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Ohiri, Ugonna - 30 July 2009 10:44(pm)

So technically I finished the paper at about 6:30pm. But then I got a e-mail from Jivko to revise. I am just taking whatever corrections I can make till deadline and turn it in. I have confidence in turning it in as a REU Paper, but I also have confidence I will be working with when I get home...Hopefully I don't have to work on my birthday...lol...Tomorrow is the last day...WOOOOOOHHOOOOOOO! I know the demo will go well tomorrow...We'll see...Blog ends at 10:48(pm)...What currently on Ugonna's mind? "Saturday 10:30am in the Crown Limousine." Something I would like to change: Next year's REU should be all UMBC students!

Final Words by Ugonna Ohiri: Man this has been a wonderful REU experience for me this summer. I remember rejection after rejection until Pam Shill gave me the call when I came back from playing some intense basketball. It was a wonderful phone call and I am very glad that I accepted this offer. Iowa has been a somewhat new experience for me. I now realize that if you want to be very conservative spending-wise, bring yourself to the Midwest. Let me just get right to the point. I would first and foremost like to thank Stephen, Pam, Mike, and Zayira for taking me under their wing and believing in my abilities to do great research. I will next like to thank Alex, Jivko, Shane, and the rest of The Developmental Robotics Lab. I understand this is not the last you will hear from me but it has been a blast working with you guys and assisting in furthering your research. I have confidence both of these papers we finish will be published. It will be a wonderful experience to be able to travel with you guys in the next couple of months. Finally, I would like to give thanks to both Conner and Taylor for being superb teammates and having the confidence in me to continue their research. I hope to hear great thing from you in the future and for Taylor...make sure I have a role in your wedding ...Thank You and Have Nice Day!

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ShaneGriffith - 02 Aug 2009 - 11:31

You get taken to the airport in a Crown Limousine? Sounds like The Real World.

Keep in touch man.

Ohiri, Ugonna - 29 July 2009 10:46(pm)

We got our paper proofed this morning. It's not like I don't like the poster, but I am a stickler of font...but the poster is really good...Tomorrow is of course designated to demo practice/PAPER...3 more days...and I will go for an UDCC record eating 18 wings tomorrow...WOOOOOOOOWWWWWW! Blog ends at 10:52(pm)...What's currently on Ugonna's mind? "As I thought to myself waiting for 12 more wings...400+ wings this summer...I SHOULD BE A WALRUS RIGHT NOW!" Oh yes one of my most unforgettable moments: GMAP Symposium: The attire was business casual...I casually came for business in my white-tee shirt and dunks. hahahahahaha

[Add comment](#)**Ohiri, Ugonna - 28 July 2009 11:59(pm)**

WELL POSTER FINALLY COMPLETED PT. II. lol...After Alex got his first chance of the poster this afternoon, I already knew trouble stepped afoot. I think it should be perfectly ready to be printed tomorrow evening. I also just finished adding in most of Conner's methods into the paper so it is getting extensive. I plan to add his figures to expand the paper even further. Earlier this afternoon, we were also blessed with amazing results from our data. Using both modalities proved to be successful in recognizing objects compared to a single modality. PERFECT! Well the platform for tomorrow is quite simple...PAPER AND MORE PAPER! Shane will be making his final revisions before we see him again Friday. Alex also wants a draft tomorrow afternoon...BUSY, BUSY, BUSY...I will also be helping Sam set up easels for Friday's symposium...Blog ends at 12:51am...What's currently on Ugonna's mind? "Lied tomorrow night. WHERE ARE YOU KOFI? lol" Oh yes let me not forget one of my most memorable moments: I think it happened on Saturday when Andrew surprisingly received a sombrero at Cazador...HAPPY BIRTHDAY! hahahahahaha

[Add comment](#)**AmyGreen - 29 Jul 2009 - 16:39**

Do you know what Cazador means?

