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THANKS for the memories...

KRISTIN, JENN, MIKE AND MIKE.
Thanks for all the Bill Joel nights, booze, busy signals, "our house" and late night pizza and tater tots. I love you all - each for your unique talents and gifts. Here's to our future.
- Cheers! Megan

Congratulations to
BRANDON, DAVE, PREETI, JULIAS & BEN
on your graduation!! Happy Job Hunting!
Lee Yen

SUMMER,
Best wishes to you as your journey in Theta is ending. We wish you all the luck in the world at Law school. Your whole family is very proud of you and your accomplishments. We will always be with you wherever you are. Never forget that.
Theta love always, Your Family.

Congratulations to all the graduating seniors!
We are so proud of you and will miss you.
Good luck in the future.
ITB Love, Your sisters

Cassandra,
Best of luck to you in your future. We're sure you will go far.
Can't wait to see you running Broadway!
Love, your sisters

NICHOLE,
As you move on with your life, we know happiness and success will follow.
Know that you will always be in our thoughts.
Theta love and ours, Renee, Katherine and Brooke

Amanda: Historic podium is demolished

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to do with the changing of an already-formed memory.

Torn out are those ugly gray stairs which so many of us meandered up and down throughout college. Ripped up are the bricks which laid out the courtyard where on so many sunny days the campus resonated with the sounds of rallies, the beat of drums and the squawk of roller blades avoiding the common pedestrian.

In Douglas Coupland's book *Polaroids from the Dead*, he devotes a chapter to his favorite bridge which the city of Vancouver, B.C. is talking about tearing down in order to build a bigger and better one.

"People speak of Lions Gate Bridge as being merely a tool," Coupland writes, "a piece of infrastructure that can be casually deleted, plundered from our memories with not a second

thought to the consequences its vanishing might have on our interior lives."

See, somehow it's different than going back and seeing that change.

It's like, "Hey, this is my memory of this place and you're rearranging it while I watch." For me, this is unsettling.

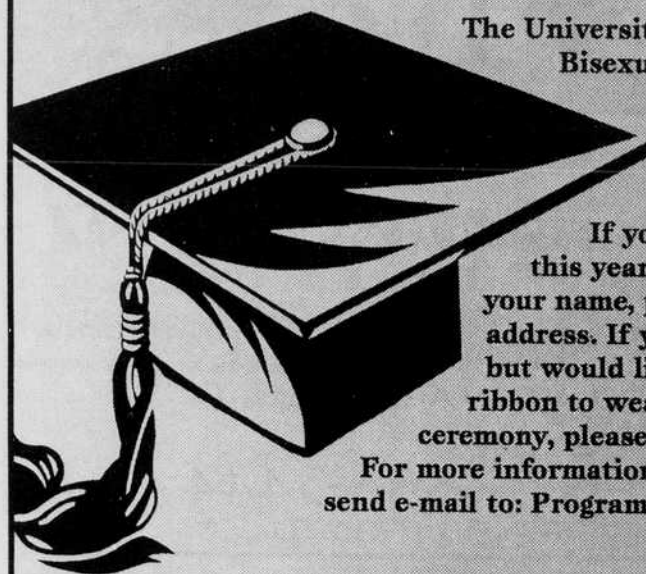
For example, one thing really disappointing about the current renovation is that they tore out the brick podium. You wouldn't have really noticed it unless you knew what to look for. On the ramp leading up to the front doors there was a plaque and a podium set into the brick wall. The plaque said something about it being constructed during the time of many war protests in which students could stand there and soap-box over the courtyard. Of course, that was before they put in the ramp and sunk the courtyard down. But, when I first

noticed it I felt a certain sense of history and, while no one has used that since I've been around, when I looked at it I saw somebody else's memory.

Coupland goes on to say, "The bridge is not merely a tool, not a casually deletable piece of infrastructure, and it can never be deleted from memories like an undesirable file."

The memories that we have now are fleeting; we know this. It probably has so much more to do with fear of the real world and a hope that once I leave college I am not leaving behind "the best years of my life," as so many like to say. I know as well as anyone that as time goes by things become hazy, names get forgotten and it becomes harder to really capture that old feeling. Forgetting the past is inevitable and should be accepted with aplomb, but, frankly, I'm not ready to let it go.

Second Annual Lavender Graduation



The University of Oregon's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Educational and Support Services Program is hosting the Second Annual Lavender Graduation Reception!

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For more information, call Stephanie at 346-1134 or send e-mail to: Program@darkwing.uoregon.edu.

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