

## Take a trip, but don't go broke

From Philly to Vegas, affordable vacations are available to college students

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Summer is in the air my friends. With less than five weeks of school left in the semester, summer vacation is calling our name. After finals, the only thing on my mind are beaches, swimming pools, and getting my nice golden tan.

Unfortunately, my pockets are running low on cash. So I thought I would research some inexpensive but fun vacations for college students.

My first idea was to look around for bus trips. When I was on the Greyhound website, [www.greyhound.com](http://www.greyhound.com), I found that a round-trip ticket to Atlantic City, NJ leaving from Harrisburg was only \$50! With gas prices now days, \$50 is a bargain.

Most trips on Greyhound's schedule run less than four hours with one or even zero transfers. Greyhound also offers trips to New York, Myrtle Beach, Pittsburgh, and several other locations all along the east coast.

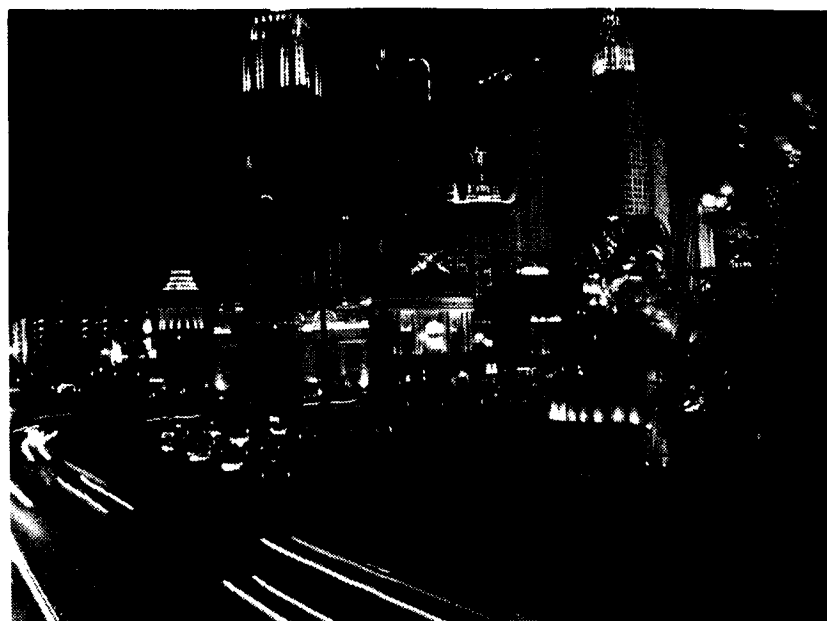
The next website I decided to research was Expedia.com. The first thing that caught my eye was a promotion for trips to Fort Lauderdale. A round-trip flight from Philadelphia to Fort Lauderdale with a set up in a four-star hotel for a four-day weekend was an incredible \$533 per person. I would recommend using the Expedia website, [www.expedia.com](http://www.expedia.com), for planning any vacation involving resorts and flights. When typing in your destination and the dates you want to travel, it automatically gives results with all sorts of combinations to make your traveling sufficient and cheap.

Next stop, Vegas. After logging onto [www.lasvegas.com](http://www.lasvegas.com) I found that if you can keep your gambling under control, Vegas is totally affordable! For a flight and a stay at the Stratosphere Hotel and Casino it's only \$634. If you want to stay on the main strip at the very famous Aladdin Resort and Casino it is \$894.

Las Vegas has tons to offer. The entertainment is endless. Visitors can see memorable and amazing live

shows. There are also all kinds of shopping from street side vendors to designer stores. Summer is the perfect season to visit Las Vegas.

For something more close to home, there is the nearby city of Philadelphia. With an hour and a half drive from our campus, you can experience an array of culture and entertainment. South Street offers restaurants and cafe's to fit every taste bud. I don't know anyone that could turn down a real, traditional Philly cheese steak.



Las Vegas glitters with the infamous glamour of its night life. Flight and hotel packages are extremely affordable, just watch the slots.

Plus the shopping is incredible and there are plenty of places to find a good bargain.

In Philadelphia, there is so much to see and learn. For a mere \$16.95, you can spend an entire day at the Philadelphia Zoo. This zoo is the oldest in the nation. Some of the centers inside the zoo are the Primate Reserve, Carnivore Kingdom, and Rare Animal Conservation Center. Its tree kangaroos and blue-eyed lemurs are brand new, but there's still fun to be had in the historic, old-style bird pachyderm and carnivore houses.

