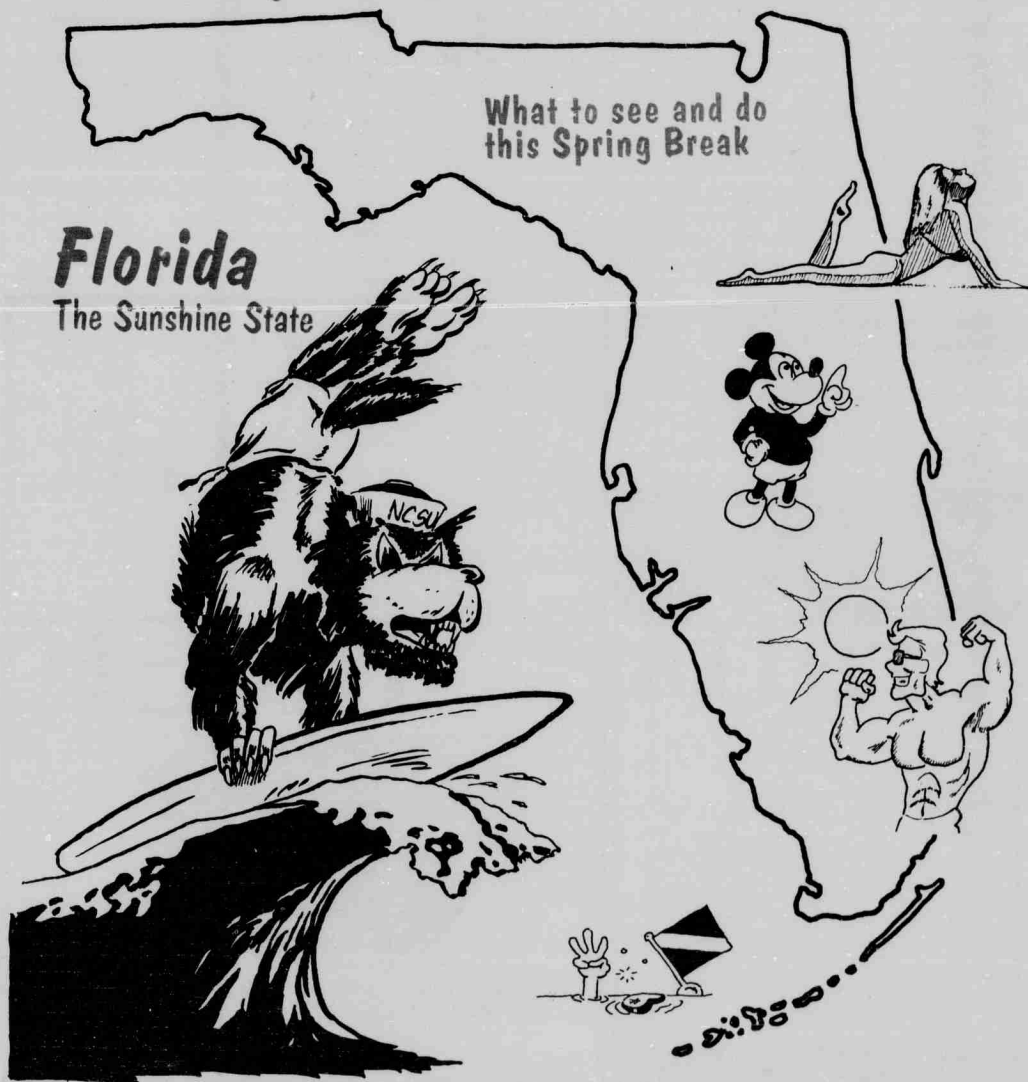


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Thanks . . .

When we were putting this thing together, Spring Break was the furthest thing from our minds. There were four inches of snow and ice on the ground outside, and there we were, writing about sun, sand and bathing suits.

But here it is — the Technician Spring Break Special.

For college students, Spring Break is not just a vacation. It's heaven — an entire week away from books, tests and school life in general. And this issue is dedicated to that week.

