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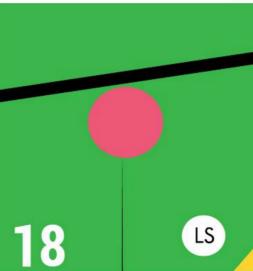
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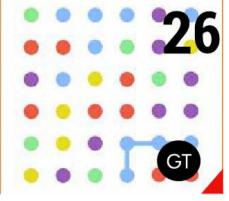










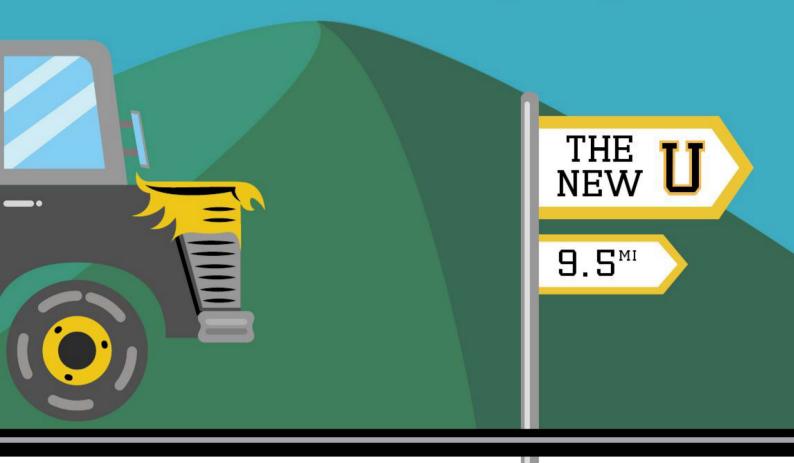






Since May, I've had a front row seat to watch how a university consolidation plays out in full form. I've watched the Hornet green signs of Southern Poly slowly change to the black and gold signs of Kennesaw State. My presence has been requested in meetings across both campuses, where I've met faculty and administrators of "The New U". As I acclimated myself to all things KSU, there were two solid words that were always at the forefront of my thoughts: moving forward. BY DESMOND HILSON JR.

"By moving forward together, and doing our part to make this university better, we are forging the golden age of KSU."



From very early ages we have all had a hunger to progress and move forward in this world. If you find yourself reading this, you have taken that want for progress to an extraordinary level. You've progressed all the way to college. Although every one of us took different paths, have different reasons for being here, and will go on to do different impressively great things, we are all here together right now. So, with that being said, we must move forward as one student body, whether you are a former Hornet, or have been an Owl all along. But, while we move forward, we must take a moment to address some things that few are willing to admit openly.

The transition of this consolidation has been less than perfect and I would be lying if I told you that everyone is happy about it. I've seen and heard the frustration from both my fellow students and faculty. The Marietta students have accepted the consolidation and are doing their part to integrate and acclimate themselves to their new university, but some are being dealt a huge disservice. They are being forced to encase their thoughts and emotions about the transition out of worry that they will be reprimanded for being open with it. I've had students come to me and tell me accounts on the micro aggressions they've encountered. While this is not an issue that is affecting the majority of students, it is still important to address and be conscious to issues that students are facing. Awareness often drives progress.

It all begins now and with the students.

What we do from now on will dictate how this

monumental merger is viewed by future generations. By moving forward together, and doing our part to make this university better, we are forging the golden age of KSU.



For young music lovers, summer means fest season. Some of you may have already stumbled your way from Shaky Knees to Bonnaroo in a blur of flower crowns, body paint and fringe. If so, congratulations on not dying from a gamut of possibilities including dehydration, overdosing on Red Bull, or trying to dance until that hippie jam band you love stops playing, which is basically, like, never. It is, however, only halfway through August and we've still got a few festivals to go before the chill of fall lands upon us and it's magically 30 degrees by Halloween, because Georgia. Here are your end of summer chances to see days worth of music in and around Atlanta and a few tips for fest survival. GWYNNETH SHIPLEY

Imagine Music Festival

Where: Atlanta, GA

When: August 29 - August 30

Tickets: \$149

There are a lot of EDM festivals out there, and, well, this is one of them. It is going down entirely in downtown Atlanta at the Historic Fourth Ward Park and the Masquerade Music Park. If pumping bass isn't your scene, stay far away, because it's likely to get a little loud and rowdy. If this kind of festival is right up your alley, get in on the action now. This is only the first year for the Imagine Festival and they've already got some impressive headliners. Just remember to stay hydrated and go light on the booze because it's going to be HOT out there. Check out imaginefestival.com for the full line up if you can handle the disorienting graphics. You've been warned.



