

Food, beer, music, movies and more await students as campus groups try to revive the tradition of ...

SpringFest

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Take a step outside. Take a deep breath. What's that familiar, potent, glorious smell in the air? Cut grass, of course! Like the daffodils blooming in the woods, the gradually rising temperatures and the pleasant calls of birds recently returned to campus, and this lush, grassy aroma mean only one thing: spring has finally arrived. To welcome this season of rebirth, rejuvenation and a certain degree of reveling after a cold and snowy winter, Student Union is now sponsoring its annual SpringFest, a week-long celebration featuring a laundry list of free and entertaining events for students.

SpringFest kicked off March 22 with a lecture by musician and critic Barry Drake, "Rock and Roll in the '70s: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly." Though thoroughly interesting and lively with countless samples of '70s music, the talk, as an opening event, was rather sparsely attended.

"I wasn't really satisfied with the turn out tonight," said Student Union lecture coordinator and senior Kiley Smith. "He's such an engaging speaker, and I wish more people could have seen this."

Following the event were three live music acts that catered to moderately larger crowds. Theta Chi Fraternity's Rogue Snafu performed March 23 at Shorty's, and the same venue hosted performances of Mosadi Music from Shirlette Ammons, Chris Boerner, Nic Slaton and Apple Juice Kid, and pure hip-hop, from The Roots' DJ Scratch March 24.

Junior Jeannette Arrowood said she really enjoyed Mosadi.

"I didn't know they were here. I came here to see Scratch, but these guys were here and

they're good," Arrowood said. Luckily, for those of us too swamped with homework to attend the first events of SpringFest, there is still plenty to come. The rest of this week is full of a variety of entertainment options for students to catch some outdoor amusement as nature is reborn.

The Academy Award-winning film *Finding Nemo* will be shown on a massive outdoor screen at 7 p.m. March 25 on the Mag Quad. Though marketed to a younger audience, the film's quirky humor and beach-side themes can certainly appeal to those of us wishing to return to the sand and surf of spring break or to fast-forward to the blissful days of summer.

However, if digital cartoon antics aren't quite your cup of tea, be sure at least to visit the Mag Quad after the movie, as the screen will transform from a magical undersea world full of talking fish to the exciting landscape of East Rutherford, New Jersey, where the basketball team will challenge the No. 1 seed St. Joseph's in a Sweet 16 match up. If you thought

toilet-papering the Quad after the victory over Duke was exciting, just wait and see your classmates' school spirit in the midst of March Madness (cross your fingers. Please don't let this be a jinx and upset the basketball gods ... Okay, carry on).

As classes end this week, the fun will continue with a Battle of the Bands at 6 p.m. March 26 on the Mag Quad. Student bands slated to perform include Graylight Shadows, Jacob Jones Project, Mark Jim and Jack, Tyrannosaurus What?, Strategy and *untitled.*

Assessed by a panel of judges, the winning group will receive a gift card and a commemorative plaque, but it will surely be the crowd. See Spring, Page B10

Ready to party?

Check out the rest of the SpringFest schedule...

March 25
Finding Nemo
and Wake vs. St. Joseph's
on the big screen
7 p.m. and 10 p.m.
Mag Quad

March 26
Battle of the Bands
6 p.m.
Mag Quad

March 27
Key West party
12 p.m.
Mag Quad