Because a lot of N.C. State students will be traveling to Florida next Friday, our cover story tells you all about things to see and do in the Sunshine State. From scuba diving off the Keys to visiting Mickey Mouse in Orlando, there's something for everyone. Other stories will tell you what's new in swimwear, what to expect from Spring Break hotels and which cassettes to bring along.

This special issue, while fun to create, was lots of work as well. And I could not have done it alone.

Many thanks go to the writers, editors, photographers and artists who contributed stuff. David Johnson, thanks for putting together a great illustration on such short notice.

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Madelyn and Ward, thanks for listening to me bitch about this thing for two weeks. Thanks for driving in the snow to see me, Ward.

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Daytona hotels brace for Spring Break student arrivals

By Jennifer Ball
Staff Writer

Students looking for Florida fun during Spring Break should look toward Daytona this year, according to hotel managers.

While Fort Lauderdale hotels will still be booked as usual, even Lauderdale hotel managers say Daytona Beach is the place students want to be this year. The reason: a bit of discrimination by Fort Lauderdale residents.

Some hotels in the once-famous Spring Break beach city don't even accept college students as guests anymore, said one hotel manager.

Hotels like Best Western in Fort Lauderdale have established strict regulations for partying collegiates — a 10 p.m. "lights out" and two per room maximum occupancy — in

hopes of preventing major property damage.

But Daytona Beach hotels are ready and waiting for students, said Gary Brown, manager of the Ocean Villa Motel.

Ocean Villa and the Flamingo Inn, another Daytona establishment, are more lenient with college guests around Spring Break, Brown said.

"We know the students are going to party and drink a lot," he said. "(Most students) think the parking lot is the trash can, and we've had a few bedspreads on the beach.

"We just make them pay for it."

To make sure students can pay for such damage, most hotels charge a \$100 security deposit that is refunded at check-out time. Some hotels, especially those right on the beach, require that guests stay a minimum of



seven nights.

Rates at Daytona Beach hotels vary, but the average cost for an oceanfront room is about \$65 per night, \$75 with a kitchen included.

Spring Break rates at Ocean Villa are \$80 per night, Brown said, but peak season there is after NCSU's break, Mar. 18 - Apr. 1.

To prepare for the onslaught of

vacationing college students, most hotels have beefed up security, Brown added. And because of the extra beer cans and other messes, most establishments increase their maintenance staffs during Spring Break.

All beach hotels, no matter where they're located, get booked early for Spring Break, so make reservations now.

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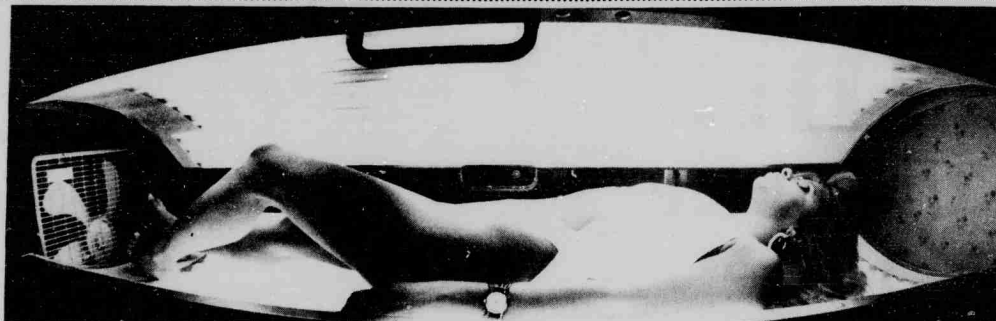
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Lynda Menasian tans at "Tan-N-Glo" tanning salon in Cary. Like many students, she is building a base tan for her Spring Break trip to Florida.

Like, tan yer bod, totally ... fer sure

By Suzanne Perez

Staff Writer

It's not a pretty sight.

After six months of bulky sweaters and blue jeans, that first day in a bathing suit shows what you've NOT been doing. Tanning.

So how come some people look so golden brown at the beginning of March? According to managers of local tanning salons, it's no big secret anymore. They've just been faking the sun.

Forrest Harrell, owner of Endless Summer Tanning Studio in Raleigh, says business has been booming since mid-January.

Lots of college students, thinking ahead to Daytona Beach rays, visit tanning salons in late winter to build their base tans, Harrell says. It's

convenient, easy, and it's the only way to keep from being fish-belly pale.

