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cal engineer at Renssalaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy,

N.Y., during the early 1960s. One summer changed that.

Brand worked as a design engineer while school was out. His job make a mechanism that would mark workers' time cards and automatically pop checks out at the end of the

"At the end of the summer," he said, "I said, 'Now wait a second, I just spent three months designing a gear mechanism to make a card pop out. Is that the way I want to spend my life?" The answer was no."

He looked at his bookshelf and saw he had more philosophy books than thermodynamics texts, and he quickly turned to philosophy.

After finishing his undergraduate work, Brand attended graduate school at the University of Rochester, where he acquired the questioning and debating skills he is known for.

"He was always one of the top students," said Marshall Swain, Brand's graduate school



Photo by Jeff Paslay

Peg and Myles Brand are comfortably housed in the University's McMorran House, but demanding schedules do not leave much time for home life.

classmate and head of the philosophy department at Ohio State University. "He's very smart, very studious and a very hard worker."

Brand whizzed through his masters and doctorate degrees in fewer than three years, and then began the delicate balancing of time between academic pursuits and administrative life.

In every administrative post, and while University president, Brand has continued teaching and researching.

"I didn't feel comfortable doing teaching and research alone," Brand said, "and I didn't feel comfortable, until recently, about primarily doing administration, so I tried to do both."

First was the University of Pittsburgh philosophy depart-

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