Public Safety: Robbery no cause for alarm

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College of Law graduate Derrick Storms was robbed at gunpoint by two minors who took his laptop outside the Green Library on June 29.

According to FIU Public Safety, they chose not to use the University’s emergency alert system that night because students weren’t in danger; one suspect was apprehended and the other was outside the campus already. Storms said that Public Safety was negligent in not alerting the student body to the possible dangers of being on campus during off-hours.

“I was lulled into a false sense of security,” said Storms in a written statement to Student Media.

According to him, as he sat in the tables outside GL at 4:30 a.m. on Monday, two minors approached him; one held their bikes while the other held Storms at gunpoint and demanded his belongings.

Storms called Public Safety minutes later. Public Safety, working with the Sweetwater Police Department, arrested both suspects shortly after.

The incident was made known in a report on the late night edition of a CBS4 newscast. And the following day, the channel’s ‘T-Team’ broke the story that students in the University were “surprised” that the University’s Public Safety failed to inform the community about the dangers in and around campus.

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At the end of the day, campus safety boils down to awareness, precaution and common sense.

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Program cries foul over numbers

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The numbers used to justify the possible closing of the Recreational Sport Management degree were inaccurate and “outdated,” according to program head Robert Wolff.

Wolff claimed that the degree program, which was saved from being cut in the last Board of Trustees meeting in June, is estimated to have 189 undergraduates, instead of the 62 students that were reported by Interim Provost Doug Wartrock at the meeting.

“I knew that was way off,” Wolff said.

Wartrock told the BOT that the degree program had 62 enrolled majors and 40 enrolled intended majors.

According to the numbers Wolff found using a query from Panthernetes, the program has, as of June 25, 93 students fully admitted for this Summer term, as well as 14 students who were admitted but have not been placed in the program yet.

In addition to the discrepancies in the numbers for their undergraduate students, Wolff said that as of June 25, the Recreational Sport Management program has 31 students, not 19 as reported by the provost in the same meeting.

Wolff also found that there were seven graduate students who are taking graduate courses or are looking to change their major to Recreational Sport Management, as well as 20 who have applied for the Fall semester, but have their applications under review.

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Wolff said he sees recent measures taken by his major degree program as part of the reason for the incorrect numbers.

“We changed our curriculum substantially last year,” he said. “We raised caps, we got rid of excess classrooms and we lowered the number of adjuncts that were teaching... Most of the professors took on a heavier load to try and meet these budget woes that we’re having within the University.”

In addition, last summer, the Parks and Recreaional Management Program cries foul over numbers.

SGC-MMC

Outdated bylaws raise concerns in council

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Concerns over outdated bylaws, the lack of printed additions and the absence of a written description of some of the student government committees’ responsibilities worried members of the Student Government Council’s judiciary branch.

The issues were addressed during a June 29 SGC-MMC senate meeting.

The lack of an updated set of bylaws, which is a set of campus-specific policies and procedures that govern how SGC-MMC is to run, has created a conflict between how the senate currently operates and how the document states the body should operate.

“Today I am forced to highlight the fact that the resolution passed on June 1, in support of the Religious Studies Department, is lacking a written copy of the Senate Speed Pass Act that permits its legal force,” said Luis Robayo, justice for SGC-MMC when reading an e-mail sent by Chief Justice Juan Gil, who wasn’t present at the meeting.

As the procedures are currently written in Article 11 of the bylaws, a bill or resolution needs to be read twice, at two separate senate meetings, in order to be passed.

However, the Senate Speed Pass Act, which was approved Spring 2009, allows bills or resolutions to pass with only one reading.

The Way the Religious Studies resolution was approved fits the procedural model under the Senate Speed Pass Act, but is in violation of the printed laws.

“You can’t make null and void what is in print,” said Gil.

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rounds of ammunition in his car.

In an interview with the University’s Office of Media Relations, Torres reiterated that in that situation there was no threat to the general campus population. The weapon and ammunition were discovered during a routine traffic stop.

In both instances, Public Safety told the University that there was no need to activate the emergency systems.

