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# ***Convenience versus Talent: A Never-Ending Battle***

*An industry evolved from cameras now being smothered by the never ending technological revolution.*

**EDITORIAL**

Editorial by Kenzie Costello

**I**n today's society, everywhere you look you see someone with their iPhone out taking an aesthetically pleasing photo for their newest photography Instagram. Unfortunately, the individuals taking pictures from a cell phone have been taking away business from those who work with DSLR cameras.

It is noticeable that the typical set up for photographers are often "stolen" by cell phone photographers through lighting, backgrounds and themes. As

cell phone technology improves, credibility is taken away from DSLR photographers and you can now be seen as a professional just from a shot captured on your cell phone.

Despite smartphones having attachments available, DSLR's have the best quality of images. Phones do not have the same abilities that cameras have such as ability to adjust the aperture and shutter speed manually.

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# **Calling All Writers!**

The Writers Guild is having a Writing Contest!

Story & Photo by Abigail Moran

**I**t started on February 13th and went on until March 26th of this year at Three Rivers Community College – the Writers Guild Contest.

This was a competition that welcomed authors and poets of all levels to join in the love of literature for cash prizes and the glory of winning. Two categories could be submitted; these would be short stories and poems.

With three top placements of substantial cash, they submitted their best work and now comes the time to see who the official winners are!

On November 5th, the Writers Guild is holding an event called the Student Showcase where the winners of this contest will officially be announced! This event is from 6 to 9pm in Room F117 and there will be food! It's free to attend and it's a great way to see others talent or showcase your own!

If you are interested in writing but missed the contest, you can always join the club! The Writers Guild meets on Tuesdays this semester from 3 to 5 pm in Room F205. Their official club poster says to “Come join other budding Writers as we write, review, edit, and exercise our abilities,” which, along with the welcoming competition, shows the amount of community and inclusion of their club.



Contests like these are a great way to show off your writing skill!

# ***College Consolidation Affects Students, Faculty and Education as a Whole***

Story by George Simones

**T**he merging of CT's community colleges is still controversial in many ways. Jacqueline Rabe Thomas, writer for The CT Mirror, wrote a couple of very informative articles regarding the consolidation of Connecticut's community colleges.

In her article, "Merging CT's Community Colleges is Controversial. Here's Why", Jacqueline states, "Hundreds of positions at Connecticut's 12 community colleges will be shed, more administrative functions will be handled at a central office and millions will be saved without impacting students' education."

This lets us know that this consolidation will be doing plenty of damage to many people that have established their careers at



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their respective schools. This is damaging to people's lives.

It's also implied by many that this consolidation is trying to focus on the students more than anything, hence the name "Students First", that was given to it by Board of Regents President Mark Ojakian. However, there is the side that argues that students will also be affected by the consolidation.

Jacqueline wrote another article entitled, "How the "Students First" College Consolidation Effects Students", in which she gives plenty of detail regarding why students will also be affected by the consolidation.

Department Chairs are a position that Board of Regents President Mark Ojakian plan will do away with by the beginning of July 2020. This position is very important for students.

"When students have a problem with a grade they received or other aspects of their education, department chairs at many of the colleges are tasked with trying to remedy the situation. Faculty rely on their department chairs to help them when problems

arise and to be their voice to college administrators."

This will be a detriment to students who rely on this faculty position for assistance. The article also gives information regarding how other faculty members in schools feel about the elimination of the Department Chair position.

"The proposed elimination of these department chair positions is upsetting to faculty. That's because many view these chairs as their advocates who understand the nuances and challenges they face — problems that may be unique to their departments."

So as it is evident, the college consolidation effects educators, students, faculty, and in turn will effect the education process that is going on in school.

The matter of the college consolidation is constantly being updated as the plan is officially being brought up for consideration on the 18th of April. More information will come as soon as it becomes available, but as for now the debate continues.

# **Proposed State Transportation Budget Cuts Directly Affect TRCC Students**

Story and Photo by Catalina Anzola

**T**he proposed transportation budget cuts will affect Three Rivers Community College (TRCC) students who rely on the Southeast Area Transit Direct (SEAT) bus service to get to school.

through the State's Transportation Fund (STF) by taxing gasoline and diesel fuels. Since 2000, the gasoline tax has not changed and vehicles have become more fuel efficient, causing revenues to decline.



