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# Spring BREAK

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# Technician's guide to sunny destinations

The answer to everything you wanted to know about the tropics but were afraid to ask

By Madelyn Rosenberg  
Beach Editor

Well, here it is, February, with N.C. State University's unseasonal Spring Break almost upon us.

No other university gets out to enjoy the weather as early as NC State does — except maybe Michigan. But then, it's never really spring in Michigan, anyway. Come to think of it, February isn't exactly springtime in Raleigh either.

Which means it's time to go someplace else for Spring Break. Someplace warm. Someplace like Florida.

The Sunshine State contains some of the most frequented beaches in the United States: Fort Lauderdale, West Palm, Dayton and Miami. Luckily for NC State students, there are still vacancies in many hotels for the first week in March — just one of the advantages of having an early break.

The Marco Polo Hotel in Miami offers an added advantage of low winter hotel rates. That's only if you consider \$80 per night "low." Compared to other area hotels, it is. This rate doesn't give you a view of the ocean. Those rooms cost \$150. The \$80 rate probably

won't get you more than a view of the dumpsters out back.

The Marco Polo gets big crowds during the break, with its disco, three lounges and nightly entertainment. But drinking is not the only activity with a required minimum age of 21. You have to be 21 years old to register at city hotels. Reservationist Leslie Faguen said this is typical only of Miami so the rest of Florida looks safe.

The Yankee Clipper Hotel of Fort Lauderdale looks like a hot spot, with its tennis courts, two pools and entertainment. It is the home of Penrod's, which contains 13 bars featuring anything and everything from disco to western. Prices range from \$99-\$135 a night based on two people in a room.

The Lauderdale Beach Hotel has a patio bar next to its Olympic-sized pool, establishing the true atmosphere of Spring Break. Apparently the film industry agrees because the hotel was the film site for the remake of *Where the Boys Are*.

For those with a budget as skimpy as their bathing suit, this hotel is playing your song, to the tune of \$175. That's for the whole week: seven nights and eight

days, based on four people in a room. The hotel also features the culinary delights of McDonald's and Sandy's. From the outside, this offer looks good, but buyers beware: you could get what you pay for.

Howard Johnson's ranges from \$100 to \$150 in price based on one to four people in a room. Split four ways, \$25 a night isn't bad. Located on the Lauderdale strip, the hotel is within walking distance of the best local bars.

"If people are coming to drink, Fort Lauderdale is the place to be," said General Manager Rob Auman, who is also willing to clean toilets in his spare time.

The hotel caters mainly to students during break. "If you sound old on the phone we say, 'We're not real sure you'd be comfortable here,'" Auman said.

Top security is utilized to keep rowdy "breakers" from destroying the hotel, but Auman said he doesn't believe in hassling the guests. Security doesn't check IDs or make sure there are only four students to a room unless things get really out of hand. For a hotel sans babysitters and quality you can trust, Technician gives Howard Johnson's an A (plus) stamp

of approval.

Daytona Beach is on the colder side of Florida, but the drive isn't as far.

Want a trip to motorcycle heaven? This is the place to go with its annual Biker's Week. Hotel personnel were not as cooperative in discussing their establishments, so cross your fingers and hope for the best.

The Ramada of Orlando features three swimming pools, a buffet-style restaurant, pizza place, delicatessen and bar with live entertainment. It's just a few miles from Mickey, Donald and the guys, but not exactly "beach front property." It's also \$64 to \$70 per night. And don't forget to add in the six dollar fee for the shuttle bus to Disney World and Epcot Center.

If you have some extra pocket money and really want to do it up right, Australia seems to be in this year. With the Americans "bringing their cup back home," this might be the right time to go rub it in.

