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Adam's Bimonthly Grad Newsletter

A Farewell to First Year

Year one done! With finals complete, my next hurdle is the Prelim Exam, a comprehensive four-day test. Then I'm a "Master." I've been taking a few celebratory weeks to work on some side projects and hang out, but prelim practice starts soon.



Post-first-year day trip to the Yuba River

Buds with Buds

A new Davis Tradition! Buds with Buds was born to Jonathan Minnick and me on May 9. We meet every week at the Wednesday Farmer's Market, 6:30 PM. If you're in town, swing by! We're typically somewhere midfield in the shade. The only entrance cost is a swig from the ritual Bud Light.



Left: This year's new friends sit on the old red blanket in the midst of a heavy crowd. Right: Rahim bears the sacrificial Bud.

Competitive Smash

It's all David's fault. He made me watch *The Smash Brothers* and that was it. We've since been training in the office, at my apartment, and wherever else we "accidentally" bring our controllers. We recently got acquainted with the Sacramento community at an all-day house party. Maybe one day we'll win a local tournament—stay tuned!



Left: My freshly-painted controller. Right: Home training.

Home Soon! Drop in!

I'll be home on 7/11 for the day, then gone to visit family until the afternoon on 7/17. The rest of that week:

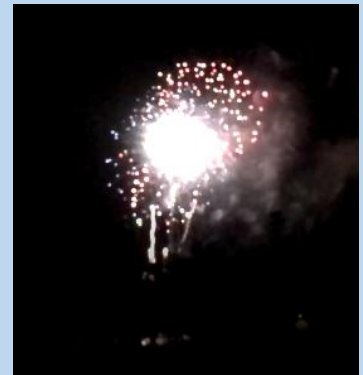
7/17: Pool/Rosarios Pizza/hang out around Concord day, Cabarrus Brewing at night (tentatively 8:30 PM).

7/18: Lake day! Burgers, dogs, swimming, some watersports if we can recruit my dad.

7/19: Day-and-a-half trip to Chapel Hill. Cosmic, He's Not, and campus are solidly on the to-do list.

7/20: Come back from CH.

Come hang out!



Fourth of July Davis fireworks seem to say "At last! Time to visit family and friends away from school."



Hanging out at Physics House for a summer kickback.



My first Californian Fourth of July. (Undeclared in cornhole.)

I'm coming back to NC tomorrow! Let's make plans!

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