“No students were ever in danger in either incident,” Torres said in the same interview. “In both cases, FPU police reacted quickly and kept the situation from affecting the rest of the University. Students, faculty and staff are safe. Fortunately, incidents such as these are extremely rare on our campuses.”

Storms said that students should be made aware of the various crimes that occur on campus.

“I feel that the crimes [occurring on campus] are not being advertised,” he said. The CBS4 article noted that the case log University Police keep online had not been updated since late May.”

Torres told Student Media that Public Safety is “making strides” to ensure that the log is kept up to date as possible.

At the time this article was written, the case log had been updated to include all cases up to June 30.

Storms later added, “Public Safety should take further action to alert students of crimes, or the possibility of crime on campus.”

“I feel that we should know of the propensity of violent crimes committed at FPU, so they can avoid the problem,” Storms said.

“We take every incident seriously and will use appropriate measures to respond to each emergency,” said Torres. “Our community is aware, around the clock patrol is a maintenance and unavailable through any “emergency procedures on processing transactions according to its Web site, will also include the PantherSoft Web site at

July 13.

The scheduled downtime will not affect the PantherSoft system will be available on the PantherSoft Web site at www.fi usm.com.

Both instructor-led and online training for the new system will be available on the PantherSoft Web site at http://panthersoft.fi u.edu finanzials.

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Accused cat killer’s affidavit released

Tyler Weinman pleased not guilty to all 19 counts of animal cruelty and improperly disposing of an animal body and four counts of burglary related to the cat deaths.

The affidavit recently released stated that police officers found a cutting object outside his car after stopping him to search his car. They also found marijuana and hemp in his car. Weinman’s lawyer stated that the marijuana was a “vagaries, peripheral commentary and that was able written version of the bylaws had been updated since late May.”

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This hasn’t been the only time Gil has raised issues with the bylaws. At a senate meeting June 15, the chief justice told the senate that the available written version of the bylaws had been subject to each emergency,” said Torres. “Our policy is to use appropriate measures to respond to each emergency.”

SAFETY TIPS

• Carry only the amount of cash or credit cards that you need.
• Carry money and identification separately.
• Eliminate spare keys from purse.
• Keep your bag on your lap when dining or at meetings.
• Avoid displaying valuables such as jewelry at large sums of money.
• Be aware of where you are and where you are going at all times.
• Look for potential danger before entering your house/form.
• Do not walk alone, especially in dark or deserted areas.
• Get to know the campus locations and its hours.
• If you think someone is following you, change directions or go to a safe location.
• Avoid carrying a lot of packages, it can make you look defenceless.
• When using the ATM, retire money and count it later.

New senate to work on council bills

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“For whatever reason [the Senate Speed Pass Act] did not pass in its written form. It is still there though, there is still recorded document of this.”

The fact that there was a recorded document was a point of contention according to the chief justice e-mail. Robayo read passages that recalled Gil’s conclusion that the Senate Speed Pass Act was in fact in possession of no one in the current administration.

“The Senate Speed Pass Act is not included in the current written copies of senate bylaws available at the SGA office; nor is it in possession of any of the senators, including the speaker and the speaker pro-temp; nor in the hands of the SGA advisor Jose Toscano,” said the e-mail.

According to the e-mail, when the chief justice confronted senate Speaker Helen Ramirez, he was handed to the hands of the former Speaker Jean Rosme.

“According to your current speaker, Helena Ramirez, it is in his e-mail. The resolution is lost in cyberspace,” Gil said in the e-mail.

“I have all that legislation,” Ramirez said.

Ramirez stepped in last year as speaker pro-temp; when her predecessor resigned. As a result, she said, the former speaker Gil specifically gave copies of all legislations. She called Rosme after receiving Gil’s e-mail.

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These comments are dotted around the document pointing out vagaries, and give suggestions for the bylaws.

An informal meeting was called at the start of the new administration to look over the bylaws. Ramirez said it was only a primary look-through for grammar and syntax.

“It was just mainly to edit,” Ramirez said. “To see what was necessary.”

