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Thanks . . .

I realize it's a little early in the semester to get into the Spring Break mood, but it's never too early to start making vacation plans. The Technician Spring Break issue is a collection of our staff's suggestions for making Spring Break 1988 one to remember.

And I'm sure nobody deserves a break right now more than the folks who helped me get this thing together. I couldn't have produced this special 12-page addition to the paper without the help of some very dedicated (and fast-working) members of the staff.

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Finally, I'd like to apologize to my roommate, Dawn. I know I woke you up in the wee hours of the morning on several occasions, complaining about all the work and crap that went into this. Well, it's all over now . . .

— Suzanne Perez
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Springtime spurs requests, videos

By Madelyn Rosenberg
In the Mood

It's mid-afternoon, and WKNC DJ Michael Propst is working the day shift again.

He takes off his headphones and wanders into the office. He reaches under his backpack where he hides the beach music, which is excluded from the WKNC playlist. He cases it out of the record jacket and over the airwaves.

Propst says he has "been known" to play beach music on the air of the mostly-hard-rock station.

"This summer, we played rock and roll. I could get away with (playing beach music) by calling it 'classic rock,'" Propst said.

But Propst hasn't played the forbidden music since July.

"I'm working the later shift now, and there is a stricter format," he said.

Any beach music (and there isn't much) played on WKNC comes from private collections. "The station really doesn't have it," Propst said.

At home, Propst says he plays beach music "all year round. But when the sun starts shining and it gets hotter, I play it more."

People play the music "when they want to relax and think about the beach," he said. It helps create "a party atmosphere."

Among Propst's favorite mood music is "Under the Boardwalk" by the Drifters. Other favorites include The Embers' "I Love Beach Music" and "Give Me Just a Little More Time" by General Johnson and the Chairmen of the Board.

Dewey McCafferty, music director for the station, said that although beach music is "out" on WKNC, the play list includes music that definitely reflects the feeling of the season.

"When school is in session and people are on Tucker Beach or driving around, we get more requests," he said. "People tend to listen more when they're outside during

the spring and summer."

McCafferty said the station's ratings go up in spring, "especially during the day time."

Although WKNC plays primarily hard rock and new music ("And hopefully always will," McCafferty added) an occasional classic may slip into the repertoire.

The Who's "Summertime Blues" gets dusted off from time to time, along with anything by Boston and "Twisting by the Pool" by The Stratus.

Requests pour in for "cruising music" once the weather is warm enough for open car windows.

"Last year Boston's new album was big," McCafferty said. "And Tesla (who will open for Def Leppard this weekend) are hot."

The big bands tour during the summer, and McCafferty said he expects David Lee Roth and AC/DC requests to pour in this spring.

"There is a change in programming when it gets warm," McCafferty said.

Video rentals increase for beach movies when the weather warms up, said Lee Simmons, assistant manager of North American Video at Cameron Village.

"Spring Break" and several other comedies like "Back to the Beach" are popular," he said. Other films include "Animal House," "Vacation" and "Summer Rental" with John Candy, he said.

"A lot of people come and get stuff like that to get themselves in the mood. When the weather gets nicer they get psyched up and ready to go."

Simmons said rental of spring films also increases when the weather "gets really nasty. We rent more of them near Spring Break and when it snows."

ACC Tavern, which plays about 25 percent beach music, caters to the beach-bound crowd year round, said owner John Hopkins. "On Saturday nights we add a little extra beach," he said.

Spring Break Checklist

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- ☐ bathing suit
- ☐ shorts
- ☐ t-shirts
- ☐ underwear
- ☐ something to sleep in
- ☐ "going out" clothes
- ☐ sweater or sweatshirt (in case it gets cold, or for those evening walks on the beach)
- ☐ umbrella or raincoat

- ☐ flip flops
- ☐ real shoes
- ☐ sunscreen
- ☐ beach towel
- ☐ beach blanket
- ☐ cooler
- ☐ radio
- ☐ batteries
- ☐ tapes
- ☐ cheap and sleazy book or magazine
- ☐ alcohol
- ☐ alkali seltzer
- ☐ aspirin
- ☐ mixer
- ☐ toothpaste
- ☐ toothbrush
- ☐ hairbrush or comb
- ☐ shampoo
- ☐ soap if you don't want to use the little hotel ones
- ☐ razor
- ☐ first aid kit
- ☐ credit card
- ☐ cash
- ☐ I.D. if you have it
- ☐ postcard stamps
- ☐ extra towels
- ☐ camera
- ☐ film
- ☐ emergency car care kit

