

What It's Like To Be . . . Switchboard Supervisor 'Must' Know Everything

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Thirty-six years on the University switchboard has taught Miss Ruby Palm "just about everything there is to know about the University."



Miss Palm

Miss Palm, who supervises the switchboard, which is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and employs seven operators at different times in room 211 of Nebraska Hall, explained that all the operators know as much about what goes on as anyone at the University.

But she admitted that even after 36 years "I don't know ALL the answers." She noted that every day someone will ask something new, for a new number or bit of information which isn't in the operators' extensive files or notebooks on University information.

For example, Miss Palm noted that one day someone called to ask where they could donate a body to the University for experimental purposes. She said that a small conference of all the operators on duty was necessary at that time to decide who they should refer the caller to.

Miss Palm explained that since she first started working as a University phone operator she has had to help all kinds of people and answer questions about everything. She pointed out that most of the operators know almost all of the University extensions by memory and seldom have to refer to their extension listings.

"We just never could handle the traffic load of calls constantly during the day if we had to look up every extension for an individual or office," she said.

She pointed out that the switchboard usually handles between 45,000 and 50,000 calls a week for the University's several thousand telephones and extensions on its 45 trunk lines. About 3,000 outstate

Watts calls a month concerning University business are also made through the University switchboard.

Miss Palm explained that it is imperative that the operators constantly keep up on what is happening in all fields of the University to help the multitude of people calling for information.

She said that a large part of her own time as supervisor, when she is not at the switchboard, is spent keeping

the records and listings for the University, its activities and functions up to date for the operators. These files include some 3,000 listings with names, room numbers and titles in addition to numerous bits of information about the University such as times, locations, schedules and positions.

First Impression
"We represent the University and are often the first impression the public gets of the University. It's important that we be pleasant and helpful at all times," she said.

Besides the information which must always be handy or on file she stressed that a pleasant "University" when answering the calls and "Thank you" when finishing was imperative.

She emphasized that a University telephone operator always has to be on duty at the switchboard. "No matter what, even during last year's big snow storm, there has never been a telephone operator who failed to show up for work as long as I've been here," she said.

Miss Palm, who will retire next February, has spent more than half of her life, answering the University's telephone calls. She sums up her role by saying, "It has always been extremely interesting, with lots of variety and never has gotten boring."

Theatre To Stage 'The Caretaker'

"The Caretaker" by Harold Pinter will be presented Dec. 1 through Dec. 3 at 8 p.m. in the Arena Theatre, Room 303 Temple Building.

Cast members include Jerry Mayer, who is currently appearing as "Macbeth", and Rick Marsh and Rich Berney, both making their first appearance in a University Play.

Robert Deveraux will direct the laboratory play as a partial fulfillment of requirements for his Master's Degree in Theatre. Deveraux, a graduate of the University of Minnesota, has been costume designer for the University Theatre during the past two years.

This is the first time that a play by Pinter has been presented at the University. General admission tickets for "The Caretaker" will be available at the door on the nights of performance. Admission price is 50 cents.

Altrusa Club Donates \$500 To Foundation

The Altrusa Club of Omaha contributed an additional gift of \$500 to the University Foundation. This will provide \$9,000 in low interest loans for nursing students at the University's School of Nursing in Omaha.

Miss Irma M. Kyle, director of the School of Nursing, said, "As a result of this additional money, we at the nursing school are provided with the necessary matching monies, making us eligible to receive the loan fund under the Federal Health Professions Nursing Student Loan Program."

Harry R. Haynie, Foundation president, said the Omaha Club recently voted to increase its Foundation donation for use as matching money under the nursing student loan program enacted in 1964.

To qualify under the 1964 Act, the recipient institution provides one-tenth of the total and the federal government provides nine-tenths in matching monies — or for each dollar of the institution, the federal government matches with nine dollars, Miss Kyle added.

In recent years the Altrusa Club has been a consistent donor to the Foundation, earmarking its funds for women students on the medical campus. Originally the club made a \$1,000 donation to the Foundation, of which \$600 is currently on loan. The contribution of \$500 brings the club's total to \$1,500.

Selection Officer To Visit Campus

Today and tomorrow, Capt. C. J. Johnston, Marine Corps Selection Officer, will visit the University campus to interview students interested in earning commissions as Marine Corps officers upon graduation.

Of particular interest at this time are students graduating in January and sophomores and juniors interested in becoming Marine Corps pilots.

Openings also exist for male students interested in ground or aviation duty and junior and senior women interested in Women Marine Officer positions.

Those interested in applying for or learning about the programs are urged to contact Johnston during his visit.

Greeks Combine To Play March Of Dimes Game

An all-day chain of co-educational basketball teams, made up of fraternity and sorority members, will play against each other to raise money for the March of Dimes Dec. 4.

Greg Andrews, a member of the IFC affairs committee which is sponsoring the event along with Panhellenic, explained that everyone including the players will be charged a minimum of 25c to take part in or to watch the games.

Andrews explained that each game would last ten minutes and that rules included substitution on dead balls, fouls called on boys but not girls and that boys had to throw balls to girls and girls to boys.

Sororities and fraternities which will play together in the competition are: Alpha Omicron Pi and Sigma Alpha Mu, Kappa Alpha Theta and Pi Kappa Phi, Delta Delta Delta and Theta Xi, Delta Gamma and FarmHouse, Kappa Delta and Phi Kappa Psi.

Sigma Delta Tau and Beta Sigma Psi, Alpha Chi Omega and Phi Gamma Delta, Kappa Kappa Gamma and Phi Delta Theta, Gamma Phi Beta and Alpha Gamma Sigma, Chi Omega and Triangle, Alpha Xi Delta and Alpha Tau Omega.