A student waits to ride the TRCC route SEAT bus

In January of 2018, the state announced it would cut subsidies to its transportation by 15 % for the upcoming fiscal year. Consequently, SEAT could face a 15% cut in funding starting in July 2018 and a 50% cut the following years.

In the past, Connecticut has funded its transportation programs

On March 22, 2018, SEAT notified the community on social media about the proposed service cuts and the step it would have to take if the STF is not fixed. Among the cuts being considered is the elimination of the Three Rivers service route used by students to get to school, and the elimination of bus service after 7 p.m. which would



also adversely affect students who attend evening classes.

TRCC has students from all over Connecticut, and not all who attend own a vehicle. These students rely on public transportation to get to classes.

Student Raul Montalban is one of the students at TRCC who takes the SEAT bus to get to and from the college. Concerned about the proposed cuts, he stated, "Many students including myself rely on the transportation to get here, and if they eliminate it in general that would cause many people who use it currently, and in the future, to be unable to come to the college."

Eliminating routes would make it more challenging for students to get to the school. Montalban lives in Ashford, Ct. He already spends a total of four hours on the bus to and from school Monday through Thursday. He stated, "If they eliminate the TRCC service bus, I would have to walk around a mile or two from the main station where I get dropped off at."

Montalban has taken on the task of raising awareness at school about the transportation budget cuts. He wrote a proposal to the President of TRCC, Mary Ellen Jukoski, about the repercussions of proposed transportation cuts, in which he asked President Jukoski to survey the student population that rely on public transit through commnet. Also, a meeting between

President Jukoski and state representatives was suggested by Montalban.

Montalban has taken further steps to help his cause. He created a petition and sent it to Senator Cathy Osten. "I got a message back from her saying that she got it, and that she is going to be working to help." He stated.

Students who rely on public transportation have arranged their class schedules around the bus, including Montalban. He feels the effect would be grave on these students if the bus schedule was eliminated or altered.

When asked what he would do if the bus routes were cut, Montalban replied, "I would either not be able to come to school. Or my mom would have to work something out. Not coming to school is not an option. I need to be going to college."

Montalban urges student to have their voice heard. "Students should call our representatives to get their opinion in there. Every little bit helps. Showing public support for the SEAT bus would really make a difference."

To voice your concerns, contact your state legislature. Find their contact information by calling 860-240-0100 or by visiting <http://bit.ly/1qEsxHP>.

# ***Veterans Looking for New Opportunities***

## ***Three Rivers Community College Hosts Annual Resource Fair for Military Veterans***

Story and Photos by Mark Dunning

**T**hree Rivers Community College hosted their fifth annual Veterans Resource Fair On March 22, 2018. A one-stop resource for jobs, education, health services, financial benefits, and networking. The fair was open to all veterans and their families within the Second Congressional District (Eastern Connecticut).

There were over 40 organizations and 20 yellow-ribbon that were representing this event. Universities such as University of New Haven and Southern Connecticut State College were in attendance, companies such as Pfizer and Eversource were also there to discuss to veterans for job opportunities, and even financial advisors from Navy Federal Credit Union, SUBASE New London Branch were also there to discuss financial benefits for veterans.

Sir Snowden, Assistant Director for Veterans and Military Affairs for Southern Connecticut State

University, explains the benefits of the veterans are hoping to look for when pursuing an education. "Basically, when coming to the University to be able to provide them the resources they are going to need to be successful in school, as well as being able to take full advantages they have as a veteran, and being able to make sure that they utilize the benefits properly," Snowden said.

"We try to educate them as far as what benefits they have, what they might be eligible for, and just provide them as much information as we possibly can to make sure that this university has the resources they have in order for them to be successful." Snowden then goes into more detail on what benefits the vets will be receiving.

"In terms of benefits from a resource standpoint, we have a veteran's lounge for students that can be able to go there and get away

Fifth annual TRCC Veterans Resource Fair in the multipurpose room

Meeting with Connecticut Healthcare Organization





from campus life. We also have diversity programs that we have set up for students to be successful, and we just try to do our best to be able to separate ourselves from other institutions, just to being able to have our veterans to talk to other veterans, meet other people and have other various interactions, but also at the same time still be able to take advantages all of the resources we provide.” Snowden said.

