

Does old furniture die?

Seniors look for methods of discarding used furniture when moving out

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for the Emerald

It's the end of the line for graduating seniors. Most are worrying about their impending careers and passing their last classes. After graduation, however, a whole new slew of problems will arise. Leases end, houses and apartments empty and roommates leave. Depending on what the "real world" consists of for the new graduates, furniture and old household appliances will also have to be disposed of or sold.

"I would sell my furniture, but I don't think anyone would really want most of it," senior Jayson Martell said. "Most of it was passed down to my roommate and me by friends that were older and had graduated. They got their years of use out of it, and let's just say that we've gotten our use out of it too."

"We have a broken chair, a couch and a fairly decent table. I actually haven't thought of what to do with it after I leave. All I know is that I'm not keeping most of it."

For those who don't want to take their "college furniture" with them when they leave the academic world, there are options. Goodwill

Industries of Lane County has a pick-up program, depending on the weight and volume of the items and where the pick-up site is.

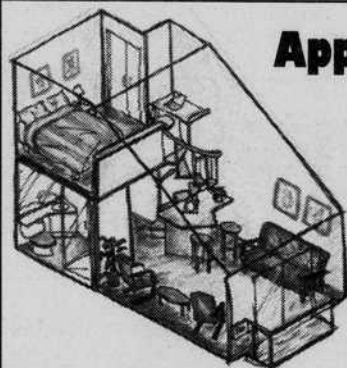
People interested in a Goodwill pick-up can call the store nearest them and ask about delivery. Sooner is better, because the month of June is one of the busiest times of the year — thanks to college graduation. Goodwill only takes items that are clean and in good condition. Items donated to Goodwill can be used as tax write-offs.

Those who can't stand to part with their possessions without getting some cash in return can contact Eugene Liquidators at 689-3973.

"We take mostly items that are made of wood, but it all depends on what we need at the time," spokeswoman Esther Borchers said. "A person can bring in an item anytime. We consider the condition of the furniture to be the most important thing. We have two buyers for the store, and they're the ones that have the ultimate say."

Another option for new graduates is to hold a garage sale. The City of Eugene allows two garage/yard sales per year without having to apply for a permit. Those who do need a permit can call the Land Use Applications office at 682-5377.

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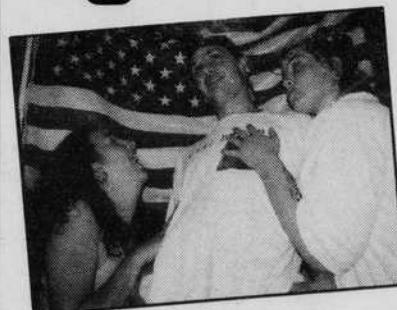
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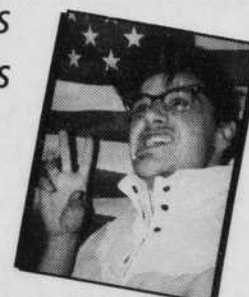
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