

Couples modify vows to fit their feelings

Wedding promises up for debate in context of modern marriages

By **GENELLE CAMPBELL**
Staff Reporter

To have and to hold, in sickness and in health, till death do us part.

Those words cause many of us to immediately think of wedding bells and a traditional matrimonial service, complete with a church, attendants and a reception afterward.

But for some soon-to-be-married couples, the traditional wedding, along with traditional wedding vows, has become a thing of the past.

Genelle Campbell, a senior psychology major, said she and her fiancé, Brady Kerr, a second-year medical student at Creighton, were contemplating a different approach to tying the knot.

"Right now we're trying to decide between eloping to Jamaica and having a traditional wedding," she said.

Eloping would mean no public recitation of vows, but Campbell said if

they decided to have a wedding, their vows would not be traditional.

"We'd write our own," she said. "Probably just because it would mean a lot more to us if we were picking out what we wanted to say, and if it were coming from our hearts rather than just someone else's words."

Bryan Clark, senior pastor at Lincoln Berean Church, said the recitation of vows is a vital aspect of a wedding ceremony.

"A wedding ceremony is meant to be a covenant before God," he said. "The wedding vows state the details of the covenant. It specifies what each person is committing to."

Campbell said that if she and Kerr did decide to elope, they would have a short blessing at a church and a small reception of about 50 people.

Whatever decision Campbell and Kerr make, she said one thing will be certain concerning their vows.

"I would definitely not have the

word 'obey' in my vows," she said. "I just don't think that's what a marriage is all about. I think it's about compromise, not obeying each other."

Clark said his church teaches obedience and biblical husband-wife relations in premarital counseling.

"What I try to do in premarital counseling is outline the biblical content of marriage, and then that it is reflected in the vows that are exchanged," he said.

The biblical example of marriage, Clark said, comes from Genesis 2.

Many people today have abandoned that view of marriage, Clark said.

"For many people, marriage is like signing a contract and saying: 'if I don't like it I'll fix it later,'" he said. "I would say it's a devaluing of truth altogether."

Otis Young, senior minister of the First Plymouth Congregational Church, said the word "obey" isn't included in wedding services at First Plymouth.

"I would definitely not have the word 'obey' in my vows. I just don't think that's what a marriage is all about. I think it's about compromise, not obeying each other."

GENELLE CAMPBELL
senior psychology major

But he said most couples are still open to more traditional vows.

"We haven't had any problem with commitment," Young said. "We suggest that you promise that you stay married as long as you both shall live. Realizing of course that sometimes you can't keep every promise you make, but that is the intent."

Campbell said it wasn't a lack of commitment, but a lack of time and money that was preventing a traditional service for her and her future husband.

"The reason we're thinking about not having a wedding is that my fiancé is in medical school and I'll hopefully be in graduate school next year. That and the money issue make it really hard."

Tubbery 475-8989
819 P. Street

PAMPER YOURSELVES WITH OUR NEW ROMANCE PACKAGE!

- 2 Hours of Hot Tubbing by Candlelight
- One Dozen Roses
- Fresh Strawberries
- Non-Alcoholic Champagne
- Other Special Amenities

*Call For Details

Gift Certificates make excellent Bridal Party Gifts!

Discounts of 20-40% off retail

17 Years Experience!

Victoria's Crossing

Bridal Boutique and Bakery
Wedding Consultant

Cakes * Mints * Invitations * Dresses * Jewelry * Shoes * Accessories

Phone for Appointments - 421-8658

Wedding cakes not included in discount.

Deadline for Classified Advertising for Your Valentine Message is 2:00 Monday, February 13th

METTLER FAMILY BAKERY

- FRESH WEDDING CAKES
- FREE DELIVERY AND SET-UP

474-5644
821, So. 11th

Let us help you celebrate!!!

Call for your free brochure, song list & video

COMPLETE MUSIC Disc Jockey Service

1375 S. 33rd Street
Lincoln, NE 68510

Lincoln	(402) 434-2466
Columbus	(402) 563-2022
Fremont	(402) 721-4875
York	(402) 362-7192
Norfolk	(402) 371-8428

This Valentine's Day tell her you love her by sending her flowers.

- ♥ Plants
- ♥ Balloons
- ♥ Arrangements
- ♥ Stuffed Animals

City-wide delivery
Valentine hours:
8-8 Mon.-Sat.
10-6 Sunday

5305 "O" Street 434-5656

Wedding Photography by **the Picture Man** Special Events Photography

- Anywhere
- Unlimited Pictures
- No Packages
- Nicely Priced
- Fun Day with Fond Memories
- 21 Years Experience
- Over 100 Weddings Each Year
- Easy Ordering

Please call (402) 467-2577

Office: 4230 Progressive Avenue
Mail: P.O. Box 4590
Lincoln, NE 68504
In Omaha call 546-0180

If you like our party pictures you'll love our wedding pictures

FIRST IN CUTTING EDGE TANNING TECHNOLOGY

Lincoln's Only Ultrabronz Tanning System

East Park 200 N 66th Suite 201 466-4131

College View 4703 Prescott Suite B 484-8311

Conventional & Stand-Ups available

FREE Ultrabronz Tanning Session with purchase of package East Park location. 1 coupon per customer. Not valid w/ any other offer. Exp. 6/30/97

29.95 MONTH UNLIMITED TANNING Conventional Bed Only 1 Coupon per customer. Not valid w/ any other off. Exp. 6/30/97

HONEY MAN RENT-ALL

For All Your Party & Wedding Needs

Tables	Brass & Lattice Arches
Chairs	Wedding & Chrucl
Linens	Portable Bars
China	Dance Floors
Silver	Coat Racks
Glassware	Displays
Party Canopies	Skirting
Pipe & Drape	Candlebras
Staging	Casino Games

Visit our Showroom
11226 Wright Circle
(1 block S. of 114th & Center in Omaha)