Harrell says business slows down in mid-winter "because people just aren't thinking about tans." Business jumps from 20 customers per day during December to more than 100 per day in late February.

The Endless Summer studio has three tanning units — two beds and one booth, Harrell adds. Customers may lay out either with swimsuits or in the buff, but none are allowed in a tanning unit for more than 20 minutes at a time, according to current FDA regulations.

When building a base tan, Harrell suggests visiting a tanning studio every day for about two weeks. After that, twice a week is sufficient for maintaining your skin color.

"Starting out slowly is the key," he says. "We're not going

to put you in there and let you burn." The average tanning time for beginners is about 12 minutes, and customers slowly work up to the 20-minute maximum.

Harrell says the dangers of primitive tanning booths have been eliminated with modern technology.

"The lamps are safer, and you get a more even tan. And tanning salons employees have the knowledge to prevent overexposure."

The secret: don't overdo it. "If you're getting burned in a tanning bed, it's simple overexposure," he says. "And there's no reason that should happen. Just take it easy and don't try to get totally brown in one week."

While it isn't necessary to wear sunscreen inside the beds, tanners still need to care for their skin.

"Be sure to use a good moisturizer, because in the winter, your skin is already prone to dryness," he says. "When you think about it, it's actually safer to go ahead and start tanning before Spring Break rather than go down to Florida and bake in the sun for just one week," Harrell adds.

If you're thinking about visiting a tanning-salon, Harrell suggests visiting several and shopping around for the best price. Most offer a variety of tanning packages, depending on what stage of the tanning game you're in.

But beware of "beauty salons with a tanning bed stuck somewhere in the back," he adds. "Be cautious. Go somewhere where the staff knows how to operate the beds, where they know how to protect you from overexposure."

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The 'Keys' for a Spring Break Florida adventure

Take a scuba diving plunge or snorkel in the waters of the Gulf

By Mark Freeman
Staff Writer

If typical above-water Spring Break entertainment doesn't interest you, why not opt for the underwater variation: a diving trip in the Florida Keys.

Scuba diving is fast becoming the aquatic craze of the 80's, featuring sightseeing in a completely different medium. And the waters off the Florida Keys offer adventurous students a wealth of underwater opportunity.

The Keys, a 135-mile-long string of islands that extend southward from the Florida mainland into the Gulf of Mexico, is as far south as you can travel without leaving the country. Key Largo is the first island in the chain, and Key West is the last, the southernmost city in the continental United States.

And the water quality off the Keys is perfect for diving.

Warm water temperatures, good visibility and an abundant supply of sea life make the Key West

diving experience most enjoyable. Water temperatures hover between 70 and 75 degrees at this time of year and water visibility, as a result of prevailing winds, is estimated by local dive shops at 60 feet.

The warm water temperatures sustain a wide variety of sea life that congregate on and around the coral reefs that criss-cross the Gulf floor.

"The reef is its own destination. You'll find all kinds of tropical fish and coral here," said Bill Jackson, a scuba instructor at Key West's Reef Raiders dive shop. "Lots of colors and shapes."

In addition to the abundant sealife, the Keys team with schools of college students during March.

Captain Eric Martin, of Key West Divers dive shop, said the Keys start coming to life in spring.

"Diving in the keys is real popular," Martin said. "We get divers down here all year around. Traditionally, the classic tourist season begins in early February."

"Key West is a small town, and at Spring Break this place goes crazy," Martin added. "I know we'll be busy."

Key West's local dive shops offer a variety of services for both

experienced and novice divers. Charter prices vary, but generally the more equipment you rent, the more expensive the outing.

The average price for certified divers who own their equipment is \$25-\$30 per charter trip. If you need a complete set of equipment, add \$35 to the price of the charter.

But before you can hit the Gulf waters, you have to become certified. To earn your certification, bring about \$300 dollars and a four-day open itinerary to Key West.

If you can't spare the money or the time, you may want to sign up for a 'trial course' at a Key West dive shops. For about \$100, the virgin diver can be introduced to the sport after a single day of basic instruction and an afternoon, open-water dive.