One of those necessities was the lack of stated responsibilities for four out of five senate committees.

These four are new to the legisla- tive branch, written in the constitution, but given no definition of their function. So far, the new meetings have been adjoined quickly, with no new business, to give the senators time to get together in their committees and come up with their responsibilities.

“These definitions and responsibilities will be then used to have those senators write them into council bills,” said Ramirez in an e-mail.

The council bills will then be voted upon, and if passed will become the edits to the bylaws. According to Ramirez, a draft of the updated bylaws will be available in two weeks.

“The whole history of American government was founded upon a written document – the Constitution,” Gil said through the e-mail. “Laws must be written in order to be accessible to the public.”

Copies of the current bylaws and SGA constitution are not currently online, but are available at the SGA office in GC 221.

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degree program, as well as the Phys- ical Education/Sport Management degree program merged to form the Recreational Sports Management program. Before the merger, both programs had classes that overlapped and professors who would teach both majors.

“They said our combined number of graduates, both bachelor’s and master’s, were nine each year,” Wolff said. “Well, that was true of Parks and Recreation, now that we merged, our classes numbered 41 undergraduates and nine graduate students. They didn’t include the 2008- 2009 graduation numbers... Pretty big difference between total of nine and a total of 50.”

Wolff also pointed out that the program benefits various groups and individuals, such as professional teams like the Miami Heat and Florida Marlins, who hire interns from the program as well as FIU Athletics.

“We put about 15 interns into Athletics every semester,” said Wolff. “Those are kids who are not getting paid and providing a service to our athletic program.”

After it was announced that the Recre- ational Sport Management program was going to be cut, Wolff contacted Wartzok, who said Wolff to get the numbers to the program still falls short of the Univer- sity average for degree programs.

“As I stated at the BOT meeting, on average, a bachelor’s degree program at FIU has 200 majors. We do not include intended majors in that count, so the Recreation and Sports Management program has somewhat less than half as many as majors in the Health and Physical Education/ Bache- lor’s degree program,” said Wartzok in a recent e-mail to Student Media.

Yet Wartzok would not speculate whether the program would be cut in the Fall, when the BOT will meet again to determine the future of many of the programs that are being considered to be cut.

“We are following the direction of the BOT and looking at other ways of cutting expenses,” said Wartzok. “The BOT expects us to consider all alternatives and then make a recommendation to some of the BOT committee.

“It would be premature to speculate what that recommendation will be until we have considered alternatives.”

Provost revisits previous numbers

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Butterfly garden project enhances go-green effort

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The Biscayne Bay Campus has been going green for the past year, adding trees, recycling bins and cleaning the bay, but its latest endeavor promises something new. “This project will inspire environmental awareness around campus and the University as a whole,” said Sholom Neinstein, president of the BBC Student Government Council. “We also want to make the BBC Student Government environmentally friendly experiences at the office of the BBC Provost, Office of Campus Life and Orientation and SGC-BBC. “BBC cares about its envi-“enlighten us to unite the campus,” said neainment and the numerous animals that inhabit it,” Neis-tein said. The program is scheduled to be completed by the end of this year. Gretchen Ampie, junior biology major, says having a butterfly garden will benefit the campus. “The addition of a butterfly garden in BBC would completely recreate the envi-ronmental structure. It would definitely attract new species, other than the butterflies, who would also be able to make a home in the garden,” Ampie said. “Flies would be supporting the new environ-mentally friendly era that we are currently living in.” In 2006, former BBC Vice Provost Damian Fernandez started a project to remodel BBC, with the help of students and a committee of faculty and staff, including Hugh Gladhin, director and assis-tant professor of sociology and anthropology; Joyce Peterson, associate dean of Arts and Sciences; Ellie Bardwil, director of Campus Recreation and Michael Herthaus, assistant professor and director of the Marine Sciences program.

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Julissa Castellanos, director of academic support services Office of the Vice Provost

“The goal was to create a thematic focus around a coastal and environmental initiative that could help to unite the campus,” said Peterson. “We wanted to focus on the academic, aesthetic and recreational opportuni-ties offered by our location on Biscayne Bay.”