Tomorrowworld

Where: Chattahoochee Hills, GA When: September 25 – September 27

Tickets: \$357

The price tag is a little steep and its 21+, but this festival will be an experience unlike any other, even if you don't like electronic music. The lineup is seriously solid and there is TONS to do including a sonic garden, beautifully lit wooded paths and a lake (which sounds kind of dangerous but, whatever, hippies). It is modeled after the European festival Tomorrowland and, only in its second year, is incredibly massive and successful. Be sure to bring a map, but you'll probably get lost anyway. Check out the website tomorrowworld.com for the lineup and a full virtual tour of the grounds.





Campfest

Where: Mountain City, GA

vWhen: September 18 - September 20

Tickets: \$89

This three day long music fest draws on the nostalgia of summer camp. Complete with optional camp cabin rentals and outdoor activities, you'll feel like a kid again, except you're an adult and mom can't tell you what to do anymore! It's mostly folk artists with a little rock & roll and most likely lots of beards, tattoos and PBR. Held in the mountains, it might get a little chilly at night. Remember to pack your boots and flannel and you'll comfortably fit right in. Visit thecampfest.com for the lineup in all of its throwback glory.



A3C Hip Hop Festival

Where: Atlanta, GA

When: October 7 - October 11

Tickets: \$119 - \$275

This one is my personal favorite and strong recommendation. A3C, a reference to hip hop artists from "All 3 Coasts," has been going strong since 2005. It offers a totally immersive cultural experience with music, art, film and more. There are conferences to attend all day and over 500 performances from new and established artists to catch, both day and night, over the five days of the festival. If you like indie hip hop and are always on the hunt for new music, this is the festival for you. You'll also be sure to learn something from the keynote speakers and industry professionals during the conference. Go to a3cfestival.com for a list of artists, speakers and much more.



Are You the Typical Freshman?



BY BRITTANY ROSARIO

When you meet someone new on campus, what is one of the first things you say/ask?

- A. "Do you know where the (insert building here) is?"
- B. "What's your major?"
- C. "Hey, do you know where the Sigma Pi party is?"

When it comes to purchasing textbooks you...

- A. buy new/used books before classes start
- B. buy used/rental after the semester has started
- C. don't buy them at all and pray you make it through the semester okay

When you go to Stingers or Commons dining halls do you...

- A. sit at a random table hoping to make friends
- B. already have friends
- C. sit with frat men and sorority women

You're at a party on campus, what do you drink?

- A. Something good but too strong (like 5-21%)
- B. Nothing with alcohol (juice/soda)
- C. As much hunch punch as you can handle (go hard or go home!)

You're walking down the hallway and you see a dry erase board on someone's dorm room door, what do you do?

- A. Write something cheesy or draw a cartoon on it
- B. Leave a special note for a friend
- C. Walk right past it



Mostly A's: Barely legal

You are the typical freshman. You don't know where your classes are and spend way too much money on textbooks that you probably won't ever need again after the semester is over. You may go to a party or two just to make friends and get out of your dorm, but you can't really handle your alcohol, so you drink light while wearing some swagged out KSU sweatpants and a graphic tee. You don't care if you have to walk or take the trolley because it's so easy and free. Heck yeah!

Mostly B's: Um?

You are a questionable freshman. You can pass for a junior if you wanted to because of your practicality and thoughtful gestures. You are fun to be around; I mean why else did you make so many friends during orientation? People like you're simplicity which, to you, may seem boring, but let's be reall You're a cool person to be around. Accept yourself. Others already have.

