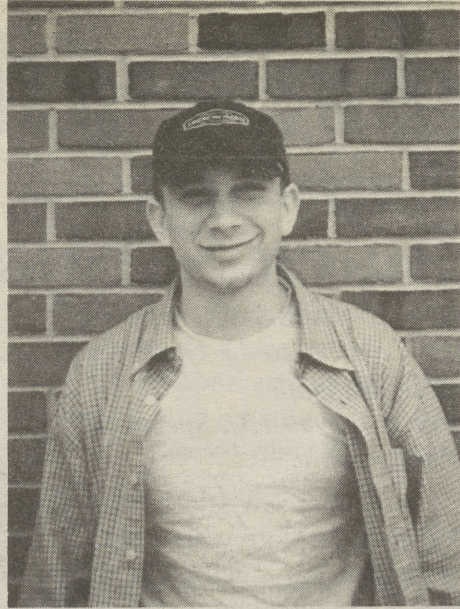


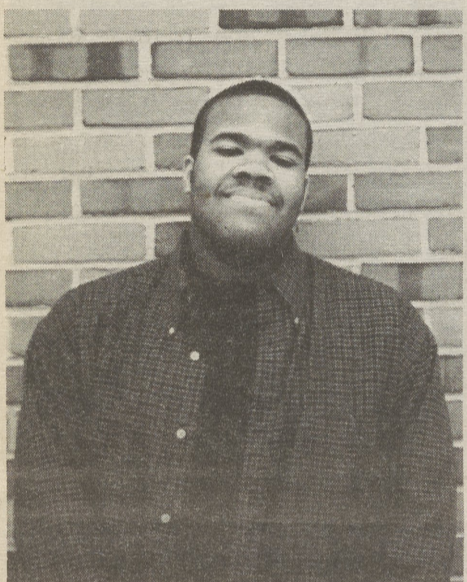
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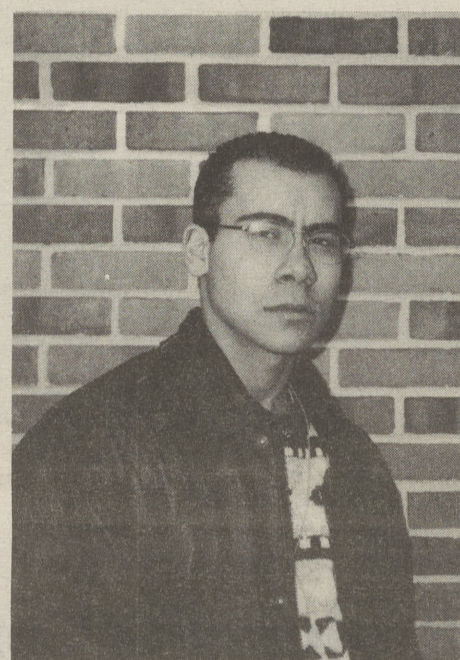
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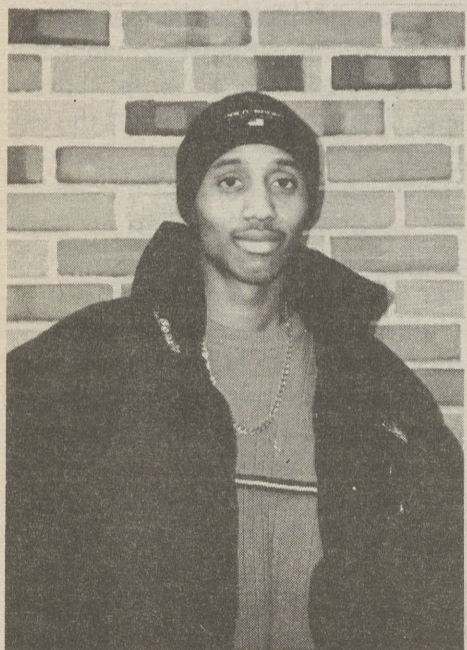
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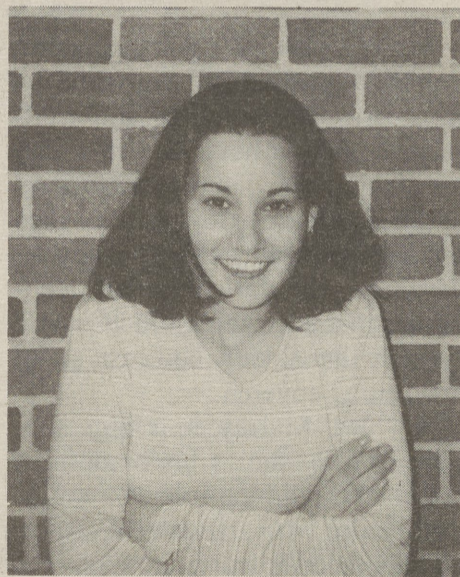
"Have fun with friends and play basketball." - Leeshawn Allen  
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"Going to the strip joint for the whole week." - Gouda  
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"Going to the strip joint with Gouda." - Terry  
Photo by Phillip Yi



