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Job search stresses graduates

By Angie Bowers
Staff Reporter

Most college students go through periods of stress during their trek through the halls of knowledge. But the most stressful time for students may be that last semester before graduation.

And, graduating seniors say, finding a job after graduation is the biggest stress of all.

Shawn Pickering, a consumer science and education major from Omaha, said he was worried about what he was going to do in two weeks.

"I have a job, but it's not the job I want or think I deserve after five years of college," Pickering said. "I think the economy's keeping people stressed out about finding a job."

Deidre Walker, an international business major, said the pressure on her won't let up, even when she gets employment.

"I'm still looking for a job," she said, "and once I get a job I'll still be stressed because I'll be trying to perform well in that job."

Waiting to hear back from employers is one pre-graduation stress that Lincoln-native Tanya Chris-

tiansen said she was under.

"I'm not pulling my hair out about it," Christiansen, a business administration major, said. "But I'm real anxious."

Even finding employment doesn't assure graduates of a stress-free semester, Stacey Sattler, a consumer science major, said.

"I'm moving away to a new city and starting a new job, which all takes money," Sattler said. "Everything's taking money and I don't have enough."

Doug Overfield, an English major from Omaha, said that graduation would be the end of some stresses, but the beginning of others.

"Right now, I'm concentrating on making sure I do graduate," he said. "Then I have to find a job quick, find an apartment quick and start making money."

Concern about passing classes has motivational aspects to it also, Theresa Ballard, a news-editorial major, said.

"I think the stress is making me work harder because I don't want to flunk," the Omaha native said. "I want to graduate."

Overfield also said he was working harder because of graduation.

"I'm applying myself," he said. "I'm doing better because I know where I'm going when I graduate."

Sometimes the stress becomes too intense to concentrate on studying, Sattler said. She said too many things going on at once dragged students down.

"I need to snap out of it and concentrate on one thing," Sattler said. "I'm just kind of getting lost."

Christiansen said she also had trouble concentrating on her classwork.

"I think it's stressful to stay motivated because you know that in two weeks you're going to be done," she said.

Some seniors said they had uneasiness about saying good-bye to friends that they had met in college. Walker said not knowing when she would see some of her friends again caused emotional stress for her.

Claudio Ravinet, an international affairs and Russian major, said going away to graduate school was a big stress for him. Ravinet said he wasn't sure if he was ready to start over again in a place where everyone was new.

Gifts

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such as nursing, medicine or law often receive stamp art pictures or other decorative items with a theme related to their profession.

Other popular items for college graduates, Young said, include decorative paperweights and bowls, cashmere boxes, music boxes, figur-

ines and ring holders.

Clocks also make a nice gift, Young said, and can run from \$10 for normal alarm clocks to \$95 and up for Waterford clocks.

If none of these items strike the shopper's fancy, Young said Ben Simon's Gift Shop usually has a separate display for graduation gifts during the season, and a variety of gifts are available.

She said shoppers spent differ-

ent amounts on graduates, depending on how well they knew them.

Friends and relatives usually spend anywhere from \$10 to \$50, she said, with the average purchase being around \$20 to \$25.

Members of the immediate family and close friends will often spend more, Young said, but it depends on what level of college the graduate is leaving and how much the shopper wants to spend.

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I LOATHE YOU, I DESIRE YOU, I CAN'T STAND YOU
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WHERE DO I GO TO MEET SOMEONE?
DO I HAVE TO LEAVE MY APARTMENT?
WHAT IF I NEVER FIND THE RIGHT PERSON FOR ME?
WHAT IF THE RIGHT PERSON FOR ME TURNS OUT TO BE SOMEONE I DON'T WANT?
WOULD IT HELP IF I STUCK MY HEAD OUT MY APARTMENT WINDOW AND SCREAMED "I'M DESPERATE!"?

AM I STUDY ENOUGH?
COULD I DIE FROM SEXUAL FRUSTRATION?
WHAT IF MY FEELINGS GET HURT?
CAN WOMEN TELL I WANT TO SLEEP WITH THEM?
WHAT IF I GET TRAPPED IN A RELATIONSHIP?

WHAT IF I GET REJECTED AND I DIE FROM THE HUMILIATION?
WHAT IF I MEET A WOMAN WHO'S OBSESSED WITH HER CATS?
WHAT IF I GET INVOLVED AND IT GETS TOO SERIOUS?
WHAT IF SHE WANTS TO TALK ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP ALL THE TIME?
WHAT IF THINGS GET TOO INTIMATE?

WOULD THE WOMAN I GAVE MY MONEY TO AT THE VIDEO DRAM'S SERVICE RE-CONSIDER GOING OUT WITH ME IF I ASKED HER AGAIN NICELY?
WHAT IF I MEET A WOMAN WHO DOESN'T UNDERSTAND MY DEEP NEED TO WATCH HOUR AFTER HOUR OF PROFESSIONAL SPORTS ON TV?
WHAT IF I GET INVOLVED AND THINGS START MOVING TOO FAST?
WHAT IF SHE EVER WANTS TO TALK ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP?
SHOULD I CLEAN UP THIS PLACE JUST IN CASE SOMEONE EVER VISITS?

WHY ARE WOMEN SO IMPRESSED WITH GUYS WHO ARE GAINFULLY EMPLOYED?
WHAT IF SHE'S NOT IMPRESSED THAT MY APARTMENT LOOKS LIKE A GROOVY COLLEGE DORM?
WHAT IF SHE HAS MORE MONEY THAN I DO BUT WON'T LEND ME ANY?
WHAT IF SHE WANTS TOO MUCH CUDDLING?
HOW COME I CAN'T MEET HER FRIENDS AND FAMILY?
DO I WORRY TOO MUCH?
WHAT'S ON TV?