Kim Tracy, a Member Service Representative for the SUBASE New London Branch for Navy Federal Credit Union, also weighs in on how their bank can help out veterans with financial benefits. Tracy mentions how their bank can help out veterans and their military families.

“We help veterans set up any of their financial needs, so if they need help setting up a mortgage or checking account or savings account, basically that’s what we do,” Tracy said. “Some need help establishing credit because some of them their

credit has been destroyed so setting up a credit card, small personal expense loan, and car loans.”

Tracy also mentions how all veterans, including retirees, and family members, that is a member of navy federal can really be beneficial to them. These examples highlight the many benefits of what a veteran could be expecting when pursuing an education or making a financial plan.

The TRCC Veterans Resource Fair showed that many universities and organizations wanted to make sure that these veterans are getting the correct resources when pursuing a degree or looking for a job after serving in the military. These vets want to have a smooth transition when entering the second stage of their life after being in the service and these organizations are willing to help that big transition for these veterans.

Two Vietnam Vets speak with a vendor



Pfizer spokesperson talks to veterans



# ***Mystic Caps Weeks of Celebrations***

## *Shenanigans Persist at 15th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade*

Story & Photos by Cheryl Gibson



Screams of delight and laughter greeted the T-Rex's as they waddled around the corner at Broadway and East Main streets.



Top to bottom: 'Irish twins' waiting for the Mystic St. Patrick's Day parade; A pup takes a front row seat for all the action on E Main street in Mystic, CT; Festooned bagpipers at the parade in Mystic; Benjamin plays an Irish Jig along the parade route in Mystic.

Families and friends gathered along the streets in Mystic, this past Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Irish heritage and watch.

Parades are fun, marching bands, kilted bag pipers, fire trucks, floats and Shriners driving tiny cars.

The roads were blocked off to allow the 100 units with 2200 participants to march the approximately one-mile route through downtown. Everyone was in good spirits as

thousands gathered along the streets decorated with Irish and American flags.

Chilly temperatures made parade goers bundle up. Marilyn and Suzie, mother and daughter, from Mystic, arrived an hour early to get the spot where they've watched the parade for the past seven years. Like everyone else, they prepared for the cold weather with sweaters, coats, scarves and blankets. Others

found libations to help keep them warm. Adult beverages already flowing for hours in the outdoor beer garden at the MBAR further down the parade route. This was the last of a long list of parades and celebrations in southeastern Connecticut, Norwich had a parade on March 4 and Niantic held events on the 17th.

The parade is in its fifteenth year and is made possible through the hard work of the Mystic Irish Parade Foundation, an all-volunteer organization that began the parade and other events to celebrate Irish heritage.



# **Running Green at Niantic 5K**

Story & Photos by George Simones



**T**he Irish Folk Music filled my ears before I could even begin to see the event. It was a cold morning in Niantic, Connecticut as runners prepared for the annual 5k.

Green filled the streets as far as the eye could see, from shirts to banners there was nowhere in sight that wasn't green. The O'Niantic 5k was a huge success for everyone involved. The race was filled to its maximum capacity and was full of enthusiastic runners.

A bagpipe player could be seen and heard right to the side of the runners, he set the mood perfectly. Though it was extremely cold, the runners didn't give in to the adversity, with some even choosing to run shirtless.

Hartford Marathon hosts several runs around Connecticut, this St. Patrick's Day 5k in Niantic is one of them. The other

runs are held in Southington, Putnam, and Hartford.

To quote Hartford Marathon's website, "ONiantic. No blarney, this is a fast and flat 5K! Start and finish in front of Niantic Bay Bicycles and run by the quiet, off-season cottages in the Pine Grove community of Niantic, one of HMF's favorite shoreline spots."



Nick Migani and Gary Piotr, celebrate their 3rd and 1st place finish at the 2018 St. Patrick's Day 5k in Niantic.

Many sponsors involved with this wonderful program were thanked by the announcer just before the race began. Smarty's Restaurant and Pub was one of the sponsors, and they offered a free beer and cup of chili to everyone that participated in the race.

Gary Piotr finished first place with a time of 17 minutes flat. However, everyone deserves respect.

