US break for film man

FILM-maker John Adams iets off on a two-month trek across America this week to shoot a movie he hopes will be shown on Channel Four early next vear.

John, a lecturer in media production at Newcastle Polytechnic, flies to Boston on Wedenesday to team up with a group of American actors and actresses.

"Local video companies and the poly have been fantastic in helping me take this time off for the film," said John, of Bensham, Gateshead.

"The storyline is about a young couple who arrange to drive a car from the East coast to the West coast to deliver it to a new owner.

"This happens quite a lot and is a cheap way for people to see the country.

"They stop off in Reno and make a big win gambling, enough to solve their problems but not quite enough to change their lives for ever."

John was offered his big chance after shooting a film in America some years ago.