

FACEBOOK

Market sells unique items

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Students in the market for an eyelash, a storm-trooper costume or a faux boyfriend may not need to look further than their computers.

All are available on the Facebook Marketplace in the UF network.

Marketplace, Facebook's "self-service application for listing items for sale, housing for rent, jobs available, and so on," allows users to post advertisements for free and list ads on their networks.

While most students use Marketplace for its intended purpose — more than 4,000 items are listed for sale at UF — some post advertisements for less traditional items than furniture and books.

Beatriz Alemar, a UF marketing senior, created a listing in the "Other" section, looking for a gym buddy to attend Southwest Recreation Center with her five nights a week for two hours a night.

Alemar only received two responses, neither of which worked out. She said she thinks if her requirements had been more flexible, she would have gotten more responses.

Unlike Alemar, other students create listings for items without expecting responses.

Derek Butts, a UF freshman, created a listing advertising his services as a "Personal Singing Friend."

For \$15, Butts will sing any song except for "that new Britney Spears song," the ad stated.

Butts said he and some friends were trying to think of something "you wouldn't normally see on a Facebook listing."

Although his ad wasn't serious and received no response, Butts said he would consider being a personal singing buddy if it paid well.

Corey Squires, a UF anthropology junior, created a listing in the "For Sale" section of Marketplace, titled "\$5 — my virginity."

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Squires said he made the ad out of boredom as a joke. Squires has received almost no feedback to the ad except for a \$1 offer from a male friend.

"From my experiment, I've learned that virginity is not very highly evaluated at the University of Florida," he said.

Squires said he's not a virgin; however, he said he's thankful for the lack of serious response.

"It would have been an awkward situation," he said.