

Do something different for spring break

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Ahhh! Spring break! It's that time of year again. It's time to relax, lay back and get your mind off Capitol for a week.

At the close of classes Friday March 1, spring break begins and runs until Monday, March 11, a ten day vacation.

What's there to do?

Students in the Lion's Den had a lot of good ideas.

Rich Namon said he is going skiing in the Poconos. Doug Knoll is going to New York to visit a friend. Some are even going to that spring break fantasyland, Florida. Jeanette Karle and George Nelson are both spending their breaks in the Sunshine State.

Some can just wish they were going to Florida. "My heart is going to Florida; but my body's staying here," said Louise Wilson.

Some are even going to places far beyond this earth. "I'm going to be in semi-consciousness for seven days!" said Steve Olson.

Most people are going home, some will be working and some die-hards are planning to spend the whole break studying.

For those of you who don't know what you are going to do and need some suggestions, here are a few. Sandy Zanylo of East Mall Travel suggests a trip to Bermuda, specially created

for college students.

Zalno said that for \$269 the trip includes roundtrip airfare from Philadelphia to Bermuda, accommodations at the Bermuda Guest House, roundtrip transfers, baggage handling, taxes and gratuities, and Bermuda College Week activities, which include barbeque lunches, a boat cruise, beach parties, entertainment and beach games.

This trip is offered by Apple Tours and is available for three nights between March 3 and April 3, Zanylo said.

Cheryl Stiffler from Liberty Travel, at the Harrisburg East Mall, suggested the college student package to Orlando, Florida. This package includes airfare from Harrisburg International Airport to Orlando, accommodations at the Comfort Inn Downtown and Alamo rent-a-car service for the extent of your stay. A three night stay is \$339 per person. Five nights would cost \$378 and seven nights for \$403. All air travel is provided by US Air and subject to availability.

If the cost of traveling to Bermuda and Florida doesn't agree with your bank account but you want to travel, Trailways and Greyhound have some good news. If you're planning to travel far to visit friends or relatives, there are college discounts on all round trip purchases.

According to an announcement from Trailways, "no round trip fares will exceed \$98 for persons presenting a college identification card at the time of purchase." The Greyhound maximum limit is \$99 with college I.D.

Of course, New York City always has a lot to offer, so how about a show? Upcoming shows for the week of spring break include the long-running hit, "A Chorus Line," "Cats," and "Sunday in the Park with George. Tickets and showtimes are available at area Ticketrons.

If all of these travel ideas are too remote, what does central PA have to offer? With the temperature mild, you might just find a quiet park or baseball field and enjoy the outdoors.

But what about the night life here? After all, you can't play baseball at night.

Area clubs will be offering nightly specials for a those seeking a wild and crazy night (and for those seeking semi-consciousness).

The V.I.P., located in Strawberry Square, has specials next week: Wednesday night is "Drink but Don't Drown Nite" from 8 - 11 p.m. Thursday is "Two for One Nite" from 9 - midnight. And starting Friday night there is a "Hot Buns Contest" for those of you who think you've got what it takes.

The Marriot, just off I-283,

is offering different nightly themes all week: Monday is "Oldies but Goodies Nite," Tuesday brings "Pina Colada Nite," Wednesday is "Margarita Madness," Thursday is "Imported Beer Nite" and Friday is T.G.I.F. from 4:30 p.m. until 9 p.m.

If nightclubs and bars aren't your style, try a movie at any of the local theaters. Some of the better movies being offered

include "The Killing Fields" and "The Breakfast Club"(see the review in this issue).

For some people, ten days just won't be enough of a break. If you decide to extend your vacation to March 11 and 12, you might want to catch Hall and Oates--at the Spectrum in Philadelphia.

Just don't let your profs catch you with a pop quiz when you return.

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Study says college courses are 'drifting'

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CPS) - College coursework is often full of "fads and fashions," and the growing number of non-essential courses students must take is wrecking the value of their college degree, say the authors of a three-year study released this week.

The report, produced by an 18-member task force established by the Association of American Colleges (AAC), warns colleges' tinkering with traditional liberal arts curricula is diluting the worth of a liberal arts college education.

"Curricula are confused, fuzzy and drifting," says panel member Arthur Levine, president of Bradford College of Massachusetts.

Buffeted by dwindling financial resources and a shrinking pool of potential students, colleges have "put their curriculums up for auction and sold out to the highest bidder," Levine says.

The report blames "non-essential" courses for mucking up traditional liberal education.

It says remedial programs for students who are unprepared for college and technical classes

-- eg., secretarial and police science courses -- typically obstruct, not advance, a college education.

But administrators offer the courses with an attitude of "almost anything goes," the report charges.

"Fads and fashions, the demands of popularity and success, enter where wisdom and experience should prevail."

Panel members also blame the fogging of college curricula on professors who place a higher premium on research or their own advancement than on teaching.

The report urges colleges to restructure their curricula to create practical liberal arts programs that combine core humanities subjects with career skills.

Levine cites programs at Bradford, Alverno College in Milwaukee, Scripps College in Claremont, California and Birmingham Southern College in Alabama as role models.

He predicts colleges will begin following their lead in droves.

CROSS WORD PUZZLE

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- 1 High mountain
- 4 Runs easily

- 9 Remuneration
- 12 Weight of India
- 13 Angry
- 14 High card
- 15 Made a common interest of
- 17 Warns
- 19 Evergreen trees
- 21 Parcel of land
- 22 Pronoun
- 24 Tattered cloth
- 26 Promontory
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- 18 Vast age
- 20 Sink in middle
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- 23 Chiefs
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- 27 Country of Africa
- 28 Compact
- 30 Farm animal
- 32 Genus of cattle
- 36 Flap
- 38 At no time
- 41 Challenging
- 43 Noise
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