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Exit Interview
Student team: Shandice Beal (CS), Cory Sutherland (Film EAE), Taylor Case (CS), Alex Austin (CS), John Reed (CS), Josh Gramoll (CS)
Short description: A short film about an agent and a serial killer trying to get answers of the whereabouts of his hidden victims.
Long description: A short film about an agent and a serial killer trying to get answers of the whereabouts of his hidden victims. The agent and serial killer banter back and forth as the agent attempts to learn the killer's secrets.

Basura Blanca
Student team: Gavin Earley (CS), Jacobus LaFazia(CS), James Shaver(CS), Fariz Sutansyah(CS), Andrey Yaroshchuk(CS), Derek Young(Film EAE)
Short description: A Spanish soap opera with English subtitles that takes place in a white trash trailer court.
Long description: Things are spiraling out of control in the small trailer park known as Basura Blanca. Two men wrestle with the horrible dilemma of having no more toilet paper, and one man discovers the heart-wrenching truth that his grandma is really his own mother. Watch how it all unfolds on this week’s episode of… Basura Blanca.

Heart of Shiva
Student team: Jon Casler* (Political Science 2006, University of Colorado), Jeremy Devine (Film EAE), Darrell Barney (CS), Tyson Lawrence (CS), Nick Day (CS EAE)
Short description: Ace pilot for the GTVA fleet, Rosa thought she left her troubled childhood behind until her deceased father summons her to save the galaxy from Shivan xenocide.
Long description: Expanded: Elite pilot for the Galactic Terran-Vasudan Alliance in the 23rd century, Rosa, callsign Sniper, survived the genocidal Shivan Invasion by her ace skills. Escorting a mission to investigate a 6000 year old Shivan relic, her father returns from the dead to summon her to a greater purpose, stopping a reborn Shivan warlord before he can complete the Shivan's genocidal plans for humanity. Humanity’s existence is at stake as Sniper pursues the deadly warlord through an epic space battle, told in the Freespace 2 universe. Fusing the best of the Source Engine and Freespace 2 into an epic journey of family and duty, Heart of Shiva is a science fiction epic with groundbreaking visual and audio effects pushing the potential of machinima to rival big-budget feature films in visual and dramatic impact. Performed by a complete cast of Salt Lake's finest voice actors, Heart of Shiva presents a cutting vision of family drama set against an breathtaking backdrop of an interstellar conflict for control of life in the galaxy.

Freeman Speaks
Student team: Patrick Krause (Film EAE), Matt Carroll (CS), Whitt Hansen (Film EAE), Michael Gutin (CS), Alex Henderson (CS)
Short description: Gordon Freeman, the silent hero from the Half-Life series, finally speaks in this tell all interview.
Long description: Gordon Freeman is an MIT graduate and a theoretical physicist. He’s also the unlikely hero that saved humanity from a race of alien invaders. When it comes to world defenders, Freeman breaks most of the typical stereotypes. He has no super powers. He’s not a military man, but he is world renowned for his theories on quantum physics. Throughout the entire Half-Life video game series the glasses wearing Freeman never says a word as he is called on time and time again to lead one military operation after another. This begs the question, what does a Seattle born scientist think of saving the world with a crowbar in his hand rather than a graphing calculator. Finally, in this tell all interview we get to finally hear from the right man who seemed to always be in the wrong place.
Drastic Contrast
*Student team:* Garrett Flanders (CS), McKenna Bearson (CS EAE), Kelly Harper (Film EAE), Nicole Storey (Film EAE), Ryan Hahn (CS), Ron Romero (CS EAE), Nick Hornbaker (CS EAE)

*Short description:* A Classic Film Noir piece containing many twists and turns during an engaging story of betrayal.

*Long description:* The Fink murder case is heating up as William comes closer to cracking it. More and more people are beginning to show up dead after they help William. Finally, one night William’s brother is killed when their detective agency is engulfed in flames. Was this an attempt to scare William away from the case, or with it something even more sinister…

Yesterday’s Video Game Heroes
*Student team:* William Lukas Black (Film EAE), Christian Munoz (Film EAE), Steven Benion (CS), Colton Felts (CS), William Parry (Film)

*Short description:* A mock-u-mentary on popular video game characters when they aren’t working on games

*Long description:* A mock-u-mentary that looks into the lives of famous video game characters when they are between jobs. There are interviews with Mario, Luigi, Master Chief, and a character who wishes to remain anonymous. You can see characters like Link and Sonic talk at a Kleptomaniacs Anonymous meeting.

