

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