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Choosing College?



Harris-Stowe State University is a popular choice among Gateway students.

Don't know what college you want to attend?

by Laithika Saphangtong

Looking to further your education after high school? With these upcoming visits and tours, you're bound to plenty of options. All ranging from universities to state, and community colleges. No need to worry about making it to a college on your own time. There's a possibility you'll be able to tour colleges during the school year.

Many of these colleges benefit those "undecided" students who are unsure of their study of focus. The upcoming college fairs are also beneficial in choosing your college. Those fairs include the following dates:
October 7th
Visual and Performing Arts Fair located at Webster University,
October 10th
City Wide College Fair at St. Louis University
November 19th
Gateway College and Career Fair here at Gateway STEM.

With a 4-1 winning record, our football Jags plan to defeat Roosevelt on Saturday, October 5th. What a Homecoming that will be!



It's Spirit Week
Tuesday
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Friday
School Colors



Phenomenal New Albums on The Market

by John Nguyen

Music is a universal language. Many people listen to many genres of music all over the world and it is amazing what impact music has on us. As there are many types of genres, today I will be writing about two specific genres, American Pop and K-pop, two genres that are growing drastically each and every year.

Before I talk about the first artist, I think that this album was a very experimental album for them compared to their last few albums. On their Twitter, they state "This album is very much a celebration of love, in



School Memes

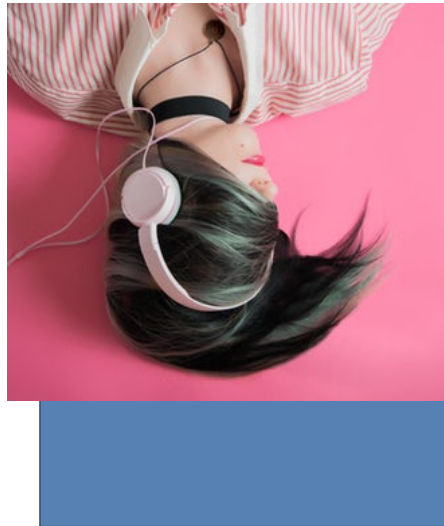
by Jeyssi Herrera

Memes about school are humorous whether you're a high school student, a college student, a teacher, or even a parent/guardian with children who go to school. Practically everyone has had their own experiences with school, so memes that really highlight the nature of those experiences can conjure a lot of personal memories. For instance, school memes are used to

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In convenience of high school students possibly such as yourself, there will be college representatives visiting the school. These reps will range from colleges such as: Fontbonne, Ranken Tech, St. Louis Community College, University of Missouri-Columbia, and many more.

As for you students reaching out to the colleges, there will be a few college field trips taking place. The most recent being an all senior college tour of the University of Central Missouri. On October 8, freshmen will also be attending a trip to Harris Stowe, St. Louis University, and the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Moving towards the end of October, on the 30th, seniors will have a college tour of Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville also known as (SIU-E). Advancing towards second semester, in March there will be a Junior college tour.

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all of its complexity, coziness, and chaos. It's the first album of mine that I've ever owned, and I couldn't be more proud."

For the first artist, it's someone I really like and often listen to her new music when it's released. Her name is Taylor Swift. If you don't know her, there is a 90% chance you've heard at least one song from her. She has released songs such as "Shake It Off", "Blank Space", "Look What You Made Me Do", and one of my personal favorites, "You Belong With Me." Recently, on August 25th, she released her newest album called "Lover" and this is my review on it!

From an interview on "On Air

with Ryan Seacrest", Taylor states "It's an album about all different forms of love. Even when love hurts, this album is about the full spectrum that love makes us feel, so I was like, this album is definitely going to be called Lover."

On this album, some songs on the album include "ME!", "You Need to Calm Down", "Paper Rings", "Cruel Summer", and of course, "Lover". If I were to describe this album, I'd describe it as bright but also touching. The whole theme of this album is about the positives and negatives of love. In the songs "Lover", "Paper Rings", and "It's Nice to Have a Friend", she talks about the significance of someone

you're able to love and comfort. It is your "lover" in this situation. However, Taylor then takes a drastic turn in her songs. In "Daylight", "Death by a Thousand Cuts", and "Soon You'll Be Better", she tells stories about her personal experience with heartbreak after a relationship rather than before. Overall, I'd give this album a 8.5/10. This album was beautifully amazing. The message of the whole album was something new she has done, and she did it well. It is an album I'd definitely listen to again if I'm in the right mood.

Before we move on, I'd like to share one of my personal favorite lyrics. In the song "Afterglow", the lyrics are "Hey, It's all me, in my head. I'm the one who burned this down, but it's now what I meant. Sorry that I hurt you. I don't wanna do this to you, I don't wanna lose this with you. I need to say, hey, it's all me. Just don't go, meet me in the afterglow."

Moving on from Taylor, my next artist is a little unusual for some people. Before I

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Journalism Class Grows

by Myah Blankinship

"I really believe in journalism as a practical art that reinforces English skills," says Lisa Dennison, teacher of a freshmen English class, Journalism, and Yearbook. "That's the reason I do this, it's a fun way to practice reading and writing."

A lot has changed since the Journalism class began about three years ago. Not just the quantity of students in the class, but its plans going forward as well. The potential is high with new underclassmen coming in, and a handful of seniors from previous classes to help them along the way.