Mostly C's: Not a freshman

You are mature for how young you look. You are self-motivated, which can cause you to be a little lazy sometimes. However, you really enjoy Greek life and are contemplating whether you should join or not ,because you already fully understand that sleep doesn't exist in college. Somehow you manage to balance it all. You are the definition of "work hard, play hard".

The bookstore is having a sale on everything. What do you buy though?

- A. School Paraphernalia (KSU t-shirt, sweatshirt/pants, agenda, lanyard, etc)
- B. Textbooks and/or candy
- C. Energy boosting snacks

At the Student Organization Fair during the second week of classes, what is your approach?

- A. Sign up for every organizations that peak your interest even just a little
- B. Attend a few tables and weigh your options accordingly
- C. Get there early to set up a table with your student organization

What is your method of transportation?

- A. Walk around/Catch the trolley or B.O.B.
- B. Carpool with your friends
- C. Uh, excuse me. I have my own car! Duh!

You can't sleep after your "study group." What do you do to get sleep?

- A. Joke around with friends and forget about class in the morning
- B. Lay in bed with the lights off in the dark after setting your alarm
- C. Sleep? What's that?

Flyers have been posted all around campus for the housing foam party and ice cream social. You have some free time, are you going?

- A. Heck yes! Free Ice Cream!
- B. Maybe...
- C. No way

TBH: THERE IS NO REAL DEFINITION OF A "TYPICAL FRESHMAN". EVERYONE HAS THEIR OWN THING THAT THEY DO AND NO ONE IS PERFECT OR THE SAME. JUST ENJOY YOUR COLLEGE EXPERIENCE!

WELCOME TO KSU! :D





August/September Horoscopes

BY GWYNNETH SHIPLEY



Leo

(Jul. 23 - Aug. 22)

You may receive (or may have already received) a birthday surprise that could change your life in unexpected ways, though you may not yet know how or why. Keep your eyes open and your hopes up.

Virgo

(Aug. 23 - Sep. 22)

New romance could be on the horizon, but be sure to approach with caution. If you are already attached, a rocky road may be ahead, but if you can stumble through, things will only get better.

Libra

(Sep. 23 – Oct. 22)

Life may be weighing you down, but don't fret. Keep a positive outlook and you can still come out on top. Stand your ground during a conflict that may arise and you'll be pleasantly surprised.







Scorpio

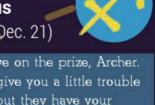
(Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)



It's time for a beach trip, Scorpio! If you can't make it there, find some place to sort your tides. A little time by the water will help clear your head. You'll need your thoughts in order in the weeks to come.

Sagittarius

(Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)



Keep your eye on the prize, Archer. Family may give you a little trouble this month, but they have your best interests at heart. Don't let their worries keep you down. You'll achieve your goals, even if you hit a couple bumps in the road.

Capricorn

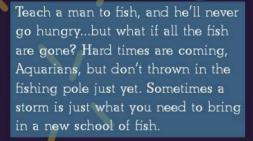
(Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)



I know you like to grab life by the horns, my little mountain goat, but sometimes you have to back down and let life throw some punches. You can handle it, but remember that you'll always know when to buck back.

Aquarius

(Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)



Pisces

(Feb. 19 - Mar. 20)

If you've found your other half, hold on tight and don't let them swim away this month. If you're single, that twin fish might be waiting for you upstream. Keep swimming and you may be pleasantly surprised.

Aries

(Mar. 21 - Apr. 19)



Your hardheaded tendencies could land you in some hot water this month. Try to cut your friends a little slack. They only want what's best for you. At work, if someone is trying your patience, let it go. You'll thank me later.

Taurus

(Apr. 20 - May 20)

This may sound like a load of bull, but you're about to get the chance of a lifetime. Say yes to anything that comes your way this month, Taurus. If you let it pass you by, you'll be sure to regret it!

Gemini

(May 21 - Jun. 20)

You're better half may be waiting for you in the shadows this month, Gemini. Shine some light on parts of yourself that you may like to keep hidden. That special someone will embrace them wholeheartedly.

Cancer

(Jun. 21 – Jul. 22)



Sometimes, when you aren't feeling like yourself, you have to retract those claws and let life wash over you, Cancer. I know it's hard, but you can't control everything. Maybe the overwhelming wave will wash up more than you anticipated.