Even non-certified divers can enjoy Key West's underwater sites at a

reasonable price. Skin diving — or snorkeling — is the purist's answer to scuba. You can still see all the little fishes and coral, only you do not have the extra bulk of scuba

Key West is a small town, and at Spring Break this place goes crazy. I know we'll be busy.

— Eric Martin
Key West Divers shop

equipment to worry with.

There's only one problem: while skindiving, the actual time spent underwater is limited by lung capacity, not tank capacity.

Since most dive shops on the Keys offer daily snorkel trips, there is no excuse not to treat yourself to the reef's beauty. Currently, the rate is \$30 for a half-day of snorkeling.

In addition to scuba and snorkeling, many Key West dive shops offer a variety of special interest diving courses. If you have the time and attention span, you can enroll in classes like night diving, underwater photography, deep water photography and coral reef ecology — all classes you certainly will not find in next semester's course listings.

During Spring Break, calling dive charters a week ahead of time isn't a bad idea, dive shop representatives said.

The Florida Keys are a perfect destination for both diver and landlubber. If you're not even planning to don your swimsuit, go for Duval Street's wonderful nightlife, leisurely bicycle rides around the island streets, or colorful sunsets on the Gulf.



N.C. State student Scott Rivenbark takes a dive in the waters off the Florida Keys.



Police officers prepare for onslaught

By Annie Buchanan
Staff Writer

On March 3, thousands of N.C. State students will join the other hordes of collegians heading for Florida beaches. On their minds: sand, sun and lots of parties.

And Florida police officers are ready. According to Sgt. John Power, a 17-year veteran of the Daytona Beach police department, his team of officers began preparing for Spring Break 1989 as soon as students left the beach last year.

This year officers are expecting about 800,000 vacationing college students during March, Power said.

The annual Mar. 12 bike race at Daytona International Speedway, should add an additional 400,000 motorcyclists to the already-crowded city, he added.

With a police force of 200 fulltime officers protecting Daytona's 60,000 residents, the department will use several volunteer officers for the Spring Break period, Power said.

NCSU's Spring Break (Mar. 3 through 12) falls in the same time frame as

several other schools, he added, so traffic will be Problem Number One.

If traveling to Daytona Beach, Power suggests carpooling. Once in the area, it's better to walk whenever possible.

Whenever crowds of partying college students get together on vacation, bad things can result. Just ask Fort Lauderdale police officers about the 1985 "disaster."

According to Ott Cefkin, a spokesman for the Fort Lauderdale police department, the chaos — students drinking in the streets and jumping on

cars — was a result of overpopulation.

The two-mile Lauderdale beach was packed with more than 350,000 students that year, Cefkin said, setting a record for visitors — and causing lots of problems.

"The potential for disaster was there," Cefkin said, "because students transferred their bad behavior out into the streets." The city just was not prepared to deal with the crowds, he added.

Spring Break 1985 spurred a year-long debate between the residents, who wanted to prevent future problems, and the businesses who depended on visiting college students.

Since then, the number of Spring Break visitors dropped significantly Cefkin said. This year the department is expecting only 100,000 students.

And the honorary "Spring Break Capital" title was easily transferred to Daytona Beach.

Cefkin cited several reasons why more college students are flocking to Daytona. Daytona's wide beach enables students to drive and congregate right on the sand, something not permitted in Fort Lauderdale. And economically speaking, Daytona offers cheaper hotels and restaurants than Lauderdale, Cefkin said.

A major attraction in Daytona is the annual MTV Spring Break broadcast from the beach. The city of Fort Lauderdale did not allow the station to broadcast from its beach.

While both beaches are different, certain things remain the same. The statewide drinking age in Florida is 21, and both cities enforce the law.

"Alcohol seems to be the catalyst that

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Beach alternative: visit a Magic Kingdom

Disney World offers college student discounts

By Madelyn Rosenberg
Staff Writer

Mickey and the gang are waiting. And if you bring along your AllCampus card, they'll give you a break.

All through March, college students are being offered cheaper prices at the Magic Kingdom and Epcot Center, for the flash of a current college identification card. The promotion is part of the Disney Break '89 promotion at Walt Disney World in Florida.

