Break serves up different forms of fun

Mexico’s beach spots popular with students

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Tequila, tacos, dancing … and more tequila. Welcome to the UA’s Mexico spring break 2004.

From Rocky Point to San Carlos to Mazatlán, students traveled south by plane and by car to get to beach spots and, of course, the lower drinking age.

Rocky Point, or Puerto Peñasco, lies about 60 miles from the U.S. border with a population of around 30,000. At any time during the middle of March, however, spring breakers from around the United States can double the population.

“It’s a pretty beach and good weather with pretty warm water,” said undeclared sophomore Alex Tuttle, explaining his reasons for making the trip to Rocky Point over the break. “It was the cheapest thing to do for spring break, and it was close.”

Whether Tuttle and his group of eight friends wanted to relax alone or interact with swarms of people, they had something to do in the poor fishing town.

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Muslims, Jews and other community members walked yesterday in the first Muslim-Jewish Peace Walk to promote harmony among members of the community.

The 5 1/2-mile walk started at the Islamic Center of Tucson, 901 E. First St., and ended at the Congregation Chaverim synagogue, 5901 E. Second St. The group made stops along the way at the UA Hillel Foundation and the St. Thomas More Catholic Newman Center.

At St. Mark’s Presbyterian Church, 3809 E. Third St., more than 100 participants stopped to support their arrival cheered them on. There were several group prayers and group songs to spread the feelings of peace and unity among everyone present.

“It’s really beautiful to see all these religions coming together, and, despite