FOR COLD VACATION PLACES:

- ☐ sweaters
- ☐ long pants
- ☐ waterproof pants
- ☐ extra socks
- ☐ two pairs of long johns
- ☐ something warm to sleep in
- ☐ "going out" clothes
- ☐ coat
- ☐ gloves or mittens
- ☐ scarf
- ☐ boots
- ☐ hat
- ☐ earmuffs
- ☐ skis if you don't plan on renting
- ☐ ski boots
- ☐ ski goggles
- ☐ first aid kit
- ☐ lip balm
- ☐ ID if you have it
- ☐ bearskin rug
- ☐ extra suitcase for souvenirs
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Going home, staying here or on the road,

By Katrina Waugh
Homebound Soul

You've tried your damndest to avoid it. You've scraped the bottom of your credit card accounts, but you just can't make it to vacationland this Spring Break.

Face it. You'll have to go home.

Of a sudden it doesn't seem like it's been more than a week since you were home for winter break. You remember winter break — everyone was nice and cheery until you ran out of holiday things to say, and you had to start facing questions like "So, how did you do this

semester?" "Have you decided what you're going to do with the rest of your life?" and "When are you going to graduate?"

Then there was that annoying you off your parents kept showing your friends, and their friends asked, "What are you majoring in?" and "What are you going to do with that?"

And don't forget the way parents think you're the same person you were when you were 12.

"Mom, could you please pass the peas?" you said.

"But you don't like peas," Mom replied.

What a terrible joke life's been playing on you. You've been

eating peas for three years, even though you don't like them. Maybe your taste buds have been lying to you.

It's almost more than you can do to keep from screaming.

It wasn't just your parents that got on your nerves over break. No, that would be too easy.

Why did all your old friends get together and do the same things you did on Friday nights in high school? Are you the only one who isn't into sitting around in someone's basement stealing their parents' liquor (even though you're old enough to go out and buy your own) or cruising up and down the local Strip, honking at

other people who have nothing to do anymore?

You almost never do anything like that at school. Why does everyone expect you to revert to being a 16-year-old when you cross the city limits of your home town?

But this is Spring Break — a time to relax and regroup before returning to the day-to-day grind. The time you spend at home should be your chance to take time out and just enjoy yourself.

How can you change the patterns your home vacations have taken on before they turn into the routine of a lifetime?

The pattern has probably already started. You've done every-

thing you could to get out of it — now you've turned a complete flip-flop, and you're starting to look forward to it. You probably won't start to dread it again until you are actually on your way home.

Once you're there, all your trepidations will seem like silly butterflies. Right up until they start coming true. By the weekend, you're back to longing for the return trip.

The first step to breaking the pattern is to prepare for it. Once you've decided to go home, give yourself some time to look back at your last visit home — highlight the good times and the bad.

Spring Break in Raleigh great time to read book, rent movies

By Meg Sullivan
Raleigh Bureau Editor

O.K., so maybe you can't afford to go to Key West or the Bahamas this year. Or maybe Apex is even out of your budget. Whatever the reason, some folks will have to stay in Raleigh during Spring Break — you may be one of them.

But there's a hope.

First, get the rotten jobs out of the way. The first few days are a perfect opportunity to take care of neglected chores like laundry. (Your neighbors will thank you.) Get that spring cleaning out of the way as well and give your place a thorough scrub-down. Throw out old junk. Give usable junk to Goodwill and the Salvation Army.

Then you can do the fun stuff.

Redecorate your room/apartment. Give it a fresh coat of paint. Move your furniture around. Be daring and creative, the year is almost over. If you hate the changes, you won't have to live with them for very long.

Cook. Try to cook a "real" full-course meal for once instead of opening a can. Really out-do yourself and invite friends over who are staying in town, too. Try something exotic like fondue or stir-fried vegetables.

Watch movies. If you're lucky enough to have a VCR, rent movies that you always wanted to see, but never had the chance. If you don't have a VCR, go to the dollar movies.

