

What It's Like To Be— Graduate Assistants Exhibits Lead Double Lives

"Placed in between the students and faculty with feelings and work of both" — that's what it's like to be a graduate student assistant, according to Norm Rosenberg.

Rosenberg is a graduate student in history who directs three quiz sections for Dr. David Trask's History 91 course. Like all graduate assistants, he also attends at least one class and several seminars a week himself.



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"A graduate assistant certainly is not really a member of the faculty and he's removed from the undergraduates—it's definitely a sort of an in-between type of thing," he said.

He explained that the only thing many graduate students ever have time to do that the undergraduates also take part in is football games and drinking. More work and consumed time are the things Rosenberg named as making a graduate student assistant most different from an undergraduate.

"The thing that surprised me the most about being a graduate student and assistant is that it takes a great deal more time and work than be-

ing an undergraduate," he said.

Rosenberg noted that graduate assistants have to attend their own classes and seminars as well as study and prepare for quiz sections they teach themselves.

"We're expected to spend about twelve hours a week as assistants and often spend a lot more," he said. He explained that for his three quiz sections he has to prepare discussions, read the material carefully, grade papers, make up quizzes and attend the lectures.

Rosenberg said that his own graduate courses concern material similar to that studied by his students so that he can apply some of the information he learns in graduate seminars to the quiz sections.

"A graduate assistant might try and direct a quiz section with only his own background in the subject but the

sharp students will soon notice his laziness and it really is essential that an assistant read the material his students have to read," he said. "This is necessary if you are going to know the material better than the students and to lead them in discussion," he added.

He explained that probably one of the biggest adjustments or things a graduate assistant needs to learn is how to deal with the students, how to communicate with them and how to act in the role of a teacher.

Rosenberg pointed out that he and the other history graduate assistants under Trask meet together with Trask every week and discuss the next week's quiz section. "Trask helps us decide how we should attack the next week's discussion," he said.

Another thing he said every assistant probably has to learn to do is "to fail" students when their work is of low quality.

"It's often hard for me to look at a paper or test and say this isn't acceptable work," he said. He also explained that it was hard to get use to grading many different students' essay exams.

Almost the only possible way that a person can really grade essay exams, he said, is to read all the papers over first and then divide them into piles with the better papers first. This way papers can be balanced off against each other in order to get fair grades.

After Rosenberg receives his masters degree, he said he plans to attend another school for his doctorate. He wants to continue his role as a university history teacher in a "nice, small town with a warm climate."

Museum Exhibits To Talk

"Talking labels" are being installed for the exhibits at the University State Museum in Morrill hall.

The new sound system, already completed on the lower floor of the museum and currently being installed on the main floor, provides authoritative information about the more important exhibits at both elementary and adult levels.

Individual earphones can be plugged into a box near the exhibit and a push of a button starts the commentary.

According to Dr. C. Bertrand Schulz, director of the museum, there are about 250 of the individual speakers.

In addition, there are about 20 loudspeakers for use by school groups.

Schulz said that there are 49 different stations, many of which cover more than one exhibit. The taped recordings last about a minute and 90 seconds.

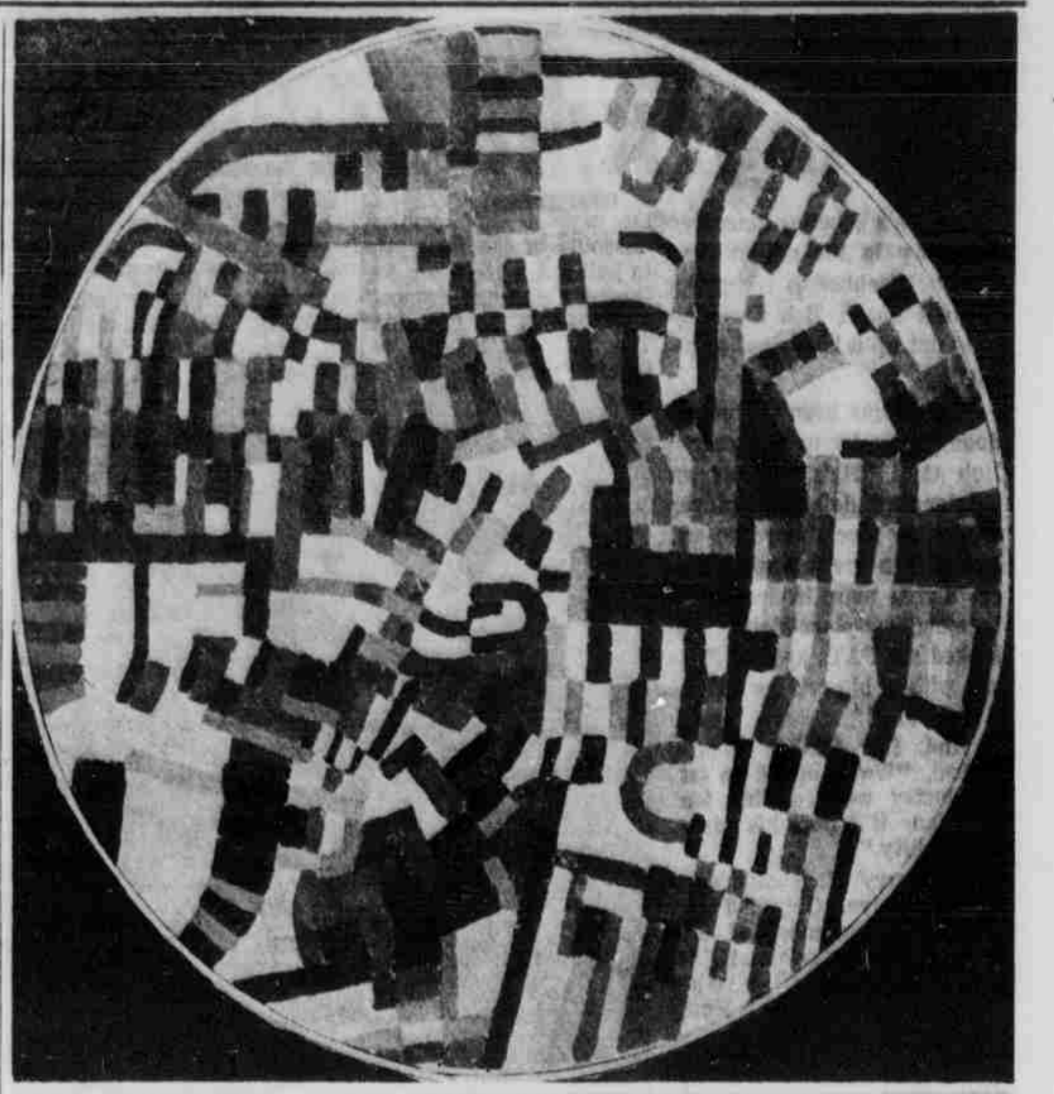
The sound system and its free use by school groups was made possible, according to Schulz, by a gift from Mr. and Mrs. George Lincoln Lincoln.

