

Seniors Satirize Spring Breakers

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Spring Break: a time of a student's life no matter how you spend it. For a few seniors, they dedicated their Spring Break to satirically break the Spring Break stereotype.

Here is their story:
Max Leesch and Joe Gusumano were always interested in creating short films and taking pictures. They created multiple films and unique pictures. One stars Gusumano and a vending machine. They simply wanted to create another masterpiece over Spring Break.

One day they all met at Beau Brockett's house eager to start making their works of art. They brought everything that they could think of that is related to spring break: bathing suits, sunglasses, towels, sports drinks, chairs, pizza, and even a six pound can of nacho cheese.

Why not?
Once they were all there and they had a bunch of random items, they needed to find the perfect idea that would involve all of the items they brought. Their main goal was to "make fun" of the Spring

Break stereotype. With that being said, Brandon Stein decided to write Spring Break 2k15 on Gusumano. This was just the beginning of the night. This led to many other strange activities that would take place.

Emma Brockett, a sophomore and Beau's sister, was their photographer for the night. She had to take control of the situation when things got crazy.

At first, she was hesitant and reluctant about agreeing to do the picture taking, but after seeing what they were doing she thought it was funny and agreed to. According to the Spring Break clan, it took a lot of convincing to get her to do the job. By crazy, they mean taking

"Frat Style'd" pictures in the sandbox. The photo shoot continued inside of the garage. That's when they decided to break out the pizzas and bubbles.

Leesch said, "It was all fun and games until Brandon dropped the last cold slice into the pitiful dirt."

They also had a photoshoot dedicated to the tub of nacho cheese. They set it in various places and snapped away. The random pictures tell the story of what occurred that night. Gusumano said, "We tried to be unique."

The entire night started as just a joke, but once they arrived at Brockett's house they decided to actually do this for fun.

They were willing to fight through the fifty degree weather to create this masterpiece. "We spent three hours preparing and posing for the pictures. It was



Beau Brockett and Brandon Stein stay cool under a blanket.
Photo courtesy of Emma Brockett



The four amigos pose for after a fun day in the garage.
Photo courtesy of Emma Brockett

cold, but that didn't stop us," said Beau. The effort was most certainly there.

Overall, the night was bizarre. Stein said, "Dirty pizza and nacho cheese make for a grand evening." Their purpose was to simply do something different and poke fun at the stereotypical "Spring Breaker."

They said they were expecting the weird comments and attention. That's what they wanted after all. They wanted to do something different.

Leesch said, "Some people have a hard time finding something to do when you stay home for Spring break. You can do something different. It's what you make it."

Gusumano said, "You can have an awesome Spring Break at home too."

To see more of the group's spring break antics, buy a copy of Richmond's 2014-2015 yearbook. Only \$80.

The Longest Ride

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will tug at everyone's heart and make them rethink about what is really important in the world.

Along with the novel *The Longest Ride*, Nicholas Sparks' other books are also very intriguing.

"My favorite book written by Nicholas Sparks is *The Last Song*," said Job. "The book shows how fragile love is and how sometimes we aren't the best caretakers of it."

Sparks has published 17 novels and one non-fiction book. Eleven of his romantic novels have been filmed onto the big screen.

VanHove has read nine of the 17 novels Nicholas Sparks has written.

VanHove's favorite novel out of the nine she has read is *Safe Haven*.

"*Safe Haven* shows how after heartbreak it's hard to love again but in order to love again you must be able to trust," said Vanhove.

There is no doubt that Sparks teaches a lesson to his readers through his books and allows readers to escape reality while being absorbed in a novel — or the big screen variations.

From Motocross to Croissants

By: Nick Thomas
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When people think of spring break you think of relaxing and going down South. While Matt Howard went down South, he wasn't relaxing. And as for Bailey Pierik, she's left the country for spring break.

Matt Howard, a junior, went to Daytona, Florida this Spring Break. He went down to Daytona to train for motocross.

"This training helped me increase my speed, improve, my technique and helped increase my stamina while riding," said Howard.

Matt has been riding since he was four-years-old, but he has been racing for six years. Both Matt's dad and uncle both raced while they were growing up, too, which got Matt interested.

"Both my dad and uncle raced moto and were national contenders; they got me into it when I was young, too. It runs in the blood," said Howard.

However, setbacks can be a problem for many athletes in sports. When Matt was eight, he broke his leg racing. This injury kept him off his bike for a year.

When Matt's leg healed, he resumed training and riding to become the motocross racer he is now.

Howard is used to going down South for this intense training to better himself as a motocross racer.

"I've been down south training before. In fact, I've been to the place many times before," said Howard.

This time when Matt went down south to train, he trained with two ex-pros: Taylor Futrell and Grant Ransdell.

Although Matt went to Florida for spring break, it was not an ideal Spring Break that were all used to. While others were hanging out with friends, and hanging out for most of spring break, Matt was training for a week to increase his motocross potential.

While Matt was down in Florida training, Bailey Pierik was visiting Paris for spring break.

"I had this trip planned for a little over a year. My mom had always wanted to go to Paris, so I asked her if we could go for spring break my senior year and she said yeah," said Pierik.

She added, "I've been to Florida before, so I didn't want to go there again for spring break so I chose to go out of the country on a new trip and new experience with my family."

Pierik had never been to Paris before so this was a new and exciting experience for her as she enjoyed it with her family.

"I did a lot of sightseeing while I was there," said Pierik.

Many places Pierik went to included the following: Opera House, Eiffel Tower, Shakespeare and Company, Love Lock Bridge, and the Notre-Dame Cathedral.

The Notre Dame Cathedral is one of the most widely known catholic cathedrals in the world and the cathedral is known to be one of the finest examples of French Gothic architecture.

The Love Lock Bridge is a bridge where people, typically in relationships, put their initials on a lock, and lock in on the fence of the bridge and throw the

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