Ohiri, Ugonna - 27 July 2009 11:59(pm)

POSTER FINALLY COMPLETED! Conner, Taylor, and I were in lab till 11:00pm last night to make the final adjustments before turning it in to Stephen Tuesday morning...Time is winding down as we are with 4 days remaining. We will be constantly working on the paper in the final days but will also be doing labor outside the program...Blog ends at 9:28am...What's currently on Ugonna's mind? "The bacon croissant sitting the right of me."

[Add comment](#)**Ohiri, Ugonna - 26 July 2009 10:01(am)**

Well I'll blog this morning to replace Friday's disappearance. This afternoon I plan to meet in the lab with Jivko to map over the final paper. I have gone through half of it and hopefully things will be looking forward. We should have our results completed by Tuesday, be done with our poster, and maybe have our paper completely finished. We had a blast celebrating Andrew's 21st birthday yesterday...PICS SHOULD BE COMING SOON! 6 MORE DAYS! Again I am counting down to get back to Maryland; not to leave the people here. Should be a great week starting tomorrow...On a final note, my basketball game is really on point at this moment of time...Hopefully we can have a final SPIRE game going sometime this week...Blog ends at 10:07(am)...What's currently on Ugonna's mind? "CINNABON!"

[Add comment](#)**Ohiri, Ugonna - 22 July 2009 12:54(pm)**

Another day, Another dollar. The poster looks very healthy and close

to being complete. Conner just put the Linux machine out of commission for a while. I don't know what to expect for this afternoon but it should be somewhat productive. Blog ends at 12:57(pm)...What's currently on Ugonna's mind? "Science Center tomorrow."

Ohiri, Ugonna - 21 July 2009 9:45(pm)

Well Thanks to Amy and Curtis in their valiant efforts in editing our poster/video...GREAT PEOPLE!...Thursday will be a very busy day...Besides the entire Science Center trip, I believe Conner will run string comparison on all on the computers as we are gone...Hopefully we receive good results when we get back...Other than that, I need to find the power to return Kevin's tripod tomorrow...IT WILL BE DONE!...Blog ends at 9:52(pm)...What's currently on Ugonna's mind? "It was a great scene today to see our entire lab hovering around the table like we were some type of Army." AMAZING!

Ohiri, Ugonna - 20 July 2009 11:53(pm)

Jim Oliver's luncheon lecture was amazing! He really taught me how beneficial this experience can be in the future. Today I was lugging around the video camera to record video data for our demo presentation. I wasn't fully able to master the video camera as I expected, but was able to get basic solutions from Kevin Teske. I guess you can say we have started our poster/paper. Alex really wants us to take into consideration submitting our paper to the IROS 2009 Workshop this fall. Opportunities are really opening for all of us as this internship winds down. I also just told Andrew and Josh to gather some ideas of what they want to do for their birthdays just b/c it's the season to be jolly...lol...Blog ends at 12:06am...What's currently on Ugonna's mind? "Birthday Cake on Friday? WHOOOOOAAAAAAAAA!"

[HamadiMcIntosh](#) - 21 Jul 2009 - 13:22

You weren't detrimental and it wasn't your fault. We got the result we wanted. We shouldn't have let you walk off with that thing on your chest and nobody has any idea what that repetitive signal is.

Ohiri, Ugonna - 16 July 2009 1:17(pm)

Excellent Luncheon Lecture Today! Kofi is a very down-to-earth guy and similarly enjoys the game of basketball as Hamadi and I do...The great thing is that I now have a new hoops-shooting partner at Lied...On the project's standpoint, we are making excellent progress on the trial runs and should be finished either later today or tomorrow morning...Shane is helping us greatly to see if he can set up a Fourier Transform for our torque trial data...I will be waiting for Jivko's e-mail response so I can start formulating the Auditory Fourier Transform...15 days til MD...and I have so many stories to hear when I get back...My uncle still wants to go to Nebraska...HE NEEDS TO PURCHASE THE RENTAL CAR! On a final note, Taylor and I were almost close in getting Windows 7 installed on my [MacBook](#) ...but I still can't figure out the reason it chose not to work...AH WELL! Blog ends at 1:26(pm) What's currently on Ugonna's mind? "Travel

Expenses = MORE REIMBURSEMENT?"

