

# Break



## City, Florida a drunken blur

went for Spring Break (perhaps because I took in some sun). As usual I respond this is one of the only bits of memory that Spring Break was a drunken blur. From morning, my comrades and I would proceed to stumble to the beer distributor. After a while we would all push on past the Rice Krispie Treat long giving you their damn treats (at least Krispie Treat again). After bumbling (I guess out, B.) swim/drown in the ocean, C.) I attempted to play some sporting event. Granted I was a little hazy, but I'm sure I had fun. The nights were filled with alcohol into their systems as quickly as they could. The clubs not seem so bad, some of which were not. When we finally got into the clubs, we were trying to impress the ladies, though we were so out of it these clubs were wearing little or nothing, and we would initiate a dress code like this at the clubs with ladies at the clubs, while others were not. A select few of our group had no clue who they were and out every night. It didn't really matter. I went to Florida for Spring Break if you have

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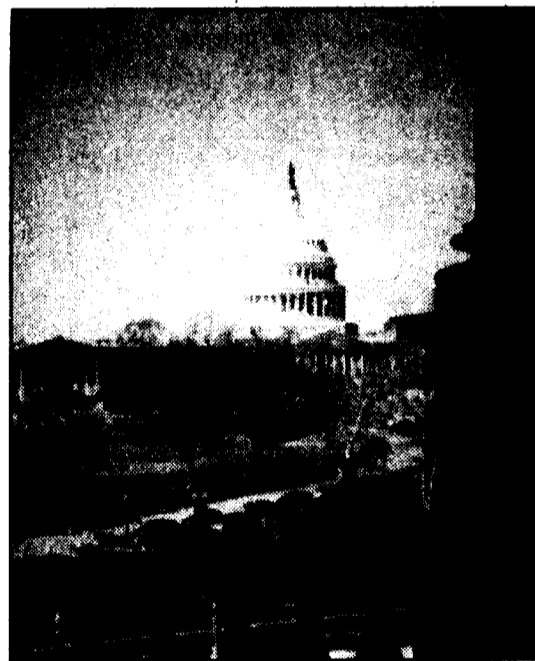
Spring Break 2000 was quite an enjoyable experience for many Behrend students. Take a look at some of the trips different Behrend students took on their week away from the stress of college life.



Two Behrend students, Curt Klugh and Josh Rumbaugh, spent their breaks taking in the sites in Cancun, Mexico. Klugh, pictured above, talks to his bird friend and stands in front of an ancient ruin.

## Cancun, Mexico

## Washington D.C.

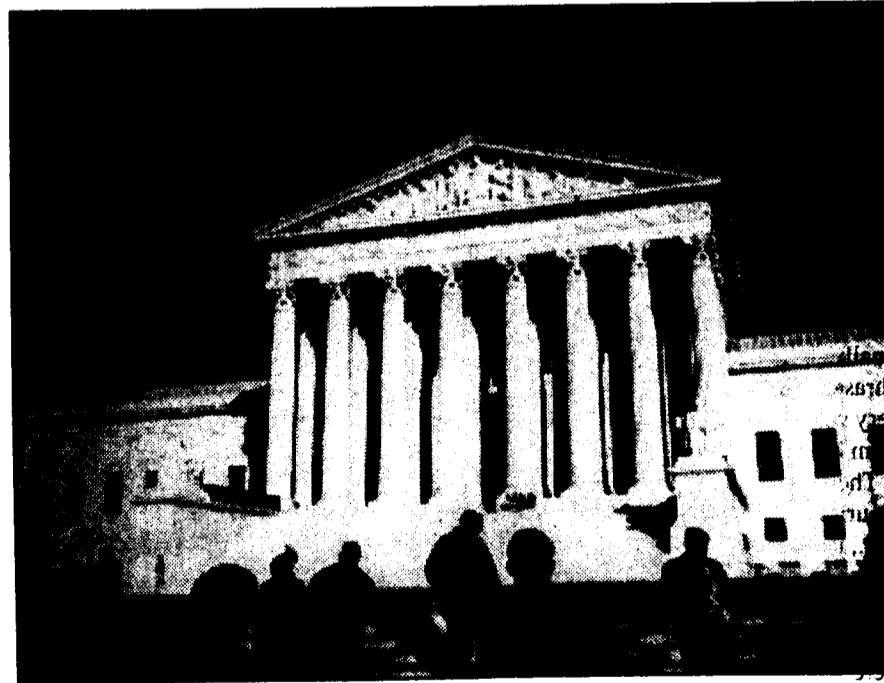
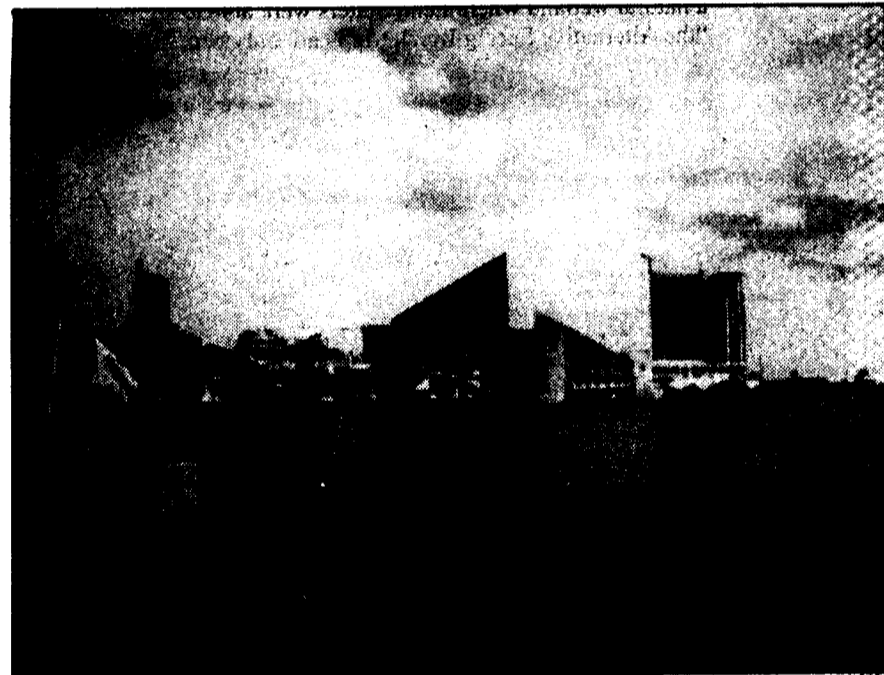


