



Darth Vader, aka Richard Markle, keeps a vigilant eye over prisoners of the "Jail and Bail" event which helped raise money for the People's Resource Center. Markle spent years making his costume.

CODCON 2007

What was played, worn, bought and played again at the college's annual sci-fi and gaming convention

CODCON is an annual convention held on campus featuring video games, role playing games, miniatures, collectible card games, anime and cosplay.

From last Friday to Sunday the college became a haven for over 400 gamers and fans alike.

It was the twelfth year the college hosted the event, which was sponsored by the college's Sci-fi

and Fantasy club.

Most of the convention was in SRC 2800 with video games being played in SRC 1450 and anime being shown in SRC 1544.

CODCON will be back next spring; here are some of the things you should expect to see then. For information on the sci-fi and fantasy club visit www.codscificlub.org



John Schooge (left) and Jacob Arredondo play Guitar Hero 2 for Xbox 360 in SRC 1450.

The video games

For those on the opposite end of the spectrum of board games, there were video games in SRC 1450.

Games were offered for every major system including the Nintendo Wii and Xbox 360.

Hits were played such as Xbox's Halo 2 and the ever popular Guitar Hero which lets players do their best Angus Young impression.

There were also Dragon Ball Z, Soul Caliber III and Star Wars Battlefront II tournaments.

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Above: Doug Schuman selects a paint for his miniature, while most come painted others come blank and can be customized
Right: A variety of miniatures were on sale in SRC 2800.



The miniatures

Not everyone was in the competitive nature at the convention.

Some people were just looking to add to their collections of miniatures which are figurines that are used primarily for table top games.

For most major sci-fi and fantasy franchises such as Dungeon and Dragons, Star Wars, DC and Marvel comics, there are miniatures.



Dice, measuring tape and paper are a common sight when there is a table top game going on.

The games

One of the biggest draws at the convention was the vast assortment of games to play.

There were RPG's, CCG's, and table top games which involve the use of miniature figurines that are maneuvered across table top maps.

Hundreds of gamers spent hours playing, with some people coming from as far as Wisconsin and Indiana to participate.

Some games involve the use of table top environments that are homemade, such as the one that Tom Bernard made which took him three months to assemble.



Ed Silva's Storm Trooper costume comes with a voice box to alter his voice.

The costumes

The real stars of the convention were those who spent months preparing and hours getting into their own homemade Star Wars costumes.

There were approximately 20 people in costumes, most of whom were part of the Midwest Garrison of the 501st legion of Storm Troopers, a Star Wars costuming club.

Aside from showing their dedication to The Force, the Midwest Garrison was able to raise 450 dollars for the People's Resource Center through their "Jail and Bail" event in which you would fill out a consent form and Storm Troopers would then arrest you or a friend and the bail

would be a small donation to the Resource Center.



Paul Mazzone spent 4 hours applying makeup for his Darth Maul costume.