Watch daytime TV. Watch all the new game shows like "Win, Lose or Draw" just to keep up with what's hot. Take a quick look at all the soaps you only have to watch them once a year to figure out what's going on anyway.

If the weather is nice, go to the park and read a (nonacademic) book. If the weather is not so hot,

stay in and turn up the radio while you read.

Go to the flea market at the fairgrounds. Find bargain furniture or cheap Reebok's. Or don't buy anything, just people-watch.

Have a beach party. Even if you can't get away to the surf and sand you can create the same effect. Decorate your place with Florida posters. Toss around a beach ball and slug. Serve pink drinks with little stirrers and umbrellas.

Go ice skating in Cary. If you have never skated before, don't despair, it's not that difficult. It's especially entertaining to watch people try and do the Hokey-Pokey on ice skates. If you are feeling really brave, join in the

nightly ritual. And on Tuesday nights it only costs \$2 for college students.

Educate yourself. The Emerging Issues Forum will be held during the break this year, and you can find out how local and nationwide business leaders plan to improve the world. This year's special guests are the chief of the Ford Motor Co. and former chairman of the Federal Reserve Board. It's at McKimmon Center on March 10.

And finally (gulp) you can really educate yourself, improve your GPA and your future by doing homework.

If that doesn't grab you, it could be worse. You could have to go to classes.



MARK S. INMAN/STAFF

The N.C. Museum of Art will be open to the public Tuesday through Thursday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m.



MARK S. INMAN/STAFF

The Raleigh Convention and Civic Center will hold regular business hours over Spring Break. Students staying in Raleigh who had plan to get tickets to an upcoming concert

can still do so on Mondays through Fridays at 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Convention Center box office. The center will also host several exciting shows over the break.

avoid those Spring Break bores 'n burns

Most of the time the step will show you how to avoid major trouble-spots.

You realize that the best times you had were watching bowl games with your dad. The worst time was going to a party in somebody's basement where everyone had a date except for you and your high school sweetheart (the one you have yet to figure out who you saw in). Now you have something to go on.

First, make more time to hang out with Dad. The great thing about being grown up is that you have time to discover your parents as people, instead of as parents. Sometimes they're a lot better people than parents.

Then, avoid basement parties that are paired off before you even get there. If your friends insist on trying to get you into another nasty situation, go back home and watch another game with your father. That's another great thing adults get to do—ignore peer pressure.

If your worst times were with your parents, you'll probably have more trouble dealing with it. Try to figure out if it's your parents' personalities or just the relationship that has developed between you and them that causes problems for you. If it's their personalities, try finding ways to avoid them.

If there are things you must do at home, try to do them while your parents or the parent you don't get along with aren't home. Arrange to have friends or other family members around you when you are home with them.

Try taking a mini vacation to a friend's house for half hour or more away and spend the night, maybe even a few nights.

If it's the relationship between you and your parents that makes you uncomfortable, try to change it. Don't walk into the house demanding to be treated like an adult. Just act like one.

Try to change the things you do with your parents. If school is the only subject both parties seem to talk seriously about, bring something else up. (Bring it up before they start talking about what you're going to do with the rest of your life. Don't change the subject; they'll think there's something terrible happening at school.)

Try talking to them about something in your local newspaper. Maybe ask them the background of a story that has been going on while you were away. Or talk about politics or world events.

Just make sure it's something you are genuinely interested in talking about. If you couldn't care less about the economic difficulties of Siberia, don't bring it up. You could end up making your parents angry when you fall asleep in the middle of their theory for saving Siberia's economy.

Don't talk to them about their jobs, unless you are interested in the specifics of what they do. The idea is to avoid conversations that cast them in the role of parent/provider and you as the helpless child.

Try doing something as a

family that you wouldn't normally do. Tell your parents about the excellent Indian restaurant you found in Raleigh, and take them out to a similar one at home. Go out to a park or tourist attraction near your home with your parents for the whole family.

Chances are you haven't been there since your fifth-grade field trip, and it will give you an opportunity to re-establish a relationship with your hometown and at the same time redefine your relationship with your parents.

If you have an extended family at home—with grandmothers, cousins and various other relatives who hold the same 16-year-old image of you—forging a new relationship won't be easy. Try using the same tactics you used with your parents, but give yourself time. The more you present yourself as an adult to others, the more they will treat you as one.