Left: A view of the U.S. Capitol from the Library of Congress. The students rode the subway that the members of Congress use.

Top Right: Two students spent Friday at Baltimore's Inner Harbor...they got crabs.

Center Right: Behrend students walk (till their feet fell off) to the Supreme Court.

Bottom Right: Mike Frawley, Matt Wiertel and Katie Galley stand in front of the office of Senator Strom Thurmond, who said "Beep Beep" when he met the group of Behrend students.



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While it might not seem as glamorous or exciting as going to somewhere like Florida or the Caribbean for Spring Break, the political science trip to Washington D.C. was a great experience for everyone involved. From catching glimpses of famous politicians to enjoying the nightlife, Washington is one of the most exciting places on Earth.

Annually, Dr. Robert Speel and Dr. Matt Davies take a group of 10-12 students to Washington D.C. to teach them about the ins and outs of the American political system. Most of our days were spent taking the Metro (the excellent Washington D.C. subway system) to various government agencies to hear presentations on what they do. While some of them were more interesting than others (the International Monetary Fund is not somewhere you go without a lot of caffeine), we learned a lot about how Washington works.

Some of the highlights of our tours included: Senator Strom Thurmond (the oldest man ever to serve in the U.S. Senate) shuffling by us in the Senate Office Building saying "Beep, Beep" while being propped up by an aide, seeing Newt Gingrich entering a Metro station (who names their kid Newt?), and according to all of the women on the trip, the tour of the Pentagon was very good (even though they can't remember anything about it except for the tour guide). As you can see, Dr. Speel put together a very interesting week for us.

But we also had time to ourselves dur-

ing the week. We had almost every night to ourselves and all day on Friday to go off and do things on our own. And when you're our age and in D.C., there is always something to do. One of the first nights there, a group of us went to dinner at the D.C. Hard Rock Cafe and wandered around downtown D.C. while gawking at the FBI building. Later in the week, four people (myself included) went to see a play at an experimental theater, which if you have never seen a play at an experimental theater, make sure you have a strong stomach.

On Friday, with an entire day to ourselves, I took advantage of our close proximity to Baltimore to spend the day there with my fiancée. Baltimore has to be one of the most beautiful cities in the U.S. If you have never been to visit the Inner Harbor there, I highly recommend it. Just make sure you have plenty of time to take it all in. Also on Friday, there was a Washington Wizards game that many students went to and greatly enjoyed (hoping for a sighting of Michael Jordan the entire night). Unfortunately, I'm not really into pro basketball, so I had to force myself to spend Friday night in Georgetown. While I remember that Georgetown was fun, the details are kinda blurry.

All in all, this was a great trip. And for the price, there is nothing better that you can do during Spring Break. I'm sure that Dr. Speel and Dr. Davies are getting geared up again for next year's trip, so make sure that you sign up early as seats go fast. And who knows, I'll be working down there next year, so maybe I'll be one of your tour guides?