## The Clarion

Volume 72, Issue 20

SERVING THE BREVARD COLLEGE COMMUNITY SINCE 1935



March 2, 2007

### Student crime reaches a new high

by Tom Cowan News Editor

Tuesday Feb.27 set a possible all time record for the highest number of student-involved incidents reported to campus security. 3 of the 6 incidents reported Tuesday have resulted in 6 students facing marijuana possession charges.

According to the campus security records, most of the incidents were reported after a fire drill in Jones where all rooms had to be cleared by residence assistances (RAs). The surprise visits lead to the search of one room where RAs reported numerous contraband items sitting in plain site. In this room security found pipes, beer and wine bottles, a small amount of marijuana, and a digital scale. In

another Jones room, RAs reported finding incense and a chair, which was stolen from the Jones Lobby. In another room in Jones, RAs found a dog by itself, which had to be walked outside for the fire drill. RAs also reported the refusal of two students to leave the Jones Lobby during the fire drill. The students left the lobby after being asked to do so repeatedly.

Other incidents that occurred Tuesday evening involved the Brevard Police Department. Brevard Police reported to campus security that they had pulled over a vehicle containing 4 BC students who all received misdemeanor charges of marijuana possession. Police were also called to the North Village where a Campus Life staff member searched a

student's room and found a pipe, a bong, a scale, several large knives, and an unusually large amount of marijuana. The student received a felony marijuana possession charge, a felony charge for maintaining a dwelling where drugs are sold, and a misdemeanor charge for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Faculty members of the BC's science department are anxiously waiting to see if the scale confiscated by police is the same expensive scale that was stolen from an MSX classroom on Feb. 22.

Stan Jacobsen says that in his five-year career as BC head of security, he has never recorded so many incidents in one day. While crime on campus was relatively mild last semester, the security report has spiked this semester to



include 31 incidents since the New Year as of Wednesday, Feb. 28. Last year at this time only 19 incidents were recorded, suggesting that crime on campus is getting worse.

#### **SGA Election nominations in progress**

by Aaron Motley SGA President

SGA Elections nominations have started for executive board positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, CAB President, and Speaker of the House. They are all open positions. Students that wish to seek holding an office need to attend the meetings to be nominated. Nominations will run until March 13th with elections occurring the following Monday and Tuesday.

Here is the election etiquette as stated under election bylaws that all students running for election must adhere to: Proper election etiquette is to be maintained throughout the course of the election.

a. Violations of this are to be determined by the Dean of Students within the Office of Campus Life. b.Examples of violations include, but are not limited to the following;

i.Defacing of advertisements that belong to those running for office.

ii.Removal of advertisements that belong to those running for office.

iii. Anything that constitutes harassment or slander of those running for office.

iv. Anything else deemed inappropriate by the Dean of Students.

There are also qualifications that students meet to be able to run for

election. They are: Students must have and maintain at least a 2.7 GPA, however they may to appeal to the Judicial Board for approval with a GPA of 2.5. All candidates are to be in good standing with the institution and free from academic and/or disciplinary probation. Should any candidates be found in violation of the student code of contact, they are to be removed from running for office.

Remember, SGA is the connection between students and the administration.

# STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

## What's Inside?

Arts & Life9
Forecast3
Horoscope10
Letters to Editor5
Matt's Take8
Miss K8
Opinion5
News2
Security Report2
Sports11
Student Athlete11