A JOY THAT IS ...

Move-In Day

What I thought was the most glorious day of my life seems like such an insignificant moment now: my high school graduation, May 2012. I was so happy. I remember throwing my cap and tassel in the air, thinking about the new life that awaits me after my last summer being a minor. I remember turning 18 years old and thinking, "Look at me now. Can't tell me nothing," as if I was Kanye West or something. BY BRITTANY ROSARIO

"WE PARKED IN FRONT OF HORNET VILLAGE, UNLIKE MOST PEOPLE WHO PARKED WHERE THE STAIRS WHERE. OH NO NO NO! MY FRIDGE UP THOSE STAIRS?"

Then there was my college move in day. It was the moment I had worked so hard for in high school. The moment I swear I waited for since my brother went away to college in 2005. The moment that I knew would change my life. Parents filled their cars with luggage, snacks, ramen noodles, bed sheets and comforters, lamps, school supplies, and of course their beloved students who were about to embark on the journey of their lives.

It was fun and exciting for me. More than a day of manual labor, moving in heavy fridges, boxes, and suitcases. My brother rented a black Chevy Tahoe with tinted windows. It was spacious and made me feel like I was entering campus with the 'Presidential Secret Service' status, which was accurate considering my older brother would've f***ked up anyone who messed with his baby sister. We parked in front of Hornet Village, unlike most people who parked where the stairs where. Oh no no

nol My fridge up those stairs? My brother was an RA for 3 years in college. He knew how to pack the car tight and, even better, how to unload it efficiently.

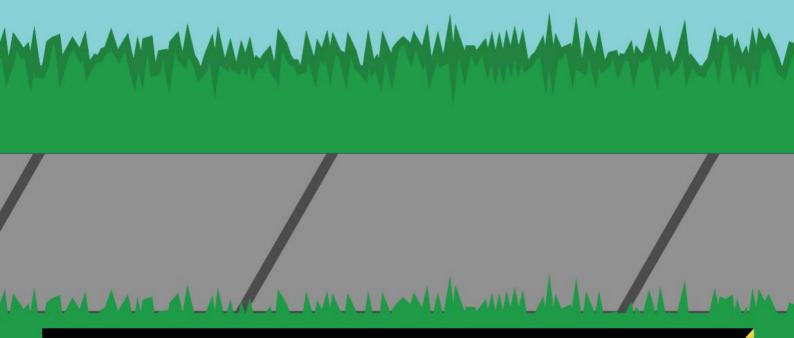
My room was on the 2nd floor. I can't remember the room number but I know it when I see it. When we finally finished unloading the crap ton of stuff I had, it was time to freshen up the room: Lysol cleaning wipes, Windex, and bed bug spray for the mattress, of course. I then met my roommate and her parents. We cleaned the bathroom together since we were in a single and only shared the toilet and shower. There was hair everywherel It was so disgusting.

I hope none of you moving in for the first time on campus have had this problem and for those of you who relocated, you should know the deal from the first time you moved on campus.

Anyway, once I was settled in, I decided

to show my brother around campus. I was probably the only freshman who knew where everything was on their first day on campus, but that's really because I was at SPSU two or three times a year for church holiday plays. I also studied the campus map during open house and orientation and had been reading The Sting since 2010. That helped me get an idea of campus life and where people hang out, which was important to me so I could make friends and get involved in student organizations.

Sometimes I miss being a freshman but I realize I'm a freshman every day: I party hard, study hard, and work hard. So "Go Freshmen! Freshmen! Man, I love college!"





