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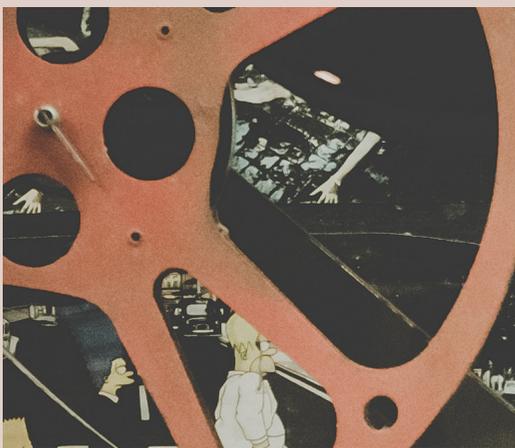
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A new issue and a new thing to be proud of. For start, I would like to thank all that have participated in submitting their written words to our journal and I would like to thank even more to you, readers, for giving your time to reading our latest issue. It means a lot for us. Hope we won't disappoint your trust.

So, let's start. Viki Štefeková and Veronika Neirurerová bring us news that have occurred at KLIŠ and CPU in the last semester. Viki wrote her interpretation of the things that happened one multicultural morning at our department. Next, Veronika gave her perspective of the game between CPU and the Slovak University of Agriculture hockey teams - despite being on ice, the game was on fire!

Next, Monika Balažová, Veronika and me bring you movie reviews. Monika will take your breath away with the outstanding brilliance of a movie with no royalty which is no less royal. Bohemian Rhapsody! Then Veronika and me will charm your wits with Dr. Strange movie review. For all you game nerds that read this, Ana Marija Ondrik will give you insight of an awesome game, Warframe.

Also, Matej Jelínek wrote a poem supreme! Full of emotions and strong words. You can keep this poem as an ace in sleeve for blue days (pun intended).

There are so many, MANY words I could say to express my excitement about this issue but I will not spoil all the fun for you and let you "enjoy" it with your own eyes.

(Branislav Ruman)



Shalom! As-salamu alaykum! Ya'at'eeh! Namaste! Konnichiwa! nǐ hǎo! ¡Hola! or simply Hello!

One magical morning a multicultural American society teleported to our school and we witnessed its diversities. Still confused by the ethnic minorities of America? Do not worry and keep reading.

As you entered the room the Jewish community welcomed you with their typical food and tea and you could win some sweets by playing a typical Jewish game called Dreidel.

The second stop was in the Arab society who explained to you all their traditions and did not let you leave hungry either.

Feathers, leather clothes and your own hand-made totem were waiting in the land of Native Americans who explained the meaning of totems and helped you decorate the class totem.

The Indian Americans clarified the meanings of mandalas and offered to you the opportunity to create your own one. Their hospitality was shown also in their choice of drinks as they offered an Indian masala drink which is well-known for its Indian spices.

As you continued, you entered the countries of the Far East. Firstly you visited Japan where they made you familiar with Japanese traditions, customs, typical origami figures and you could also master the use of fan. The Chinese made your tummy delighted with Chinese egg tarts, gave you a little red pack with something for good luck and also explained what to avoid when you want to visit their country or at least their Chinese towns and homes.

The best came at the end—the Chicanos who did not allow you to leave with an empty stomach. And how can there be a Mexican fiesta without a Pinata? The Mexican ladies helped you create your very own Pinata and with blindfolded eyes you were asked to hit it after you were turned around three times.



If you were there, you know it was much better than it sounds here and if you were not so lucky to come, do not worry. Just listen very carefully for the foreign greetings and maybe you will be blessed to be a part of the big multicultural American society.

(Viktória Štefeková)





Arab Americans



Japanese Americans



Chinese Americans



Chicanos



Native Americans

Third Victory in a Row for CPU in Nitra

“Third time's the charm” they say, but for the hockey club from CPU Nitra, third is just another victory. This year, on the annual hockey event between the teams of Nitra's two universities, the philosophers from CPU had once again beaten the farmers with the score 8:5. When it comes to the atmosphere outside the ice, it was all just as wonderful. The crowd was made of thrilled and passionate fans, whose cheers and boos echoed through the entire arena. There were also those that did not come for the game, but on their faces one could also see that they had a splendid time. All in all, this year's match-up was once again a glorious game with a majestic audience full of happy and smiling faces of the students from both universities.

