Spring Break: Expectation vs. Reality

We all know how spring break is supposed to go...warm sunny beaches, dancing the night away in some tropical club, meeting a dashing stranger who goes to school just one state away...it's all supposed to be very MTV. Truth is, it never ends up that way.

1. **Expectation**: find a stellar Groupon for that trip to Punta Cana, and all six of your best friends can afford to go.
Reality: A bus ticket to go home for the week is going to break the bank.

2. Expectation: No classes means time to hang out with friends from home, go sightseeing, spend a night on the town, and just have fun!

Reality: No classes means more time to sleep. That's it.
3. **Expectation:** Revealing that hot new bod you've been working on all semester.

**Reality:** Eating all the junk food in your house. Thanks for that fourth tub of ice cream, Mom!

4. **Expectation:** You'll totally have time to complete that paper due the Monday we
get back.

**Reality:** You forget until Sunday night, at which point you have writer's block and will literally write *anything* down.

5. **Expectation:** At least a week off is a week with nothing to do, right?
Reality: Mom decides that since you have "nothing better to do" you can run all her errands.
6. **Expectation:** Enjoying the spring weather while you have the time.

**Reality:** It's March.

7. **Expectation:** Catching up on all your favorite TV shows.
Reality: Yeah. That sounds about right, actually.

8. Expectation: Spring break means escaping your responsibilities and getting away from the people you see too much of every day.
Reality: You miss your roommates, friends, and most of all, UMass.

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