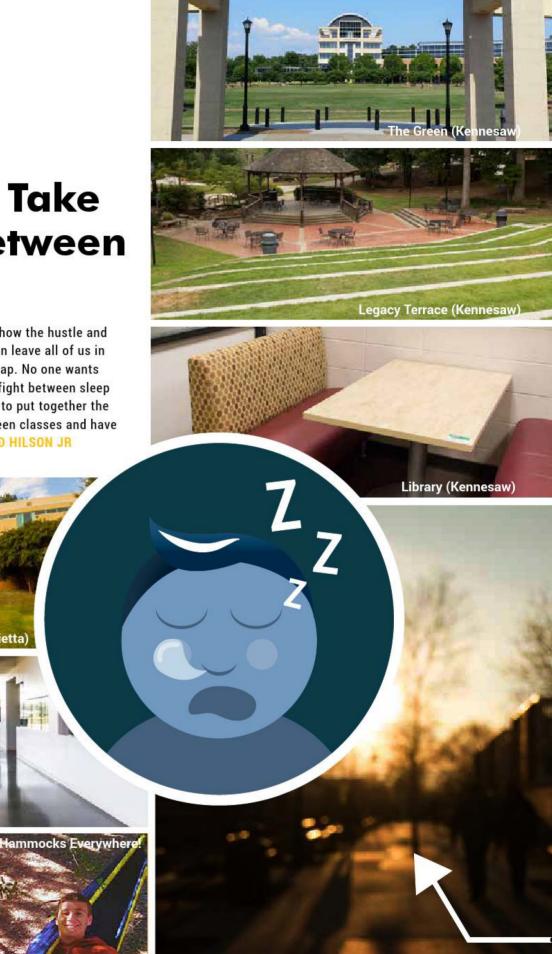
THE NEED FOR NAPS

Places to Take a Nap Between Classes

I'm sure I don't have to tell you how the hustle and bustle of our daily schedules can leave all of us in a need of a great and glorious nap. No one wants to be the person who loses the fight between sleep in class. So, I took upon myself to put together the best places you can go to between classes and have a cozy power nap. BY DESMOND HILSON JR

Amphitheater (Marietta)

Q Building (Marietta)



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SEMESTER STRESSORS

BY DESMOND HILSON JR

3 FRUSTRATIONS ABOUT THE START OF A NEW SEMESTER

- 1. CLASSES. "GOODBYE SUMMER!"
- 2. FRESHMEN... EVERYWHERE!
- 3. PRICE OF BOOKS. "IS THAT THE USED PRICE?!?"





Need a nap?

Finding Balance

I REMEMBER WHEN I WAS A FRESHMAN, SEARCHING FOR ALL THE ANSWERS. NOW I'M A SENIOR AND I'VE LEARNED SO MUCH. IT HAS BEEN ROUGH BUT WORTH IT. FRESHMEN, I WOULD LIKE TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS POEM TO REMEMBER WHY YOU CHOSE YOUR MAJOR, WHY YOU WENT TO COLLEGE, AND WHY YOU STAY DETERMINED. JUST KEEP STRIVING FOR THE BEST AND BE YOURSELF. BY BRITTANY ROSARIO Dear freshman, Beautiful girls and Handsome boys New to this lifestyle, There are trying times ahead You will learn, grow, love, and even hurt. Don't go berserk. You're still figuring it out. You may not know it all

But one day you will. Prepare yourself for that day Because it's coming your way. Find balance in your social life And leave the back stabbing knife behind.

College is not the place to bs. Make friends but pay attention People will talk at the mention Of your name.

But this is not a popularity contest. Be careful of your reputation, It can lead you to self-fortune Or negative fame.

Find balance with your academics Don't forget that's what you're here To learn and master a skill for more

Find balance to shape your individuopportunity.

Join a student organization and find yourself.

Create a home away from home. Make this place your sanctuary Because you have at least 4 years to

In attendance.

Most importantly, find balance within And remember that when you want to yourself

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Or the wind can blow That after the storm

