

A graduate trip down Memory Lane

Wrapping up four years of college can be a difficult thing to do for some graduates. Many of us have grown so much and have many experiences to carry on with us in the future paths that lie ahead.

I had the opportunity to interview seven seniors about what memory at the University was the one that stood out the most for them as they reflect back on their time spent here.

This isn't an easy question to answer because there is just so much that happens to a student in four or more years. This is what various students had to say about their experiences.

Eric Tait, a graduating senior in political science, said his favorite memory was that of fraternity rush during his freshman year.

"The experience of meeting all different kinds of guys and then finding a house where I felt comfortable was great," he said. "I had all kinds of preconceived notions about what to expect before coming to school.

"By joining a house I met a group of guys where I felt comfortable," Tait said. "The seniors could help me understand what I could expect of my classes and the University in general. A big thing for me was having a group of people I could relate to that soon."

Mark Zevenbergen, a graduating senior in leisure studies, said his best memory was that of personal discovery.

"My fondest memory was investing time with people in school. You get more of an education outside school than you do inside school," Zevenbergen said.

"Getting to know Jesus Christ better has been the most exciting experience for me during my years at the University. Getting involved with Collegiate Christian Fellowship was a place where I got to know God better. I found great friendship, friends and fun.

"I took longer to graduate, but it's been more worthwhile to enjoy my experience," Zevenbergen said.

Tina Reeder, a graduating senior in finance and marketing, said her memory was that of being tear gassed by the Eugene Police at a local party one

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spring night.

"It was the first day of really nice weather," she said. "We got to the party late and we pushed our way through the crowd to get to the band. We thought they were going to start playing again and then we figured out that people were cheering because the police were threatening to throw tear gas if we didn't clear out.

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"A lot of people went to the next party but I went home," Reeder said.

Greg Curtis, a graduating senior in telecommunications and film, had his most memorable memory was doing crazy things that freshmen are sometimes known for.

"I remember my freshman year we decided to go to the beach and it was about one in the morning," he said. "We got there about three or four in the morning. We had a tent that we set up near the beach.

"Everyone else had a blanket or a sleeping bag but me. I was trying to share everyone else's all night long. I basically froze because it was about 40 degrees that night. Obviously I didn't sleep much because it was so cold.

"We left the next day without paying and I went to the store and bought some wheat thins and coke

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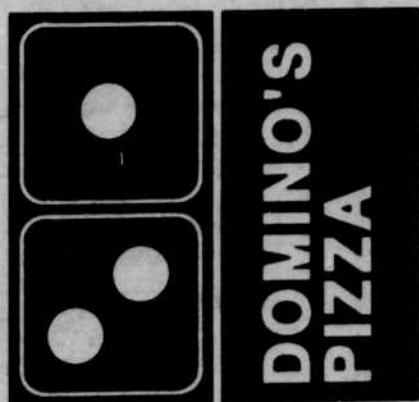
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