Pi Beta Phi and Theta Chi, Sigma Kappa and Delta Upsilon, Alpha Phi and Chi Phi, Zeta Tau Alpha and Sigma Nu, Phi Mu and Alpha Gamma Rho, Alpha Delta Pi and Delta Sigma Phi, Kappa Alpha Theta and Kappa Sigma, Alpha Omicron Pi and Pi Kappa Alpha, Gamma Phi Beta and Beta Theta Pi, Alpha Xi Delta and Acacia.

Delta Gamma and Delta Tau Delta, Phi Mu and Sigma Chi, Chi Omega and Sigma Phi Epsilon, Sigma Delta Tau and Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Andrews said that the individual times for the first games of these different teams would be announced next week.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

- TODAY**
- INTER VARSITY, 12:30 p.m., Nebraska Union.
 - PLACEMENT OFFICE Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Nebraska Union.
 - RESIDENT HALLS Directors Meeting, 1 p.m., Nebraska Union.
 - UNION Trips and Tours Committee, 2:30 p.m., Nebraska Union.
 - BUILDERS College Days, 3:30 p.m., Nebraska Union.
 - BUILDERS Advertising, 3:30 p.m., Nebraska Union.
 - YWCA Girls' Club, 3:30 p.m., Nebraska Union.
 - ASUN Student Senate, 4 p.m., Nebraska Union.
 - PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE Student to Student, 4:30 p.m., Nebraska Union.
 - STUDENT AIA, 4:30 p.m., Nebraska Union.
 - RED CROSS, 4:30 p.m., Nebraska Union.
 - BUILDERS Tours, 4:30 p.m., Nebraska Union.
 - TOASTMASTERS' CLUB, 5:30 p.m., Nebraska Union.
 - BUILDERS Board, 7 p.m., Nebraska Union.
- Monday, Dec. 6**
- Protel & Whitney Altrusa: All degrees — Ch.E., E.E., M.E., E.M., Physics, Chem., Inorg., Analyt., Phys., St. Joseph Light and Power Company, B.S.—E.E., M.E., Armour Agricultural Chemical Company: B.S.—Agr., or other majors with a farm background. American Moler Company: B.S.—M.E. Roche Laboratories—Div. of Hoffmann-La Roche, Incorporated: B.S.—B.A., Biol., Bot., Zool., Physiol., Pharm., Natural Sci. degree preferred.
- Tuesday, Dec. 7**
- Standard Oil Company of Ohio: B.S., M.S.—Agr. Econ., Agron., Gen. Ag., Ch.E., Chem., Acct., Mason & Hanger—Silas Mason Company: B.S.—M.E., Ch.E., E.E., I.E., Consumers Cooperative Association: B.S.—B.A., M.S.—M.A.—Agr., Bus. Adm., Lib. Arts, Ch.E., M.E., Ag. E., Agron., Vets. Parke, Davis and Company: B.S.—Agric., Bus. Adm., Pharm.; M.S.—M.B.A., Pharm.; All degrees — Chem., Biol. Valley Manufacturing Company: B.S.—B.A.—M.E., Ag. E., Bus. Adm., Lib. Arts, Agr.
- Wednesday, Dec. 8**
- U.S. Naval Ordnance Laboratory, White Oak, Silver Spring, Maryland: All degrees—E.E., M.E., Aer. E., Physics, Math. Ordnance Company: B.S.—Acct., Chem., Phys. Standard Oil Company of Ohio: As before.
- Thursday, Dec. 9**
- Westinghouse Electric Corporation: B.S.—E.E., M.E.; Technical degrees for sales. Hupp Corporation — Richards—Wilcox Division: B.S.—Ch.E., E.E., M.E., I.E. Swift & Company: To be announced at a later date.
- Friday, Dec. 10**
- State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company: B.S., M.S.—Bus. Adm., Act. & Soc. Acct. Swift & Company: To be announced at a later date. W.R. Grace & Company—Nitrogen Products Division: To be announced at a later date. Standard Oil of Texas: M.S., Ph.D.—Geol., Geophysics. Conasa Aircraft Company — Commercial Aircraft Division: Ch. E., E.E., M.E., Bus. Adm., Acct., Jervis E. Webb Company: Engineering.

Debaters Collect Tournament Wins

University debaters recently competed in two out-of-state tournaments. Two senior debate teams took part in the Bradley University meet at Peoria, Ill. Out of 75 competing teams, George Duranske and John Peak were one of five undefeated affirmative teams.

Richard Sherman and Randy Pryer lost only one round of the five round tournament. The all-over team record of nine wins and one loss was one of the best records posted in the tournament.

The junior debaters competed at Wichita University in Wichita, Kan. Teams composed of Jeri Adams and Nancy Coufal, and Doug Klunder and Dave Erback had identical four and two records.

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APPLAUDS

Alpha Lambda Delta, freshmen women's scholastic honorary, installed 20 new members in its fall initiation. New initiates are: Beverly Bochus, Eileen Bray, Janet Buell, Suzanne Goodwin, Sandra Gordon, Pamela Harris, Susan Henderson, Linda Kiekhaefer, Trudy Lieberman, Mary Lorenz.
Mary Ann Losh, Kathryn McNeff, Gayle Ann Mitzner, Gloria Scherer, Sheree Schick, Rita Schreiner, Donna Sieckmann, Jean Sommermeier, Mary Stilwell and Janet Wahlin. Trudy Lieberman was installed as historian.
Dr. Dudley Ashton, head of the women's physical education department and faculty advisor for Alpha Lambda Delta, was initiated as an honorary member.

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