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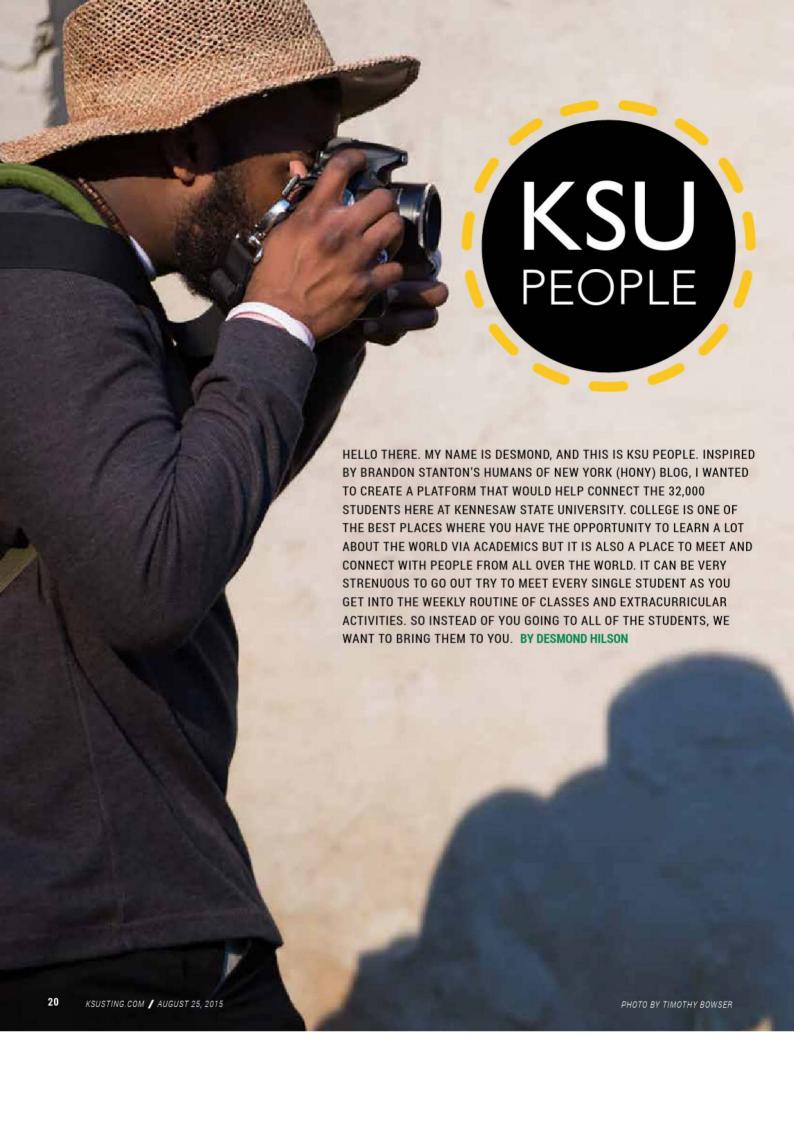


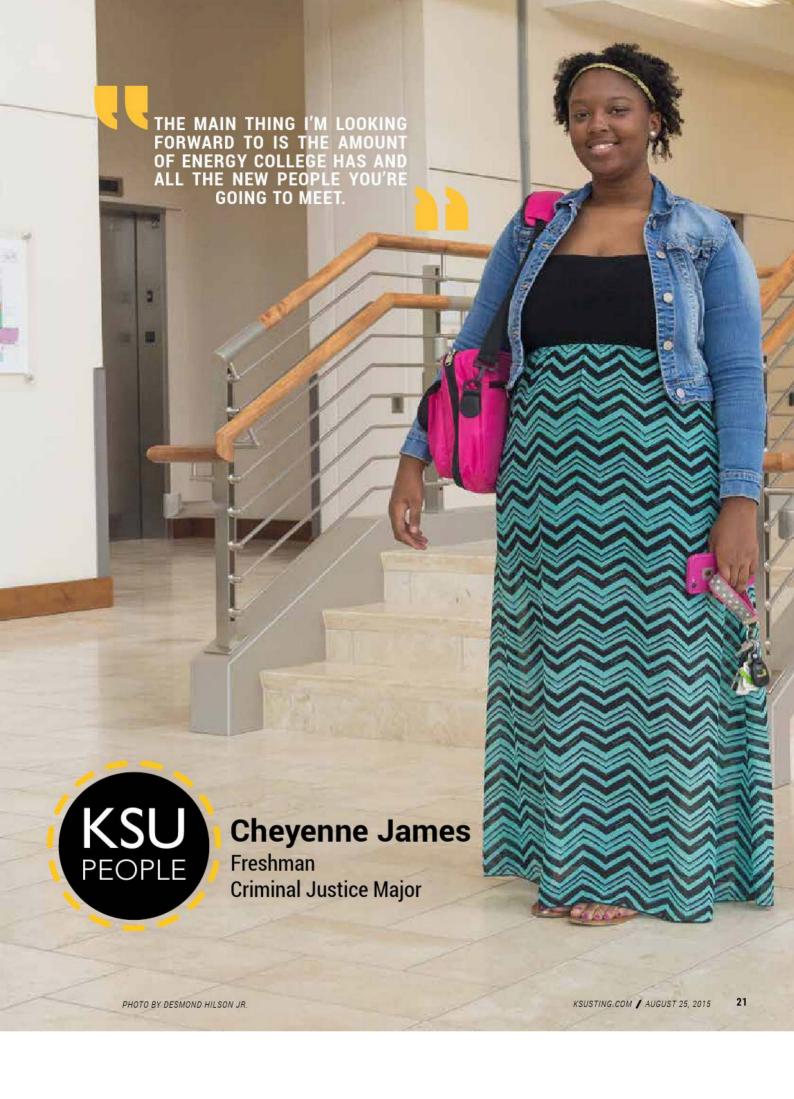
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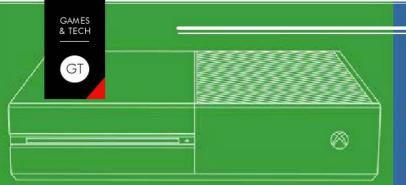
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My Most Anticipated Games of Fall and Winter 2015