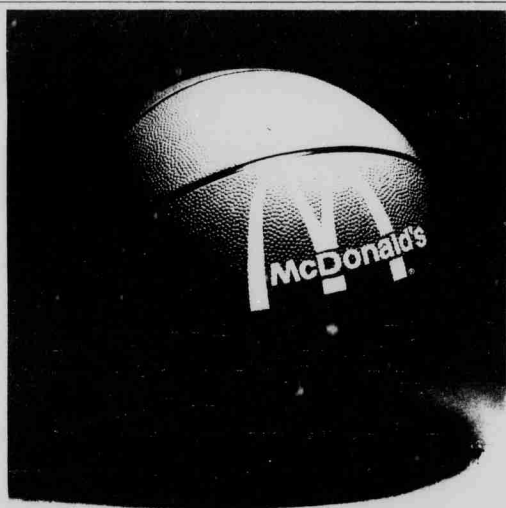
Plane tickets in advance run about \$1500 for a round trip, excluding any of the extras for

your trip, like food and shelter. But it's warm in the mid 70s during the first week of February, and the scenery's terrific.

Airfare to Europe isn't so expensive during the winter months — a mere \$500 round trip. Take warning though — winter rates mean winter temperatures, which can be harsh on tender Caribbean toes.

Cruises are popular with college students because everything is included in the price (except alcohol). Ships heading out to Nassau in the Bahamas and other islands are packed with students during break, according to travel agent Crystal Davis, and adults are advised to make the trip a different week. The only drawback is the length of the trip: four days for \$300. But the food's supposed to be good, and so is the entertainment. If you're lucky, the weather will be, too.

If worse comes to worst, you can always stay home, clean your room and live off Mom and Dad. And when your friends come back painted some ugly shade of bronze, just remember you'll be the one who can still afford to buy a beer when you really need one.



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# Where you're going. . .

Welcome to the first (hopefully annual) *Technician* Spring Break Special. Since this is the first issue we've done honoring this most revered of college holidays, it was somewhat difficult defining what we wanted to accomplish. We wanted something different from a typical newspaper vacation section and its umpteen articles on places you could never afford to actually visit. Something that mirrors the tastes and spirit of the students of N.C. State. We decided to take a light-hearted approach with the articles, dwelling on some of the funnier aspects of this anything-but-sober holiday. For a touch of the exotic, we tried our hand at creating a spring fashion spread. We know it's not quite *Sports Illustrated*, but then again, you don't see any of those models walking around campus. We hope this look ahead to sunnier days will warm these dreary days of February for you.

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Thanks also to our models for the fashion section (please don't call our offices asking for their phone numbers). *Agromex* editor Joe Meno, photographer Michael Steele, cartoonist Robert Graham, assistant copy editor Brian Brauns, opinion editor Michael Hughes and last (but certainly not least) our writers for this issue: assistant news editor Madelyn Rosenberg and staff writers Alan Heller, Deanna Rhein, Calvin Hall and Steve Lemons. Thanks also to anyone else who was deprived of sleep or sanity in the creation of this issue.

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"There is no place to go, and so we travel! You and I, and what for, just to imagine that we could go somewhere else."

— Edward Dahlberg

By Calvin Hall  
Staff Writer

In reality, the term, "Spring Break" has less to do with springtime and more to do with just plain getting away for a while.

When people think of Spring Break, one of three things usually comes to mind: fun in the sun, Connie Francis in *Where The Boys Are*, and Florida, the focal point of the greatest exodus of people to any one place since Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt.

On the other hand, thinking about spring break may conjure up visions of just simply being home away from school — a week earlier or later than all of your partying friends who are attending different schools.

It may cause feelings of dread when you realize that you may spend the whole break studying for the test you have in Dr. Monotone's class the day after you return or writing the essay-novelle due in Professor Doldrum's Heritage of Worthless Slavic Language and Literature class the instant you return to the city limits.

No matter what images Spring Break brings to your mind, you



Bitsy Kemper

probably have something planned. With Spring Break about three weeks away, *Technician* decided to conduct our own version of a scientific survey and ask some students two questions about their plans for spring break. The first question was fairly

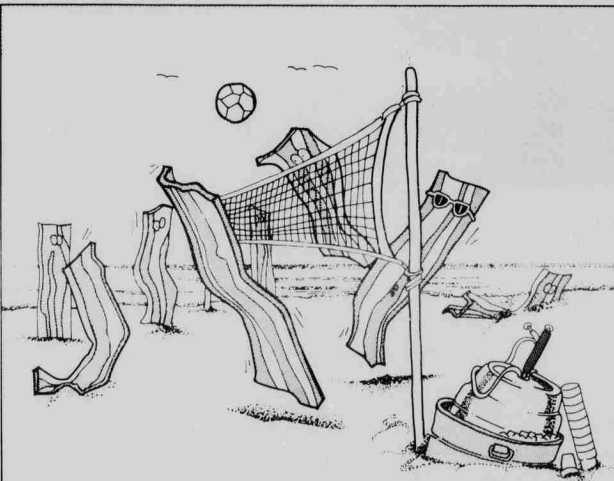
straightforward: What are you planning to do for Spring Break? Here are their responses:

David Cooke, senior, mechanical engineering: "I'm probably going to Ft. Lauderdale with the Intervarsity Christian

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Fellowship ... on the outreach project.