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UgonnaOhiri - 21 Jul 2009 - 00:08

Indeed! At least you have had positive things go into that laptop. (i.e a brand new HARD DRIVE) lol

KellyByron - 20 Jul 2009 - 13:46

I will never put Windows on my Mac, it definitely did not sound like a good experience.

Ohiri, Ugonna - 15 July 2009 1:15(pm)

More trial running throughout the day...Conner wants the Fourier Transform successfully set up so we can test it out on our entire data set this weekend...I WILL BE ALL UP ON IT! On a more laid-back note, Josh has been brutally crushing me in Fight Night Round 4...lol...I need to work more on my defensive skills so I won't get knocked out quickly. I will be purchasing/experimenting NCAA Football 10' later this evening to prepare myself for Madden 10' in a month...I really don't have much more to say...Blog ends at 1:22(pm)...What's currently on Ugonna's mind? "Blank."

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MichaelCurtis - 16 Jul 2009 - 10:38

I still haven't played fight night. I WILL BE ALL UP ON IT!

Ohiri, Ugonna - 14 July 2009 2:43(pm)

Today already has open so many doors for me. It started off with an excellent tour of the John Deere facility. I wish I could have brought back a souvenir to bring back home to MD. Chili's was just downright amazing...MY MEAL: No comment! lol...in about 15 minutes I think I will be the first participant in the Decision-Making Experiment...I hope to be of importance to their results...More trial running for the remaining of the day...Tonight, with the assistance of Taylor, I will be installing Windows 7 on my [MacBook](#) ...WOW!!!...Blog ends at 2:47pm...What's currently on Ugonna's mind? "I wonder how good I actually make decisions. I guess we'll see by the end of the day." lol

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Ohiri, Ugonna - 13 July 2009 11:01(am)

I think it doesn't even matter what time I blog today, I will be doing very select tasks. We will running object trials all throughout the day. We will be done for the day at 4:00 for the REU Meeting and then comes dinner. So we want to get great production before we go to John Deere all day tomorrow. Thank You and Have A Nice Day! Blog ends at 11:08(am) What's currently on Ugonna's mind? "A former teacher of mine randomly friend requested me last night...I don't know whether to accept or not" lol

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Ohiri, Ugonna - 10 July 2009 2:50(pm)

This morning we attended Matt Miller's [PhD](#) thesis defense. The presentation was very well-done as he went through 80+ slides in 45 minutes...WOW! I just came back from the EEG study. I was very displeased with having roaming toothpicks hovering my head...lol...BUT BLACKJACK WAS GREAT! I hope they milked some good data out of me. For the rest of the day, we are meeting with Professor Stoytchev so he can approve our object behaviors. We are also meeting bright early tomorrow morning to begin trial runs...YAY! It will be a very relaxing weekend I might say and I hope fun just lays itself right in front of me...Blog ends at 2:58(pm)...What's currently on Ugonna's mind? "Man I feel a little lethargic after the EEG testing."

[Ohiri, Ugonna - 9 July 2009 11:22\(pm\)](#)

I did think I was going to Nebraska this weekend...NEGATIVE!...and I did think I wasn't going to be in the VRAC this weekend...NEGATIVE!...Blog ends at 11:24(pm)...What's currently on Ugonna's mind? "POSITIVE."

[HamadiMcIntosh - 10 Jul 2009 - 13:26](#)

Lol. It's water soluble.

[Ohiri, Ugonna - 8 July 2009 1:02\(pm\)](#)

So this morning I was able to get the audio capturing data to function. Some of my goals for the rest of the day will be to figure out how I can create multiple files as we capture each audio trial. That should not be too, too difficult. Just about 20 minutes before PWSE, Conner made a breakthrough in fixing the body of his haptic and interactions code. An additional task of mine will be to employ his code so we can start beginning to perform object categorization trials with the robot. Taylor is heavily working with our Self-Organizing Map algorithm. The unfortunate part is that his previous view of how to function a SOM was a bit different from what Jivko and Shane had in mind. He has done a great job in adjusting and comprehending the way to utilize this algorithm...Ok now PWSE...man was that a very insightful lecture...I learned new ways in how to effectively be in a great financial state in the future...I hope I can find the self-control to stick to most of her recommendations...lol...oh SHOES! BOWLING? Great!...what a competitive event yesterday...I don't remember the results but in my eyes...WE ALL WON!!! Blog ends at 1:19(pm)...What's currently on Ugonna's mind?... "I've had this Ginuwine song 'Last Chance' on repeat for the entire day." Hope you can spend 5 minutes of your day to take a listen...