(Veronika Neirurerová)



Deck of Cards

They say it's not your fault.
It was given to you when you were born.
The things you learn by default.
Stay with you like the shoes you've worn.

Talent is a tricky word.
It's given to you and it's blurred.
You have to discover it as it's meant.
Like the cards that you've been dealt.

Then you say: "But I have none."
"What good have I ever done?"
Search for it deep within your soul
It has been there as a whole
...and then it shattered...
Some parts that mattered, some that didn't
It was all that you've been given.

Life is like a hand of cards,
Everyone has different parts.
All that matters in the end,
Is how well these cards you've spent.

Some may grow up just to wither
As a fruit, that's just gone bitter.



But it doesn't have to turn to dust.
It's the difference
between
every one of us.



No one lives without a purpose....
Some may see it on the surface,
others live all stressed and nervous, asking:

“Why do others have so much and I have nothing? What am I supposed to do?”



Life's not always fair. It plays by its own rules. Sometimes it even sets up a ruse.
But you have to find your use,
and believe me, there's no muse
to guide you to success.
You have to work hard to gain the access.



But if you put all your effort into a single thing.
You'll find that it gives you some meaning.
The results may not look the best,
but you'll find that you've progressed.

Even if by a single step...

(Matej Jelínek)



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An Enemy to Own Self

I circle out from the rain,
I walked across the mud,
sheltered with my own bones through the storms,
drank the dew from dandelion leaves,
crawled out of thorns,
and pushed through boulders
that crucified me to the dirt and ground -
I saw happiness and felt pain,
my heart was shattered,
my brain damaged,
my spirit weakend,
and despite all,
I came through victorius -
I have even proven myself
the worth of the pen about my fingers,
but still I have not learned,
still have I not managed of deafeating
the enemy from within,
lurking between my lungs
and carving across my skull.
A winner I have been in many battles,
but the most obvious one,
the one from inside -
the one that is part of me -
I simply fall
from time to time;
over and over.
And those are the seeds of sorrow
within me.

(Branislav Ruman)

By Tooth, by Drool

Bitten by dogs,
 here on the leg,
 here on the hand,
 here on the bicep,
 on the chest,
 on the head,
 even on the back.

Bitten by dogs,
 bitten by many dogs,
 bitten by dogs everywhere.

But the saline licking me
 is not from a dog.

It is mine.

(Branislav Ruman)

Flame in the Furnace

There is a flame in the furnace,
 or rather - there was one.
 Now, there are only cold died-out
 hunks
 of coal, and dead ashes from wood.
 There used to be fire -
 live, mighty, burning fire
 but now, there is only the frost,
 and the emptiness;
 the nothingness.
 There used to be so much more,
 there used to be so much life,
 so much fire in the furnace -
 in the furnace made out of flesh -
 but now, there is no such inside,
 except for cold and emptiness.

(Branislav Ruman)



Bohemian Rhapsody: The Majesty Takes Over Throne Again

“I always knew I was a star, and now the rest of the world seems to agree with me.”

~ Freddie Mercury ~

On November 24th, twenty-seven years passed since the leader of the band Queen Freddie Mercury died. In the same month the premiere of the movie *Bohemian Rhapsody*, directed by the well-known Bryan Singer, hit the cinemas worldwide. Since there have been a lot of movies and documentaries presenting the life of Freddie Mercury, the audience, including myself, was not sure what to expect. I am not overstating if I say that *Bohemian Rhapsody* took our breath away. With the leading act of Rami Malek this movie offers an overview of the band and the life of its lead singer in a much elaborated way. The best thing about *Bohemian Rhapsody* is that it sweeps away the generation gap. From novices to long-time fans, from kids to grandparents everybody will be rocked by this movie. Those who remember Queen at its best will be taken back in time and for those not quite familiar with the band's hits, it will be the kind of magic. This movie is one of the best drama/biographies of Freddie Mercury and Queen so far. It shows the audience the birth of a struggling band under pressure—the band which later became killer queen—and the life of the Parsee boy Farrokh Bulsara who became the legend.