Just remember that they haven't seen you regularly since you graduated from high school. It will take them some time to get to know the grown-up person you have become.

Your family problems may pale in comparison with those you have with the gang you used to hang out with.

Half of them are married, some are parents, some have been working at the same burger joint you all worked at when you were in high school and some went to Carolina or Duke.

You may find yourself—to

your astonishment—having more in common with a Carolina student than with your high school best friend who is married and expecting a child in May.

You just feel a little uneasy when the conversation turns to diaper changing and troubles with a spouse. You feel at a loss for a contribution to the conversation.

In fact, you may find that the best times you have now are with people you never really talked to in high school. How do you find new things to do, or new people to do them with? Once again, try going somewhere in your hometown your friends never go. Or, next time you see someone you vaguely remember from your high school P.E. class, stop and talk to him or her instead of your usual polite smile and wave.

Not everyone you never used to talk to will turn out to be a great companion now (your judgement never was all that screwed up, but you may find someone new to add to your list of friends).

Don't abandon your old friends, but, if you don't feel comfortable with them, don't force yourself to spend all your time with them.

The most important thing to remember about going home is that it is home. It will probably always be your home, and the people there will always be a part of your life. Don't get angry with them, and don't cut yourself off from them. You don't have to change the world over Spring Break.

Staying safe in the sun

By Clyde Graydy
Staff Writer

Many college students are looking for more from Spring Break 1988 than just a break from classes. They'll be looking to retrieve the golden tans that cold weather and indoor classrooms stole away.

While no southern United States coastline will be free from anxious sunbathers this March, students can learn to protect themselves from a potent solar rays and prevent painful sunburns.

Dr. Harry Fagan, of N.C. State's Clark Infirmary, and Diane Holladay, owner of Tan'n'Go tanning salon in Cary, offered the following tips for safely grabbing Spring Break sunshine and keeping it through the semester.

• Choose your suntan lotion's sun protection factor (SPF) depending on your skin's sensitivity, your natural pigmentation, how long you plan to be outside and what part of the country you will be visiting.

For example, an SPF of six means that the lotion will allow you six times the protection your skin normally

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Spring Break on the road: Washington D.C., Boston

I sleep with my eyes open. The jungle drums pound from behind a crushed velvet portrait of Elvis. The humidity seeps into my ears and floods my thoughts.

The heat from 23 half-naked bodies pressed out all over the hotel room makes the spilled beer smell rancid. I can sense the cops pounding their devil sticks on nearby skulls. The tide brings in fresh sand to cover the decaying bodies of business majors.

Why did I come to Florida, the spring? The ghost of Jack Kerouac appears to me. "195," is all he says. He fades away.

The drums increase. The moans of delirious girls that have succumbed to Pepe's magic water is too much. I climb into new skin, grab my car keys and head out of the black hole of Daytona.

I cruise up with Miles Davis on the stereo and an eye out for kicks. The car windows are rolled down as I try to get the smell of the commercialized sodom out of my upholstery.

Counting the signs to South of the Border, I decide that Washington D.C. is my next real stop. After I get a new load of bottle rocks.

Washington D.C. is a pit of excitement, with a buffer zone of boredom 70 miles thick called suburbs. Two miles outside of Richmond is considered commuter land for D.C.

Instead of going straight for the excitement of the night clubs, I go visit my good friend and fellow party demon Jesse Helms. Jesse is in a good mood and ready to groove in the City of Red Tape. He's been chilling out to Dave Brubeck's "Time Out."

Jesse invites me in and we eat a couple microwave burritos. He says we gotta wait for Robert Bork before we slip into the scene.

"Georgetown is dead," Jesse tells me. "Stupid tourists

Joe
Corey

ON THE ROAD . . .



flock the bars looking for an easy score. The whole place is so fake. The people are plastic, they pay for their drinks in plastic. Why, even the ice cubes are plastic."

"But what about those college girls?" I ask. "Forget it. But if you want to try. You'll do better carrying a thermometer than a condom."

Jesse breaks out his bongos and jams with the record. Bork shows up. He's changed.

"I found free verse poetry," Bork tells me. "I have found the pipeline from my mind to my soul and tapped it to let my true spirit flow from me."