Over eight months of great games have passed, and with all of the announcements and excitement from E3, the next wave of great games and experiences is upon us. These are my most anticipated games of the second half of 2015. BY MATT DINOFF











▶ RELEASE DATE: SEPTEMBER 29TH, 2015 **Tony Hawk Pro Skater 5**

XBOX One, PS4, Xbox 360, & PS3

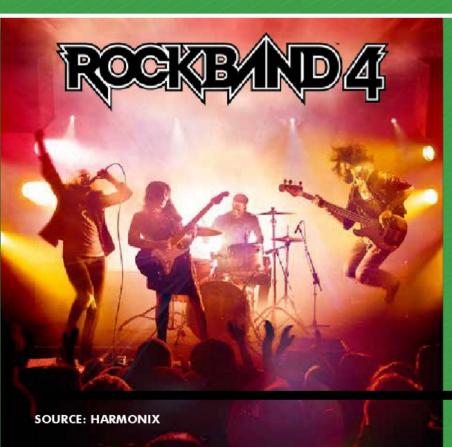
Grab your boards and buckle those helmets, because Pro-Skater is back. Coming out on September 29th, the newest edition for the Pro Skater series is going back to its roots as far as gameplay goes. Still paving the way into the future with its online "freeskate" levels, the game can accommodate up to 20 players at a time. With the "sessions" menu and "freeskate" mode, you can queue up with friends or strangers to complete missions and compete in different events.

▶ RELEASE DATE: NOVEMBER 17TH, 2015

Star Wars: Battlefront Xbox One, PS4, & PC

Everyone's favorite Star based franchise is back with a new game. After Battlefront III was cancelled and Lucas Arts Studios was shut down, the Battlefront franchise is back. Developed by DICE, the game is shaping up to be exactly what fans wanted. The November release date looks to beat out the holiday release craze for video games; however, it will most likely be DLC released during the holidays.





RELEASED DATE: OCTOBER 6TH, 2015 Rock Band 4 XBOX One, & PS4

The major hit music series is back, along with its rival, Guitar Hero. With new guitars and other new instruments on the way, Rock Band 4 can get the band back together and rock out again. Harmonix have been working with both Sony and Microsoft for players who have bought songs for previous consoles/games to port over to the newest generation of consoles.