# ***What are the Status and Rights of Undocumented Immigrants?***

*The Community Support and Involvement Committee sponsored a presentation by Attorneys Joanne Lewis and Kelly Bonafe to discuss the legal rights of undocumented immigrants in the United States.*

Story by Ashley Hanson

Photos by Catalina Anzola

**A**s the deadline for ending the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program (DACA) came and went on March 5, 2018, Attorneys Joanne Lewis and Kelly Bonafé from Connecticut Legal Services talked to students, faculty, and the public at TRCC about the rights of undocumented immigrants in the United States.

Attorney Lewis provided statistics to highlight the significance of the population they were discussing.

In the United States, 11 million undocumented immigrants live and work among citizens. In the state of Connecticut alone there are an estimated 105,000 undocumented immigrants and 550,000 foreign-born people, which is 14.4% of the state's population.



Statistics from an article Lewis presented in the New York Times titled "Here's the Reality about Illegal Immigrants in the United States," indicated that the top two ways undocumented immigrants enter the United States is through overstayed visas and crossing over the Mexican border.

Lewis told us there are several pathways to lawful permanent residence which can happen through

Attorney Joanne Lewis presents "The Status and Rights of Undocumented Immigrants" to an open forum at TRCC on March 5th, 2018.

an employer-based petition, humanitarian-based application and permission, diversity visa, or family-based petition. Lewis went on to talk about the difficulty of getting into the United States without these petitions. “If you don’t have a relative, if you don’t have a job, if you don’t qualify for the diversity

still waiting for it to be reviewed.

There are some exceptions for the elderly and disabled, but it’s very limited as Lewis said. There are several other immigration categories that a non-resident may fall into, such as lawful deferred action, temporary protection, non-immigrant visas, and lawful permanent residence.



Students, faculty and the public attend the presentation from Connecticut Legal Services.

Lewis pointed out that illegal immigrants don’t have much in terms of rights. The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program (DACA) and the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act (DREAM) are a couple of the laws that legally support illegal immigrants.

Under DACA, people who came into the United States illegally before 2007 and were under the age of 16 were granted renewable status to work. However, they have no legal status and must renew their visa every 2 years. The current political discussion has been over the government’s decision to rescind the DACA Program. While a decision on this has been put off until 2019, the initial act to rescind the program has left many immigrants at risk for deportation as their visas expire,

visa, there isn’t any way to come into the United States.”

With a family-based petition, U.S. Citizens can request to sponsor a visa for a spouse, child, or other family member. However, the waitlist can be quite extensive. For example, according to statistics on a slide Lewis presented, siblings of U.S. Citizens from the Philippines who applied for a family-based petition in November 1994 are





Attorneys Joanne Lewis and Kelly Bonafe answer questions from the forum on immigration issues.

according to Lewis.

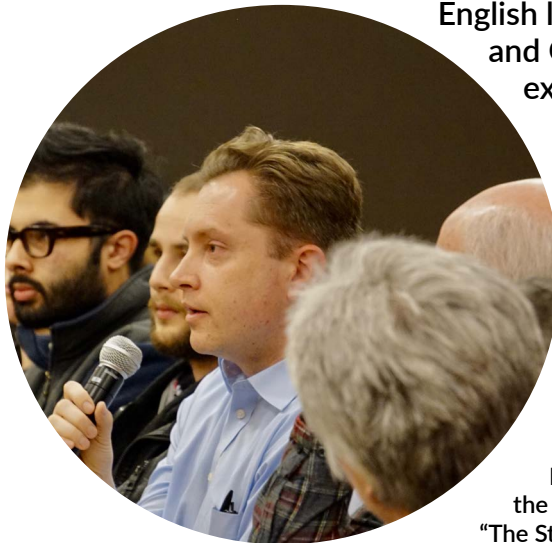
While DACA recipients are at risk of being deported, Lewis says the most at-risk population of immigrants are those who commit crimes and those who admit they're undocumented. Both of these scenarios can result in deportation.

Under the U.S. legal system, immigrants do not possess the same due process rights as citizens. This means they have the right to an attorney, but not a free one. Nor are they entitled to be read Miranda rights.

To avoid deportation, Lewis said their organization advises immigrants to not use notaries in any scenario, even to acquire a legal status in the US because they are not licensed to provide

Immigration Legal Services. Lewis also advises immigrants to not go to U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services without a lawyer because they can be detained even without a criminal record.

