

## GREETINGS

Dear Friends,

In preparation for the end of the world in 2012, I decided to make 2011 be as hectic as possible, just to train my body to the incredible stress that is the impending end of the world next year. Alright, not really. Despite the news' best efforts to convince me that the world might be ending twice this year, your receipt of this report is a fairly good indication that it did not.

I did however, pull up stakes and head an hour north to Orange County, where I began life as a graduate student at UC Irvine, working towards a Ph.D. in some biology specialization (I haven't picked yet). Things quickly took a turn for the worse, as my personal and work life clashed in new and unexplored ways. I've experienced burnouts on levels I had never had before. As I write and finalize this report, I'm also planning out my experiments for the next two weeks. Such is the life of a graduate student in the sciences.

As hard as it is to remain optimistic in these circumstances, I hope that this coming year will provide new opportunities and adventures that will be both engaging and enlightening. So as 2011 draws to a close, I can only hope that you have had a successful 2011 and I send my best wishes for a happy and prosperous 2012.

- George Chen, December 2011

## LITERATURE

BOOKS PURCHASED

20

BOOKS SOLD

5

BORDERS STORE CLOSEOUTS

FOUR

BOOKS READ (PLEASURE)

6

BEST ARTBOOK

TOY STORY

3

CHARLES SOLOMON

BEST FICTION

MACHINE OF DEATH

VARIOUS AUTHORS

BEST NONFICTION

SURVIVING YOUR STUPID, STUPID

DECISION TO GO TO GRAD SCHOOL  
ADAM REUBEN

NONFICTION VS FICTION



70% Nonfiction 30% Fiction

PEER REVIEWED PAPERS READ

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BOOKS OF POINTLESS STATISTICS IN THE SAME VEIN AS THIS REPORT

2

GENRE DISTRIBUTION

500 Science 50%

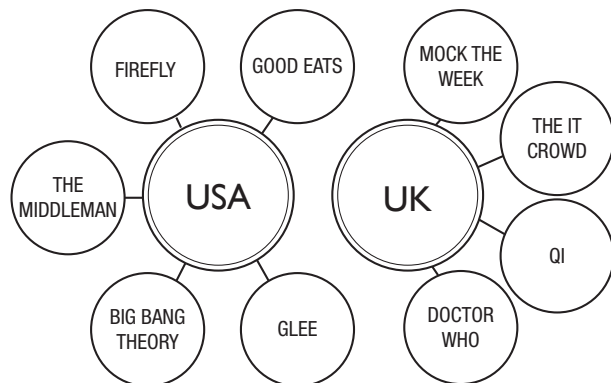
817 Humor 20%

700 Arts 15%

300 Sociology 10%

## TELEVISION & FILM

TELEVISION SERIES WATCHED



MOVIES WATCHED

25

BEST MOVIE  
LION KING  
WALT DISNEY STUDIOS

WORST MOVIE  
INSIDIOUS  
HAUNTED FILMS

MOST WATCHED MOVIE  
TANGLED  
THREE TIMES

CANCELED VS CURRENT TELEVISION SERIES

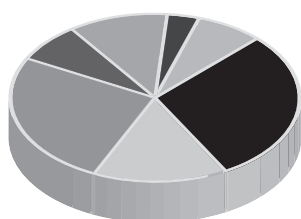
1 IN 3

BEST TV SERIES  
THE IT

CROWD  
TALKBACK THAMES

WORST TV SERIES  
ALL OF TLC  
AND PROBABLY MTV

MOVIE GENRE DISTRIBUTION



- Romantic
- Comedy
- Animation
- Horror
- Action/Adventure
- Documentary
- Family

## MOVING

CAR LOADS

5

ROLLS OF TAPE

2

BUBBLE WRAP

36 SQ FEET

MOVING PARTIES

ONE

MILES MOVED

74.7

HOURS OF ORIENTATION

17

WELCOME EVENTS WITH ALCOHOL



## VACATIONS

Disneyland

DISNEYLAND

VISITS

TEN

PICTURES TAKEN

842

CORNDOGS EATEN

4

FAVORITE NEW ATTRACTION  
MICKEY'S SOUND-SATIONAL PARADE

MOST RIDES  
CALIFORNIA SCREAMIN'