"Joe Biden explained it to me after my confirmation failed. Biden used to use Burrough's cut up method on his speeches. He took his favorite parts of speeches, mixed up the pieces, and used them. They were fantastic speeches. Too bad the media came down hard on him. Don't they understand what art is? They didn't end a presidential campaign, they ruined an artist," Bork says.

We pile into my car. Bork keeps chanting his mantra and banging finger cymbals.

The giant phallus is lit brightly and beckons us to join in our search for kicks.

We go to Chinatown. The place is choked full of people who don't understand English, but what blockage

can that be? Just ask for plate 13 and use exact change to avoid any further complications.

One of the neatest places Bork shows me is D.C. Space at 7th & E. NW. The bands change, and tonight is a hot jazz combo.

"Blow daddy o, blow," Jesse coos at the saxophonist. Bork looks at me and says, "You know that Anthony Kennedy is trying so damn hard to look boring, but he's hiding something."

"What's that?" I ask.

"For two years, in the 70s, Kennedy was a groupie with Led Zeppelin and the Rolling Stones. Ever wondered who his fishing rod caught the shark?"

But before I can get any more good tidbits of gossip, Bork leaps on stage and sings his broken verge to the band. Jesse joins him on the double bass.

After the jam session, we hit a couple bars near George Washington University. The prices are steep, but who cares. It's Spring Break. The drinks flow like a fountain to my mouth. I wake up dazed and confused in Gary Hart's townhouse. Jesse and Burt have gone. Gary's not around. I'm hungry and enjoy a bowl of pulled rice. I leave the place from the back exit and wave at the press corp hidden in the shrubs.

I was going to get a tour of the White House so I could size up the changes I should make when the revolution comes. But the ticket line is too long. Tickets are free, but I haven't the time.

I end up meandering through the Smithsonian. Supposedly, you could never see everything this place has to offer in one lifetime. Of course you can buy replicas of everything at the gift shop.

The National Gallery is covered in masterpieces and a

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Learn to protect yourself from harmful solar rays

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has. With this level of sunscreen, your skin would be able to tolerate six hours of sun and receive the effects of only one hour. This does not suggest, however, that you should stay outside that long.

The more sensitive or fair your skin is, the higher the sunscreen protection you should use. The same applies with higher temperatures and longer amounts of time spent outdoors.

• If you are sunbathing on Florida or Gulf Coast beaches, be especially careful.

"People tanning on the Florida beaches will receive a sunburn in half the time it takes in Raleigh," Tegan said. "This is true with the Gulf Coast, too, because of its white sand and southern location."

• Apply your sunscreen indoors, before you go out into the sun.

Holliday said it is a common practice—but not a healthy one—to wait until you're outside on the beach to apply suntan lotion or oil.

"Carefully rub the lotion in evenly and give it a chance to absorb before you go outside," she said. "Your face may need a slightly stronger sunscreen than the rest of your body, she added.

• Lay out a little at a time, especially during the early days of vacation. Don't try to lay out for hours, go inside for a day or two and expect the red to turn brown.

To tan safely and successfully, lay out for 30 to 60 minutes the first day and slowly build up to longer sunbathing sessions.

• Re-apply your sunscreen often. Remember that if you're swimming or playing beach sports, lotion or oil comes off easily.

• If you jog on the beach, use suntan lotion—not oil. Oil clogs the pores, preventing the skin from breathing.

• If you are currently taking medication, make sure you know all potential side effects. Some medicines, such as tetracycline, cause skin to burn faster. If you are not sure about your particular medication or need more information, call your doctor or drugstore and ask if the medicine tends to make skin more sensitive to the sun.

• Know when you've had enough sun, and go indoors when you have. Keep a long-sleeved shirt around to cover up with if you plan to stay out.

• If you happen to burn, moisturize burned areas and stay indoors for a while.



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If you have to crack a book . . .

By Robert Trogdon
Staff Reader

For most students, Spring Break is a time to forget their studies and books. But to get the most out of your break, you must be prepared. For this reason, I offer this list of books you should read before or during Spring Break:

• "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas," by Hunter S. Thompson. This book contains the philosophy of Spring Break. It also contains advice on how to deal with the police. It should be noted that some of Thompson's suggestions are a bit extreme, so you had better leave the ether at home.