The committee wanted to implement different tech-niques that would use the natural resources on campus, according to Julissa Castel-lanos, director of academic support services and opera-tions at the office of the BBC Vice Provost. The goal is to create a vibrant academic life that incorporates BBC’s unique setting, and offers environ-mentally friendly experiences and opportunities to the entire BBC community,” Castel-lanos said.

Projects that are already underway include restoring the mangroves, removing invasive species, creating a marked nature trail and adding Florida’s native beds around the gazebo outside of the library. Some of the flowers, which are native to Florida, include yellow beach sunflowers, pink and yellow blanket flowers, and blue-eyed grass. For Ampie, these proj-ects will make the campus more beautiful, and provide additional resources for his biology studies. “The marked nature trail is a great benefit to biology students, who can use it to their advantage during labora-tory sessions,” Ampie said.

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The primary funding for these projects came from the Janes Trust Foundation, the BBC Circle of Friends, private citizen donations and SGC-BBC.

Mariela Quintanilla, junior international business major, is the only SOC-BBC member who is pleased with the develop-ments so far. “It’s an excellent idea, but we’re not doing something positive toward the environment,” Quintanilla said. “In the long run, it does not only make the campus look good, but also safer to FIU students and professors.”

More clubs to improve campus life

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The Student Organization Council at Biscayne Bay Campus has new members with one goal: maintaining all clubs and getting new ones to enhance campus life.

SOC-BBC is the governing body of all student organizations on campus, and also funds and regulates its constituent body. It is funded by the Student Government Association, and its budget is distributed among all clubs.

The 2009-2010 executive board started the school year wanting to increase student participation at BBC.

“We are different from the other organizations because we work with a lot of clubs and make events fun for everybody. We bas-i-cally care for the clubs and their needs,” said Patricia Martinez, SOC-BBC vice president and a sophomore psychology major. Other SOC-BBC members include Mads Kayyali, treas-urer and freshman finance major; Lorraine Henderson, events coordinator and soph-omore international busi-ness major; Mary Humprey, marketing coordinator and graduate student from the Integrated Communications: Advertising and Public Rela-tions program; and Vincent Yuen, secretary and a finance major.

Didier Georges, who was SOC-BBC president during 2008-2009, was re-elected in April. Georges, a junior international business major, is the only SOC-BBC member with previous expe-rience in the field.

“I decided to run again as president because I want to help the new executive board and teach them what I know about SOC,” Georges said.

As president, Georges said his goal is to increase the number of clubs on campus. There are 15 registered clubs under SOC-BBC, but only eight of them are active this summer, according to Georges, who said the rest will be back for the Fall and Spring semesters.

“We hope to get 45 or 50 clubs at the end of Spring 2010,” Georges said.

Clubs that are now active during the summer are: On Point Poetry, BBC Science, Marine Biology, Tau Sigma Alpha, Film Union, Public Relations Student Society of America, Students for the Poor and Involuntary Scholars.

Students are concerned with the lack of activities on campus during the summer, according to Georges. SOC-BBC is therefore trying to give new clubs through a marketing campaign, which includes sending e-mails, contacting students through a Facebook group (facebook.com/socbbc) and handing out fliers.

“For this summer, we only have a club fair and a general meeting, but we are going to have a lot of activities for fall. We will have a networking activity consisting of other clubs coming to BBC and networking with each other, but we don’t have a date yet,” Martinez said.

A Summer Fun Club Fair will take place July 22 at 1 p.m. in Panther Square, where registered clubs will be set up to table new recruits near.

Students interested in creating new clubs must have a minimum of five members, a faculty member to serve as club advisor and a constitution.

This year’s SOC-BBC members have high expec-tations about what the new school year will bring.

“We are excited for what we are going to do, and being part of the campus life,” Martinez said.

We want to in-crease the number of clubs on cam-pus. The clubs are important for students because it’s their little projects, and they get more involved.