[BellaManoim - 08 Jul 2009 - 13:30](#)

breakthrough?! thats fantastic!

[Ohiri, Ugonna - 7 July 2009 12:56\(pm\)](#)

The [CyRide](#) needs to re-evaluate some of their transportation drivers from head to toe. It's a shame that you cannot get reasonable assistance from these bus drivers. I waited for almost an hour this morning only to find out from an Iowa State student that I was a stop

shy of the correct bus. It was a very head-shaking morning but I was able to cash my check. Project-wise, Conner is going to set up a network so we can assemble all our code together. I'm still in the stages of editing Jivko's auditory source code...I should be almost finished just because we are just making slight alterations to it...BOWLING TONIGHT? I think I will come out victorious in both games...lol...PWSE tomorrow?...I hope my sandwich is made correctly...Everyone vote Mall of America...there's nothing else better to do...Blog ends at 1:06(pm)...What's currently on Ugonna's mind?... "I wonder how my UMBC friends are doing at their internships..."

BellaManoim - 08 Jul 2009 - 13:30

nah, you just need to read the signs :)

Ohiri, Ugonna - 6 July 2009 1:01(pm)

Taylor and I will be working on the Java implementation of the auditory aspect of the object categorization. I really do not have Java experience but later today, Jivko will be showing me how he used SPHINX 4 (speech recognizer system) for his research project. At the end of the day, I should be able to comprehend and alter his source code to produce excellent results. Weekend was dull as usual but I hope this Mall of America idea works out...Blog ends at 1:11(pm)...What's currently on Ugonna's mind?... "I need to go to the bank."

UgonnaOhiri - 07 Jul 2009 - 10:56

We want to take a drive to "The Mall of America." It might be a time-consuming drive but I think at this point, it is truly worth it. Here's a link:

<http://www.bloomingtonmn.org/page/1/mall-of-america.jsp>

MichaelOren - 07 Jul 2009 - 09:56

What is this Mall of America idea?

BellaManoim - 06 Jul 2009 - 16:44

me too

RichardLebron - 06 Jul 2009 - 16:11

Yes hope that the Mall of America idea works

Ohiri, Ugonna - 2 July 2009 11:58(pm)

So bored that I decided to blog..Man if this is going to be the vibe for the next few days, I will quickly lose my mind...lol...Word from my fortune cookie says that I will enjoy this weekend's new experiences...The only thing I can do for myself is to think optimistically and make the best out of these next three days. Unfortunately I missed Tyler Streeter's luncheon lecture in the afternoon. I hope to make it up and set up a personal lunch so I hear his amazing contributions to the field of robotics...RON ARTEST TO L.A...ME-OH-MYYYYYYYYYYYY!!! I hope this news will add inspiration to Hamadi's weekend...Blog ends at 12:11am...What's currently on Ugonna's mind?... "I feel great that I was able to add my two quarters

to Bella's C program...Finally UMBC education comes to life lol"

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Ohiri, Ugonna - 1 July 2009...I don't know what time it is anymore

Yesterday was a very eventful night I might say. As we were riding to the ferry departure, I was able to see some of the great attractions in Seattle (i.e The Space Needle, a plethora of Starbucks, Qwest Field, has-been Key Arena, etc). The ferry ride/banquet had some highlights and lowlights to it. I networked with many people throughout this trip, including a [PhD](#) student from The University of Genova and Professor at The University of Washington that recommended us to visit his surgical robotics laboratory later this afternoon...WHOA!!! I still want to introduce myself to several other people before I leave this evening. It was great to see how much great work has been done in the field of robotics and hope to present my work later in the future. Robotics is still a developing field and there are still many questions to be answered for the future....13-HR PLAN RIDE TONIGHT?...WISH ME LUCK!!! Blog ends at 10:00 PM...What's currently on Ugonna's mind?...I wonder how much can be done when we get to Las Vegas."

