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Lack of money keeps students in Lincoln

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Some UNL students can't wait to leave the frigid, bone-chilling Nebraska winter for a tropical spring break paradise.

But others say they don't mind being left behind.

Dan Montano, a sophomore architecture major, said most of his friends were headed to sunny South Padre Island, Texas, for break.

"I would love to go to Padre, but \$400 is a lot of money to spend," Montano said. "Money is a major factor."

Instead, he said, he will spend his spring break in Lincoln with other friends who couldn't afford to go.

"I'll just stay here and party with my friends who are staying," he said.

Although he may feel left out of the fun at first, Montano said he would have an advantage in the long run.

"I'll miss out on a lot of the experience of going to Padre. But then again, I'll be able to pay my rent come March," he said.

Nate Van Meter, a freshman biology major, said he, too, would miss out on the traditional spring break festivities because of a lack of money.

"I don't have any money," Van Meter said. "I have to pay to live in the dorm. I have to pay tuition."

Although he's been working and saving some money, he said that still wouldn't be enough to cover a trip.

"I have a job, but it's not enough for Florida," Van Meter said.

Colby Forke, an undeclared sophomore, was going to travel to Lake Powell, Ariz., for spring break. But his plans recently fell through.

"There was a lack of timing, money and a lack of people who wanted to go," Forke said.

But he said he had taken other road trips, so missing one spring break wouldn't matter.

"I've been to Mardi Gras, and some of my other friends haven't," he said. "I'll be down there some day, and one time will be good enough."

But in the end, Forke said he would

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