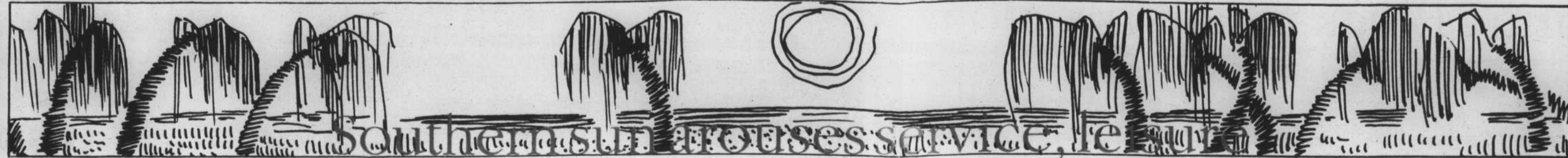


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Southern Style Houses

Students revel on island beach

SPRING BREAK '92

By Garth Lienemann
 Staff Reporter

South Padre Island, Texas. Need I say more?

Probably, if you want to know what to do in one of the most densely populated Spring Break party areas.

Come to think of it, it may be

easier to list the things I DIDN'T do over the week: I didn't stay sober. I didn't get stung by a jellyfish. I didn't get much sleep. And I definitely didn't worry about a thing. Even though that should sum it up well, I'm still going to let you know exactly what goes on for the entire week on the edge of our wonderful continent.

First of all, from the University of Nebraska, Padre Island is a whopping 18 hour drive, even when your speed averages 75 MPH. What that adds up to is 1,080 minutes of some of the most boring highways and interstates in the country. But it's worth it.

The hotel strip is where most of the action is, so that's where everyone stays during the daytime hours. The women put on their bathing suits while the men pick up a couple

cases of beer, and they all meet on the beach.

Once the day gets going, it's impossible to see any sand unless you're laying on it. It is a sight you have to see to believe.

My shoes were stolen the first day, so I had to borrow a pair from a friend, but my major dilemma was figuring out how to bail another friend out of jail.

Evidently public intoxication is frowned upon by the local police, and tripping in a parking lot gives them enough reason to approach you.

This should have taught my group a quick lesson, but two others spent time in jail for public intoxication also. No harm done — now they have stories to tell their grandchildren someday.

The night life at Padre was incredible.

Several bars lined the strip, offering a variety of settings, music, dancing, and drink specials. (Women who lifted their tops for the bartenders usually got free drinks.)

Two of the bars, Charlie's and Louie's, were filled with at least 5,000 people nightly, making for very interesting dance partners (depending on how much you've had to drink), and lots of fun with your friends. If you don't have any friends with you, no problem. Everyone was very friendly and you are welcome to party with just about anyone on the island.

An extremely publicized Spring Break trend was bungee jumping.

See PADRE on 10

More to Tijuana than bars, booze

SPRING BREAK '92

By Dionne Searcey
 Senior Editor

I woke up last Wednesday during Spring Break with a killer headache. I thought I was going to puke. Bruises from I don't know where dotted my legs. My back hurt. The room was kind of spinning. It smelled like old urine. It took me a minute to realize where I was.

Oh yeah, Tijuana, Mexico. But I wasn't partying the night before: I was moving a mountain.

I went to Mexico with 17 other young men and women to help build a house for The City of Refuge orphanage in Tijuana.

I passed up parties and beaches for a week of dirt and showerlessness.

We pulled into the orphanage

Monday and were welcomed by about 30 or 40 smiling children.

We played games with them in the morning until they went to school and we went to work.

We drove to our work site over bumpy Mexican roads, through the barrios of Tijuana. I thought of the yuppie neighborhood we'd stayed in the night before. Visions of the \$250,000-plus lake-side houses stuck in my mind as people in shacks peered out when we piled out.

We were told to excavate a grassy hillside so a retaining wall could be created. A house would be built later on.

We stared up at the 10-foot wall of rocky dirt that loomed ahead. After about six hours of picking through rocks and mud, my hands felt as though they were going to drop off my arms. If only we'd had a bulldozer. I thought of my friend soaking up the sun on the beach in the Bahamas.