I want to be more involved in campus life and leave a legacy. I want to try to do something for the school and help SOC-BBC be bigger and better.
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Sarah Paltz

Senior, Liberal Studies

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This summer’s potential surprise box-office hits

The summer box-office season is usually the time when Hollywood unleashes big-scale and big-budget films such as Star Trek and Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen which predictably become huge hits.

Sometimes, however, a movie like The Hangover goes on to become a surprise success, despite a much smaller budget and less initial promotion. Here are a couple of films that might not be as highly anticipated as the new Harry Potter movie, but could become “sleepers.” More importantly, they could turn out to be good movies that might make a worthy alternative to the typical summer fare.

**THE HURT LOCKER**

Directed by Kathryn Bigelow (Point Break), The Hurt Locker is a fictional tale inspired by real events in the life of journalist and screenwriter Mark Boal, who was with a special bomb unit in Iraq in the summer of 2004. In this movie, three members of the Army’s elite Explosive Ordnance Disposal squad (Jeremy Renner, Anthony Mackie and Brian Geraghty) battle insurgents and each other as they disarm several roadside bombs on the streets of Baghdad. The movie features cameo appearances from Oscar-nominee Ralph Fiennes (The Reader), David Morse (“John Adams”), Evangeline Lilly (“Pilot”) and the late Philip Seymour Hoffman (Mozart), and was filmed in Amman, Jordan. The cast was provided with security from the Jordanian military at the hotels where cast and crew were staying.

**THIRST**

A priest (The Host’s Song Kang-Ho) volunteers for a secret vaccine development project intended to stop a deadly virus. The priest comes in contact with the virus and a blood transfusion is given to him. Unfortunately, the operation turns him into a vampire. Already a box office smash hit in Korea, Thirst was honored with the Jury Prize at the 2009 Cannes Film Festival.

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**SOUTH FLORIDA THIS MONTH**

**VANS WARPED TOUR**

While most Miami residents are gearing up to spend their summer hanging out at the hottest beach-side clubs, others are looking forward to something more warped.

The alternative/punk music community is preparing to make a pilgrimage to the one summer tour that is sure to quench their musical thirst. The Vans Warped Tour 2009, one of the few large touring festivals left in the music world, kicked off on June 26 in Panama, California and will run across the United States and Canada for 46 tour dates, making one very anticipated stop in South Florida on July 25 at the Cruzan Amphitheatre.

Punk rockers and alternative music lovers all over South Florida will be treated to a new festival setup, but with the same musical dynamics that has made the warped tour as popular as it is today.

Fans will be able to enjoy headliners such as Bad Religion, NofX, Anti-Flag, Flogging Molly and even current radio chart toppers like 3OH!3 on one main stage for 40-minute sets as opposed to two main stages with bands performing for only 30.

Bad deal some might say. But, when most people watch punk veterans like Bad Religion play, they’ll thank the heavens they have 10 extra minutes to soak in a newly invigorated love for punk music.

Aside from the quality of the performers, what sets this festival apart from most other summer festivals is the price. While other festivals suck about $100 to $200 out of fans, entrance to Warped Tour costs around $25. That’s $25 for more than 40 bands, free bags of goodies at every sponser’s tent, countless band autograph sessions and the chance to say “You saw so-and-so before they hit the big time.”

That leads to another reason this festival’s sets have the potential to be so memorable. Heavy hitters like Fall Out Boy, Panic! At the Disco, Paramore, Blink-182 and Sum 41 all have something more than platinum records in common, they all got their start at the warped tour and, like them, every year many up-and-coming acts use the tour as their launching pad to popularity.

If the warped tour is known for anything, it’s its uncanny ability to find talent in a sea of bands, all thirsty for a chance to showcase their music.

Warped Tour founder Kevin Lyman, who is affectionately known as the grandfather of punk among warped tour bands, has been handing picking the bands since 1994, when he grabbed ska bands such as No Doubt and Sublime, picked up some skate teams, packed them on a bus and took them on the first ever warped tour.

Now, as the tour celebrates what some of us in Miami would refer to as its Quincen- era, it follows the same process, with Lyman himself going out to find the talent that punks across the nation can enjoy.

