Mentors and Mentees

The Crux of the Graduate Experience

“These were the best of times; these were the worst of times”

-with apologies to Charles Dickens
Good Times….

- A (the?) critical element of grad student success
- A synergy between mentor and mentee
  - Understanding of expectations
  - Developing effective plan of study
    - Coursework
    - Research
  - Analysis of the weaknesses and strengths
- Effective use of the student’s Committee
- Reflection
Bad Times

- Unfortunately, a relatively common occurrence
- A pronounced waste of time, effort, and often financial resources
- Bad for everyone!
- Can it be avoided?
  - Most mentors have little, if any training
  - Follow what they went through