If an immigrant is looking to obtain legal services, there are several local organizations that are qualified to provide them. Finally, Lewis explained the rigorous process a non-resident must go through in order to obtain citizenship. She said they must be a lawful permanent resident for 5 years, a person of good moral character, and pass an English language and Civics exam.



Prof. Barry in the Q&A session after "The Status and Rights of Undocumented Immigrants"

# **TRCC's Baseball Club is Ready to Play Ball!**

Story by George Simones

**I**f you have been around campus during some of the nice afternoons that we've had recently, you probably have seen students throwing baseballs around outside on the green.

These students are members of the Three Rivers Community College Baseball club getting themselves prepared for the upcoming spring season.

The TRCC baseball club's website provides many different details regarding all types of aspects of the team. To quote the line that is stated perfectly in the headline of the website, "A Three Rivers Community College Club since 2010, we are now coming to the End of our Sixth Year and 12th competitive season as members of one of two club leagues."

TRCC's baseball club is as legitimate as they come. As a longtime student, I can vouch for their dedication and have seen it since my first semester at the school. We aren't a school that has a wide variety of sports options, so it would make sense that students are highly passionate about one that is offered.

According to the TRCC baseball club's constitution on their website, Article 2 states, "The purpose of this club is to bring a club baseball team/program to Three Rivers Community College, to bring an athletic program into Three Rivers Community College-supporting a varsity, junior varsity, and or freshman level team(s) in baseball and any student popular sport."

This provides a solid amount of information regarding the program as a whole. The article continues by stating, "This club will oversee and discuss all organizational issues within the baseball program, while additionally finding new ways to aid the program's expansion. Such as, but not

limited to, fundraising, advertising, and other innovative ideas."

All in all, from the perspective of a long-time TRCC student, the baseball club is something that all lovers of the sport should consider. Take advantage of the opportunities that you get as a student at TRCC.



Photo courtesy of Pexels

# **Five Crostini Bites Sure to Cure your Craving for a Quick Bite**

*With a few ingredients and a couple of minutes you're sure to be satisfied with these quick and easy to make crostini bites*

Story & Photos by Ashley Hanson

**L**ooking for a quick bite to eat? Look no further! These easy to make crostini bites are perfect for any busy student! With a loaf of French bread and a few ingredients, you can make a warm snack on a cold spring day or make a few and turn it into a meal.

With just one loaf of French bread, you can make a whole lot of small snacks with delicious flavors.



Directions: To begin, preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Cut up a loaf of French bread into 1-inch thick pieces and drizzle lightly with olive oil. Pop them into the oven for 6 – 10 minutes or until golden brown. Once warmed through and lightly toasted, throw your favorite toppings on or try one of these recipes.

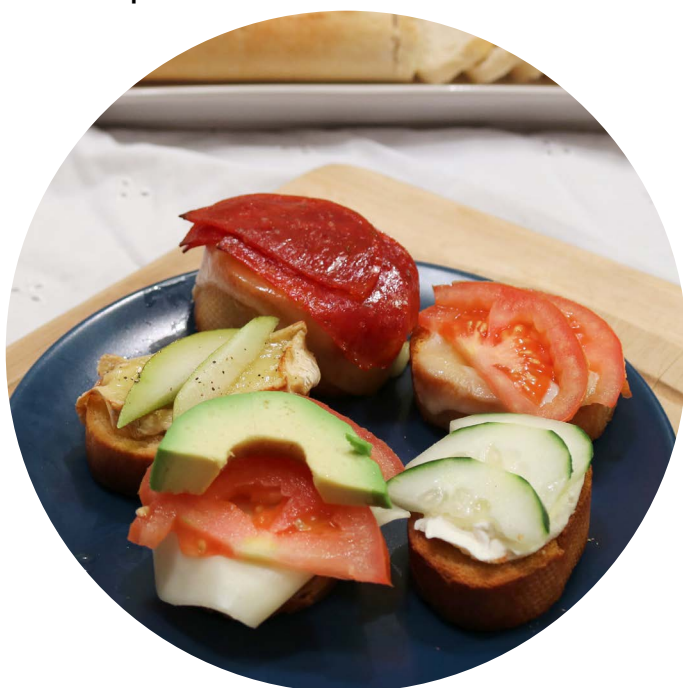
## **Brie, Pear & Honey**

Top with a slice of brie and put it back in the oven for 3 – 6 minutes, or until the brie is melted. Add a couple slices of pear, drizzle with honey, and add a touch of cracked pepper.