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[BellaManoim](#) - 02 Jul 2009 - 13:40

yep, today's luncheon lecture had some cool videos of funny looking square people and creatures moving in crazy ways.

[HamadiMcIntosh](#) - 02 Jul 2009 - 12:59

Was the space needle cool? Did you get to go inside? I've always wanted to see that. My research advisor at SJSU went to Washington for grad school. I think she said they have a virtual planet laboratory there. You missed today's luncheon lecture. You probably would have liked it. It was about artificial intelligence, genetic algorithms, I think he called it.

Ohiri, Ugonna - 29 June 2009 11:43(pm)

Longgggggggggg but insightful conference days!!! (Refer to Conner/Taylor's page for conference feedback) It almost seems I am just at work again...lol...but it's ok...walked myself to Urban Outfitters and bought my first pair of Vans for my research project lol. Tomorrow comes the banquet...which I get to meet more people and eat more food...WOWWWWWWWW!!! Blog ends at 12:04(am)...What's currently on Ugonna's mind..."Just call my name, and I'LL BE THERE".

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[BellaManoim](#) - 30 Jun 2009 - 13:04

shoe obsession

Ohiri, Ugonna - 26 June 2009 3:46(pm)

Well we had an excellent journal club discussion today even though I wanted full participation. Its always such a difficult, controversial topic

to discuss but it ended up turning out very professional. Jivko and Shane are two great grad mentors to work with. They will both give us beneficial papers to read during our time at Seattle that will give us plenty ideas for when we get back. I just hope Seattle won't eat up too much of my \$\$\$\$. Bella found some optical illusions that are amazing and quite dizzy to look at. THE NBA DRAFT = AMAZING! The young, raw talent in the 09'-10' season will be a sight to see. I really do not have much more to blog...i'll let my facial expressions do the talking...lol...Blog ends at 3:53(pm)...What's currently on Ugonna's mind..."I really hope the rest of the research groups get more related work to help assist in their summer research project."

IvanOjeda - 27 Jun 2009 - 15:41

I totally agree with the journal club thing. It was really good discussion. Sometimes people prefer to hear other people opinions instead of talking. Sometimes I like to ask questions where people have to answer and come to their own conclusions.

BellaManoim - 26 Jun 2009 - 16:23

indeed, the optical illusions are awesome. I hope you don't get too rained on in Seattle.

Ohiri, Ugonna - 25 June 2009 3:47(pm)

So the funniest thing is that I come back into VRAC and Conner just exploded his stress ball gel on himself...Man what research can do to a human!...Well we decomposed the actual difficulty of our project and are now using the two senses of audio and proprioception to categorize objects...I still think its publishable material I might say...2 Days til Seattle...LIVE FROM THE DEVELOPMENTAL ROBOTICS TABLE: JIVKO HAS INSTILLED HOPE BACK INTO THE PROJECT...we can still incorporate vision...THANK YOU JIVKO! lol...Blog ends at 4:04(pm)...What's currently on Ugonna's mind..."If I say jump, you say How High?"

UgonnaOhiri - 26 Jun 2009 - 15:46

your absolutely right Hamadi! It was a challenge to limit the wordage of our slides and still make them understandable.

HamadiMcIntosh - 26 Jun 2009 - 13:34

Wow. Your Seattle trip is coming up. I think nobody had any coments about the content of your power point because nobody really understands it. Or maybe I'm wrong. It sounded like you guys knew your stuff but I wouldn't know.

Ohiri, Ugonna - 24 June 2009 1:07(pm)

Make sure you read this week's Journal Club...IT WILL BE INTERESTING! Well we have finally landed in beginning our project...Had an amazing photo-shoot with the objects we plan to use...Taylor is working on the optical flow for our visual feature-extraction...it's very promising...We plan to meet with Jivko later this afternoon so we can some acoustic data he used for his research...Really don't know what else to report but to give a great recommendation to the applications of both Vaseline and Cocoa butter...Blog ends at 1:14(pm)...What's currently on Ugonna's

mind..."Blank!"