With that said, there's only one thing to ask: what do underclassmen think of journalism so far? "So far, I do like taking pictures, and I do plan on writing stuff I like," answered Kevin Delgado, a sophomore. "I hope this class will improve my writing skills. I think I [stink] at it."

Team 931 Perpetual Chaos Competes

On Saturday, September 28, Team Perpetual Chaos hauled their substantial equipment over to Lindenwood for competition. The following is a play-by-play of events written by Chibale Anwisy.

So here's the run down:

First match, we put up 51 points in our first match, while being down a robot. We would go on to win 2 in a row. Out of qualifiers, we were ranked 21st, while training a new driver who drove for us for the last 3 matches.

In eliminations:

We were picked by the number 5 alliance.

The number 5 alliance consisted of alliance captain 5176 RoboBills (SLUH), 931

Perpetual Chaos, second pick 3397 Robolions, and third pick 4187 Roborams.

In quarter finals: We faced the number 4 alliance. Heavy defense from the red alliance kept scores very low. In both matches we played successful counter defense and scored well in the low goals. However, our climber began to fail from the wear and abuse of the event. In neither match were we able to climb for the end-game. We found out later it was due to its warped crossbar. However, we [erred] by upsetting and eliminating the number 4 alliance.

In semis, we faced the eighth seed, which beat the first seed in quarters. Before the match began, we started facing technical issues with our sandstorm camera and faced a



heavy control lag while driving. Again we faced devastating defense and our alliance captain getting disabled. We lost the first semi match 74 to 30.

Our second semi match the opposing alliance withdrew defense and we were able to match them point-for-point. We ended with a 49-49 tie.

However, because they placed more hatch panels than us, the game rules had the win go to our opponent eliminating us in these semifinals.

In retrospect, we remained a pivotal alliance partner playing in every elimination match and being a very versatile offense and defense bot.

Don't miss it!
Last game today at 4:15
right here at Gateway!



Volleyball: It's Senior Night

by Editorial Staff

Last chance to see
our Lady Jags smack it
over the net.
Watch those power
serves!
Come out and see 'em in
action!



Thanks Coach!

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explain further, at their debut press conference, a member from the group explained "We want to show you the best. Instead of feeling pressured, I feel we need to pay back to fans. We prepared a lot for fans who love and have waited for us."

Next, I will be talking about one of my favorite artists, X1. X1 is a South Korean K-pop boy group who was formed from the reality show "Produce X 101". The group consists of 11 members ranging from ages 24-15. They debuted on August 27th with the title track "Flash" along with the EP "Quantum Leap".

During their debut concert, one of the members talked about the title song "Flash". He says, "Flash is a song where you can see our concept dreaming about "flight". It's a song where you can see X1's concept very well. If you listen to it, you can feel our individual uniqueness. It is very cool, and the song has a lot of potential." Upcoming, I will give my review on the song and EP!

On their EP, their track list includes "Stand Up", "FLASH", "Like Always", "I'm Here for You", "U Got It", and "Move". Each of these songs have very different meanings but all come together to convey a message for X1 and their fans. To describe this album, it mixes a lot of styles but it's very positive and loving. "Like Always" and "I'm Here for You"

are songs that were meant for the fans and both songs have a meaningful message for us too. The title song for this EP, "Flash", is a song that represents the dreams that X1 has. It represents their dream of "flight" and how they hope to make it far in the industry. Overall, I'd give this album a 9.5/10. This album was a perfect album to debut with and every song has its own flare to it. They're different but all have a special meaning to them. X1's music video for "Flash" is on YouTube with over 50 Million views so please check it out when you can!

To give an example of the meaningful lyrics they wanted to spread to fans, these lyrics were from "I'm Here for You". The lyrics state "When you're afraid of tomorrow for a moment, it's okay to lean on my shoulders. I will comfort you right by your side. It's okay, because I'm right here."

With that, we've come to an end. This has been my review on both Taylor Swift and X1's albums and I sincerely hope that you check out both Taylor and X1's music videos! Both of their albums are on any music streaming site you can think of so please, stream if you can! They both deserve as much love as they can get.

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Our home and mother are earth is getting an ever rising fever. Several other problems are showing up, such as pollution, and ecosystems are collapsing.

The Amazon rainforest is one of them. The atmosphere is currently holding about 415 parts per million, but with the current state of the forest there is an estimate that 38 parts per million has been added. "2.2 million-square mile rainforest in the Amazon is nearing a tipping point, at which large fragmented portions of the rainforest could transform into an entirely different, drier ecosystem, leading to the acceleration of climate change," reports The Washington Post. Pollution of the earth has been an ongoing problem since it's mainly caused by us. A prime example of this is Maya Bay beach on Ko Phi Phi Leh island in Thailand which had become a popular tourist attraction since it was used for a movie location. But as of right now, the beach has been closed indefinitely. "Before it closed, up to 5,000 people were visiting the bay every day and most of its coral died as a result," says the BBC News.

How can we help stop climate change?

- 1.) Use your energy wisely. Change to energy-efficient light bulbs, hang-dry your clothes when you can, and use dryer balls when you can't.
- 2.) Eat for a climate stable planet. Don't waste food. Eat more meat-free meals.
- 3.) Start a climate conversation. Talk about change climate at home, work, school, and with your friends.