The museum also has acquired an audio-visual projector as a gift from Mr. and Mrs. William Norris of Minneapolis, Minn., former students at the University.

The projector, resembling a television set, shows about 48 slides in a 10 minute presentation.

Schulz said the projector will be used to "introduce new and special exhibits." The projector can be moved around and can be used for other exhibits.

The projector is currently showing the story of the 41-foot plesiosaur, discovered near Valparaiso in the spring of 1964 and recently added to the museum's fossil exhibits.



Photos by Chuck Kurtzman

NEW SHELDON ACQUISITIONS . . . include modernistic work of Tom V. Schmitt in his "Tondo" painting (top), and a painting that might be considered a work of sculpture as well, "Rythmes Interferes" by Jesus Maria Soto. The works are part of a collection to be displayed at Sheldon art gallery through Dec. 26.

Campus Calendar

TODAY

PI BETA PHI Alumni Benefit, 9:30 a.m., Party rooms, Nebraska Union.

UCCF, 11:30 a.m., 240 Nebraska Union.

INTER VARSITY, 12:30 p.m., 235 Nebraska Union.

PANHELLENIC, 12:30 p.m., Pawnee Room, Nebraska Union.

PLACEMENT Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., 241 Nebraska Union.

PROFESSORS EMERITI, 1:15 p.m., 232 Nebraska Union.

INTER CO-OP council, 1:30 p.m., 334 Nebraska Union.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY Colloquium, 3 p.m., South conference room, Nebraska Union.

YWCA - Christmas Bazaar, 3:30 p.m., 232 Nebraska Union.

AWS Workers, 3:30 p.m., 235 Nebraska Union.

UNION Contemporary Arts Committee, 3:30 p.m., 332 Nebraska Union.

AUF Special Events, 4:30 p.m., North conference room, Nebraska Union.

UNION Music Committee, 4:30 p.m., South conference room, Nebraska Union.

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE Social Committee, 4:30 p.m., 232 Nebraska Union.

BUILDERS Calendar and Directory, 4:30 p.m., 234 Nebraska Union.

COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN, 4:30 p.m., 235 Nebraska Union.

INTER SORORITY SINFONIA Concert Rehearsal, 4:30 p.m., Ballroom, Nebraska Union.

AWS Court, 4:30 p.m., 332 Nebraska Union.

YWCA Senior Cabinet, 4:30 p.m., 334 Nebraska Union.

PI LAMBDA THETA, 4:30 p.m., Pawnee room, Nebraska Union.

BUILDERS First Glance, 4:30 p.m., 241 Nebraska Union.

PRE-ORCHESTRIS, 6 p.m., 203 P.croft.

AUF 6:30 p.m., 334 Nebraska Union.

YMCA, 6:45 p.m. West Cafeteria, Nebraska Union.

QUIZ BOWL, 7 p.m., Auditorium, Nebraska Union.

KOSMET KLUB, Rehearsal 7 p.m., Conference rooms, Nebraska Union.

SKI TRIP Orientation, 7 p.m., 234-235 Nebraska Union.

PHI BETA LAMBDA, 7 p.m., 332 Nebraska Union.