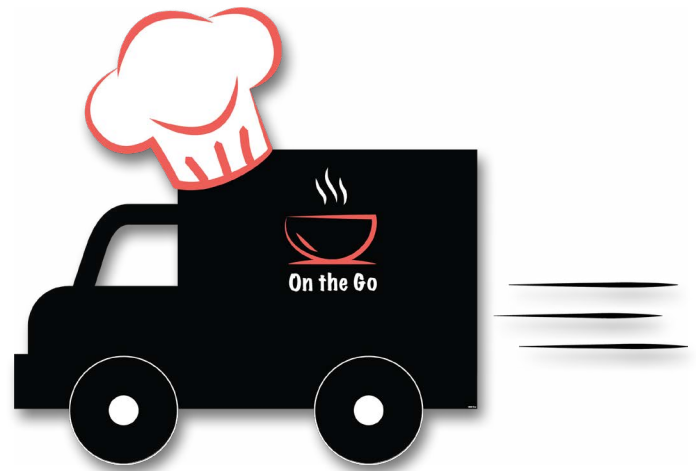


## **Pepperoni & Mozzarella**

Top the crostini with a few layers of mozzarella then pepperoni. Layers can alternate between mozzarella and pepperoni or they can just be stacked. Put them back in the oven for 4 – 6 minutes or until the cheese is melted and the pepperoni heated through. Let it cool down before eating.







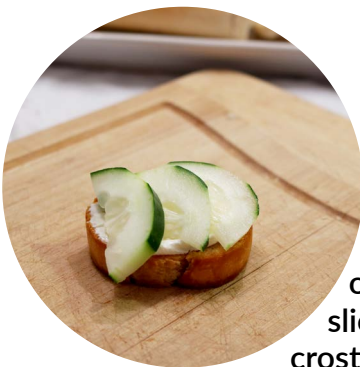
#### Mozzarella & Tomato

Place some deli cut or fresh mozzarella on top of the crostini and add a few slices of tomato. Enjoy cold or put it back in the oven for 2 - 4 minutes to melt the cheese.



#### Mozzarella, Tomato, and Avocado

Add deli cut or fresh mozzarella on, a couple slices of tomato, and a sliver of avocado on top of the crostini. It can be eaten cold or put it back in the oven for 2 - 4 minutes to melt the cheese.



#### Cucumber & Cream Cheese

Spread a thin layer of cream cheese on each crostini. Add a few thinly sliced cucumbers to it and enjoy! This crostini is best served cold.

# ***Red Sparrow: Lies, Spies, Russia and Sex***

Story by Catalina Anzola



**I**n *Red Sparrow*, Jennifer Lawrence plays a Russian ballerina who becomes a murderous spy. The film is filled with gruesome bloodsheds, explicit sex scenes, and treasonous spies; all the ingredients of an entertaining spy thriller that, for the most part, delivers.

*Red Sparrow* is a familiar story, much like the old 1990's movies, *La Femme Nikita* and *Point of No Return*, where the female character is given a new identity and trained as a stylish top-secret assassin, in lieu of a death sentence. But, this story has a few new twists and turns to mix up the too familiar story from the 90's. It will hold your attention and, at times, bring a fresh element of surprise.

Ms. Lawrence plays Dominika Egorova, Russian prima ballerina who dominates the stage until an accident ends her career. Left without a profession, no money and an ailing

mother, Dominika turns to her uncle who works for the foreign intelligence service in Russia for help. He offers her an unscrupulous job as a seductress for a man of interest. The assignment goes terribly wrong.

As the only witness to the botched job, Dominika is forced to make a deal to spare her life, she must train to be a 'sparrow' at a school that teaches the art of seduction as a weapon to obtain information. After training, Dominika is given the task of seducing an American agent, Nate played by Joel Edgerton.

Lawrence and Edgerton never manage to sell their on-screen chemistry to the viewer, which is a cornerstone of the tale. I was somewhat hesitant to see *Red Sparrow*, perhaps my lowered expectations contributed to my enjoyment of the film. Was it great? By no means. But, Jennifer brings her well-known charm and confidence to her character. *Red Sparrow* is a solid 6.5 out of 10.



