

Campus

'Tis the weekend to burn, 'fest and shag

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Anything can happen on a weekend like this. Between Burnout on Friday, Springfest on Saturday, and Beach Blast on Sunday, you're not going to have time to breathe, much less do that English paper you've been putting off. So why worry? It's time to take off your reading glasses and reach for your Ray Bans, because this weekend is going to knock your bucks off.

Maybe you think you're ready for a little vacation from the books (after all, Spring Break was a month ago, right?). But the question is — are you prepared? Just to be sure, here's a guide to help you figure out what you need to bring to this weekend's extravaganza — and what you need to leave behind.

Friday marks the beginning of a brain-numbing weekend. Make sure your party shoes are on, because you have a long way to go before the weekend winds down. Burnout, Pi Kappa Phi's annual party, should be the first band party on your agenda. The appetizer is The Fidgets, and the main course is Guadalcanal Diary.

Tim Donoghue, who is running Burnout's Hawaiian Tropic Bikini Contest, says Burnout has drawn approximately 8,000 to 10,000 people in the past and this year he expects just as many, if not more. So what does he think are the best things to bring? "I would bring a big, fat cooler and a pair of binoculars, so I could watch the bikini contest over the crowd."

Len Rowe, a member of Pi Kappa Phi, also believes that only a few prime essentials are necessary. "You don't want to be loaded down with a lot of things — just beer, ice inside a huge cooler — and you gotta have that hugger to keep the beer cold."

That seems pretty simple. But with all the people on the lawn of Pi Kappa Phi, you might

have some problems if you attempt to bring a towel or blanket to lie on. In order to keep band groupies from slam dancing on your towel and mangling it beyond recognition by the end of the day, you might want to just leave it at home.

Along with your towel, you should leave your favorite imported bottles of beer behind. Ed Howie, the publicity chairman for Burnout, says, "Bring cans and not bottles, PLEASE." And try not to get *too* burned out — remember, the weekend has only just begun.

If you wake up on Saturday and decide it's worth it to ignore that dull, throbbing pain in your head and crawl on over to Connor Beach, be prepared to rub shoulders with almost as many people as the day before. Jason Sheppard, Springfest coordinator, says the organizers are shooting for 6,000 happy sunbathers to show up this Saturday. Again, don't make the mistake of packing up everything but that dorm room sink. "There's not much you really need to bring," Sheppard says. "Just come ready to have a good time."

It would also be a good idea to arrive ready to listen and bee-bop to a four-part mixture of bands. They'll provide the background beat for the party scene, starting with a local band called The Need. Next up is Liquid Pleasure, then Cream of Soul and Straight Shooter, in that order.

Sophomore Karin Kebe, who is planning on going to Springfest, agrees with the general consensus that beer is *the* essential item. "What else would you bring?" she asks. Her roommate, sophomore Kirsten Kalkhurst, adds, "And a carton of cigarettes, because everybody and his brother will be asking you for them."

But for many people, Springfest doesn't necessarily mean drinking. "I won't bring much other than myself because I don't drink," said freshman Rafael Martin. He also has a message for the other 5,999 people at Springfest this

year: "Don't drink and drive because I don't want to get hit."

After Saturday comes Sunday and that means a day of rest, relaxation and perhaps some reflection on getting back into the study mode. Right? Well, not in the case of this marathon weekend. Welcome to Beach Blast, a new all-campus party modeled after the annual Beach Music Festival at Emerald Isle. Did you forget that this is also Parent's Weekend? Chances are your parents didn't. If your parents don't hang with Guadalcanal Diary, then Beach Blast may be the perfect party for them. Junior Mike Sullivan, coordinator for Beach Blast, says that three of the best bands in beach music will be playing — The Entertainers, the Catalinas, and Band of Oz. Sullivan is expecting from 4,000 to 5,000 people at Beach Blast. What is his advice to anyone planning to tote towels and lawn chairs? Bring them on!

"There's plenty of room," Sullivan says. "We're not going to run out of space." Will everyone be able to see the bands? "It's the same type of thing for the Emerald Isle Beach Music Festival. People stand up in front and the farther you go back, the more people chill out and are relaxed." But the best advice is to "just sit back, enjoy it, and shag all day."

Do you think you're prepared now? If you're ready to party 'till you drop, this weekend is the time to do it. But there are a few important facts to keep in mind: YES, they will be carding, and the friendly police officers will be out in full force. And NO, you'd better not drive if you drink. The object is to have fun and relax, not to get arrested.

By following these guidelines, you'll be guaranteed a weekend of good, loud music, members of the opposite sex to gaze at, talk to, and generally *interact* with, and all-out partying to breeze you through the next three days.

Oh, and don't forget to call your parents.



Students turned out in full force for the '86 Burnout at the Pi Kappa Phi house

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