Tie-’Dive’ Into The New Semester: STCC’s Opening Picnic Fall 2019

by Jesse Mongeon

Everyone loves summer cookouts. On September 11th, STCC hosted their annual Opening Day Picnic, an outdoor cookout event meant to help familiarize new and returning students with services and activities available on campus as well as provide a great social atmosphere for students to interact and meet new people. Each year, the picnic is packed with great food, music, and information tables.

The menu for the event this year was hotdogs and hamburgers, Italian pasta salad, a bag of chips, a selection of cookies and brownies, and a soda or water. Each plate of food got 1 of each item and was just $2.00. The grills were set up nearby, which completed the cookout atmosphere. While most people filled up their plates, some people were disappointed in the lack of vegetarian options. There was only Italian pasta salad, no green garden salad or fruit.

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For example, the YWCA had a banner that read “YWCA is on a mission” and at their table, they asked students to fill out the prompt “#STCCWeCan”. Some of the responses were, “#STCCWecan support each other,” and “#STCCWecan be someone’s sunshine.” Some of the information tables gave out free items to students as advertisement. The Office of Student Activities gave out student planners, Big E pamphlets, and fanny packs. The library table was giving out information about free ebooks and book themed button pins. Vox Church was giving out water bottles, Red Bulls, candy, pens, and highlighters.

This year’s Opening Picnic was very informative, fun, and helpful to many students on campus. Students were able to learn a lot of new information about services and activities around campus, socialize with other students, and enjoy a good meal out in the sunshine.

New Food On Campus: Nadim’s

Food options on campus can be a deciding factor on whether a student chooses to apply to a college or not. While the food choices here at STCC have never been extravagant or exotic, there has always been a general variety of breakfast and lunch foods served in the dining hall of Building 2 as well as a slew of random vending machines throughout campus. This fall, STCC drastically changed the quality of food on campus by hiring a new food service company to take over the catering in Building 2. This company, or restaurant, rather, is called Nadim’s.

Nadim’s is a traditional Mediterranean restaurant and grill with Lebanese flavors and a warm refined atmosphere in their main location in downtown Springfield on Main Street. This location is referred to as Nadim’s Downtown, while the Nadim’s in Building 2 is referred to as Nadim’s At STCC. Although they don’t offer the full Mediterranean menu offered at their downtown location, the overall variety of food options and the quality of the food is just as great.

Their menu at STCC is described as, “Standard fare and specialty items, including fattoush salad, chicken kabobs, soups of the day, and homemade hummus,” according to STCC’s website.

The breakfast menu consists of eggs and hash browns, french toast, breakfast sandwiches on flakey, buttery rolls rather than english muffins or croissants, thick, belgian waffles, and more. They also have a self serve coffee bar you can buy a cup for. Their lunch menu consists of personal sized pizzas, french fries, soups, salads, chicken kabobs, and more. They also have coolers filled with veggie wraps, sandwich wraps such as tuna, yogurt, and a wide variety of drinks.

As any hungry student on campus, I was obligated to try this new restaurant, especially when some of my classes are in Building 2. From my experience the past two years on campus, though, I initially did not have high hopes for the quality, despite the variety and reputation of the local restaurant. That thought disappeared quite quickly as soon as I got my first taste of Nadim’s.

One morning, before my 9:30 class, I stopped into Building 2 to grab a bite to eat at Nadim’s. I chose the belgian waffles and a large coffee. Let me tell you, these waffles were the absolute best waffles I have ever had in my life, without exaggeration. The outside crust of the waffles was deep fried, having the texture of fried dough or fried oreos from a fair. The inside was soft and doughy. It was the perfect combination. There were two waffles and they were quite large and thick, and I could barely finish them. As for the coffee, there were three different coffee flavors to choose from; French Roast, Breakfast Roast, or French Vanilla. The waffles were $4.00, and the large coffee was $1.75. Overall, I was quite satisfied and impressed, especially by the waffles.

Nadim’s is located on the first floor of Building 2 and is open Monday through Friday 8 AM – 2 PM. Breakfast is served from 8 – 11, and lunch is served 11 – 2.

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STCC? There's an App for That
by Jesse Mongeau

I don’t know about you, but for years, the thought of having college apps on my phone has always seemed like a waste of time. However, over the past couple of years, the technology of college apps has improved dramatically. Today, there are many college apps that can make your college experience a lot easier.

There are apps that allow you to register for classes, check your grades, and see your financial aid. There are also apps that allow you to find your way around campus, find dining options, and even access your student portal. These apps can be a great help to students, and they can save you a lot of time and effort.

One of the best college apps is the STCC Mobile. This app allows you to access all of your student information in one place. You can check your grades, see your financial aid, and even register for classes. The app is also available on your phone, so you can access it whenever you need to.

Another great college app is the STCC Parking App. This app allows you to find parking spots on campus, and it can even send you alerts when your parking spot is about to expire. The app is easy to use, and it can save you a lot of time and money.