"Always joining Gouda and Terry to the strip joint." - Kitty  
Photo by Phillip Yi

# What to Do on Spring Break

By Aimee Stone  
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Spring Break is approaching and if you plan to go anywhere I hope your reservations are made and your flight is confirmed. Otherwise you may just end up relaxing on your couch watching old Cosby Show reruns while reading postcards from the Bahamas. But, whether a fabulous vacation has been planned or you decide that the twenty bucks you have won't make it to Hawaii, Spring Break can still be fun (or at least entertaining).

For the third Spring Break in a row I will be here: working, sleeping shopping, and being as lazy as I can. Due to the fact that once again I am broke. And despite that, there is a lot of stuff you can do within a day trip or less that won't break the bank.

For instance, Philadelphia is one of the most interesting cities in the nation. Although most of you will deny that, you probably just forget all the things that can be seen and done. There are museums, gardens, malls, clubs, shows, and of course my favorite, the zoo.

If it is Philly you're sick of and would rather go away take a day trip to Amish Country (Lancaster County). I love to watch the Amish; they amaze me and help me to relax because of how stress free they are.

There are outlet stores and some great restaurants. There is a tour of an Amish farm that still holds the original antiques and concepts.

However, if the country does not thrill, we reside in the hub of excitement; within a few hours, you can be anywhere. A trip to Baltimore would take a max of three hours. There, you can shop, eat your favorite seafood, see Edgar Allen Poe's house, and visit the aquarium. If that still does not satisfy you, there is Washington D.C., New York, Jersey, and the rest of Pennsylvania.

Don't forget that there is skiing in the mountains, outlets in Reading, Hershey Park, vineyard wineries, and our state capital Harrisburg.

Spring Break does not have to be a trip to a tropical island while soaking yourself in tanning lotion. A nice break can be created by a road trip and a car full of friends.

**Top 10 Spring Break Destinations**

1. Cancun
2. Panama City
3. South Padre
4. Daytona
5. Orlando
6. Bahamas
7. Myrtle Beach
8. Virgin Islands
9. Jamaica
10. New Orleans

## Philly Student Congress

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majority of those who do are native Philadelphians.

Most students see Philly as a stop on the road to somewhere else. There simply aren't enough good jobs for college grads, who naturally go where the best professional opportunities await them. What Philadelphia needs is a strong, energetic and well-trained work force in order to compete with other cities. But Philly does not have the mystique or appeal of the "big" cities. However, it is easier to afford a quality standard of living on an entry-level salary in this area.

Grads are simply taking their diplomas and relocating to large cities such as New York, D.C., Boston, and Seattle. This exodus of college grads amounts to a "brain drain." The city is losing the best and brightest talent in the country, which translates into economic problems.

By retaining the area's college students as residents, the income generated by their cost of living and taxes would boost the economy. The committee is making efforts to realize this long-term goal, through strengthening student's career connections. There is talk of job fairs, internship and mentoring opportunities. Bonnie Grant, Deputy City Representative, said she would like to set up cash incentives for grads who live here, perhaps in the form of student loan rebates.

The problem of retaining area college grads is compounded by the fact that Philly does not seem to offer much for twentysomethings. The

city just feels old. The historical attractions are mainly targeted to tourists and "older persons." Besides, the city shuts down too early. Since the Philly area is located midway between New York and D.C., people depart for these "happening" towns instead.

Other East Coast cities such as Boston and New York City have been featured on MTV in its documentary show "The Real World." A spokesman says the producers have received requests to come to Philly. But the fact remains that those cities are hot-sites for the under-30 set, while Philly still lags behind.

The future heralds exciting times. The nation's fifth largest city hosts the Republican National Convention in 2000 and the country's third Disney Quest (an interactive theme park) is set to open in Summer 2000. This is part of an effort to "re-energize Philadelphia as a premier destination city in America," said Ed Rendell. A major revitalization of Independence Mall, the most historic area in America, is also in the works.

Campus advertising would help promote already existing and little known events, ones like Wednesday nights at The Philadelphia Museum of Art or First Fridays in the Old City gallery district. Plus Student Congress members are planning festivals and other entertainment events, which are intended to draw college students into the city. Attracting large throngs of people causes intermingling, which ideally would create a "college town" feel for Philly.

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