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Your friends ardently persuaded you to hike the lush, grassy slopes of New Zealand, but you were determined to attend a sheet metal riveters' convention in Detroit instead, thinking it would be a culturally-rich experience.

Now, on the third day of an amazing bus voyage, you're starting to reconsider. The person sitting next to you has bitter-milk breath, and he keeps nodding off on your shoulder, with icicles of drool reaching from his gaping mouth to your clothes.

You never dreamed of stopping at every city with a population over 50, and worst of all, despite all efforts, you always get the seat across from the chemical toilet.

It's a worst-case scenario that probably won't happen, but if you're having difficulty planning a trip, you might glean something from your fellow graduating seniors.

"I'm going back to California to play in a band," said James Vlahos. "My grand plan is to walk across the country and stay wherever I can find a dry place."

"If we run out of money, we'll get a job in the local Dairy Queen, work there for two weeks and disappear when we get our first paychecks. It's a good option for someone without money."

On a more conventional level, Beckie Daub plans to work at a resort in Sun Valley, Idaho.

"There are five girls from the journalism school, and we're all going to caravan out to Sun Valley," she said. "We all have the same goals. We need to make some money, we need a cheap place to be, and we want to have some fun before we get serious."

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"A few years ago we did an end-of-the-year picnic, but weather was a problem," said Assistant Dean Greg Kerber. The school would sometimes end up with a lot of uneaten food.

The school discussed having



Photo by Sol Neeman
Map in hand and Volkswagen gassed up, Scott Revens is about to take part in a summer tradition — the road trip.

Amy Smith, however, is determined to travel abroad. "I'm going to work for two months and then go to Europe for a little over a month," she said. "I'm going because it will be a cultural experience that will help me in my studies next year when I return for my B.F.A."

When asked what she would recommend for a graduate on a shoestring budget, Smith said to "go in on a Volkswagen bus with a friend and travel the States and follow the Dead. You would probably make just enough money selling bracelets, earrings and t-shirts to go to the concerts."

And then there's always the East Coast.

"My trip entails going to Boston and New York City," said Steve Mangin. "We may throw up in Central Park or do something ridiculous like not know which way we're going on the subway. For me, New York City means cheap ethnic foods available 24 hours. It's a city that

doesn't sleep."

If you have little money, Mangin recommends you "hitchhike to the Oregon dunes. Go to a place called Tahkenitch Campground. There's an old growth forest swath, a riparian forest and dunes between them. It's kind of a surreal place, ecological zones a quarter-mile wide slammed into one another somehow, and then there's the ocean on one side and the highway on the other."

Sara Tenney also recommends a coast trip for the destitute graduate.

"One of the best trips I ever took was pretty cheap," she said. "I traveled with a friend from just north of San Francisco on Highway 1 up the California, Oregon and Washington coasts. We camped along the way, and it took about four days."

Regardless of what trip you chose, make it something meaningful, something to remember graduation by.

—Ian Camp

an evening picnic on graduation day or the day before, but "money is everything and (we) are being very careful about spending money for anything that isn't academic," Kerber said.

To give credit where credit is due, the Student University Relations Council tried to organize a picnic sometime during the last few weeks of school on the lawn near the Pioneer Mother Statue — beer and music included — but was stymied by logistics.

The SURC found that beer can't be served in open areas, and because of classes, music isn't allowed on campus during weekdays until after 5 p.m.

Assistant Director of Student Development, Mary Hudzikiewicz suggested that an all-campus committee with organizations, such as the ASUO

and honors societies, coordinate an open party. Just because it didn't work this year doesn't mean that it can't be done, she said.

So, for better or just different, the University offers 1992 graduates the formal, pomp and circumstance, commencement ceremony and individual school or college ceremonies. This year, with the coming of new Dean Risa Palm, the College of Arts and Sciences has added departmental ceremonies.

Palm felt that by their senior year, students identify more with their department than with the college, Hudzikiewicz said.

Contact your school, college or College of Arts and Sciences department for information on individual ceremonies.

—Jacqueline Woge



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