Center City Philadelphia also offers several museums including The National Liberty Museum, The African America Museum, and The National Constitution Center.

One other amazing aspect of Philadelphia is the art. The Institute of Contemporary Arts is an amazing gallery that everyone should see. For the price of \$6 dollars for admission it is a must see. For more information visit [www.gophila.com](http://www.gophila.com).

So here are only a few examples of how a college student can turn their summer into great adventures... for cheap! So take my advice and get out there and have some fun without putting holes in your wallet.

## Hola from the Spanish Club

The club's pot-luck open house lunch proved a huge success for membership

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On Wednesday, March 29, the Spanish Club held an open house in order to make people aware of their regained presence on campus and promote new membership. Any student or faculty was welcome to attend.

The open house turned out to be extremely successful for the club. More than 50 students and faculty members, including the Chancellor, attended the event throughout the afternoon. Those from the Spanish community ranged from Colombian, Puerto Rican, Peruvian, and Honduran descents to name a few.

Members of the club brought various Spanish dishes, creating a pot-luck lunch to share with those who attended the event. Among the delicious foods to taste were rice with pigeon beans, lechion (a pork dish), and flan for dessert. They also provided various Spanish drinks as well including coconut extract, sangria (non-alcoholic of course), and Spanish soda.

The club has been working hard to make a name for itself this semester and have a lot of good plans for the future.

One major plan they have is to try and start an endowment in order

to provide a scholarship for future students of the club.

Later this semester the club is organizing a bus trip to tour the historic Latin areas of Washington D.C. The trip will be open to any student who wishes

A performance by Lamda Theta Phi, a Penn State Latino fraternity, should be seen later this semester as well. They will be performing a step dance routine.

Next semester, the club is going to try to set up what they call a Miami Night.

The club's treasurer, Peter E. Rodriguez, said, "The event would be like a formal dance in order to get people on campus together socializing."

This event would involve not only a dance, but also casino games and prizes. The event would be held in order for the club to get students on campus together socially and to just have fun. The club is also talking



The Spanish Club's open house provided a vast array of Spanish dishes to those who attended their hit event.

about trying to join together with XGI to help out with the blood drive it supports each semester.

The Spanish Club started by Dr. Vargas-Vila, came to life at the beginning of this semester.

He asked students he knew might be interested to join the club and up until the open house had managed to gain about 15 members. Dr. Vargas-Vila is also the club's advisor.

Since the open house the club's membership has risen to nearly 50 members.

If you are interested in joining the Spanish Club, look for its meeting time in the Campus Calendar or e-mail Dr. Vargas-Vila at [jlvl10@psu.edu](mailto:jlvl10@psu.edu).

## Finance Club brings in top-notch speaker

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On Tuesday, April 4, Penn State Harrisburg was fortunate to have Martin F Jackson speak in 338-E Olmsted. The Finance Club has been attempting to have Mr. Jackson speak for a long time and finally he came to speak on campus, sharing his wisdom and wealth.

Martin Jackson is the CEO of Select Medical Corporation. Select Medical Corp., founded in 1996, is

branched out of Mechanicsburg, PA. It is a multi-million dollar healthcare facility company.

Select Medical currently operates specialty hospitals, 608 outpatient rehabilitation clinics, and also provides medical rehabilitation services on contract basis with other facilities. It is a privately owned company with over 20,000 employees throughout the US.

Select Medical Corp. has been placed in the 100 Best Places to Work for three years in a row.

For aspiring Finance majors, Mr. Jackson is a businessman they can all look up to. He is a graduate from

Temple with an Economics degree. He later returned to Temple to receive his MBA.

Jackson then worked for various investment companies and then in May of 1999, he joined Select Medical Corp.

A student asked early in his lecture how he was able to reach such success in his career.

Mr. Jackson smiled and said, "Luck and hard work."

Another way he added to his success was by making the right decisions, even though while making them at the time, he wasn't sure what was right.

During his lecture, Mr. Martin talked about every step his company took to become a 1.9 billion dollar company in net revenue. He asked questions to the class to make sure students understood how and why all the business decisions were made. This way, students could see a real business grow and in detail they could see how the business's assessments were made.

Having Martin Jackson on campus was a positive event. He could be looked at as a role model for some of our students on campus and as a delightful, driven, and successful business man.

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