"I developed the program in 1984 and introduced it in '85," said Dave Kuhnlein, senior marketing representative for Walt Disney World. "I was right out of college myself and knew a lot of college students would come if they were given some type of incentive. I ran it past some people, and they said we can't compete with the beach. But we tried a test, and that told us we have great potential here."

The first year Disney ran the promotion, 40,000 students took advantage of the almost half-price special during Spring Break. Last year, 80,000 students visited the park.

"I wouldn't be surprised if we had 100,000 this year," Kuhnlein said. "The big attraction for college students — outside the obvious appeal — is the central location. Whether you're in

Daytona or St. Petersburg or Fort Lauderdale, we're only a couple of hours away." The park is located in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., just outside Orlando.

"You'll notice a lot of students there — it's a busy time," Kuhnlein said. "Last year on our record day we had 5,600 students."

The deal goes like this: college students who show a valid ID can get one day at either the Magic Kingdom or Epcot for \$19.95. Regular admission is \$28. For \$30.95 students get another special where they can have spend two days at each of the two parks.

Kuhnlein said usually there are no two-day offers, and a normal price would be \$56.

"Spring breakers come to Florida looking for fun, and the Magic Kingdom is a neat alternative," said Kuhnlein. "We have thrill rides like Space Mountain and Thunder Mountain.

"Epcot is something totally different. It's more of a theme park for adults. The neat thing there is the world showcase — 11 countries are represented."

Roger Rabbit is a new attraction at the Magic Kingdom this year.

Other attractions include the kingdom's Frontierland and the "Big Thunder Mountain Railroad," which hurls riders along a western-style roller coaster.



College students who join the party for Disney Break '89 will take the plunge in The Maelstrom, Epcot Center's newest attraction. The ride takes students on a wild voyage through Nordic time where they'll meet trolls, polar bears and Viking explorers.

Birthdayland opened last summer in honor of Mickey's 60th birthday.

New at Epcot Center is the "Maelstrom" — a wild ride through rivers and fjords of Norway, also newly opened.

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Alcohol is forbidden in the Magic Kingdom, but it has the green light in Epcot Center.

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Magic Kingdom hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. March 1 - 12, the only time most NCSU students will be able to get away.

Epcot's hours on March 1 through 17 are from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Hit the beach in the hottest new suits

Bright neons, tropical prints are 'in' for '89

By Jeff Cherry
Staff Writer

The day of reckoning is upon you: 1989's first trip to the beach.

You've worked out all winter, mounting relentless attacks on thighs that aren't thin and turnies that aren't tight. You've shelled out big bucks on visits to the tanning salon to acquire that base tan.

But there's one more thing to do before you shed the parkas and long underwear: find the perfect swimsuit.

Now if you have that Elle MacPherson/Mel Gibson type figure, it's easy. You can wear anything you want at the beach. The only constraints are your personal modesty and the local decency laws.

But if you, like most of us, have been spending too much time in the dining hall and not quite enough time in the gym, it's a considerably more difficult task.

"When you wear a swimsuit, it's the only thing you have on," says Roxanna Denmark, the women's swimwear buyer for Triangle area Belk stores. "Women are always searching for the one suit that will make them look perfect."

Though two-piece bikini styles continue to outsell the one-

piecers by a 2-to-1 margin among college-age women, you don't have to let it all hang out unless you want to. "Unless you're 13 or 14 years old, you're probably not going to want something so low-cut," says Denmark.

Cheesecake is out, athleticism is in. This season's bikinis borrow the surfer's wetsuit look, with high-waist bottoms and tank-style tops. And H-back and T-back racing suits, once confined to sporting goods stores, go mainstream this season "for women who are swimming to stay in shape but want something trendy," says Denmark.

The surfing influence is also evident in this season's popular colors. If it's fluorescent, it's hot. Colors like lime green, fuschia, orange and bright yellow are in. Not just on detailing or trim, but all over. Also popular are tropical prints and colored leopard or reptile skin prints.

Stretchy lycra spandex is the dominant fabric for women, but manufacturers have introduced a trendy variation for this year: a ridged or nubby "pucker" fabric. It manages to be stretchy, but not clinging, and appears on many suits in combination with the sleeker fabrics.