LAMBDA TAU, 7:30 p.m., 232 Nebraska Union.

AMATEUR RADIO CLASS, 7:30 p.m., M. & N. Building.

INTER SORORITY SINFONIA Concert, 7:30 p.m., Ballroom, Nebraska Union.

MATH COUNSELOR PROGRAM, 7:30 p.m., 349 Nebraska Union.

SAGE, 8 p.m., West Cafeteria, Nebraska Union.

DELTA OMICRON, 8:30 p.m., Pawnee room, Nebraska Union.

MU PHI EPSILON, 8:30 p.m., 240 Nebraska Union.

Booth Refutes Abbott Statement At YD's

A statement made at last week's Hyde Park forum by Steve Abbott, editor of the campus literary magazine, Scrip, was the object of an attack by Young Democrats president, Thomas Booth.

At a meeting of the Young Democrats last night, Booth refuted Abbott's contention that the political parties on campus should work to improve the campus. He said, "The purpose of Young Democrats is not to improve the campus, it is to draw attention to statewide and nationwide issues."

Booth said that if the young Democrats would concentrate on campus improvement, there would be no organization fulfilling the job of the campus political parties, that of focusing student interest on state and national affairs. He added, "There are enough organizations working for campus improvement."

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Students Win Chicago Trip

A trip to Chicago for the National 4-H Club Congress will take eight University students from classes Nov. 28 through Dec. 2.

They are part of the 31 4-H members selected from the state for outstanding achievement in their particular areas.

They are Bruce Bailey, leadership; Mary Detmer, clothing; Jane Hardessen, market beef; Barbara Klingman, bread; Janice Mazour, gardening; Beverly Wiese, poultry; John Kubicek, boys' records; and Barb Reifor, foods and nutrition.

There will be 1,500 delegates meeting in Chicago for the Congress. These delegates are state, regional, and national winners of 4-H projects and activities sponsored by the Cooperative Extension Service; they represent over two million 4-H members in 50 states and Puerto Rico.

The program theme is "Young America and World Affairs." Prominent speakers from government, education, and the mass media will help to increase 4-H members' awareness of the cultural, economic and political aspects of international affairs both in the United States and abroad.

Tickets Available For Theatre Play

"Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf" opens its second weekend of the repertory season Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. with "a great deal of interest aroused in the play," according to Rich Malusby.

Malusby, publicity director for Howell Theatre, said that a letter had been received from a couple who attended the play the first night. They said that they left "shocked and disgusted by the language of the play."

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NEBRASKAN APPLAUDS

Officers for Delta Sigma Pi fall semester pledge class are Dave Conover, president; Veldon Magnuson, vice president; Steve Morton, secretary-treasurer; Gordon Harris, sergeant-at-arms; and Bill Langingham, social chairman.

Sigma Alpha Mu has elected Stewart Forbes as its new president and Stuart Smith as its new secretary.

Towne Club pledge class officers are Carol Mungaard, president; Kathy Curtin, secretary-treasurer; and Luisa Valcarcel, social chairman.



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Cadet MP's Find Duty Difficult On Game Day

By Steve Jordan
Junior Staff Writer

If you have ever thought that the Military Police standing at the sidelines during University home football games have an easy job, consider the following:

Saturdays begin at 7:30 a.m. for some officers and end after the last of the 50,000-strong crowd returns home.

The University ROTC cadets who work as policemen have authority given them only by the Campus Police Department, and have to summon city police to help with unruly fans.

The cadets, who are members of the University Pershing Rifles company, are required to help their fellow PR men in cleaning the entire stadium Sunday morning.

They receive no pay. Second Lt. Lyle Street, commander of the 18-man Military Police Platoon, outlined some of the duties of his men on game days.

"The work is mainly traffic control before the game," he said. "Cadets keep cars from

parking in restricted areas such as the drive leading to the University Health Center."

"We have men directing traffic to help the Lincoln Police Department," Street said. "The Campus Police watch for cars breaking down in traffic."

Band Day saw the MP's lining the parade route as well as taking care of other duties. "Homecoming used to be our biggest job," Lt. Street said. "The streets had to be closed and traffic rerouted."

The main objective at the game, he said, is to keep the spectators off the field.

"In the end zones, the stands are covered by the padings to protect players who might run into them," said Warrant Officer Ron Swanda, second in command of the platoon.

Near the first of the year, he said, a man standing in front of the stadium was knocked down by a player.

"We have to keep people under the stadium for their own protection," he said. The Military and Air Police

in the squad keep people off the sidelines who do not have line passes. They also use ropes to surround the field after the game.

Some of the cadets then assist in clearing out parking lots, Lt. Street said.

Pershing Rifles, an all-ROTC organization, earns \$2,400 each year from the University to clean the stadium.

"Last week was the worst yet," Swanda said. "They must have really sold a lot of food and drinks."

During the basketball season, several MP's are used to keep the crowds off the Coliseum floor.

Military Police are required for ROTC parades in the spring and special events such as military dignitaries visiting the University.

"The MP's are generally regarded as the sparest military group on campus," Street said. "They are also the only ones who have direct contact with the public."

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