• Exercise books. You don't want to hit the beach looking like Orson Wells or Oprah Winfrey. Greenpeace may attempt to drag you into the ocean. While there are many books on exercise to choose from, my personal favor-

ite is "The Royal Canadian Air Force Exercise Plans From Physical Fitness." The illustrations alone are worth the price of the book.

• "Play Safe: How to Avoid Getting Sexually Transmitted Diseases," by Bea Mandel. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure if there is a cure.

• Road maps and "The Rand McNally Glove Compartment Guide To Emergency Car Repair," by Richard V. Num. Nothing is more embarrassing than having to ask directions or waiting to have your car fixed.

• "Basic Bartending Made Easy: The Bartender's School In a Book," by J. Flash. Everyone can open a beer or mix a Screwdriver, but how many people know how to make a Screaming Organ? People respect a person who knows their way around a bar.

• "Searne's New Complete Guide To Gambling," by John

Searne. This is for those people who are heading to Las Vegas, Atlantic City or the Bahamas. You'll learn how to handle yourself at the roulette table and cheat at poker. Remember that most casino owners frown on cheating and will have you arrested if you are caught in the act.

• Books to read while on the beach. This list includes Harlequin Romances and Steven King novels. Anything by Shirley Maclaine is also a good choice. My personal favorites to read while my brain is trying in the sun are "His Way: The Unauthorized Biography of Frank Sinatra," by Kitty Kelley, and "Sweet Life: Adventure On The Way to Paradise," by Barry Manilow. Both are classics.

Feel free to add any books to this list, but don't read too much. You'll have plenty to read after Spring Break anyway.



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N.C. shores 'hottest surf' on East Coast

By J. Ward Best
Senior Staff Surfer

The mention of Spring Break instantly conjures visions of sand and sun. Most of the time, the beach scene is in Florida. But what about those of us without the funds for the trip south? Take heart — the home state offers the same vision — a little colder maybe, but ocean washed North Carolina shores offer much better waves.

North Carolina owns a reputation for the hottest surf on the East Coast. Cape Hatteras hosts a number of national, regional and local surf contests.

And along with the surfers comes the whole subculture — surfshops (with the corner on the market of summer fashions), cheap eateries and even a really novel way to pick up the after-hours pickup.

Surf shops

In the past five years, with the increasing crush of tourists to the Outer Banks, the number of surfshops has more than doubled. The first shops offered mere basics — boards, wax, wetsuits and a very short line of baggies. No more — fashions have outstripped surfboards as the main attraction.

"Clothing pays the bills," said

Jim Vaughn, owner of two Whalebone Junction surfshops on the Banks. "But we're here for surfing." Whalebone itself is a testament to the growing popularity of the Banks as a hot vacation spot and surfshops as the hottest clothing outlets.

Vaughn started out in a two-room shop in Nags Head. That shop closed, but two others opened up — one at each end of the beach.

Remaining true to Vaughn's word, both shops stock a wide range of boards. Vaughn said he just returned from Hawaii with an impression of the latest cuts and innovations for surfboards.

The latest cuts in clothing are actually nothing new at all. "Everybody's getting back to the basics of surfwear," Vaughn said. The outrageous stuff is out. What you'll see this summer "won't hit you in the face with a shovel with loudness," he said.

Spring break offers Vaughn "a feel of the new trends," but he said his shops will have something "new and fresh" to offer, and probably a sale as well.

Wave Riding Vehicles also reaped the rewards of surfing's increased popularity and the vacation boom on the Banks. Opened in Kitty Hawk as an outlet for the popular Virginia Beach shop, WRV also has opened an individual store.



Although much colder than their Florida counterparts, N.C. shores own the reputation as the hottest shores on the East Coast.

Mickey Bednarek manages the store when the waves aren't pumping. In the past couple of years, he's had fewer opportunities to surf, not from lack of waves but abundance of business. WRV's logo, six jumping porpoises forming a wave, has become a familiar symbol up and down the East Coast, and even inland.

WRV also rents boards for those unlucky enough not to own their own. You take your chances on the boards, but the price certainly beats buying one to use for only a week — \$10 a day or \$40 a week.