Kevin Bartholomew, freshman, mechanical engineering: "I'll probably do the 'Daytona Party' deal, that's been advertised in *Technician*. If I can get some guys to go."

Darryl Jones, senior, psychology: "Basically, I have no major plans as far as trips go ... I plan to complete a couple of projects that are due."

Julie Tomlinson, junior, materials engineering: "I'll probably be working in the materials research department running a research project."

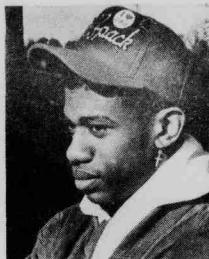
Sonya Jenkins, junior, civil engineering: "I don't know just yet. Hopefully, I'll be in New York at the Waldorf Astoria. I have a scholarship that sends me to New York each year and I hope that this year I get to go around the time of Spring Break."

Lizzie Banzhaf, junior, pre-med: "I hope to go to Old Williamsburg, visit Busch Gardens and the beach. I'm not really sure yet but that's what the plans are."

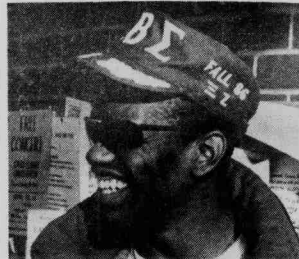
Jackie Aure, freshman, pre-vet: "I'm going home to Long Island



Julie Tomlinson



Charles Bevel



Xavier Russ

and to hang-out in Manhattan."

Xavier Russ, sophomore, civil engineering: "I plan to travel ... hope to go to Florida with my fraternity brothers or up north to Massachusetts ... having a good time."

Bitsy Kemper, senior, economics and communications: "California bound! I'm going to visit my sister and get as much sun as possible and maybe go to Disneyland. I've never been before and I'd like to go now

because if I get a job this summer, I won't have the chance."

The other question in our survey was this: If you had unlimited bucks to go anywhere or to do anything during Spring Break, what would you do?

Some of the responses included the exotic, with Banzhaf and Jenkins both dreaming of a trip to the Virgin Islands, while Auer wished she could return to Rio De Janeiro. "I went when I was 14, but you can't appreciate Rio at 14. To me it's the most beautiful city in the world," she stated.

Other responses were simple and more down-to-earth: "I'd go home to visit my grandparents in Florida ... I haven't been home since the summer before my freshman year ... my mom lives in (this) area but Florida is home to me," said Lanita Harris, a sophomore in pre-med. Jones simply stated that he would plan to "... take care of some business transactions," and Tomlinson stated that she'd join fellow members of the Campus Crusade for Christ at Daytona Beach for

"Operation Sunshine" because she likes the opportunity to share what she believes with others while having fun.

Still other responses stressed fun in the sun. Xavier Russ stated that he would "... head to California or a West Coast beach to splurge, spend and live it up," and Bitsy Kemper said she would like to go to the Bahamas or any beach "... with white sand, aqua water and lots of pina colodas."

Finally, in our decadent response department, Charles Bevel said, "I'd fly to India and buy a harem!"

