across the United States. Happy holidays!

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- Apple Cider
- Brussel Sprouts
- Corn
- Cornbread
- Cranberry Sauce
- Gravy
- Green Beans
- Leftovers
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- Pecan Pie
- Pumpkin Pie
- Stuffing
- Sweet Potatoes
- Turkey

Sudoku

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COLUMNS

Music Maven *Mitski: A Live Review*

By Jenna Ethridge

On Nov. 3, Mitski performed to a sold-out crowd of 2,300 at The Warfield in San Francisco during her sold-out “Be the Cowboy” tour, which spans from October through December. Her latest album, “Be the Cowboy,” was released earlier this year on Aug. 17 and features popular singles that were performed live such as “Geyser,” “Nobody” and “Two Slow Dancers.”

Supporting Mitski on tour was electronic-pop duo from New York, the Overcoats. Dressed appropriately in oversized coats and sparkly, heeled boots, Hana Elion and JJ Mitchell helped establish the mood for the rest of the night by prompting an energized dance party among the crowd.

Despite their infectious energy, the Overcoats took the time to address the current state of the world and shared their recent loss of a friend due to gun violence at the age of 22, followed by a chilling cover of “Imagine” by John Lennon. The duo also teased a new song from their forthcoming album, following their debut album, “YOUNG,” which was released on April 21, 2017.



Mitski performing at The Warfield in San Francisco. By Jenna Ethridge.

Mitski took the stage shortly after, opening with “Remember My Name.” The crowd erupted with applause, which continued throughout the entirety of her set and was received by Mitski extremely graciously. Though she performed the majority of her new album, old favorites were also incorporated such as “Your Best American Girl” from 2016’s “Puberty 2,” “Francis Forever” from 2014’s “Bury Me at Makeout Creek” and “I Want You” from 2013’s “Retired from Sad, New Career in Business.”

The stage was decorated with enticing smoke and three screens which projected varying backgrounds of the elements including fire, water, nature and space. Choreographed dancing

accompanied each song, all of which being extremely methodical and somewhat robotic.

Whether her arms were traveling up her sides like a clock or she was pacing the stage for a continuous three minutes, Mitski’s body language emphasized her lyrics and emotion being translated within her music. Shorts were worn underneath her skirt, as well as matching knee pads, allowing her to throw her body helplessly to the ground and crawl desperately around the stage.

Towards the end of her set, Mitski acknowledged a few important people in attendance, including a fan account dedicated to her on Instagram. In between



The Overcoats performing at The Warfield in San Francisco. By Jenna Ethridge.

her sincere remarks of gratitude, Mitski stated, “Everyone brings their own lives and their own stories and we’re all here together, even if it’s only for an hour, and there’s something really beautiful about that.”

Associated Students

By Joanna Iwata

The Sports Club Council (SCC) is a subsidiary of Associated Students and consists of 11 sports clubs - cheer, disc golf, equestrian, lacrosse, mixed martial arts, otter dance, men’s rugby, women’s rugby, sailing, volleyball, and water polo. Our sports clubs compete regularly against other colleges throughout the year both on and off campus.

In serving as the director of the Sports Club Council (SCC), Dustin Johnson is responsible (along with his SCC Board) for overseeing the funding and campus-wide programs of the different sports clubs. Dustin also serves on the AS Executive Board, AS Internal Affairs Board and AS Finance Board.

SCC, along with ICC, hosts the Otter Showcase (campus student organization fair) twice a year. SCC is also heavily involved in the oversight of risk management and safety protocols for their members that require specialized training throughout the fall and spring semesters, as well.

Sports clubs are essential to the Otter experience since many students that are at CSUMB come from some type of high school athletic or sports program or are students that never got to play sports before, and they now have an opportunity to become part of a team.

Since SCC is considered as “clubs,” some of their sports teams do compete with other club teams statewide,

regionally and nationally much like an athletics program - yet others clubs are more recreational, allowing for a fun learning and competitive experience in the sport that students are interested in.

Several upcoming SCC events include a men’s rugby game in San Francisco on Nov. 9, disc golf has a tournament at the disc golf courses on campus on Nov. 10-11, and more to come as the year goes on! If you are interested in learning how to join or start a sport club, or in learning any information about any of the listed sports, email dujohnson@csumb.edu, scc@csumb.edu or cdevlin@csumb.edu.

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Cruising on Coast Road



A beautiful cluster of redwoods along the trail. Photo by Kristen Finley.

By Kristen Finley

I like to take my Subaru off-road, and I made a pact with myself that I’d try and get my car dirty at least once a month. However, as schoolwork and other demands imposed on me started to catch up, I hadn’t seen a dirt road since July of this year (ironically, in Big Sur). 90 percent of my decision to come here for school was the proximity to places to go off-road, and yesterday was the first day I’ve had the chance.

Coast Road is extremely easy to find from California State University, Monterey Bay. Along Highway 1 going south, it’s only 20.14 miles. When the Bixby Creek Bridge is in sight, the trail entrance is directly to the left of the bridge. If you go over the bridge, you’ve missed it. There’s an intimidating sign that says, “Impassable when wet,” and that only serves as a warning to drivers, not necessarily a restriction.

The majority of the trail is very narrow, with only a few places to pull over for oncoming traffic, making it more difficult to maneuver during the rainy season. Even with 4x4 or AWD, it’s harder to pull over safely to allow the passing of other cars when it’s muddy. There were also parts of the trail that had evidence of regular flooding after heavy rain. With the threat of slick mud and water, there becomes a heightened risk of danger. Cell phone restriction is slim to none along Highway 1, so emergencies take longer to respond to.

While the trail itself is public, there are private homes that are passed towards the very center of the trail. About three quarters of the way through, there’s a beautiful bridge that passes over a creek covered in fallen leaves. This was my favorite part of the trail, aside from the tall redwood trees.

The scenery was diverse, with there being beautiful patches of mini redwood forests, to open parts of the trail

trekking through fields with the ocean to the right and rolling hills to the left. The terrain changed from soft, silty dirt to very rocky depending on whether or not you were driving through the patches of redwoods or the open stretches.

Coast road has a couple different places to reconnect with Highway 1, but if you stick to the entire trail, it’s a little over 6 miles long. With the distance being fairly close to campus, it doesn’t demand a lot of preparation - although it’s never a bad idea to bring things that prepare you for the worst case scenario no matter what trail you trek.

This entire expedition took me a little over two hours, just because I drove slow and stopped consistently to take pictures or admire the beauty around me. So, if you’ve got a few hours to spare and need a taste of dirt road and redwoods, this will most certainly scratch the itch.

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Anisa Mehdi's pioneering work as a producer and reporter in mainstream American news media spans 30 years. She began her career at Eyewitness News in Boston and moved on to the CBS Evening News and 60 Minutes where she worked with Dan Rather, Morley Safer, and Meredith Vieira. Additional broadcast credits include PBS Frontline, ABC Nightline, and NPR's "All Things Considered."

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- Cultural Performances, 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM, The Quad
- Stories from Abroad and Refreshments, 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM, Alumni & Visitors Center
- Keynote Address by Anisa Mehdi, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM, Alumni & Visitors Center

Wednesday, November 14

- Tabling & Cultural Performances, 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM, The Quad
- Resume Building Workshop, 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM, Student Center Room 120
- Stories from Abroad and Refreshments, 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM, The Student Center

Thursday, November 15

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