Image courtesy of 20th Century Fox

# ***Love, Simon: A Movie You'll Fall In Love With***

Story by Katherine Collins

**A**t first when I heard about the movie *Love, Simon* coming into theaters, I was honestly going to ignore it altogether and watch another movie from the comfort of my own home. But then, once I saw the reviews of the new movie just days before it came out initially, I was hooked.

The movie starts off with 17-year old Simon Spier discussing how he is just like any other highschool kid except that he has “one huge ass secret”: he’s gay. Simon attends Creekwood High School where the student body has a website dedicated to secrets and confessions, called “CreekSecrets”. Searching the secrets page, Simon finds a student named Blue and falls in love with him over email messages, trying to figure out his identity.

This movie would be a good movie for any teenager to see as it will make you feel every

ounce of emotion; all the way from crying a river of sadness to gasping for air from laughing so hard.

There are many similar actors to the ones who are used in the Netflix Original series, *Thirteen Reasons Why*. This might make an audience uncomfortable as

the series was so graphic and is still relevant to today.

If you are looking for a movie made to warm your heart and make you fall in love with it, I would say that this movie would be the one for you. Anybody who likes works such as *Perks Of Being A Wallflower*, *The Fault In Our Stars*, or even *Thirteen Reasons Why* would probably really enjoy this movie. If I were given another opportunity, I would go back to see that movie in a heartbeat in theaters, and if I’m being honest, I probably will. I give *Love, Simon* a perfect 10 out of 10.



Image courtesy of Rottentomatoes.com



# **Geeks Rejoice: GamerCon is Back!**

*Back by popular demand, CTGamerCon comes back to Mohegan Sun for a second year with an even greater turnout*

Story & Photos by Katherine Collins

**W**ith the growing popularity of video games and consoles among generations, there is no wonder as to why this years GamerCon was so successful. Hosted by Mohegan Sun Resort Casino, the weekend of March 24th through the 25th was booming with business. For only \$20 per person, or \$30 for both days, someone could enjoy a wide variety of cosplay, tournaments, freeplay, vendors, and even artistic creations from nerds across the spectrum.

Some of the things included in the vendors included stuffed plushies, keychains, cosplay accessories, magnets, posters, POP! Figures, jewelry, and even some hidden gems such as retro games and consoles from decades past.

One of the main reasons why Edwin Deleon came into GamerCon for the first place was just out of curiosity, however, he managed to purchase some goodies along the way. According to Deleon, "I was just just hanging out... I wanted to pick up some cool games, and see what else was



Vendors make keychains, tags and other small accessories for others to purchase at GamerCon

going on". One of the greatest things that Deleon found was a copy of The Legend of Zelda: A Link to the Past which is a game that came out for the Super Nintendo Entertainment System (SNES) over 25 years ago.

For people like Deleon, he prefers to have the retro version of the games and consoles over current games and consoles any day, stating "I'm not

really into whatever we have now...I buy the old versions of {the consoles} because I can afford it, and I like the old games better anyways."

However, for people who like modern-day systems and games, there was plenty of fun to go around, as there were many different types of tournaments, such as Call of Duty, Fortnite, Super Smash



People go head-to-head, live streaming for fun as they play Super Smash Bros: Brawl

Brothers, and more. There was also a wide variety of freeplay games to choose from. Included in the list of freeplay games were titles such as Magic: The Gathering, Cuphead, Mortal Kombat, and various games on the Oculus Rift, Nintendo Switch, arcade games, and many more!

GamerCon brings tons of different aspects of culture for everybody and anybody to interact with, such as steampunk, anime, superheroes, television shows, and more which is what makes it so personalized compared to any other convention someone may attend. According to Deleon, “Anybody can find something unique in here that you may not find anywhere else”.

With GamerCon being such a hit the second time around, Mohegan Sun is planning to host a Terrificon in the brand new Expo Center from August 17th-19th, which will be a trifecta of a comic convention, a gaming convention, and a kids comic convention.



Some vendors at GamerCon sell little “crates” which are smashed open to get some cool accessories, Plushies, figurines, or other memorabilia





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