From national acts like 3OH!3, We the Kings and All Time Low, to punk rock vets like Bad Religion, Alexisonfire and the Bouncing Souls, this year’s Vans Warped Tour is sure to have something to offer most music lovers.

If you’re into more obscure, yet-to-be-popular bands, check out the “Kevin Says Stage.” You might find your new favorite “I saw them before anyone knew who they were” act. For those who are warped tour virgins, there is even a “Warped Tour Survival Guide” on warped-tour.com that lists all the dos and don’ts and “OMG! NO WAYs” for your first warped tour experience.

The 2009 Vans Warped Tour will hit South Florida on July 25 at the Cruzan Amphitheatre. Tickets are still available on tickemaster.com. For the full band lineup check out www.warpedtour.com.
the country to make a document- ary about love, a subject she says is steeped of. With her friend (and director) Nicolas Jasenovec, they talk to several friends and strangers on the diverse views of modern-day love.

As soon as filming begins, Li begins to fall in love with actor Michael Zera and their relationship develops in front of the camera. Paper Heart premiered at this year’s Sundance Film Festival and won the Waldo Salt Screenwriting Award for its writers, Jasenovec and Li.

TAKING WOODSTOCK

Directed by Oscar-winning director James B. Black (Brokeback Mountain) and inspired by a true story, Taking Woodstock tells the story of Elliot Tiber (Demetri Martin) and his family, who played a pivotal role in the making of the famous Woodstock Festival. In 1969, 27-year-old Elliot Tiber and his wife, Marcia, moved from New York City to upstate New York to start a bed and breakfast. Elliot hears about a hippie invasion to bond with a pal while relieving some of the burden of organizing everything. Pick up one or two reliable friends to help. They can decorate the house with last year’s Christmas lights, make calls on your guest list to assign what food or drinks to bring and, most importantly, stay with you once the party’s done to help prevent the bank’s foreclosure on their home. This butter-churning, milk-collecting, cheese-making, milk-making, money-making, sheep-saving game offers almost as much amusement as being an actual shepherd, without the danger of being eaten by hungry wolves.

My Personality – College is a time when many people learn about and sometimes even “find” themselves. What better way to do that than through a Facebook application? If you want to know more about your own personality and then compare it to your friends’, this application is sure to get you through a lull. It offers several different quizzes to pinpoint your personality traits, some of which are more than 300 questions long and are supposedly used in actual psychological research.

How Well Do You Know Me? – This application appears to be particularly popular. It enables users to create quizzes about themselves for their friends to take and vice-versa.

Finally, Facebook has provided a proven scientific way to find out which friends “really” know you and which ones just can’t remember what your “dream car” is.

Free Rice – While many Facebook applications like the one mentioned above seem self-indulgent, at least one application serves more than just your ego and need for constant amusement. Based on the Web site, freerice.com, this vocabulary game is intended to feed your vocabulary and, more importantly, feed the hungry.

For every correct answer, the United Nations World Food Program will donate 10 grains of rice to help stop world hunger.

Sure, it’s not as fun as “Sheep Tycoon,” but pretending to be a shepherd won’t feed a hungry child.

All in all, these applications are a good way to cure your boredom, expand your vocabulary and live out your long-held fantasies of sheep herding. Of course, these aren’t the only interesting applications, and more are being created every day. With all the options, there is a Facebook application for everyone, and a new way to waste valuable time.

Budget-friendly potluck parties provide stress-free fun

At a time when it is hard to find money to pay bills, or even buy a girl roses, people are looking for something inexpensive to do on weekends to keep up their spirits. What better way to do that than to organize a party and invite friends to share a potluck? Throwing a party in your home can seem like a daunting task. The responsibility of being a host can be a tedious sport of sprinting from end to end of one’s property, serving food for themselves as well as to share with others. Don’t forget to assign folks to bring paper plates, cups, cutlery and ice. In theory, a potluck alleviates the pocket of the host and ensures variety of foods to keep the stomach happy while guests engage in whatever activities you’ve arranged for the evening. If you’re feeling creative, invite friends to bring traditional foods from their home country.