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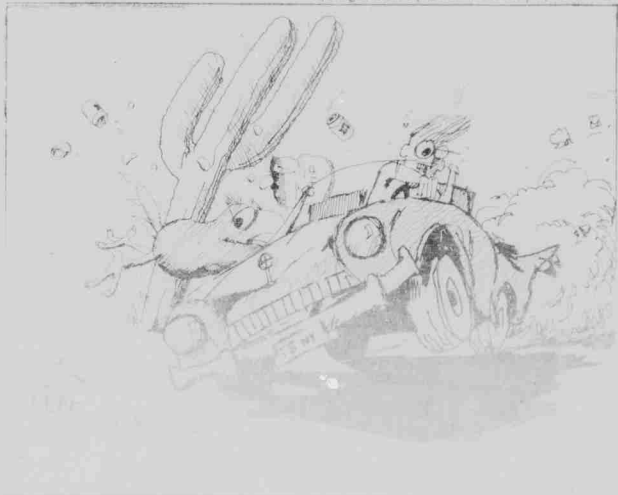
# Hitting the road for Spring Break

By Joe Corey  
Entertainment Editor  
and  
Steve Lemons  
Staff Writer

If they imagine to read Jack Kerouac's *On The Road* with this episode of *Roadies* and not take the urge to turn this special into a road trip, they're not alone. The show is a great way to get a taste of the road.

Hunter S. Thompson described Las Vegas as being what every city would be if the Nazis had won in his classic book, *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas*. Remember to pick up a copy when heading out to Nevada. It's more than a book. It's a road map to the soul of the city of Sin.

Of course, the thrill of going to Las Vegas is hitting every speck of the city. That's why you should take a road trip to Las Vegas. It's a great way to get a taste of the road.



Don't worry if the car breaks down because it's about 23 years old. You can always "borrow" another one since those keys work in other locks, too.

Can you feel the wind already whipping through your hair as you leave this cultural wasteland looking for the remnants of "The American Dream"? Can you see the world just waiting to be rediscovered? Can you remember to release the parking brake?

The only good part about Raleigh for spring break is being able to get on two of the nation's major highways, I-95 (from I-85) and I-40, without the inconvenience and hassle of cutting through half the state to find them. After all, who wants to bother with the scenic vistas of the countryside when you can experience 5,000 South of the Border billboards and a Stuckey's at every other exit?

I-40 leads west to the epicenter of sin, the Mecca of human depravation, the true heart of darkness — Las Vegas.

If T.S. Eliot were alive, he'd be there with a foxy prostitute under one arm while flinging the craps down that long green table. Everything is legal in Las Vegas.

Whatever you do on that trip out West, don't buy or wear a cowboy hat. You'll look stupid and not like a member of the Ewings.

The Ewings are professional actors; they know how to wear one and look good.

The internationally recognized headwear of a true Southerner is a black Jack Daniels baseball hat. Let them know you're from North Carolina and mean business.

If this is a little bit too intense for your refined taste, then take I-95 north to "Playground of the Ho Politi" — New York City.

See the land of Welcome Back, Kotter. Saturday Night Fever. Taxi Driver and All in the Family. This city is the origin of all true art.

Upon entering the Big Apple, you'll probably end up pumping more quarters into toll booths than you'd ever lose in Las Vegas slot machines. It costs more than a

course if you've got \$65 to spend, the Chelsea Hotel is just the spot. You can visit the room which Edie Sedgwick set afire and the bar where Dylan Thomas died. Also, if you listen closely while riding the elevator, you can possibly hear the insane giggling of the late punk star Sid Vicious, who killed his girlfriend in a room above. It's more than just a hotel — it's the lifestyles of the dead and famous.

Natives to the city have discovered the pleasures of taking a quick nap on a concrete mattress known below the Mason-Dixon line as a sidewalk.

Of course it always helps to have a friend living in Gotham City who can let you sleep on the floor of his one-bedroom, severely over-priced trendy loft in SoHo. He'll only charge you \$40 for the night.

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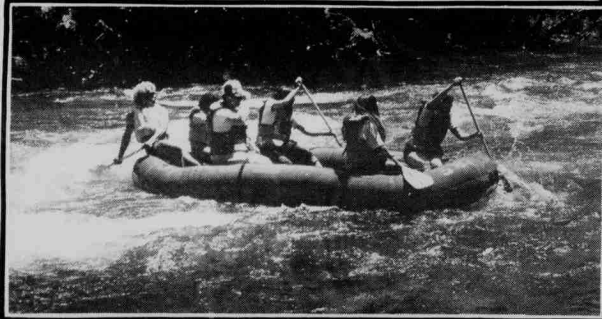
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Maybe it's because the beach just isn't your thing. Your anatomy in this appearance-conscious world is far from the idealized form

personified by *Cosmopolitan* and *Gentleman's Quarterly*. And besides, you've never been able to get a decent tan, although you've burned consistently.