(Monika Balážová)

Dr. Strange

The notion of magic has been in the interest of humankind for ages and although it does not exist (sadly) we have still created our theories of what magic is and especially, who the wielders—sorcerers (also known as wizards or mages) are and how they look. As time was flowing, each period brought a new theory about the looks of wizards—old, long bearded men; a John Lennon glasses wearing teen boy; a schoolgirl with her talking cat; or a pink haired fire breathing mage. All in all, almost each period had a sorcerer; even Marvel has a very famous one and this year we had the opportunity to see him on the big screen. Introducing to You – Dr. Stephen Strange, aka, Dr. Strange (such creativity).

After damaging the nerves in his hands in a car accident, this highly successful, sarcastic and desperate surgeon decides to use his last bundle of money to fly to Nepal, to seek help from a person who could help him. Spending his last money just to find help from a notorious cleric with the aim to go back to surgery, he isolates himself from everybody. He is strange, isn't he? After meeting that person, the Ancient one, he discovers that he possesses the same knowledge in magic as in anatomy and thus, to make this short and not to spoil your experience, he decides to use the magic for the use of good against a rebellious, disillusioned group of sorcerers.

Stephen is played by Benedict Cumberbatch, who proved to us that he can play a British first class detective as well as he can represent an American magic wielding, reality shaping, object summoning, time manipulating Sorcerer supreme. His performance, in one word? Supreme! But what do the critics have to say about it? Looking at the ratings of Rotten Tomatoes (7.3/10) and IMDb (7.9/10) the movie earned a record-breaking 85 million dollars in the first night and 192 million dollars in the first week on a global scale, which is “magically” good, as expected from a film carved by Marvel.

In conclusion, if you like the stuff made by Marvel and if you like scenes that will make your eyes melt from joy, then you should not miss the opportunity to see this movie.

(Branislav Ruman & Veronika Neirurerová)

Warframe

Warframe is an unexpected masterpiece of a video game, it is a free to play third person sci-fi action shooting game from little known creators, Digital Extremes.

A Canadian independent developer known to have more than 200 employees is actively working on the game.

When we think of a video game, we do not think only of cool visuals and the story alone. We think of the development of the game, its business, the personalities behind it and the impact it has on us. And thus people wonder what does Warframe offer? It offers so much it is almost overwhelming! Warframe revolves around a war between a race of ancient warriors called the Tenno against three separate forces; Grineer, Corpus and the Infestations. As one of the Tenno, you are awoken from your slumber to fight off enemies old and new in your futuristic battle suit called a Warframe. The gameplay involves two primary things, completing story missions to progress the main plot and going on repeatable missions so as to assemble resources to unlock additional places for exploration. The core basics of Warframe you are going to be taught in the very first quest are the movements, which allow the player to navigate through the missions in a huge variety of ways. Missions can be accomplished solo or with three other players. With that in mind you will be able to progress through the star map and unlock new weapons, equipment and even Warframes. Later in the game you will reach a point when you play two of the main quests called the Second dream and the War within. And to give you an insight of how personal and well-made these quests are; there is an unspoken rule in the community that nobody can spoil these quests at any cost. I first handedly experienced this when my friend introduced me to the game, and refused to give out any big names or events. Ever since November 2017, a MMO (massive multiplayer online) touch of the universe was implemented named the Plains of Eidolon that allows the players to take on bounties collect resources through mining and fishing and even explore the life on Earth.

Digital Extremes nearly did not make it in the first stages of the game development, most publishers turned a blind eye to the potential the game had and said “this will never be a success” and thus the ambitions of the creators prevailed and they published the game on their own.

While most developers say “you can’t do that”, Digital Extremes say “let’s embrace that”.

(Ana Marija Ondrik)



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