One way to keep costs down while throwing a potluck party is to delegate responsibilities. Part of the fun of a party is planning it and then enjoying the festivities. The planning stage can be a good opportunity to bond with a pal while relieving some of the burden of organizing everything. Pick one or two reliable friends to help. They can

Prevent the bank’s foreclosure on the family business. The festival that comes to his small hometown ends up attracting a half million people and becomes a defining moment for a generation.

Taking Woodstock has a cast that features Oscar-nominee Emile Hirsch (Into the Wild) and Live Schreiber (X-Men Origins: Wolverine). It was nominated for the prestigious Palm D‘Or award at this year’s Cannes Film Festival.

Fresh from the 2009 Sundance Film Festival is writer/director Bobcat Goldthwaite’s film about a man (Robin Williams) who dreamed of becoming a famous writer, but settles for being a high school poetry teacher. His son (Daryl Sabara) treats him with contempt and the fellow faculty member he is dating (Alexie Gilmore) is ashamed of their relationship.

In the wake of a freak accident, he is faced with the possibility of having all the fame, fortune and popularity he’d always dreamed of while living with how he got into that position.

Ever heard yourself on Facebook chatting it up with friends, posting photos comments or using any of the thousands of applications when you should be studying? If you have and want to put a stop to it, stop reading now! But, for the rest of you, the following list of Facebook applications may offer you more many more hours of procrastination and amusement.

Honesty Box – Do you feel like your friends never give you their honest opinion of you or your face? Or do you want to express your secret love in an anonymous message? If so, this application could prove useful. It gives you the ability to send and receive anonymous messages, ask questions and discover what people really think and that crust of yours know someone admires them. Potential users should be careful however, since this application will enable all your Facebook friends to tell you what they really think of you, and that’s not always a good thing.

Sheep Tycoon – This game is for those who love sheep (I know you’re out there). This butter-churning, milk-collecting, cheese-making, money-making, sheep-saving game offers almost as much amusement as being an actual shepherd, without the danger of being eaten by hungry wolves.

My Personality – College is a time when many people learn more about and sometimes even “find” themselves. What better way to do that than through a Facebook application?

If you want to know more about your own personality and then compare it to your friends’, this application is sure to get you through a lull. It offers several different quizzes to pinpoint your personality traits, some of which are more than 300 questions long and are supposedly used in actual psychological research.

How Well Do You Know Me? – This application appears to be particularly popular. It enables users to create quizzes about themselves for their friends to take and vice-versa.

Finally, Facebook has provided a proven scientific way to find out which friends “really” know you and which ones just can’t remember what your “dream car” is.

Free Rice – While many Facebook applications like the one mentioned above seem self-indulgent, at least one application serves more than just your ego and need for constant amusement. Based on the Web site, freerice.com, this vocabulary game is intended to feed your vocabulary and, more importantly, feed the hungry.

For every correct answer, the United Nations World Food Program will donate 10 grains of rice to help stop world hunger.

Sure, it’s not as fun as “Sheep Tycoon,” but pretending to be a shepherd won’t feed a hungry child.

All in all, these applications are a good way to cure your boredom, expand your vocabulary and live out your long-held fantasies of sheep herding. Of course, these aren’t the only interesting applications, and more are being created every day. With all the options, there is a Facebook application for everyone, and a new way to waste valuable time.
Thomas hopes center returns; five scholarship players gone

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According to Athletics.

WAITING GAME

Center Freddy Asprilla is one of coach Rosco’s players that Thomas would like to see in uniform this upcoming season.

Following Rosco’s resignation, the Sun Belt Freshman of the Year requested a scholarship transfer and flew back home to Colombia for the summer.

“Let’s give it some time,” Thomas said in an interview with Student Media on May 8.

As of this week, Athletics said there is still no update on Asprilla’s situation. If he does return, he’d be one of five scholarship players remaining from last year’s squad forwards Nikola Guesac, Cedric Essola and J.C. Otero and guard Tremayne Russell.