The STCC Mobile and the Parking App are just two of the many college apps that are available today. If you’re looking for a college app, you should definitely check these two out.
Reopening of Building 19

by Tatyana Moriarty

Building 19 Meets Convenience!

S TCC has made a lot of changes this past year. Have you been to the new Building 19? They have added a lot of different things and made many great adjustments.

In this new school, I see a lot of differences between my other school which was a'gawd, but this is a decent school. It’s not wrong, it’s a good school, but I see a major issue with the financial aid. If you know that there is a need, the aid is very open. you just walk up to the booth and talk to the financial aid staff. They will be more person or a little more secluded because no one wants to talk about their financial business out loud. But the school does have a lot of staff that are available to help you which is great.

Although I feel Financial Aid should be able to help you as much as they can, I think that this school is better. They are not about to have a Financial Aid office. If you have a problem, you can go to your advisor.

I feel that there are a lot of issues. When looking through the STCC app that showed students about the website, based on your opinion about the STCC. The students can see a lot of differences between the old and new Building 19. They have added a lot of different things to it. The staff is not putting any effort in to help us out. When I spoke to my advisor, they just said that you don’t need to worry since it’s coming from the school. They will help you to do what you need to do. This is a good thing because it allows other students to see what is going on and get help from this organization.

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I remember what it was like to wait for HBO to have a movie on and then特有的 first watched "divorce on HBO. I patiently waited for it. I simply tuned in. No internet listings until the movie came on. I used to feel accomplished when I could list all of the HBO series they will marry and have kids, as a coming ending always.

Watching movies, for me, was an experience. I used to watch movies with my parents and siblings, and after being brought up in the Puerto Rican television, unless my parents wanted me to be in it. I also used to visit the movies, grab some popcorn with Peanut M&M's inside the bag, and to play the arcades. I loved those car games, and to play the arcades. I loved those car games, and to play the arcades.

Exclusive content such as Netflix Originals and the new streaming service are real exceptions, but let you can share time watching those classic or up and coming movies with family and friends instead of just arguing over the reactions they didn't live with you in regular conversations.

Admit it; motion pictures appreciation is dead, and only the nostalgia is still alive. Only you can revive the purpose of motion pictures, and only you can revive those relationships disrupted by your own ill thought of watching your friends or family watch the same movie and grabbing And conversations after.

All the stores are not the same. Some such as Big Y or Stop & Shop are in the same building, but for some of them, Big Y has a lot of food but the food is overpriced. When I go in there, the food prices are out of this world, like Friendly's Ice Cream is $3, while at Stop & Shop the ice cream is 60 cents.

We should have community gardens throughout Springfield and other places. It's cheap for people to get cheaper veggies and fruits. No matter what happens, one day you can find food for literally nothing. We need to find the necessary things first. Some people go to the meat outlet where you can find meat for literally nothing.

One of the things that is expensive is meat which is so necessary and makes high demand which prices go higher. When the grain gets too high, the price of meat will be higher. When the grain gets too high, the price of meat will be higher.

Technology Good or Bad?

Technology grows more and more with time; is a good thing? Well, think again, because technology has made some very good in the world, as well as brought down the expected. We could not have had the first generation without technology. We believe our world will end up in total disaster if we don’t make use of technology. We have a lot of companies that use technology, and their daily lives much differently. Let us take a look at what great technology does for us.

We wake up everyday by an alarm clock. We roll over and most of us, the first thing we do is grab our phones with one eye open and one eye closed. We waste time by scrolling on our phones. We look at the news, at Facebook or other social media apps, and what that does for us is great.

Overall, Emmanuel isn’t horrible, but also isn’t spectacular. I’m sure he is the most efficient in his job, he is the most efficient in his job, his lyrics show that he’s the most efficient, it’s possible that the public eye, it’s questionable whether or not he is taking the right steps towards finding his life. For some, this will be seen as a great return from Ameer Vans, but for others this isn’t going to be seen as a great return. We look at the sky in real life instead of just commented on them. Look at the sky in real life instead of just commented on them.

Everywhere you look, people are free to do anything. People stay at home and loaf on the couch eating food, and gaining weight. Right now, in America has more than doubled in the last few decades thanks to unhealthy foods, and technology. Dating has become a hobby, where people use mobile online and either write right saying “yes” to talk to me, or I can’t be interested. Maybe I’m old-fashioned and I won’t miss when times were easy to talk to people. It’s hard to talk to people since everyone is glued to their handheld electronic devices.

As you can see there are many different advantages to technology and disadvantages. We look upon our hands and let people around the country or even the world in a matter of seconds. We look upon our hands and let people around the country or even the world in a matter of seconds. We look upon our hands and let people around the country or even the world in a matter of seconds.

The $25 Portfolio Challenge

People share this concept asked me why I suggested them to gamble for increased profits. But, you see, if you consider buying something that may be increasing or decreasing in a particular industry or sector, you can buy a bottled water of preference instead of just buying any water. I will buy three and wait for you again in two days for a dollar fifty. I will buy three and wait for you again in two days for a dollar fifty. I will buy three and wait for you again in two days for a dollar fifty.

