

Some students find . . .

Marriage and graduation provide mixed hardships

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"It's not any harder being a student when you are married. It might even be easier," one student commented about his college career and marriage.

Although somewhat misleading, this idea dominates the thinking of many married students.

Because of the pressure of school, the hardships and frictions to be encountered in marriage are usually more serious for students. The wife often is expected to quit school and take on the role of bread winner.

THE HUSBAND also works part-time as he struggles to keep up in classes. This situation, where role conflicts may be present along with the general pressure of school, puts an extreme strain on marriage.

Even so, married students usually say they feel more secure. If there are financial problems, parents usually tide them over, or low cost college loans are easily available.

Married students comprise over 20 per cent of the University student population, according to recent statistics. Most of the marrieds are either upper classmen close to graduation or graduate students.

Marriage seems most accepted and prevalent among the graduate students. After completing four years or so of undergraduate work, the couple sometimes tires of holding off marriage any longer if graduate school is considered.

"**WE DIDN'T** want to wait another four years," said Dennis Burchard, a married senior in Law College. The Burchard's were married soon after completing his undergraduate work. Burchard said that at the time of their marriage, his wife had graduated and had been teaching. He had been working part-time also. "We weren't extremely well off financially, but were getting by very well," Burchard said. "If we hadn't felt we could afford to get married, we wouldn't have," his wife added. Burchard emphasized that it is very important to continue in school once married. "You can't quit school, work for two years and then go back. It won't work. Uncle Sam will get you," he said.

THERE IS probably a best time to get married while in college, he said. "Those kids who got married while they were freshmen regretted it," he said, "while the upper classmen usually don't." He said that the wife usually works to support both of them, and may get the wrong attitude about the husband's gaining an education, seemingly without half the effort she is putting forth. "Four years of this kind of living

would be a strain on any relationship," Burchard said.

He said that marriage had not affected his studying much. "What it does in the long run," he said, "is give less potential time for studying. But you spend more actual time in studying because you know you don't have time to waste."

David Fitzsimmons, a fifth year architecture student, said that the possibility of the draft after graduation prompted him to get married. He said that if he got drafted after graduation, it would have put their marriage off another two years. He and his wife had been dating four years before their marriage last August.

"**WE FELT** we could afford to get married," Fitzsimmons said. "Any security gained from waiting another

year wasn't that much." Dating was time consuming and costly in comparison, he said.

Fitzsimmons said that they had approval from both families, although his parents advised strongly against it because they feared he wouldn't graduate. As a wedding present his parents did give him outstate tuition for the remaining year.

Although marriage is more convenient than dating, Mrs. Fitzsimmons said:

"We don't have as much time together as we'd like to because both of us work and he attends school. Our relationship almost terminates during finals and when projects are due."

J. L. Greenwood, a sophomore in dental school and married two years, said that he was married without much thought toward finances or school. He said that his finances weren't good, but that he didn't have to borrow money.

MRS. GREENWOOD said that she worked a year and a half before attending the University where she met her husband. When they were married she returned to work. She said that she didn't mind working and that she went to college largely for fun.

Getting married, Greenwood said, depends on the people and the circumstances, adding that money is especially important. He said that the college financial bind is only temporary, and that if a loan is necessary, it is worthwhile because of the greater earning potential after graduation.

Although the Greenwoods do not receive financial aid from their parents, Greenwood said he could rely on his father in a financial crisis. He said that he works each summer to earn his outstate tuition.

Married before coming to college, Dennis Meyer said that he spent six years working in a "dead end" job before entering the University to study animal science.

THE MEYERS have been married seven years, nearly four of which have been spent in college. Meyer said that the only problem he found in going back to school was that he felt he was behind today's youth in such classes as math and physics where concepts have advanced.

They have two children, a girl one and a half years old and a boy one month.

To finance his education, Meyer said he received a loan from a hometown bank and the government pays half the interest charges. He said that he has another loan from a brother he had helped through school.

Dan Looker, a senior English major married for five months, said, "We could be considered in poverty



Spring competition to begin

While University students are beginning spring vacation, University spring athletic squads are starting their spring schedules.

NU's baseball squad opens its Big Eight campaign with a 1:30 p.m. Friday doubleheader and a 1 p.m. Saturday single game against Kansas State on the Vine Street diamond this weekend. Then next Friday, Oklahoma meets coach Tony Sharpe's Huskers in a doubleheader followed by a Saturday afternoon single attraction.

Meanwhile Coach Frank Sevigne's outdoor tracksters open the season with Arizona and Long Beach State at Tucson Saturday and then travel to Temple to meet Arizona State next Wednesday. The team opens its home slate in Lincoln next Saturday against Air Force.

Coach Harry Good's NU golfers face Creighton University in Omaha next Thursday before returning to Lincoln's Holmes Golf Course for a next Saturday match against Iowa State. Coach Ed Higginbotham's tennis squad meets Air Force Academy and Creighton University in Lincoln at 10 a.m. Saturday before leaving Nebraska for a five-game road trip.

The netters meet Washburn at Topeka next Monday, Wichita State at Wichita Tuesday, the University of Oklahoma (Big Eight Champion the past three seasons) at Norman on Wednesday, Oklahoma State on Thursday at Stillwater and Oklahoma Baptist at Shawnee next Friday to compete the Southern swing.

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Annette Eglehoff, a junior from Omaha, has been awarded first prize in the Third Annual Lambda Tau Awards contest. National Lambda Tau, the national medical technology honorary, sponsored the awards to recognize students' contributions to the profession of medical technology through their activities in Lambda Tau.

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Dr. W. K. Beggs leaving faculty after 30 years

After more than 30 years on the University faculty, Dr. Walter K. Beggs, dean of Teachers College, is retiring.

Beggs will not leave his post until next February, but a search committee has already been appointed to find a replacement. Hopefully, said Beggs, a new dean will be appointed sometime in the fall. The new dean would then have an opportunity to work with Beggs, possibly for an entire semester.

A native of Iowa, the 63-year-old Beggs received the bachelor of arts degree from Tarkio College (Mo.). He earned an M.A. and Ph.D. from the University. Beggs joined the faculty in 1939 and was named chairman of the department of history and philosophy of education in 1954. In 1958 he became dean of the Teachers College. He has been a community and school consultant in California, Tennessee, Alabama and New Mexico, along with extensive work in the Northern Great Plains States. He has had a number of articles published in educational journals.

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