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MichaelOren - 24 Jun 2009 - 16:06

I will be out of town on Friday, so I'll miss your journal club presentation, but I'm sure I'll hear about how awesome it was 😊

BellaManoim - 24 Jun 2009 - 13:19

<http://www.kongregate.com/games/DrNeroCF/fancy-pants-adventure-world-2> check out this game, it's 'usability'.

BellaManoim - 24 Jun 2009 - 13:18

im looking forward to journal club, nice questions

Ohiri, Ugonna - 22 June 2009 1:07(pm)

Seattle in a week...WHOA!!! I should probably read up on some of the presentations before I get there...These plan rides will be quite strenuous on its own...What a weekend?...I can say I ate straight-up meat for dinner yesterday haha...Did some math problems...got my vaseline yesterday...one of the most critical investments to my comfortableness...research project technically begins today!!! cannot wait to manipulate our objects...WOOOOO!!! Blog ends at 1:16(pm) What's currently on Ugonna's mind..."Man we are working with a handsome robot" haha

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HamadiMcIntosh - 22 Jun 2009 - 13:25

Lol. A handsome robot? I feel like your group is way ahead of all the other groups. That's crazy that you guys aren't going to be here for a few days. But at least you'll be doing something cool: a conference.

Ohiri, Ugonna - 20 June 2009 9:50(am)

Man I apologize that I haven't been as committed to the blog for the last couple of days. We finally got our air time with a group hug to the robot...hahahaha...the robot was hilarious all day...it was a wonderful job done by the Developmental Robotics Lab as a whole. I got back on my hot streak yesterday with a Spades victory yesterday...Today I really don't have much to do...maybe I'll go to Target and play some basketball later. I guess I can also go over some Calc 3 since I have been avoiding it for weeks. I just realized that the accumulation of our mini demos could have been our high-quality summer research project. lol As our ethics debate leader, I guess I'll throw a meeting tomorrow afternoon....I still do not understand how to debate that article...Oh yeah one more thing: PAM SHILL IS THE BEST!!! (Hope she reads this lol) Blog ends at 9:56(am)...What's currently on Ugonna's mind? "If Mina and I were on basketball research, we could easily become the next Kobe-Shaq duoWOOOOWWWWWW!!!"

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Ohiri, Ugonna - 17 June 2009 12:53(pm)

BBALL GAME TOMORROW! Should be fun...I am very confident win or lose whoever my team comprises of...we just finished presenting our Dev Robotics Lab projects to the army/military

representatives...they seemed very interested...we are fine-tuning our mini project we plan to present on Friday to "The Science Channel." Man this is such a tiring week...hey at least I am still optimistic...lol well back to the lab...Blog ends at 1:03(pm)...What's currently on Ugonna's mind? "LIED tonight!"

Ohiri, Ugonna - 16 June 2009 7:55(pm)

Wow...back on the blogging scene...IT FEELS GOOD! I am already wearing down this week and it is ONLY TUESDAY! Unfortunately I came in the wee hours of the morning to get the music working for Tetris just to find out my work was UNACCEPTABLE & OFFENSIVE...hahaha...well we have to present a demo to the Science Channel Friday and The Army tomorrow...so just as Taylor said on our ride back from The Spice, "I cannot wait for the weekend." and its only a Tuesday. On a side note...the "Three Flavored Chicken" advertised at "The Spice" was a scam...I tasted NO flavor from the chicken's at all...AH WELL! You win some, You lose some...Blog ends at 8:12pm...What's currently on Ugonna's mind? "After HCI ended shortly yesterday, I thought I was going to work a 9-3...unfortunately I worked a 9-3 THE OTHER WAY!"