Neoprene will mainly be seen

this summer as an accent. Denmark says all-neoprene suits that were popular last year are very uncomfortable on hot beaches because they aren't breathable. Swimsuit designers have substituted a wet-look lycra spandex for the neoprene.

With so many different styles and textures, women now have traditionally had the wider range of swimwear options. But with the introduction of men's tight-fitting bike short styles, guys also have to decide if a suit will make them look chic and athletic or simply ridiculous.

Young men's buyer Laurie Rolander says the lycra spandex styles "didn't take off like everybody thought." She thinks this year's top selling fabric for men's swimwear will be supplex. "It's gonna be hot," says Rolander of the lightweight nylon fabric, which resembles the material used in parachutes.

It's very durable, quick-drying and comfortable, and will be available in a variety of lengths, from upper thigh (which Rolander calls "volleyball length") to knee-length clamdigger styles. A prominent logo is an important detail for the men, with newcomer brands



Reptile and other animal prints are popular for suits this year.

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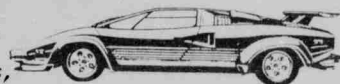
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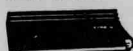
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Cassettes to bring

By Matt Byers
Staff Writer

How are you going to survive that long haul to your beach town destination? The thought of what (and who) is going to be on the beach may keep you going — but only for a couple hours.

Your music is going to be the most important element in keeping your sanity.

It's a good idea to start early in choosing the albums you'll want to listen to. Unless you have a portable turntable that plugs into your car lighter, you may end up having to tape them.

And think before you grab that first album from the shelf. The "Footloose" soundtrack you used to listen to doesn't cut it. If you reach for a Debbie Gibson or Phil Collins album you shouldn't even be going to the beach.

If you like love songs, you'll end up pining for your loved one who was left behind — or cheating on you at the next beach.

Wake up. You're in college, and you should know what's hip and what's not. You should know what's good driving music

and what's good beach music.

Rule Number One: Don't let MTV influence the type of music you listen to. The top-20 video countdown is decided by high school headbangers. How else would bubble-gum rockers like Poison get so much airplay.

Try not to play to much hard music at the beginning of the trip. Don't play Guns 'N Roses right away. Slamming your brain against your skull is bound to have an effect on the way you'll feel later.

Save the headbanging for the last 10 minutes of the trip, when you pull into your pit of a hotel with the music cranked up so people will know you're cool.

Start the trip with The B-52's. The B-52's are good music for the beach, and any college student will recognize the sounds coming from your cassette player. It may get some conversation going with the other gender.

Play The Popes next. The beautiful thing about The Popes is that they are from Chapel Hill, and that fact can help you in many ways. You may feel the need to lie, saying you're in the band as you point to your North Carolina license plate.

You should also play some mellow music along the way. Playing The Church or The Smiths might save you from hitting your friends, but don't play too much by Morrissey or it might put a camper on the rest of the drive.

If your eyelids are half-closed when you cross the Georgia border, break out of the mold. Play something extremely radical.

The Dead Kennedys will wake you up. If you want something new, check out Jello Biafra's latest album, "Lard." Biafra teams up with Ministry's Al Jourgensen to create industrial-strength music.

If you're into new music, try the latest by R.E.M. or the Violent Femmes. The few albums aren't necessarily good, but for some reason college kids are getting off on the music.

Other new albums to bring along are The Feelies, Jane's Addiction, Living Colour and New Order.

If you can't have fun after listening to this music, go back home. You don't belong at the beach. Pull out your Tiffany album.

Say 'Bon Voyage' to school; take a cruise

Tired of being a landlubber? If you've got enough cash saved up, hitch a ride on a cruise ship and head for the Caribbean this Spring Break. Many local travel agencies offer cruise packages to destinations like Cancun, Jamaica and the Bahamas.

According to sales representatives from The Cruise Centre in Raleigh, a cruise to the Bahamas lasts three or four days, and prices range from \$400 to \$1,000 depending on cabin size. Some trips include airfare from RDU to Miami.

A port tax of \$35 to \$45 is not included in the expenses.