Artie 51
*Student team:* Alex Stout (CS EAE), Benjamin Zeeman (CS), Jeremiah Turner (CS), Brad King (CS), Cameron George (Film), Justin Berger (CS EAE)

*Short description:* An Action Dramady where friends risk everything to prove their camaraderie.

*Long description:* Artie, the janitor at Area 51, is brainwashed into thinking he lives a normal life, when in fact the government wipes his memory every day to keep him loyal to his work. Until one day, Scooter, the man responsible for wiping Artie’s memory, decides that this isn’t a fair life for a human being. Artie wants a puppy, and Scooter is determined to give him the chance at a real life.

A Look at Space Pirates
*Student team:* Britt Hohn (Film EAE), Cody Cutler (CS), Katherine Shelton (CS), Rob Stefanussen (CS)

*Short description:* A Space Pirate Mockumentary

*Long description:* The film depicts a mock presentation on space pirates by a very enthusiastic professor who gets literally caught up in his work.

Daunting Inferno
*Student team:* Andrea Smith (Film EAE), Jonathan Humphries (Film EAE), Kevin Leo (Film EAE), Phil Shaw (CS), Ty Bain (CS)

*Short description:* A mutant with unfortunate abilities struggles to live a normal life until he ultimately accepts who he is.

*Long description:* Andre was cursed in a world of mutants to have an uncontrollable power. When people come near him, they light on fire. Andre lived a secluded and quiet life until one day on his casual nightly stroll he bumps into the dreaded supervillain Dr. Killzo. After running into Dr. Killzo, Andre’s simple life ends and he must find ways to cope with his new fate.
**Superhero Entourage**  
**Student team:** *Aaron Burrell (CS EAE), Blake Sleight (CS EAE), Scott Torgeson (CS EAE), Ryan Phillips (FILM EAE), Dan Turchenko (FILM EAE), Sam Gnanasundaram (CS)*  
**Short description:** Robby Rockets, a washed up actor/superhero leaves his home planet with his superhero entourage in hopes to find the adoration he no longer receives at home.  
**Long description:** Robby Rockets hates his water making super ability, so he turns to a life of acting. He pretends to be Summoner Steve with the ability to create life. He is exposed as a fraud by Cliff Egbert, the worlds most renown celebrity journalist. Filled with shame Robby and his entourage fly away in search for another planet to find adoration. What they find is a planet in great need of help. Robby and his friend the summoner make food for a starving people, when Cliff Egbert catches up to them. Cliff tries to uncover Robby as a fraud once again, only this time his water making ability is celebrated by a world filled with droughts and famine.

**Checkmate**  
**Student team:** Daniel Van Orman (CS), Cody Curtis (Film), Gabriel Dhiak (CS), Hoa Hoang (CS), *Alice Owens (Film EAE)*  
**Short description:** Chess team comes together to win the ultimate match!  
**Long description:** a crew of college friends play chess and are terrible. They receive advice from a former chess player and decline. The kids lose another match and return to the master for help. The friends proceed to take down the Russians, the only match the master never accomplished!

**Eden**  
**Student team:** Luke Hartvigsen* (Film), Brendan Wanlass (CS EAE), Mavin Martin (CS EAE), Christian Merrill (Film/English), Spenser Davis (Film EAE), James Hulse (CS EAE), Greg Bushnell (CS EAE), Jeremy Bonnell (CE), Tong Wu (CE), Adam Durant (CS EAE), Thaddeus Beck (CS EAE), Dario Bosnjak (CS EAE), Yelfris Sosa (CS)  
**Short description:** A cyper-punk thriller inside virtual paradise.  
**Long description:** In a dystopian future, people turn to virtual reality to escape the barren wasteland known as “reality”. Eden, the largest virtual reality network, becomes the target to a hacker known as “The Serpent.” When two people die from premature log outs from Eden, the Eden Corporation hires a virtual detective named Joshua Prince to track down The Serpent and stop him.