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▲ FINGER PRINCE

Touchscreens, like the one on the iPhone, use electrical impulses from your skin to figure out where you push. Normal gloves render your digits useless, but Dots gloves solve the problem with conductive metal specks. Pretend you're Magneto! \$15-\$20, DotsGloves.com



▲ VAPORIZATION NATION

Golly, the Digital Volcano Vaporizer sure looks cool. Too bad we have no idea what this German instrument does. But trust us, just rip out this page and convince the heir in your dorm to order one. \$669, thevolcanovaporizer.com



▲ TOUCH DOWN

BlackBerries were once the go-to gadget for rifling off mission-critical business e-mails at 4 A.M. With the advent of the touchscreen Storm, they will become the go-to gadget for sending mission-critical booty texts and illicit photo messages. \$719.99, verizonwireless.com

Joe College

Gifts that will help you ace the test—of total coolness.

▶ PC YOU

It's midway through freshman year, and the only thing you've stared at more than girls on treadmills is your laptop screen. So you might as well upgrade to a notebook with an awesome one, like Gateway's MC series, which has an ultrabright 16-inch full-glass display. The 16:9 screen is wider than most on the market, which makes this machine ideal for multitasking—watching movies and keeping Facebook open next to a blank Microsoft Word doc. Its HDMI port will even link to your roommate's plasma, so you can watch your GPA crumble in HD. \$1,000, Gateway.com

Pen Ultimate



▲ If Adderall binges aren't cutting it as study aids, the Livescribe Smartpen is for you. It records audio as you take notes on proprietary paper, then syncs the sound with your notes. Later you can point the pen at your writing, and the professor's rants on a phalloscentric world will play back in their man-hating glory. \$199, Livescribe.com



◀ YOU BOOB TUBE

The bawdy antics of your college years will never fade if you record them with the Kodak Z16, a pocket-size cam that records up to 32 GB of video. Its futureproof 720p HD footage will even look crisp on your granddaddy's hologram walls. \$180, kodak.com



▶ PACK IN TIME

Ironically, book bags have gotten bigger over the years even as our need for carrying physical books has ceased. The JanSport Heritage Series bucks the trend with compact ca.-1910 designs that'll fit a MacBook Air and some pop rocks. \$155, JanSport.com



Less Cheer, More Fear

A guide to the scariest holiday movies.



■ Silent Night, Deadly Night (1984)

A man in a Santa suit slays a young boy's parents before his eyes. Years later the kid dons Santa's duds and goes on his very own killing spree. Watch it with Mom and Pop!

AKKC: Angry Kris Kringle Content



■ Black Christmas (1974)

Based on a real event, Canadian sorority babes receive a disturbing prank phone call during the holidays and start disappearing. Chilling screams are heard as the town's Long Island Iced Tea sales plummet.

SSBC: Strong '70s Slaburn Content



■ Jingle All the Way (1996)

The gap-toothed governor of California squares off with a renegade postal worker in a feeble attempt to boost the economy by buying a hard-to-get toy. Wacky faces, live lessons, and bail shots ensue.

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