

## Spring Break Review

By: Erin Ann Keane

Now that we have returned from Spring Break, we have time to reflect on what we did with our week of free time. Some of us may have been lucky enough to travel to warmer climates. Look for those either lobster or bronze in color and you'll know who the lucky ones were. Most of us probably returned home to make use of our freedom and planned on accomplishing much during our week of relaxation. What probably occurred in most cases at the beginning of the week was a desensitizing process scientifically coined as "vegging" usually done by staring at a T.V. but not unheard of using literature. After the initial drop into nothingness, most of us realized that we couldn't waste our precious Spring Break. But we had to laugh when we thought of that statement. Spring? Eighteen degrees at night, the groundhog saw his shadow, and there is still a substantial amount of snow on the ground. Who are they kidding? Spring doesn't officially start until March twenty-first anyway. I could understand it if they called it a mid-winter break. That would be less of a lie. I've lost my train of thought, we were working on not wasting our Break. But we realized that was what we were doing. So we jumped to attention and thought of all the zany things we could do. Skiing, sleigh riding, maybe even ice skating. For Spring Break, mind you. Or you could do what my friends did. They traveled to the Jersey Shore and pretended they were in Florida. They had the beach and the ocean, the only thing they lacked was the sunshine and the heat. But at least they did that much. They could have just laid around and grumbled about me. I was in Florida. But don't think I didn't pay, I can feel your disgusted sneers. I drove down. I can't even remember how many hours it was, they blended together after awhile. And of course I sizzled in the sun, my translucent body shining like a beacon on the beach. But I'm not complaining. It was all worth it. I sympathize with those of you who couldn't travel. I spent my Spring Break at home last year. Just look at it positively, at least there were no papers due or tests to take or books to read. I just wish they wouldn't call it Spring Break.

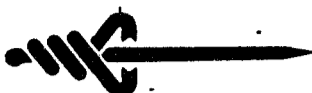
### Up Coming Events...

- Mar 17th - St. Patrick's Day
- Mar 20th - Spring Begins
- Mar 22, 23 - SGA Elections
- Apr 1st - April Fools Day
- Apr 1, 2, 3 - "What the Butler Saw" (Play)  
Upper Commons
- Apr 6th - 1st day of Passover
- Apr 11th - Easter Sunday
- Apr 13th - 8th day of Passover
- Apr 17th - Risk and AD&D Tournament
- Apr 23th - Spring Semi-Formal
- May 9th - Mothers Day

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## St. Patrick's Day

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With the advent of March comes one of my favorite holidays, St. Patrick's Day! Being of Irish decent, the holiday was always observed in my home. Festivities included dressing in all green attire adorned with, "Kiss Me I'm Irish," pins, as well as harps and shamrocks, two important Irish symbols. We always partook of the traditional St. Patrick's Day meal, corned beef and cabbage as well as our own traditional Irish soda bread.

St. Patrick was a missionary who converted Ireland to Christianity and became the national apostle. After being captured by the Irish raiders who kept him in slavery for seven years, Patrick became educated and was ordained to the priesthood not long after. The shamrock, which is a well known symbol of Ireland is worn to commemorate St. Patrick's use of it a symbol of the trinity. Although the only place to really experience St. Patrick's Day is in Ireland, there are a few places in the United States where the merriment hits full tilt. Before coming to Hazleton, each year I would attend the St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York City. Those marching travel down fifth avenue with their highlight being to pass the cardinal in front of St. Patrick's Cathedral. Those who attend the festivities are very friendly and often come from other parts of the country just to attend the parade. If you are looking to spend the closest day to the one observed in Ireland, I suggest going to New York City and taking part in the parade. You'll never forget the sounds of the drums and bagpipes as group upon group marches past. Remember, St. Patrick's Day isn't that far off. As always, March seventeenth is the day it is observed so start making green plans now!

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**Photo Trivia: What newly constructed building on the Hazleton Campus is this? Answer in next issue.**