Life is a constant gambling journey full of choices but buying stocks shouldn’t be confused with gambling. Buying stocks is possessing public shares of companies, something accessible in the public’s domain. We buy a bottled water of preference instead of just buying any water.

For a day to day life, you can buy stocks from the bank. You can buy stocks from the bank. You can buy stocks from the bank. You can buy stocks from the bank. You can buy stocks from the bank.
Tom Shapiro, a professor of law and sociology at Brandeis University, lays out how government policy and systemic racism has created vast gaps in wealth between white and black Americans in the book _Toxic Inequality_. Shapiro and his colleagues followed 187 families from Boston, St. Louis, and Los Angeles. Half of the families were African American and some were Caucasian Americans. They interviewed them in 1998 and then again in 2010, to see what had changed. In the book, _Toxic Inequality_, they had a great strength you see in the development of African Americans’ middle class. It was a great accomplishment to see the better changes for the families because they are not used to ever being in the same category as white families.

Tom Shapiro has many strengths as he wrote the book _Toxic Inequality_. A strength is that Shapiro’s research vividly documents the recession’s toll on parents and children, the ways forward and holes to manage crises and create opportunities, and the real reasons some families build wealth while others struggle in poverty. The structure of our neighborhoods, workplaces, and tax code much more than individual choices push some forward and hold others back. A lack of assets, far more common in families of color, can often ruin parents’ careful plans for themselves and their families.

Another strength he is making the readers understand is wealth and income inequality combined with racial inequality. He also had a great way of explaining how family stories are one way to shed light on the importance of home. Shapiro explained how families planned for mobility and learned to move up and build wealth through their own ideas. Although Shapiro had many strengths he did have some weaknesses.

“Current policy continues with somewhat of a blind eye to the way implicit racism is operating here. I would point to something like the mortgage-interest deduction, where we invest in the public good of housing approximate $200 billion a year. If you’re a homeowner, whatever your tax bracket is, that percent of your interest payment you can take off your taxes. It’s not so difficult of a mechanism, but it operates in a way that privileges those with the highest mortgages. That is, wealthier families. It privileges those that tend to live in suburbs, and sort of actively mitigates against low- and moderate-income homeowners, and homeowners of color whose homes have declined in value as much. Of that $200 billion that’s invested, the top 10 percent of income earners gather 72 percent of that mortgage-interest deduction.

This just shows that he should explain more in detail. “This is indicative of an underlying assumption that the state is the primary owner of all property and has the right to determine who should get to keep it or not. He also simply assumes that inequality is fundamentally immoral, which he makes no effort to defend. The fundamental problem is not that rich people have everything, but that the poor are disadvantaged by their poverty. The poor are, in many cases, cut off from living adequate lives; they will never become equal because of historical president.

Shapiro suggests that rather than solve the dilemma, we are likely to lead to worse conditions and be financially unsustainable. For example, Shapiro argues for the creation of make-work jobs by the government designed to inspire full employment. He also argues for increasing the already often unsustainable defined benefit pension plans, like those offered by many municipalities.

Shapiro makes a good point about how families are not poor because they are not responsible or because they are not trying to go to work, but because of the lottery of birth. White families often have inherited wealth. In his plan I feel Shapiro should explain what people can do to make those in the poverty lane be more successful instead of explaining how low in class they are. This was one of his weaknesses when writing this book.

The move is to a better educational system. Africans Americans in the middle class for the most part are given a great deal of continual residential segregation in the United States. They may live in communities that are adjacent to the black communities they move from but not in the white areas. While dealing with this, Shapiro could have explained how the United States could have been more welcoming as a country than to just push people from different classes into feeling like they are not a part of society. I really enjoyed reading this book because it shows how we are involuntarily given this world. It’s not anyone’s fault what race or circumstance they are born into.

Overall, I loved the fact that Shapiro interviewed many different families and you got to see everyone’s point of view on how their living situation is. I really enjoyed the stories spread over a period of 10 years so you can see how people have improved, or how they remain stuck in the same struggle because they never learned to do better for themselves.

What I also found compelling about Shapiro was he took time and dedication to back up his evidence by re-interviewing the people he first sat down with because it gives his book more meaning and a more realistic feel because this is what people actually went through and you can’t make this up. I do feel as if Shapiro’s policy suggestions are well supported by his evidence presented, because he gives great examples based upon a number of families’ experiences. This is why his evidence is so great because it’s not only evidence from 1993, but also from 2010. Shapiro allows you to see how people have taken what they were given and made it into something great by trying and working as hard as possible. And finally, he also shows how others have failed to escape the system of poverty due to the restraints and challenges of their circumstances.

Shoreside is only 14 minutes long, but it’s so much greater than that. It’s a depressing, mature, and moving EP, but one that’s more relatable than overpowering. It’s easy to just lose yourself to the songs and sing your heart out, though on the other side of the coin, I’d consider it a cathartic experience, one that could put you on the edge of shedding tears. It can be experienced and appreciated in different lights, but altogether Shoreside is a satisfactory EP that has few to no flaws and lots of replayability.