Ohiri, Ugonna - 12 June 2009 12:54(pm)



GAME 4: LA...wow what a comeback last night! Today will be a fun, jam-packed day filled with enthuse and enjoyment. We are booked with classes, lectures, and PICTURES from 9-5...MIRACULOUS!!! This should be a very busy weekend as our group tries to finish our Tetris [OpenGL](#) project due on Tuesday...We will also be specifically structuring our robot object identification project...WHAT A WEEKEND!!! My subgoals will be to effeciently spend money on [HyVee](#) products and make sure the Lakers finish the Magic on Sunday...besides that...I had a excellent time at the scavenger hunt...Blog Ends at 1:05pm...What's currently on Ugonna's mind? "What's currently on Ugonna's mind?"

Ohiri, Ugonna - 11 June 2009 3:02(pm)

GAME 4 Tonight! We finally decided on a project

today...REMARKABLE!!! We are all recommending/reviewing papers to get some methods to begin with...I haven't even fiddled with the [OpenGL](#) assignment yet...UNFORTUNATE!!! I don't know what to expect at the Scavenger Hunt tonight. I feel I might get tired and frustrated if I find nothing early. So hopefully I capture the "Big Kahuna" tonight and come out victorious...Blog ends at 3:10pm...What's currently on Ugonna's mind? "Consistency: Getting the basketball in a hoop."

[Add comment](#)**PJ Campbell - 11 Jun 2009 - 22:09**

Check Amy for some pointers...

because we know your skills are LIMITED!

BTW "nosent" lol

BellaManoim - 11 Jun 2009 - 16:48

getting the basketball in a hoop is tiring

UgonnaOhiri - 11 Jun 2009 - 15:44

yea the Magic won game 3...but the Lakers will bounce back in wonderful fashpn tonight...

ZayiraJordan - 11 Jun 2009 - 15:17

Didn't the Magics win the last game??? Sorry Ugonna!!!

Ohiri, Ugonna - 10 June 2009 12:50(pm)

GAME 3: ORLANDO...Spades last night? LOSER!...Bella as a teammate? WINNER! Kelly as an opponent?...FRIGHTENING!!! The Life of Mr. Ohiri? THEBOMB.COM! Martin last night? LAUGHTER! Status of Tetris Project? BLUEPRINT! Meeting with Conner and Taylor last night? PERCEPTIVE! Cake in about a minute? YES! Final idea for robotics project? "BABY STEPS?" The life of a blogger? STRENUOUS! Blog ends at 1:04pm...What's currently on Ugonna's mind? "I can't wait to meet with Dr. Alex to narrow these ideas..."

[Add comment](#)**MinaChoi - 10 Jun 2009 - 15:59**

lol... ur blog is so artistic... like a poem

MichaelOren - 10 Jun 2009 - 15:54

Just call him Alex, no need to tout the title 😊

Ohiri, Ugonna - 9 June 2009 11:59(pm)

NO COMMENT!!!

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[BellaManoim](#) - 10 Jun 2009 - 11:04

Zayira wants us to email her back about the scavenger hunt

[UgonnaOhiri](#) - 10 Jun 2009 - 10:47

I don't know Zayira...I was just late to do it...so i might as well have put NO COMMENT!!! lol

[ZayiraJordan](#) - 10 Jun 2009 - 09:27

Why?

[Ohiri, Ugonna](#) - 8 June 2009 12:48(pm)



MY LOVE FOR POWERPOINTS

GAME 2: LA...A new week begins with challenges unanswered. The circle/initials for the [OpenGL](#) assignment is giving me a little trouble and luckily I called upon scholarly partner-in-crime Mike "Curtis" to serve me a helping hand in completing the assignment later today. I do not know what to expect in Statistics later this afternoon. Overall, I can say I had a productive weekend. (executing practice problems for Calc III and hysterically watching Martin) Project-wise, Taylor, Conner, and I successfully met last night to get more ideas for our research project. Later this afternoon, we plan to meet with Jivko to express our ideas and narrow the list to at least 2-3 topics. "What more can I say?"...TIL THEN...Blog ends at 1:03pm...What's currently on Ugonna's mind?..."I have no faith that the Orlando Magic can win a game in this series."

