

How did most UPEI students spend their spring break?

Post contributor Shavado Gibson tells us what UPEI students kept busy with over Reading Week

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At many Canadian universities, the spring break in late February or early March is called "reading week", and ostensibly is intended to allow students to catch up on their studies.

However, during spring break, students eagerly spread out across the country and indeed the world, heading for new destinations and new experiences. Students travel to areas of tropical climate, to get away from the cold weather. They want to enjoy the exquisite sun, sand and sea in places like The Bahamas (where I am from), Cuba, Jamaica and Florida.

Here at UPEI, many students took advantage of the spring break and travelled back to their home province, or country, to have a fun and an exciting time with friends and family especially who they haven't seen in a while. When asked Lily Ann Maxham, a first year Biology student what she did for the spring break she replied, "I went to Montreal for a few days, to have some fun with friends and then I went home to Vermont to visit my family and friends." Also, Hanna Waxer a second year nursing student stated that she went to Winnipeg to visit her grandmother who she hasn't seen in two years. She mentioned that she had a really great time with her grandmother. I thought that was really nice!

Some students travelled to warmer countries to get away from the cold weather for a while.

Vanessa Driscoll, a first year Arts student stated, "I went to the Dominican Republic just to get away from the cold." She strongly added, "I am so sick of the cold." Subsequently, she enjoyed the beautiful sun, sand and sea and relaxed on the beach drinking cocktails.

On the other hand, quite a few students remained here on P.E.I. mostly because it was too expensive to travel or students just wanted to stay and study or they were obligated to work. While here, some students took the time from their busy schedules to

visit the spa for a little relaxation or the night clubs with friends to "spring up" some fun and experience a different type of spring break.

As for me, I stayed on PEI. I occupied myself with a few winter sports. I went ice skating, skiing, tubing and curling.

As a novice to all of these winter sports, I found them quite exciting and a fun experience.

However, I am sure that many students enjoyed their spring break whatever they decided do. By the enthusiastic stories that some students shared with me, it was evident that many had quite an adventure and indeed a wonderful spring break.

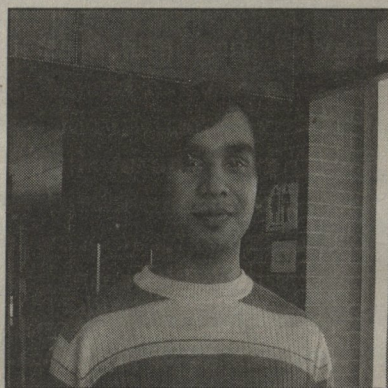
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What do you think about the 'Does God Exist' debate on Feb. 27?

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I'm pretty excited for it... I think it's a great chance to bring theists and atheists together to see different points.

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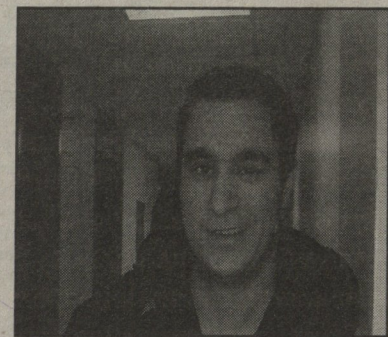


Asher Fredricks
4th year Business

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I don't want to get involved in that. It's a pretty sensitive topic.

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Joe Lamarsh
1st year Computer Science

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Yes, God exists! I don't have much more to say. I don't know why you wouldn't.

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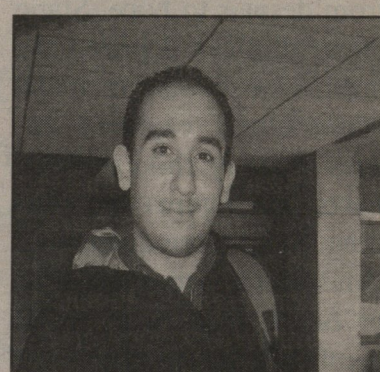


Jessica Flemming
2nd year Business

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It gives me an opportunity to view Canadian religious culture and to compare Muslim and Christian religions.

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Ashraf Lafi
1st year Biology