

ABGN #13

Adam's Bimonthly Grad Newsletter

Flameworking

This summer I decided to pick up a new skill: flameworking. Basically it's manipulating rods of glass into pretty shapes by means of a gas flame. I took Glass Pendants, a class at the Davis Craft Center. These first pieces are rough, but I think if I drop enough time into it I'll git guud.



Left-to-right: mixed color pendant; fumed glass teardrop; eye; imploded bishop

OldSchool RuneScape

What started as an innocent attempt to bask in some late-2000s nostalgia and hang out with my siblings has devolved into a second gaming timesink. For the past month or so, I've been working toward the quest "Lunar Diplomacy." Behold my sick stats:



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Summer Weekends Away

In grad school so far, summer has been synonymous with increased freedoms to travel and otherwise take time away from the Physics Building. This time around, I found myself taking day trips to the San Francisco Bay, the Yuba River, and Dublin, all in Northern California. Longer trips included: a few to Los Angeles to visit with Darcy's family; Portland just for fun; and, of course, the Paris trip with Ike and Brandon.

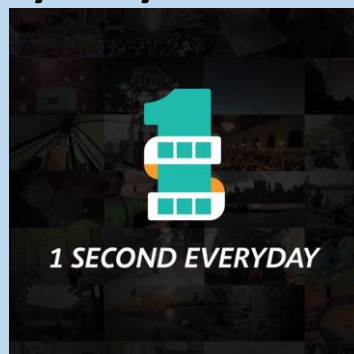


Left-to-right: Darcy's mother, Randy, and sister, Morgan, celebrating Randy's birthday in Topanga, CA; Darcy and a childhood friend, Bening, overlooking a trainyard and the river in Portland, OR; and Terri and the Wednesdays reuniting in Terri's hometown of Dublin, CA

One Second Everyday: Year 2

Another year means another frenetic video! You can find a low-quality version on Facebook, or a higher quality version on my website at:

<http://kunesh.physics.ucdavis.edu/1SEYear2.mp4>



Mood: Fat Lip

This year's Summer Jam is Sum 41's "Fat Lip," a blast from the distant past of Frye's Roller Rink:



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CMX2lPum_pg

A week and a half until the Preliminary Exam. Will I knock out the dreaded second half?

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