Or perhaps heading for home doesn't sound too appealing ei-

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# Alternate vacation ideas for beach-haters

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either. Your pool of energy might turn to frustration and boredom when you find nothing better to do than mow the lawn.

But don't give up hope! Adventure is a land of multitudinous opportunities waiting to be taken, and with a little forethought, you can turn a week off from school into a memorable experience.

Although Spring Break is traditionally associated with the beach, it can be a week off from school in a more active, adventurous way. Mountain biking, for example, is a great way to get some exercise and enjoy the outdoors.

slopes and trails. Resorts in North Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia are easily accessible by car, and if you travel with a large group, your costs will be drastically reduced.

If you want to travel farther, you might try Vermont or Colorado. However, it may be too late to start making those plans since availability is now extremely limited. However, some bookings are still available for those with enough cash.

"I love to ski," I've rather enjoyed something in my back and front, especially active skiing in an open

around to get a ton. Besides I like the water and the mountains and the excitement of racing down the hill before a relaxing evening in front of the fire," said Cheryl Herd, a freshman traveling to Snow Vermont for the break.

Going to the beach doesn't always mean you have to go somewhere warm and tropical. North Carolina's beaches may be a little short on warmth the first week in March, but there is a lot to be had in the sunning grounds.

If you're looking for some high mountains, snowmobile and frosty mountain views, the Blue Ridge Parkway is a great place to go.

near Nags Head on the Outer Banks. The largest hang-gliding school in the world, Kitty Hawk Kites, is located adjacent to the massive sand dune and offers packaged lesson plans as well as lodging discounts.

"Hang-gliding is hard to describe. It's an incredible feeling to fly like a bird and it's something you will remember your entire life," said Roger Coxon, hang-gliding manager of Kitty Hawk Kites.

A weekend package for around \$125, which includes a lesson, a lift and a meal, is available. Coxon says that the weather is usually good, but it's always best to check with the school before you go.

and timing opportunities, another popular recreational activity is white-water rafting and canoeing. Rafting trips are relatively inexpensive and don't require much previous experience if you have a guide from one of the numerous outfitters.

One such outfitter, Carolina Wilderness Adventures, offers trips on the Nolichucky and French Broad rivers. Group rates are available with as few as eight people. Single persons rates range from \$125 to \$150. The trip includes a guide, a canoe or raft, food, and a meal. The trip is usually a week-long trip, but shorter trips are available.

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## Taking Big Apple

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James Brown, early Genesis, Bauhaus (the group, not the art movement) and Psychic TV for the long and winding road.

You must take several friends to share the experience and bum money off.

Mom's gas credit card will be useful — cash needs to be used for purchasing those special beverages and fireworks.

Make sure the car you drive is not your own because it will probably get stripped in a New York City parking lot.

Clothing is optional. A true beat traveler needs a desire to understand and appreciate higher concepts of existential reality. A bad attitude will do just as nicely.

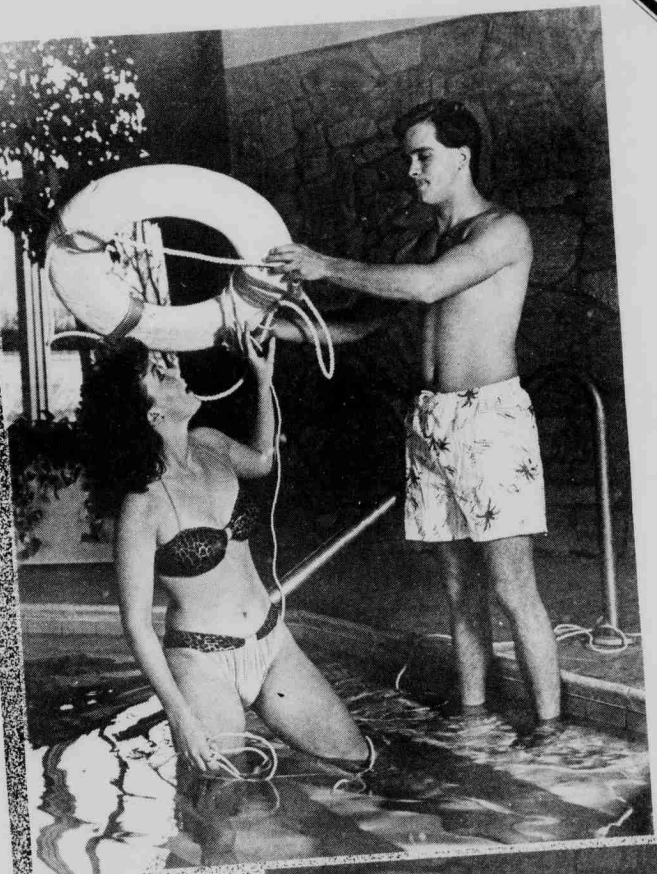
So pack up the cruise mobile and hit the untamed, uncommercial highway of life, you young Ulysses of the 20th century.