We worked all Tuesday afternoon and headed back to the orphanage. But hot showers weren't waiting for us. The city of Tijuana rations its water. We couldn't even have a glass of ice water.

That evening we went to Revolutionary Avenue to buy ponchos, beads, blankets — the usual.

We passed by the bars — the same clubs I went to last July. They were packed with college students spending their Spring Break the traditional way.

I met a lot of fun people at those clubs last summer. Bunches of long-haired guys, tons of groovy college students and just all-around shiny, happy people.

But the folks I met this year in Tijuana were different.

There was Martha — a woman whose husband helped her start the orphanage, then left her for another woman. She sings to the children and becomes the mother many of them lack.

There was Sarah — the 10-year-old bilingual who explained that there were three kinds of children who lived at the orphanage: the bullies, the snots and the nice ones.

There was Leonard — the 14-year-old boy who wants more than anything to be a preacher and spread love in the world.

This Spring Break was definitely a change from South Padre Island or the Bahamas. But when we loaded into the van after the third day of work, I looked up at the nearly level ground that used to be a grassy hillside, and I was happy that I missed out.

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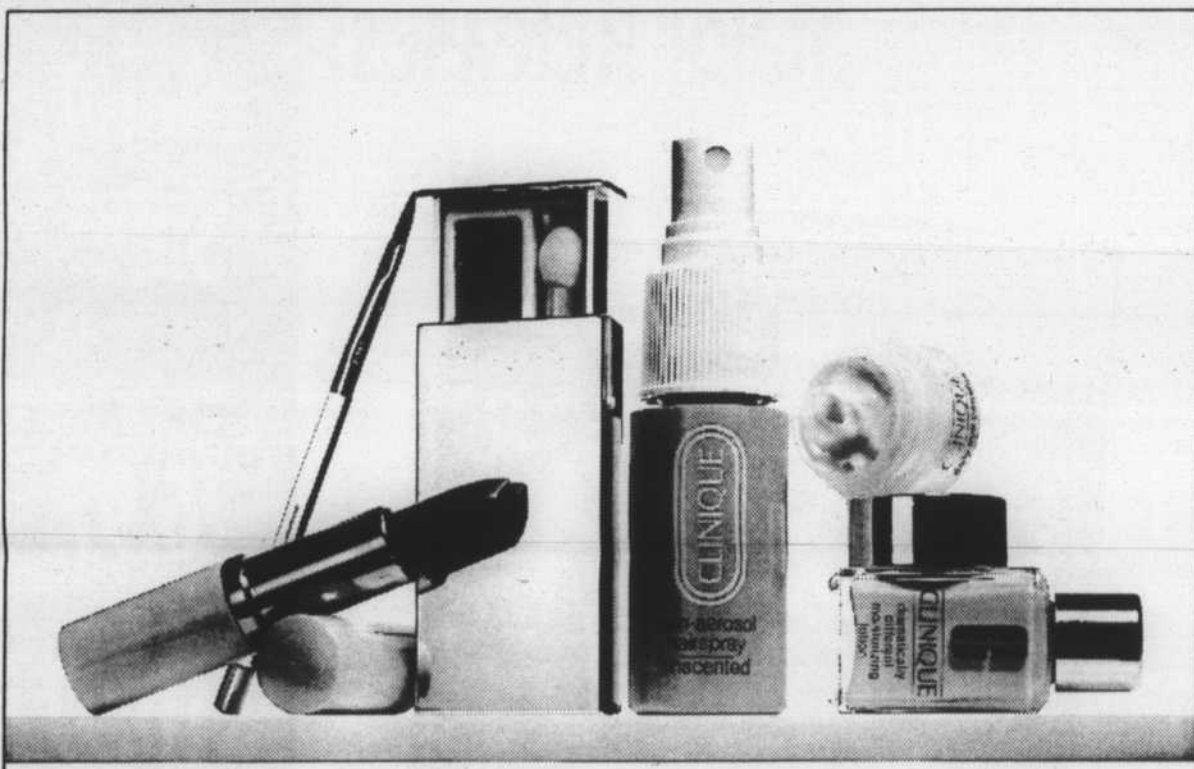
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