

SPRING BREAK '93

Where we are going and where we would like to be!

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Beginning March 5 the majority of campus will begin a week of rest and relaxation. March 5-14 is the infamous Spring Break that has been anticipated by students and professors since the beginning of the semester.

So, where will everybody be going? What will everyone be doing?

In talking to the students at Behrend, it is easy to see that heading for the sun is one of the popular plans.

"I'm going to Panama [City] with all my friends," said Jonelle Curtis, a fourth semester engineering major.

Travelling with friends seems to be a familiar theme.

Dave Hardnock, a second semester accounting major, says that he's going to Panama City because "all my fraternity brothers are going."

Other students have made plans in areas other than Florida.

Christy Dove, a second semester special education major, is heading for the Virgin Islands.

"I decided to go to the Virgin Islands because my parents wanted me to go with them," Dove said.

Many students are going to Panama City for Spring Break. This may have to do with SGA offering a package to go to Panama.

The Spring Break Committee, which consists of Eric Pine, Michelle Repman, and Gwen Pellam, has worked with Travel Associates to offer special rates to Behrend students.

The rates range from \$174-\$194. Pine, the committee head, feels this is a good price range for such a trip.

"This is the cheapest trip offered. You are not going to find a better deal. It's the best place to go right now. It's the most popular and a lot more lenient than Daytona or Ft. Lauderdale."

Although Panama may be more lenient, Daytona also seems to be a popular place to go.

Darlene Stremic, an eighth semester business, liberal arts and science major, is travelling to Daytona.

"I have always wanted to go to Daytona," she says. However, she says for Spring Break she'd be happy just going "anywhere but Erie!"

Other students haven't been as lucky to go to warmer climates, they have opted to go home for break.

Kelly Joseph, a second semester biology major, has decided to go home because she couldn't find

enough people to go to Panama City with her. If Joseph did have the opportunity and the money to go on vacation, she would head for Greece.

"I would love to go to Greece and go diving from the cliffs."

Others have more prudent plans in mind.

Sarah Melchiorre, a second

Sousa thinks that Florida is definitely the hot spot this year. She attributes it's popularity to the fact that "it's warm and there isn't three feet of snow!"

Sousa says she wouldn't head for the sun, but rather head for Europe. She would like to go on Spring Break in Europe plainly because "it is so great!"

Others have made the best of going home. Catherine Kunkel, a fourth semester history/pre-law major, is going home; but going home for her means retiring to the beaches of Virginia. She says, "I am going to the beach and then heading for Ocean City."

Lack of funds seems to be the major reason students aren't going

dream vacation as "me with Kathy Ireland and Cindy Crawford on the shores of Waikiki, while my photography staff is taking photos of us."

To get some rest and relaxation, some students don't have to travel far. Pam Mesta, a fourth semester communication major, is going home to Pittsburgh to "get away."

Mesta thinks the hot spot this year will be St. Padre Island in Texas.

Jonelle Curtis agrees, "The last couple of years, [travel] to St. Padre has been getting bigger."

Some people have more economical plans. Greg Stickle, a second semester accounting major, plans on camping in Tionesta to get some "rest and relaxation." Stickle would also like to travel to Australia someday because of "the weather and the different way of life."

Although students have their own opinions of the hot spots, Jill Pacy from Broz Travel 'n' Trips says that one of the most popular packages she's sold is to Orlando.

She also offers this advice to students. "Have your plans set far in advance and know exactly how much money you want to spend."

Carla Wilson, an agent from Capabianca Travel, agrees with Pacy to have everything planned. "Get everything arranged--airfare, hotel accommodations, transportation, etc."

Tina Oleski from Atlas Travel Service has more practical advice to offer. She says, "Be street smart. Don't take any chances. Getting there is the easy part."



Kristle Guldner/Photographer

No more snow: Beginning Friday many students are leaving the snow behind and heading south for Spring Break.

semester communication major is going home "to find a summer job." Melchiorre would rather travel to Australia if she had the opportunity because "the nature and outlook are so awesome!"

Chris Wilson, a second semester graphic design major, also plans on going home for break to work and earn some money. Wilson agrees that Greece would be a great place to go for a spring break vacation. She also would like to go to Hawaii.

"I have already been [to Hawaii] and it is wonderful. The beaches are so beautiful and clean. You can lie on the beach and smell the exotic flowers."

Wanting to travel to Australia seems to be a common trend, as well.

Jen Toubakaris, a second semester communication major, also thinks that Australia would be a great place to go.

"I'd like to go and see all the coral reefs."

Dylan Sousa, a second semester film and video major, is going home simply "because there is nothing else to do."

Lori Dyer, a sixth semester communication major, has plans to "stay home and study." Her major reason for not going on vacation is because she can't afford it. If Dyer could afford it, she would head for the Caribbean with the man of her dreams.

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Arnel Balcita, a seventh semester communication major, agrees that travelling would be "too expensive." Balcita is going home to work, so he can afford the trip sometime in the future.

Until then, Balcita sees his

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