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ANNUAL  
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Summer—well, maybe it isn't 90 degrees outside, but now is the time to start thinking ahead to the summer. That's right—sun, surf, parties and new clothes.



ABOVE, Maureen and Tim having fun in the water. Maureen is being rescued in a black and aqua patterned bikini and Tim is wearing white cotton shorts with a tropical pattern on them.

RIGHT, Maureen and Lori on the bar, looking cool and ready for summer. Maureen is wearing two tank tops for the layered look and floral print pants. Lori is equally comfortable in white shorts and a cotton mid-sleeve shirt.





ABOVE, Amy and Tim take a moment to relax. Amy is wearing a white one-piece with a floral print of red and pink roses. Tim is cooling off in red cotton shorts and a white shirt designed to resemble those medical shirts at the hospital.

RIGHT, Lori and Cathy cool off at the pool. Lori is wearing a white suit cut high on the leg, with pink flowers. Cathy is clad in the awesome new one-piece style, a swimsuit designed to look like a bikini. This suit has a blue top and a dark pink bottom joined at the sides by ties.



Of course, there are swimsuits. *LOTS* of swimsuits. Bikinis are out in every style imaginable and one-pieces have taken on a new twist.

The one-piece bathing suit is now designed to look like a bikini. The suits bare the tummy and back while still being attached on the sides. The top and bottom may be joined by ties, snaps, buttons or a thin piece of material. These suits are the hottest thing to hit the market since the first bikini came out, Carter said.

For both men and women, the passwords in summer fashion are colors and designs. Summer swimwear and sportswear are dominated by crazy designs and wild color combinations.

The designers agree that these concepts reflect the spirit of the season. The popular colors are light green, pink, yellow, aqua and orange. Common designs include jungle, flower and abstract prints.

So if you plan to head for the beach, go in style. Try some exciting, new styles available everywhere.

Text by Deanna Rhein  
Photography by Scott Rivenbark

New summer clothes are out on the racks already, with more coming in all the time.

And of course, now is a great time to get some super buys on anything for the coming season.

What's hot this year? Many favorites from last summer and several new styles, too.

Rose Carter, buyer for Burlington Brands, says this summer's "clothes will be very body conscious."

That means that tank tops, bared-back shirts and short skirts will be popular. Even bathing suits will be showing more skin than ever before.

Another trend is that denim, especially the stone-washed variety, is selling well again. It's possible to find just about anything made of denim: pants, skirts, jackets, belts, purses and even shirts with the denim look.

Accessories are also a hot sales item. Women as well as men are becoming more interested in these items. Accessories once meant only hats, shoes, belts and handbags, all for women.

They now include items for both sexes, such as bandanas, unique jewelry, matching sunglasses and wild socks worn two pairs at a time.

