

Griesemer resigns museum post

After nearly 20 years of service, the acting director of the University of Nebraska State Museum has resigned.

During his two-year tenure, Allan Griesemer supervised museum operations, coordinated activities and acted as a liaison between the museum and the university.

Griesemer is leaving to take

museum position at the San Bernardino County museum in California.

Griesemer graduated from Augustana College in Illinois in 1959. He received his doctorate in geology from the University of Wisconsin in 1963. He completed his college career when he received his master's in geology from UNL in 1970.

Griesemer began work at the museum in 1965. He aided in the formation of the public education program and the encounter project. The encounter center is a section of the museum where visitors may handle scientific material. Griesemer served a one-year term as vice president of the American Museum Association in 1983.

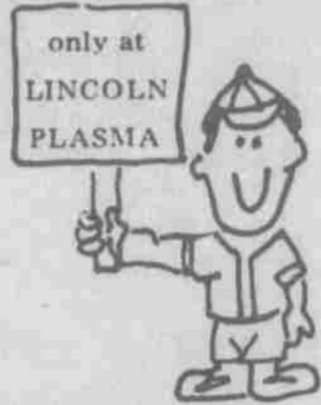


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Jerry Ediger in his Selleck Quadrangle residence hall room.

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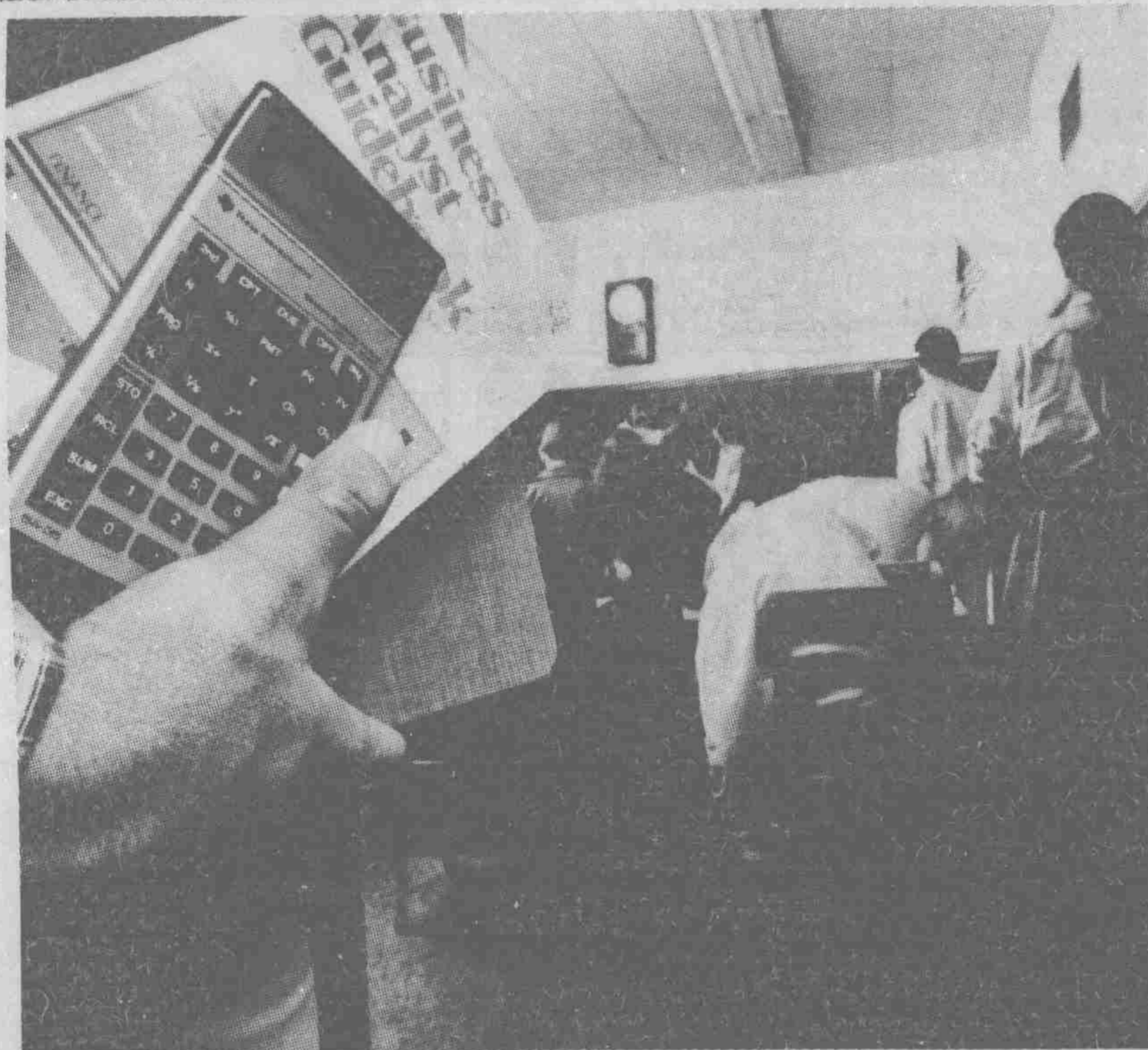


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Student adapts to wheelchair

By Karna Meyer
Daily Nebraskan Staff Writer

The first day of college is always a big adjustment for freshmen. But Jerry Ediger, of Henderson, Neb., has an added adjustment of getting around campus in a wheelchair.

Ediger is paralyzed from the neck down because of a high school football injury.

It was the first play of the first football game of 1983. Ediger held the ball for the kicker. On the return, he and the receiver collided. Ediger's neck was broken at a point even with his chin.

"At the time, I really wasn't scared," he said. "I suppose I would have been scared if I knew what really happened. All I know is that I tried to get up and nothing worked."

After five days at a Hastings hospital, Ediger was transferred to a Denver hospital and then to Denver's Craig Rehabilitation Center, where he stayed until March 16. Rehabilitation is a slow process but Ediger said he is excited about his progress so far and confident about further rehabilitation.

"It's going to take a lot of work but we think we're going to make it," Ediger said. "The doctors keep telling me that if I'm getting results for up to six months after the accident, I could keep getting results for a couple of years."

Rehabilitation of Ediger consists of swimming every day and using a standing table to strengthen his legs. He also uses a manual wheelchair, rather than an electric chair, to strengthen his arm muscles.

While Ediger's first day of class problems may be different from other UNL students' problems, he hasn't had any big disasters yet.

"Everyone here on campus is so helpful. Many have helped me up and down ramps by the buildings. I can't pick up my own food so that's kind of a problem, but someone's always willing to help put the food on my tray."

Although Ediger has not declared a major, he said he's interested in computers and athletic training. His interest in football has not flagged either.