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Adam's Bimonthly Grad Newsletter

Davis: One Year Later

My relationship with Davis' graduate physics program properly began a year ago with my prospective student visit. My impressions were that the professors were approachable (as professors run), the campus was nice (if a bit big), and the town was sort of like Chapel Hill: idyllic and quaint. In addition to my research interests, though, what sold me was the physics grad student body. The prospectives were fun and open, and the incumbents had very little bad to say about life in Davis.

As the fresh crop of prospective students visited this weekend, I found myself on the other side of the information channel. I discussed the program and life in Davis with jet-lagged seniors and recent graduates from all over America, and I'm happy to have helped them gather some of the information they need to move forward with their dreams. Maybe I'll see them around campus next year!

While there have certainly been a few unexpected bumps here and there, my experience so far has confirmed my first impressions. Davis is a cool town, my new friends are supportive and interesting, and I'm (begrudgingly) stimulated by the coursework. I'll continue to grow here.



Then (Top) and now (bottom): My first visit to Davis preceded a flurry of trips to Irvine, CA and all rounds of the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament. Now I'm hunkered down here for a while!

New Hobbies

To distract myself from my homework, I've taken up Boxing Club. Tennis and basketball are resurfacing in my life, and I'm getting much better at bass. Consistency is key! On a grad student budget, my meal prep game is getting stronger by the week.



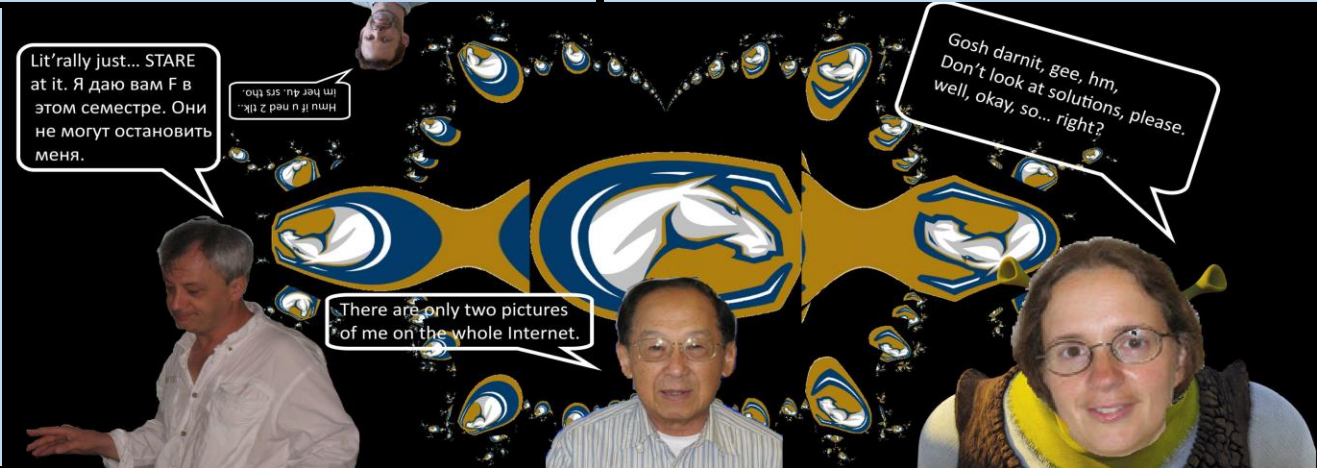
Another Familiar Face

Who else could it be but Brandon, my sophomore year roommate and fellow MTH 'bone? We managed a trip to SF and a nature day at Lake Berryessa.



Brandon flew into SMF to help celebrate my birthday weekend (23!) and see what life in NorCal is like.

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Second round of finals is this week. Spring Break should include a ski trip—stay tuned!

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