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# I'm glad I'm married

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**A**PPROXIMATELY ONE out of every five Iowa State College students is married. I didn't know these figures when I was planning to be married, but I don't think any statistics would have influenced me. I got married to be with Mary Kay and to have our own home.

We're proud of our home and enjoy working in it. We share the work . . . dishes, cooking, cleaning, painting, washing, gardening and all the other house-keeping jobs. Like most other college couples on a limited income, we're do-it-yourself fans. An evening spent refinishing a table or making a book-case together can be a lot more satisfying than going to an all-college dance.

It's a lot easier studying here . . . quiet, with nobody coming in just to shoot the breeze or offering to go out a movie. We like to entertain in our home too, anything from a candlelight dinner to an evening of cards. It's fun to have other young people in to give them a taste of home away from home or to compare ideas with other young married couples.

Besides having a home, Mary Kay and I are together. We don't have to depend on movies, library dates or college functions. We date, but less often, and less expensively than in the "courting" days. When we go out, it's not just to be together as



Martin  
does  
his  
share!

it used to be, but to do something which we both want to do and will enjoy.

The future is much more of a reality to us than it would be if we were single. I have more incentive to study because of the responsibilities I now have as a married man and the knowledge that these responsibilities will increase when we have children. Since we spend more time talking over my courses, Mary Kay has a better chance to learn more about the work I will be doing too.

To sum it all up — we're together, we have our own home and we're actively working and planning for our future. For these, and many other reasons, I'm glad I'm married.

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