ATTRACTION PREVIEWS  
TWO

SCAVENGER HUNT TEAMS

38

BEST FOOD  
NEW YORK STRIP

BLUE BAYOU

Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS

LENGTH OF STAY

FOUR DAYS

PICTURES TAKEN

313

CASINOS VISITED

8

SHOWS SEEN  
MATSURI  
IMPERIAL PALACE

FAVORITE CASINO  
BELLAGIO

SHADIEST CASINO  
BILL'S GAMBLIN'  
HALL

BEST FOOD  
PECAN BRITTLE  
ETHEL M'S



Only in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO

LENGTH OF STAY

SIX DAYS

PICTURES TAKEN

1379

CABLE CAR TRIPS

7

BART TRIPS

14

MUNI TRIPS

9

BEST FOOD  
FRUIT TART  
ACADEMY CAFE

PROTESTS

ONE

FAV ATTRACTION

CABLE CAR MUSEUM

## FOOD & DRINK

NUMBER OF RESTAURANTS VISITED

116

REGULAR VISITS (+5/YEAR)  
SOUPLANTATION  
DISNEYLAND  
IHOP  
TEA N MORE  
IN N OUT  
LOLLICUP  
ANTHILL PUB  
MCDONALD'S

ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFETS

22

BOBA DRINKS

27

MONEY SPENT ON BAKED GOODS

\$348<sup>90</sup>

BEERS CONSUMED

35 1/2

MEASURED IN PINTS

APPROXIMATE ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

839 ML

EQUAL TO ABOUT 1.972 LETHAL DOSES

BEST BEER

FESTINA PECHE  
DOGFISHHEAD

WORST BEER

JUBELALE  
DESCHUTE'S

RESTAURANT REVIEWS

BEST HOLE IN THE WALL

DUMPLING INN

CONVOY STREET, SAN DIEGO

BEST OVERALL DINNER

CAPITAL SEAFOOD

DIAMOND JAMBOREE, IRVINE

BEST FAIR FOOD

HASH BROWN DOG

SAN DIEGO COUNTY FAIR

WORST FAIR FOOD

FRIED KOOL AID

SAN DIEGO COUNTY FAIR

WORST DINNER

MIAMI GRILLE

WESTFIELD UTC, SAN DIEGO

MOST EXPENSIVE MEAL

ARIEL'S GROTTTO

DISNEY'S CALIFORNIA ADVENTURE, ANAHEIM

ALCOHOL BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN



CUISINE BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN



# GRADUATE SCHOOL DECISIONS

NO. OF REJECTIONS

8

FASTEST RESPONSE  
UC IRVINE

SLOWEST RESPONSE

SCRIPPS

ACCEPTANCES

3

INTERVIEWS

FIFTEEN

MILES TRAVELED

429

SCHOOLS UNDER CONSIDERATION

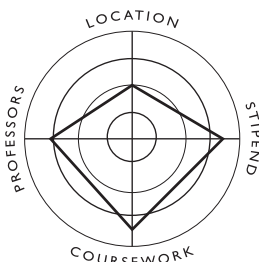
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES



DEPARTMENT  
Biochemistry & Molecular Biology

SELLING POINT  
Small Department

SHORTCOMING  
Urban Location



SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY

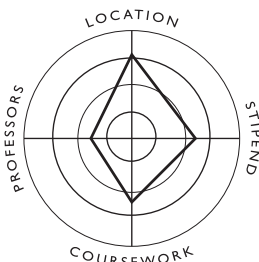


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DEPARTMENT  
Cellular & Molecular Biology

SELLING POINT  
Lab Hierarchy

SHORTCOMING  
Lab Resources



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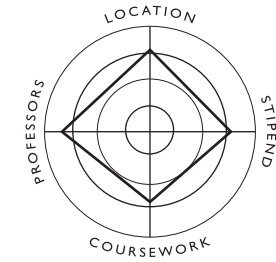


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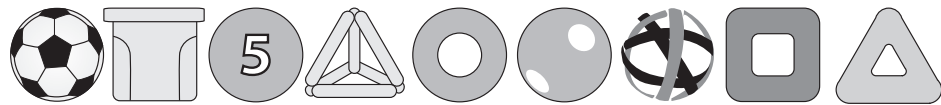
SELLING POINT  
Location

