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Nest Fest

Slightly Stoopid, Pepper and The Supervillains come to Germain Arena

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Nest Fest is expected to be slightly better than last year's concert. The main performer: Slightly Stoopid.

"I am really excited I think the genre is geared toward the students here. I think it is a cool twist," said Laura Layton, concert chair.

Board of Eagle Entertainment Programmers has known who is performing for two weeks.

"I think it is a new type of music; it is not the same kind of mainstream pop. Personally, I am excited," said Mike Frustaci, BEEP director. "I feel like the bands this year are better known by the students than last year."

The Supervillains are opening the night at 7 p.m. with a 25-minute performance. The Supervillains are a Florida band that, according to Frustaci, recently played in Gainesville.

Pepper, a reggae rock band, will follow with an hour performance.

Slightly Stoopid will take the stage for two hours.

The group has released eight CDs and has topped the charts with songs such as "Closer To The Sun," "Wiseman" and "Collie Man."

Frustaci believes that students will enjoy this concert more than last year's performance by Panic at the Disco.

"Last year it (Nest Fest) was not ideal. I definitely think that you will be able to see a big difference," he said.

This is the first year BEEP has directed all three FGCU concerts: Bird Bash, Eaglepalooza and Nest Fest.

Each concert offers students artists from different genres.

"I think it is easier (to manage all three concerts). We have a chance to pick a big name from each genre. It is a lot more rewarding to pick rather than having no control," Frustaci said.

BEEP contacts a music agency to find out what artists are available for the dates of the concert. Then they choose who they would like to come based on their budget, which is \$150,000 for the entire concert, according to Frustaci.

"Generally we put on the best productions that we can," Frustaci said. "We feel a lot of students are going to

be excited."

The gates at Germain Arena open at 6 p.m. April 9. Tickets are \$10 for students with a valid Eagle I.D., and \$25 for the general public.

Tickets will be sold at the door. Parking at Germain is free for students.

Tickets go on sale 10 a.m. on Friday, March 18.

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