Guards Michael Dominguez and Harley Fuller transferred out of the University to play closer to home before Thomas hiring.

After the coaching change occurred, starting point guard Jesse Soto decided he wanted to play professional basketball in Puerto Rico and requested a release from his scholarship. Athletics granted it.

“We will do everything to assist Jesse in his pursuit and decision to play professional basketball in Puerto Rico, and we will not stand in his way,” Thomas said in an email sent to Student Media in April.

Athletics would not disclose how many more scholarships Thomas is allowed to distribute, but he is still actively recruiting players.

Applebaum completes first recruiting class

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was finally forced to end her playing career.

“My bicep was completely detached and located down in my arm,” she said. “At the time it hurt, but it was nothing compared to the match. I could have blown out my knee and I would have been playing like Superman.”

After a few months of thinking the events were for the worst, Applebaum found that helping young tennis players develop their skills in a team-oriented environment was as fulfilling as playing.

“I now wake up every morning and have that feeling that I can accomplish something today. For me, I can make a difference in each of these girl’s lives.”

The bricks on the wall are getting stronger with time, and Western Kentucky has the conference in a tight grip that will take, at this pace, years to climb.
The Golden Panthers men’s basketball team that will hit the court this fall will be very different from the one that lost to Western Kentucky in the second round of the Sun Belt Conference tournament last March. The most notable change will come from the coaching staff.

Head coach Sergio Rouco was reassigned within Athletics, and basketball Hall of Famer Ishia Thomas was given the reins to the program a day later. As of now, five players from last season will not be returning due to graduation or because they were given scholarship releases. So with holes to fill in the roster, Thomas began his rookie year of recruiting, and, so far, he’s handed out six scholarships to five junior college athletes and one University of Arkansas transfer student.

NEW FACES

Thomas began by signing Marvin Roberts, Antoine Watson, Stephen Weaver, Phil Gary, Jr. and Kavon Lynch out of junior colleges, and he recently got sophomore Brandon Moore to transfer from the University of Arkansas Razorbacks.

Roberts, who led the NJCAA in scoring last season, averaged 29.6 points and 4.6 rebounds for Redlands Community College in 2008-2009. The 6-foot-6 guard also knocked down 47 3-pointers in the 2008-2009 season.

Watson, a teammate of Roberts’ at Redlands CC, was the fifth leading scorer in the NJCAA with 24.8 points per game. The 6-foot-3 guard also led the league in steals at 4.7 a game and shot a scorching 72 percent from beyond the arc, making 54 of his 75 attempts.

Weaver, a 6-foot-3 guard from Connor State, averaged 17 points and six rebounds per game last season and led his team to the NJCAA Final Four. He was named Player of the Year in his conference and was a Third Team Junior College All-American.

Lynch, a 6-foot-7 power forward, spent his sophomore season at Midland College in Midland, Tex. after playing for Redlands CC in El Reno, Okla. his freshman year. He led his team in scoring with 17.7 points a game and 66 percent shooting and grabbed 9.3 rebounds per game.

The transfer from Arizona, Mo. is the No. 32 power forward from the recruiting class of 2008, according to rivals.com.

He didn’t play much during his freshman campaign as a Razorback, averaging 9.1 minutes with 1.9 points and 1.6 rebounds. Moore will have to sit out the 2009-2010 season, per NCAA transfer rules, but will be eligible to play for three seasons, beginning with the 2010-2011 season.

The Golden Panthers have Hilltoppers to climb.

Rivals.com ranks as the strongest group in the Sun Belt.

There is a wall there. In Troy, the Golden Panthers face the daunting task of trying to keep up with a power in the conference that is in position to stay there.

Basketball coach Isaiah Thomas can seek counsel from Cristobal, but the first-year, controversial coach has an even greater Goliath to overcome.

That program faces a wall that 6-foot-10 Sun Belt Freshman of the Year Freddy Asprilla and 7-foot giant Russell Hicks could not climb last season even if they stood on top of each other.

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