

# Students' plans for break vary

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Spring break is finally here and it is the perfect opportunity for students to have that last blast of fun before the crunch of finals sneaks up. Some students use their break to pursue the tropical islands of the Atlantic while others take the time to catch up on a backlog of work.

Emory Wooll, a travel consultant at Accent on Travel, 444 E. College Ave., said the hot spot for students this year is Cancun.

"The most packages we sold were to Cancun," he said. "We have around 100 students going there. But people do go just about everywhere — Orlando also seems to be a popular place this year."

Maggie Whitmer, a travel agent at Carlson Travel Network, 2603 E. College Ave., agreed that Cancun was the biggest spring break

attraction for students this year. "Cancun was the biggest and the Bahamas was the second most popular," she said. "They all want to go somewhere warm and sunny that has bars."

However, some people will not be enjoying the warm sun.

Amy Appleton (senior-political science) will not be leaving State College this year for spring break because she has to work on her thesis. But, she said, she is not too disappointed about staying.

"I have too much work to do to think about it or be disappointed," she said.

Daniel S. Morrison (senior-biology), a cheerleader at the University, also has plans other than visiting tropical islands for his break.

"I am fortunate enough to be able to cheer on our Lady Lion basketball team at the second Big Ten tournament out in Indiana," he said.

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travel agent at Carlson  
Travel Network

Many students have not made any plans at all and have decided to use this break to catch up with family and old friends, and to enjoy the great spring weather.

"I am going home on spring break to see my family and my girlfriend," said Tom Bux (junior-elementary education). "I haven't been home all semester and am looking forward to going there. I also want to pick up my golf clubs because the nice weather is coming up and I want to take advantage of it."

Students involved in Campus Crusade for Christ, 817 S. Pugh St., will be heading for a national conference held annually at Daytona Beach, Fla.

Ben Ehrhart (senior-environmental resource management) said students from many different schools, including Michigan State University and Purdue University, will be attending this event.

"It's an evangelistic conference," he said. "There will be speakers throughout the week. In the morning we go to the beach and town to share the Gospel with the people. Afterwards, we have fun."

Ehrhart added that a total of 60 students from a variety of schools will be attending this event.

Brandon Ellis (sophomore-biochemistry and molecular biology) said the conference was a lot of fun in the past and that he would like to go, but was unable to attend this year.

# Students prepare to look good for break

By JENNIFER FABRY  
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With the beginning of spring break hours away, students and businesses are making last-minute preparations for their week of fun.

Because many students head to the beaches, they work out in gyms and go to tanning beds to look their best.

The Downtown Swim & Fitness Club, located in Days Inn Penn State, 240 S. Pugh St., is experiencing more business with spring break approaching, said Danielle Rubin, gym supervisor.

"The gym gets more crowded, memberships go up, and students start coming more frequently," she said.

The East Coast Health & Fitness, 236 W. Hamilton Ave., has also experienced an

increase of patrons, said Assistant Manager Andrew Perkins.

"The increase is more towards New Year's resolutions people, but we have a lot of students that are members. Students want to look good before they hit the beach," he said.

Michael Attwood (junior-engineering), who is going to Daytona, Fla., for break, said he has seen a slight increase in students working out, which forces him to go work out at different times.

"I set up a different schedule to miss the crowds," he said.

But at Gold's Gym, 131 S. Pugh St., the tanning beds have attracted more business, said Filomena Malvone, a clerical worker.

"We've gone from barely any to completely booked," she said.

The increase starts in mid-February, and

drops off after spring break, she said.

Nittany Hot Springs, 511 E. Calder Way, has also had an increase of four times its regular customers, said Rob Ehrig, shift manager. The shop has tanning specials to entice students to tan there, he said.

Billy Blade, owner of Billy Blades tanning salon, 212 S. Allen St., has seen a 100-percent increase at his shop since mid-February.

Alison Young (freshman-division of undergraduate studies) said she tans periodically during the year and is tanning now before spring break.

"I feel better when I'm darker," she said.

But some students get the tan look with lotions instead of tanning beds. Holly Segear (junior-international politics) is also going to Daytona, Fla., for spring break. She said she uses lotions rather than going to a tanning bed.

# Sales tactics called pushy, obnoxious after man cited

By CONNIE WITMER  
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Sales people from America Advertising have some students and salons frowning in Happy Valley as their hair salon promotion has resulted in one arrest and many complaints.

One salesman, John Richard Vargas of Chicago, was trying Monday to sell hair salon services in Runkle Hall, University Police Services said. He was issued a citation for criminal trespass and placed in Centre County Prison in lieu of \$250 bail.

Cyndi Freeman-Fail, coordinator of residence life for North Halls, said there are signs that forbid soliciting and trespassing hung prominently in the dorms.

Freeman-Fail said the American Advertising situation is being handled by quick police response and by students telling their resident assistants.

And that is just what the group of students in Runkle Hall did.

Laura Donelson (freshman-biology), Brooke Wilson (freshman-division of undergraduate studies) and Kara Freeburg (freshman-division of undergraduate studies) called University police when Vargas entered Runkle Hall unescorted.

Wilson said that after a brief knock on the door, she turned and saw a man she did not know. She said she was startled because she thought it was one of her friends.

Donelson said that when the salesman walked into the room, he made himself at home, paid them compliments and talked to them as if he was a friend.

"He acted like Mr. Smoothie the Salesman," she said.

The reason for calling the cops, they said, was because of a recent sexual assault that occurred near their dormitory.

"It was some unknown male roaming. He could've had a knife.

He could have had anything," Freeburg said.

These types of tactics have caused alarm in some sponsors.

Beth Rockey, owner of Maneline Salon Systems, 329 E. Calder Way, said she wishes she would never have used America Advertising as a sales booster.

"They are representing us in an extremely obnoxious way," she said.

Anna Wasdyke (junior-administration of justice) said she was approached by America Advertising salespeople four separate times.

Two occurred within a half-hour of each other by the same salesman.

"They were very annoying and very pushy," she said.

America Advertising was unavailable for comment.

Rockey said America Advertising promotes salons by randomly offering people 10 salon services

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