Even though WRV stocks a full range of cuts and sizes of the original wave riding vehicles for sale, clothes occupy more than half of the floor space at the Kitty Hawk shop. Mickey, as he's

known to the locals, says the first fashion wave of the summer should hit the shop just in time for Spring Break shoppers. Just as Vaughn predicted a return to basics in fashion, Bednarek said washed cottons and canvas for both men and women should be at the top of the heap.

"It should be a strong presentation," Bednarek said.

At last count there were eight shops in the 17 mile stretch from Nags Head to Duck (yes, that's a town). One shop has a sand floor and an easily recognizable name, Fat Boy's. Other shops offer boards from East Coast shapers (Vitamin Seal), some shops carry their own lines (New Sun), and farther south — toward Cape Hatteras and the famous light-house — even more stores offer surf gear for eager shoppers.

Eateries

Anyone who has ever pulled out of the water after a hard surf session knows the gnawing feeling in the stomach that demands some serious food.

No problem.

The Outer Banks offers the standards — McDonalds, Burger King, Hardee's and Pizza Hut — but that just won't do. Leave the grease for the tourists and give the taste buds a treat.

Many moms and pops have opened "the only one of its kind in the universe" restaurants on the Carolina coast. These restaurants (although any place that lets you in with wet shorts and no shoes really shouldn't be called a restaurant) offer a variety of truly memorable food.

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Spring Break skiing???

By Suzanne Perez
Alternatives Editor

You may think it's "Spring Break," but it's not. N.C. State students will be vacationing in early March, when winter winds are still blowing and wardrobe essentials include jackets and sweaters.

For this reason, many students decide to skip the beach and head for the mountains — great scenery, warm lodges and fantastic skiing.

Katrina Sanchez, of Slope & Sail Tours on Glenwood Avenue, says ski conditions are expected to be "just terrific" through late March.

"We had some trips (to Wintergreen, Va.) last year around the third week of March, and the conditions were still great," Sanchez said. "I think lots of people enjoy skiing later in the winter, around Spring Break."

The agency schedules several trips to popular eastern ski resorts, including Wintergreen and Snowshoe, W. Va.

A discount weekend trip to the Wintergreen resort is planned for the first weekend of Spring Break, March 4 through 6, Sanchez said. The price is \$119 per person, based on four people staying in a two-bedroom condominium. The price includes accommodations and daytime lift tickets for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, as well as nighttime tickets for Friday and Saturday evenings.

Transportation is not included, she said.

If you enjoy skiing but don't want to spend your entire Spring Break doing it, Slope & Sail also schedules daily bus trips to Wintergreen.

"We have a bus that leaves from Alpine Ski Center on Glenwood Avenue at 4:30 in the

morning and returns around 10 p.m. the same evening," Sanchez said. The price is \$43 for students and \$45 for adults and includes transportation and lift tickets.

Ski rentals are not included in the bus trip price, but usually cost \$11, \$13 or \$15 depending on the type of rental, she said. A Wednesday special offers the regular bus trip price along with a reduced ski rental of \$5.

For students who crave skiing on Rocky Mountain powder slopes, flights leaving Raleigh-Durham airport for Denver are filling up fast.

Students planning Spring Break ski trips to Colorado have almost completely booked all flights around March 4 and 5, according to a spokesman from Eastern Airlines.

Remaining tickets cost between \$300 and \$330 per person, but interested students should reserve seats as soon as possible.



Many students opt for the mountains instead of the beaches since Spring Break actually occurs during the winter season.

Visions of Jack Kerouac

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couple duds. But the place has something for everyone.

An exhibit of crayon drawings by kindergarten students are tacked onto refrigerators with fake fruit magnets.

I meet a hardboiled blond eating a Picasso.

"What do you do for a living?" She asks me.

"Live on the edge," I reply.

"Good, let's go to Boston."

We're back on I-95, and spending three hours on the New Jersey Turnpike can only be compared to watching three episodes of the "Love Boat."

The girl starts telling how wonderful Sartre was, but with a minor effort I convert her to Camus.

We pass underneath New York City, narrowly avoiding Jim Valano's ego in a red BMW.

Boston is cold. I slip on fur over the new skin.

The John Hancock Center towers over the city, along with Kevin McHale's sneakers.

