

"essential (& not-so-essential) student gizmos to snap up before that overdraft kicks in!"

gimme, gimme!



Alarm clocks might not be at the top of every students' wish list, but this one deserves to be. PURE Digital's Chronos combines the delights of DAB radio with four independent alarms, which means you should never miss a 9am lecture again.



If you don't want to take your entire home-cinema system away to uni with you, the Optoma MovieTime DV10 is a more-than-viable alternative. It plays DVD movies through a projector with superior image quality, and you don't have to worry about connecting everything up.



Want an MP3 player that is not restricted to a particular music software? Samsung's YP-Z5 works like a USB drive -- you simply drag and drop your music files onto it, so you can update your player any time you sit down at a computer.



You no longer have to sit in front of your telly to watch your favourite programmes - Media's Slingbox lets you watch your home TV or set-top box via the Internet, so you'll never have to miss an episode of Bargain Hunt again...



It's not all about study is it? Make the most of your downtime with the Nintendo DS Lite - with Wi-Fi multiplayer you can challenge your new-found friends, your mates back home, in fact why not take on the world?



Who the hell are...? Sneaky Sound System

What kind of tunes?

They're a slice of antipodean pop-rock genius.

Isn't that what they said about Stefan Dennis?

No. Nobody ever said that. Ever.

What are they like then?

Take the kitsch fun of The Cardigans and mix it with the paranoia and sexiness of Garbage and you're somewhere close.

Sounds like a niche market...

Are you kidding? Sassy lead singer Miss Connie is like an electro Debbie Harry. They play stadiums in their native Oz.

Really? Crikey? Why haven't I heard of them?

You will soon their first three singles were top twenty hits in Australia, each one went in higher than the last and they're about to unleash their ever so catchy first single called 'UFO' here.

What's it like?

One listen and it's in your head so deep it has to be removed by a neurosurgeon.

- ★ The single *UFO* out now
- ★ www.myspace.com/sneakysoundsystem
- ★ Catch Sneaky Sound System at Miss-Shapes soon - check out www.myspace.com/missshapesuk

Bestival

Friday 7 - Sunday 9
September 2007
@ Robin Hill Country
Park, Isle of Wight

The last big one of the year, get on that ferry and go shake it on the island. Line-up includes Beastie Boys, Primal Scream, The Chemical Brothers (live), The Go! Team, Zane Lowe, 2 Many DJs, 3 Daft Monkeys, Adjagas, Ali B, and Alice McLaughlin.

www.bestival.net

Mad Dogs & Englishmen

Saturday 8 - Sunday 9
September 2007
@ The Cowshed, Milton
Keynes

Well there might not be midday sun, but there are some of the best breakthrough acts of the year on here: The Holloways, iForward, Russia!, The Hoosiers, Blood Red Shoes, Drive By Argument, iLiKETRAINS, Look See Proof and Metro Riots.

Brighton Live

Monday 24 - Saturday 29
September 2007
@ Brighton, East Sussex

A week of free gigs in the coolest city with a beach! Pubs/clubs/ cafes and generally anywhere you can plug in an amp play host to zillions of Brighton bands.

www.brightonlive.net

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