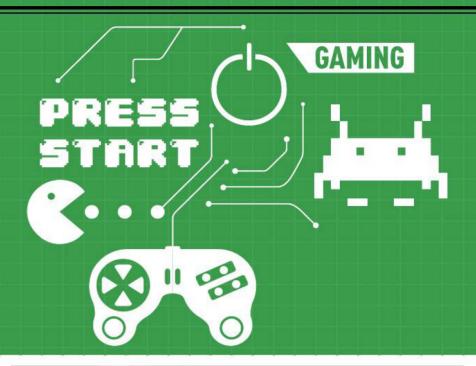






5 Mobile Games You Should Play

BY MATT DINOFF



ANDROID AND IOS

Voxel Rush

Hyper Bees

Your mission is to survive. Run, tilt and dodge. Voxel Rush is pulse pounding racing game. Simple controls based around how you tilt your phone, tilt forward to go faster, backwards to go slower, right and left to turn. Dodge buildings and survive as long as you can. Available on Ios and Android.



ANDROID AND IOS

Plague Inc.

Miniclip.com

Create a disease, spread it, kill the world. Plague Inc, the same game from Miniclip.com, is now on your phone. Upgrade your disease as you infect and kill more of the world's' population. The game features random facts about other plagues and diseases.

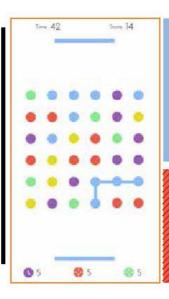


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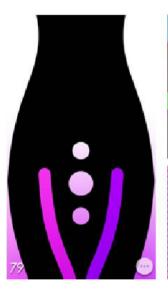
Dots

Playdots, Inc

Dots is exactly what the title is. Dots. Very fun time waster, with a music aspect to it if gety long enough chains of dots. Three simple modes: Timed, Moves, Endless and Challenges. Timed: how many dots can you connect in a minute? Moves: How many dots can you connect in a certain amount of moves? Endless: Endless hours of dot connecting fun. Challenge: the mode where you can challenge random players or your friends but only on the same phone.









ANDROII

Looper Danny Cruz

Looper is a very abstract styled game where you are two strands of fluctuating color minding your own business, until your nemesis, the white blobs encroach on your territory. Your mission is to then survive as long as you can without touch any whiteness. Okay, I was exaggerating about the story but, that's the gist of it. Very simple and fun time waster. Available on Android.

ANDROID AND TOE

1010!

Gram Games

1010I is exactly what it sounds like, a ten by ten square. Simple enough? Actually, yes. In 1010I, you only have a ten by ten square to place tetris-like pieces. You score points by placing the pieces in open squares as well as clearing full lines of pieces. Fun puzzle game. Easy to learn, hard to master. Available on los and Android.

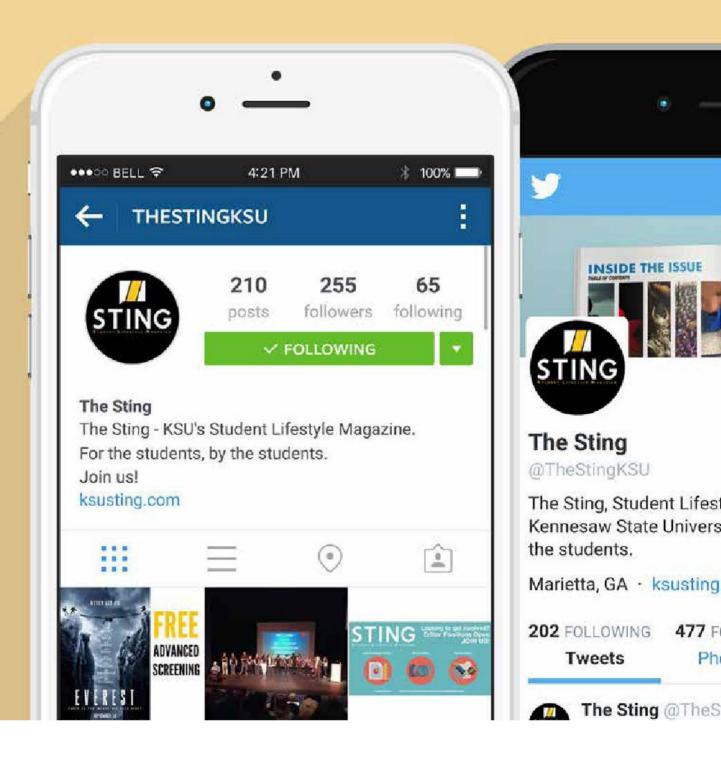




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