But instead of staying in Boston, we take the red line (part of the subway system) over the Charles River into Cambridge. This town is the home to both Harvard and MIT. Slide ruler is a primary language to half the people wandering the streets.

The bars in Boston are nervous on how they card people: Washington D.C. once had a grandfather clause, but most of the old men grew up. The clubs have stuck with 21 instead of hassling to find out if you qualify for the program.

Boston bars will actually reject you if you don't have a local driver's license. So don't get hyper, just find a new bar.

The Bull and Finch is the bar where "Cheers" was thought up. The prices of beer equal that of

the crummy T-shirts, but that's life. Remember not to seem too chummy with the regulars. They can smell you're just a stupid tourist.

Cambridge is loaded with bars. Some are cheap and sleazy. Others are clean and yupified. Avoid any bar with U2 playing in it.

The place also has several used record stores and places loaded with bootleg recordings. Joy Division's complete English tours available at some of these places, but costs run between \$15 and \$35 for a single player.

Cambridge also has nice little novelty shops. My favorite is a used leather goods store with a metal crown of thorns for a couple bucks. Leather masks without mouths cost more than with.

We head back to Boston for dinner. The best Italian restaurant in the North End of Boston is The European. Ranked as having the best pizza in America, it's also a good place to spot tomorrow's leaders in business.

Violin cases are optional.

Passing through Quincy Marketplace, you can see every cute couple in the hub bobnobbing. The smells of the different foods served around the place is too much for one nose to understand.

We get to the harbor and I sit down on a park bench overlooking the sea. She wanders off to take a closer look at the statue of Columbus.

Kerouac appears to me again. He sits next to me.

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Outer Banks restaurants offer 'memorable' food

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Beverages

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Kill Devil Hills, home of the Wright Brothers' memorial, can also boast about Newby's.

The burger place on the Banks is John's Drive-in on the beach road in Kitty Hawk. The sign on top of John's has faded, so the ice cream cone is now white and green, but don't let that put you off of eating there. It's an indescribable pleasure.

If you travel to Hatteras to surf the famous cape, travel a little farther to Frisco to eat.

In a state known for barbecued pork and pig pickings, how could a barbecue restaurant stand out? Bubba's does. The place looks like a screened porch with a fireplace in the middle — it is. When it's 95 degrees, the heat is damn near unbearable, but that problem probably won't come up in March.

All right, the food and surf supplies are covered, there's only one thing missing now — beer.

Some really enterprising and auto-minded person has come up with one of the best ideas of the modern age — drive-through beverage stores. These ultra-convenience stores offer whatever you want to drink and a limited stock of cats.

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	Average temp	Normal high	Normal low	Record high	Record low	Daily % sunshine	Clear days	Partly cloudy days	Cloudy days	Rainy days	Total snow	Av. humidity A.M.	P.M.
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Washington	42.4	55.0	36.6	84	11	55	7	9	15	11	2.2	69	49
Daytona Beach	64.1	74.6	53.6	91	26	67	9	10	12	8	0	86	55
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Key West	74.1	78.6	69.5	87	49	82	13	12	6	5	0	78	66
Tampa	66.2	76.2	56.1	91	29	71	10	10	11	7	0	86	55
Atlanta	52.5	63.2	41.7	85	26	58	9	7	15	12	0	77	51
Honolulu	74.4	81.4	67.3	88	55	68	7	14	10	9	0	73	58
Chicago	36.0	44.3	27.6	87	-8	50	5	9	17	13	7.3	79	61
New Orleans	61.4	71.2	51.6	89	25	57	8	8	15	9	0	84	60
Boston	38.4	45.0	31.8	81	6	57	8	8	15	12	7.7	68	57
New York City	41.4	48.6	34.1	86	3	56	9	10	12	12	5.1	67	55
Asheville	46.4	58.4	34.4	83	9	62	9	9	13	11	3.2	85	54
Wilmington	54.1	64.8	43.3	89	9	63	10	8	13	10	0.5	81	52
Cape Hatteras	51.1	58.8	43.3	79	19	60	10	7	14	10	0.6	80	62
Charleston, S.C.	56.7	68.0	45.3	90	15	67	9	8	14	10	0.1	84	48
Galveston	61.4	66.4	56.5	85	26	55	7	7	17	8	0	85	74
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