SHORTCOMING  
Program Size

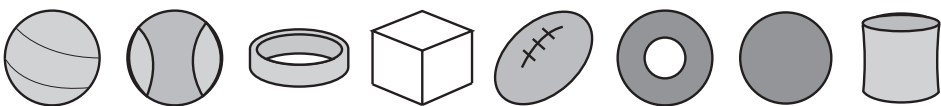


# 10 YEARS OF FIRST/VEX ROBOTICS

FIRST ROBOTICS COMPETITION GAME ELEMENTS



VEX ROBOTICS COMPETITION GAME ELEMENTS



LECTURES DELIVERED

15

CHAMPIONSHIPS ATTENDED

3

TEAMS

294

BEACH CITIES ROBOTICS

812

MIDNIGHT MECHANICS

TELEVISION APPEARANCES

2

POSITIONS HELD

JUDGE  
REFEREE  
FIELD MANAGER  
REGIONAL DIRECTOR  
COMPETITION COORDINATOR  
GAME ANNOUNCER  
EMCEE

COMPETITIONS EMCEED



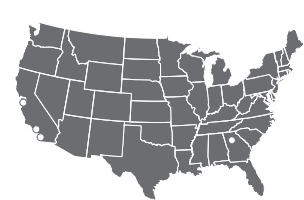
YEARS MENTORED

6

IMPORTANT PEOPLE MET

SERGEY BRIN  
GOOGLE  
DEAN KAMEN  
DEKA RESEARCH  
DAVE LAVERY  
NASA  
WOODIE FLOWERS  
MIT  
JOHN HOCKENBERRY  
NPR

TRAVELS



# PHOTOGRAPHY

PHOTOS TAKEN

6036

PHOTOSHOOTS

ONE

% SHARED ONLINE

5.3%

ONLINE COMMENTS

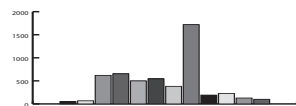
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MOST PHOTOGRAPHED  
SAN FRANCISCO

LAB PHOTOS

255

PHOTOS BY MONTH



A YEAR IN PHOTOGRAPHS

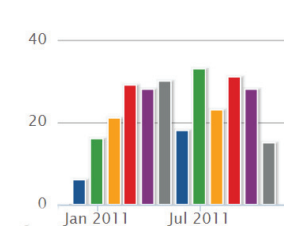


# THE INTERNET

WEBSITES A-Z

A	AMAZON.COM	Q	QUESTIONABLECONTENT.NET
B	BOINGBOING.NET	R	REI.COM
C	CAKEWRECKS.COM	S	SMBC-COMICS.COM
D	DEVIANTART.COM	T	THEMEMPARKREVIEW.COM
E	EXPASY.ORG	U	UCLEU
F	FACEBOOK.COM	V	VISIONSFANTASTIC.COM
G	GIZMODO.COM	W	WESTCOASTER.NET
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L	LIFEHACKER.COM		
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O	OCREGISTER.COM		
P	PUBMED.GOV		

TWEETS PER MONTH



WEBCOMICS FOLLOWED

14

INTERNET-ENABLED DEVICES

TWO

PHOTOS SHARED

321

BLOG ENTRIES

TWO

FAVORITE WEBCOMIC

XKCD

# WORK

VENDOR SHOWS

6

DESK RELOCATIONS

3

LATEST HOUR IN LAB

10PM

DAYS OFF ROBOTICS

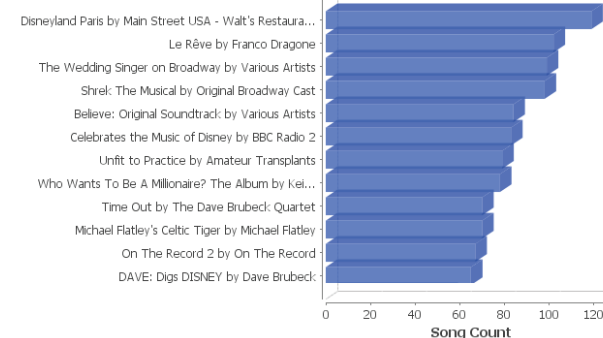


BEST SWAG

"PIPETTE HERO" TSHIRT  
EBIOSCIENCE

# MUSIC

MOST PLAYED ALBUMS



BEST NEW ALBUM

STAIRWELLS  
KINA GRANNIS

BEST PODCAST

WAIT, WAIT, DON'T TELL ME  
WBEZ/NPR

SONGS ADDED

1581

BEST/WORST LYRIC

I BELIEVE THAT THE GARDEN OF EDEN WAS IN JACKSON COUNTY MISSOURI...  
"I BELIEVE"  
THE BOOK OF MORMON ON BROADWAY

MOST OBSCURE ALBUM

LEGO UNIVERSE

MOST COMMON WORDS IN SONG TITLES

1. LOVE
2. THEME
3. WORLD
4. MUSIC
5. DISNEY
6. SONG
7. YOUR
8. MAGIC
9. TIME
10. FROM

PODCASTS SUBSCRIBED

4

SIZE OF ITUNES LIBRARY

99GB

SPANNING 51.8 DAYS

LUNCH BAG

TRANSGENYX

CONTAMINATED CULTURES

FOUR

STUDENTS

THREE

MAJOR PROJECTS

4

PUBLICATIONS

3

LONGEST MEETING

FOUR HOURS

STRAINS OF MICE

16

DAYS MENTORING

18