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This cuts the price but doesn't necessarily cut the fun. Who says you can't vacation in the good old United States?

Students like Justin Baldwin plan of road tripping. Whether to favorite, undiscovered or traditional spring break spots, a road trip is a road trip. Have we not all seen the movie?

A cheaper alternative to overseas, Baldwin and his girlfriend will be driving down to Disneyland over break and lucking out by getting to stay with family while in California.

Another student, Kate Spittle, while saving her bucks plans on house-sitting before moving to Alaska for spring term to attend Alaska University in Juneau.

Some students will travel south and coordinate with their passions, finding a rewarding way to spend the free-of-school week. John Howard will most likely be volunteering at a youth center camp this spring break, helping the camp find its feet and being a counselor for the kids.

Volunteer Craig Farghter is one spring breaker who will go down to Reno, Nev. with Clackamas' very own Bible study group. Costing him only \$125, he will get to go on a preserve one day and

participate in home and conservation building projects in the following days.

Katie Mountjoy will also visit Nevada this March and follow her Natural

History class down to Death Valley for 10 days of exploring and conducting research in the hot and dry land of extremes. Mountjoy will only pay \$300 for this amazing 10 day trip that will also score her some credits for school.

All these sound like great vacations but with the current economy there will also be a lot of, as Fernando Magana says, "stay-cationers" as well.

Sometimes the only thing doable for spring break is to kick back in the recliner chair after work, dig in to that leftover pizza from yes-

terday, and the next a favorite among many, forget everything stressful from last term and just relax.



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'Happy Tears' viewers weep tears of pain

By Brian Steele
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"Happy Tears" is Parker Posey, Demi Moore and Rip Torn's newest movie. This movie is from the perspective of Posey's character Jayne as she returns to the home she grew up in to help take care of her father who suffers from dementia. When she gets to the house her sister Laura (Moore) is already aiding her father. It is obvious that her father is at a point that he can no longer take care of himself.

The movie is about the struggle of the two sisters as they take care of their ill father. While doing this Jayne comes to understand things in her past that Laura was protecting her from. She also finds a way to come to terms with things that are happening in her adult life.

This is an artistic film that has scenes that make little sense. The scenes that were the most artistic and painful to watch were shown as the weird daydreams Jayne has as she spaces out. There are also many things that were shown that didn't need to ever be seen on a big screen. Among these things was a scene early in the movie where Joe, Jayne and Laura's father, (Torn) soiled himself, and

Jayne and Laura are shown cleaning him. To give the movie some credit they did make a story that hasn't been shown in this way.

The only thing I found good about the movie is the acting itself. Each of the actors plays their parts extremely well. However, the characters that they played are unlikeable.

Jayne for example is the type of person who only sees what she wants to see and doesn't look too deeply at how things really are. Jayne is also a very prissy person who can't deal with problems.

Then there is Laura who cares little for the past. She also seems to care little for her father even though she is taking the time to help for him. To me this is the most believable character because she states things as they are. I feel that the movie needed more of this character to ground the story.

This movie was hard to watch. To be more exact I would say it was painful to watch. There are a few scenes that were a nice break from the pain but they ended too quickly. With unlikeable characters and scenes that may you question what the director was on while making this movie it is not a movie I would recommend going to see.



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