Bon Voyage Travel of Raleigh offers cruises to the Bahamas for similar prices, but the four-day cruise ports in both Nassau and Freeport. The seven-day cruise the agency offers goes to the Virgin Islands and costs between \$1,075 and \$2,195.

The Cruise Centre's seven-day cruise to the Western Caribbean costs from \$1,000 to \$2,000 depending on room location. The ship leaves from Miami and ports in Cancun, Cozumel, the Grand Cayman Island and Jamaica. It also has very limited space during Spring Break, so make reservations early.

The Cruise Centre also offers a popular five-day cruise to Cancun and Cozumel, which leaves from Key West. Prices range from \$600 to \$900 without port tax for a double room. The cruise has not yet been booked for Spring Break.

Bon Voyage Travel offers a similar seven-day cruise to the Western Caribbean. It leaves from Miami every Saturday and travels to Playa del Carmen, Cozumel, the Grand Cayman Island, and Jamaica.

Prices for this cruise range from \$1,075 to \$2,195 and do not include port charges. Most cruise packages include air fare, meals and accommodations. Bar fares and tips are not included.

To save money and increase your chances for getting reservations during Spring Break, get someone to drive you to Florida. Leaving directly from the port will save you about \$200 airfare.

For more information on cruises, contact your local travel agency.

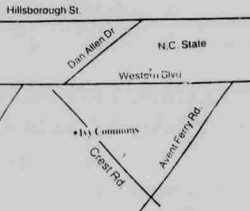
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If you're staying home . . .

There's more to North Carolina than you might think

By Dan Pawlowski
Staff Writer

Florida is nice. It's sunny, warm and teeming with scantly-clad college students. But it's not everything. If you're short of cash or

laying out — a good chance in early March — be sure to visit the Wright Brothers National Memorial. Located in Kitty Hawk, the museum houses remnants of Wilbur and Orville's first aircraft flight. And if it's flight that interests

The town also houses the World Golf Hall of Fame.

Go West, Young Collegiate: A drop in temperature can mean misery to the beach community, but it's a welcomed sight at ski resorts in North Carolina's Appalachian mountains.

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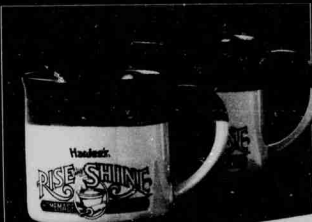
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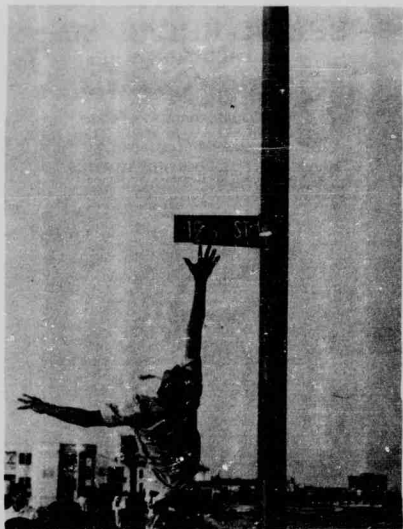
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N.C. State sophomore Bob "House Ad" Olsen spent last Spring Break at Ocean City, N.J.

Jams: 'out' for 1989

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Jams. Rolander says, "florals are out." Other tropical prints are popular, though, and tie dye is making a comeback. Colors follow the women's trend towards the fluorescent, but men's Speedo-style racing suits won't begin appearing in the

major department stores like their female counterparts.

The 1989 season's overriding trend is variety: of coverage, lengths, textures and colors. You needn't haul great-aunt Mildred's old-fashioned swimming dress out of mothballs to have something for Spring Break that no one else is wearing. Just try the local mall..

Alcohol can ruin fun

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turns a good time into a bad time," Power said.

Daytona Beach passed an ordinance in 1986, which prohibits driving a car or walking on the beach with an open alcoholic beverage container. Violators of the ordinance are subject to a fine, Power said.

If 19 or 20-year-olds are

caught drinking, they will be fined \$30 or \$35, he added. Anyone under 18 will be placed in a juvenile detention home.

The primary advice officials offered students who plan to vacation on Florida beaches: Don't cause problems, and nothing will happen.

"Just act the same way here that you would anywhere else," Power said.

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