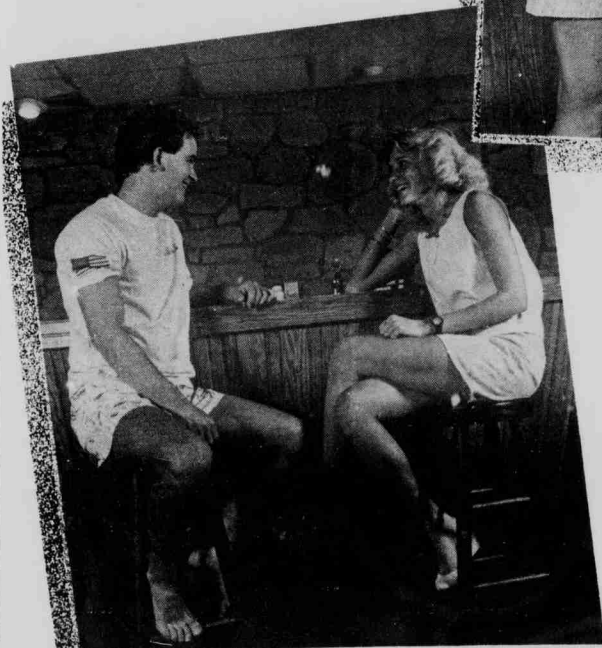
For men, those long Jams probably won't be as popular this year because demand for them is taking a backseat to a resurgence in sales of regular-length shorts and trunks.

The ever-stylish T-shirt with tank top designs for men is one of this summer's big sellers.

For women, look for matching tops and shorts as well as jumpsuits to be favorites of the designers.



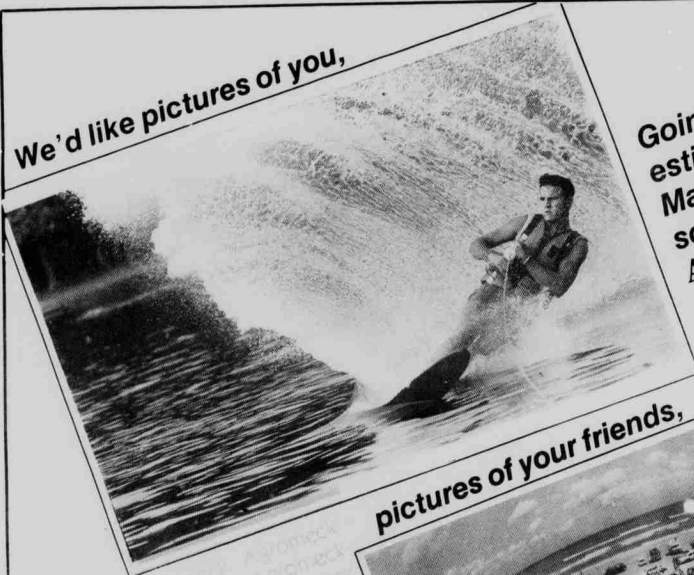
ABOVE, Amy and Cathy at the bar. Amy is standing in a denim mini-skirt and a blue and white striped shirt. Cathy is sitting pretty in a yellow V-neck jumpsuit and white sandals.



LEFT, Tim and Amy relax at the bar. Tim is wearing a yellow T-shirt and white shorts with a tropical pattern on them. Amy is comfortable in a denim mini-skirt and a blue and white striped cotton top.

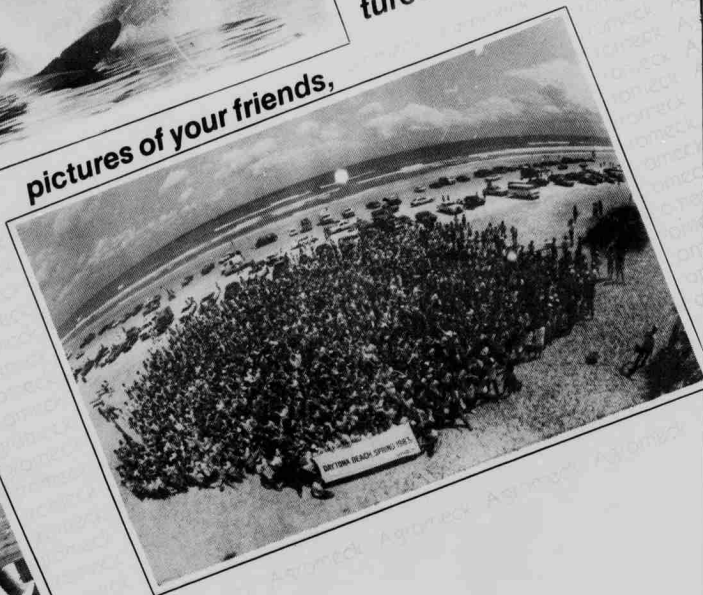
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