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[Ohiri, Ugonna](#) - 5 June 2009 12:42(pm)

GAME 1: LA...Well today ends a week of quality production by Mr. Ohiri. C++ "CRASH"...I'M STILL WALKING...OPEN GL COURSE NEXT WEEK...I NEED A MIRACLE!!!!...STATS NEXT WEEK...READY

TO GO!!!...ATTN: BUS DRIVERS: Another week of not missing the bus to lab...I actually take pride in that accomplishment just because these drivers are becoming more on the more aggressive side when I run for the bus. I would be upset as well if I were repeating a route for 16 hours/day. From the project's perspective...the demo is ready to go for Tuesday and I am very excited to present this project as we compete for this gift certificate. Later today we are suppose to demo our new work to a television network...THE LIFE OF THE RICH AND THE FAMOUS!!! Yesterday evening, Jivko also gave us more research papers to read to keep us busy. After the game concluded, I read two of the papers and jotted down notes to give us more ideas for our summer research project...On a side note: Mike/Steve's [PowerPoint](#) on the pros & cons of research was very informative. It was the actually the first time I haven't dozed off on a [PowerPoint](#) ...WHAT AN ACHIEVEMENT!!! It strikes fear in my eyes when they load up on these projectors...Tonight will be more reading and preparing for Tuesday's presentation...TIL THEN...Blog ends at 1:02pm...What's currently on Ugonna's mind?...What does the weekend have in store for me...I'M ONLY 18!!!"

[MichaelOren - 05 Jun 2009 - 15:58](#)

Today's slides were all mine this time 😊 Glad you liked them though. Craft of Research slides and the last HCI course will have my slide decks. I usually pride myself in minimalistic slides and not just reading them (I'm usually bad with other people's slides though--but I'll work on that) and my first Craft of Research slides were made (literally) last minute and were admittedly a pretty poor deck. Hopefully I can stay on top of things enough to keep the slides interesting and keep you awake 😊

The problem is that those 18 slides took a couple hours to create--finding the most appropriate comics and keeping the info. to the key points (still too much text on some).

[Ohiri, Ugonna - 4 June 2009 4:05\(pm\)](#)

FINALS BEGIN TODAY...No social interaction from 7:30-10:30 tonight...Live from the Project: The demo is 94% complete. The robot is now able to track and follow faces successfully for both Friday's and Tuesday's demo. The class will be very amused to see the additional features for the demo. It was a great experience that I was able to work with such a high-powered C++ code. Currently Conner is successsfully making moves in controlling the head. SEG FAULTS SUCK!!! I am very optimistic for our actual research project...Yesterday's bowling was a sight to see...P.J came through to win the first game...I then suddenly realized that I was an active member of a bowling league...GOT HOT!!!...and won the second game. My biggest achievement was that our team had 11 spares/2 strikes in the intense second game. Shout-outs to Kelly for such an incredible, calm performance last night...I had flashbacks of when we both use to play in the "Odyssey of The Mind: Bowling League Edition." A WORK OF ART!!! Well tonight will be the game and some more research papers to read...SHOULD BE EXCITING!!! lol...TIL THEN...Blog ends at 4:22pm...What's currently on Ugonna's mind?...So many ideas for this robot project!!!"

[HamadiMcIntosh - 05 Jun 2009 - 12:55](#)

The Lakers rule all. I thought Lihn was doing this project and I told

him I thought he was going to win on Tuesday. But Lihn's doing tic-tac-toe. So Lihn, if you read this: this is the project that's going to win. Sorry man.

ZayiraJordan - 05 Jun 2009 - 09:21

I really enjoy your blogging style!

UgonnaOhiri - 04 Jun 2009 - 22:03

The parentheses...lol

BellaManoim - 04 Jun 2009 - 16:41

what don't you like about powerpoints? (other than boring presentations) They are fun to make

Ohiri, Ugonna - 3 June 2009 12:38(pm)

The Finals begin tomorrow...Well there has not been any significance in the last 24 hours. I almost pulled an all-niter studying the laundry machine and watching "The Wayan Bros." Just realized I left 95% of my apparel at home...WHAT A SHAME!!! I definitely need to get in the lab later today with Taylor/Conner; The demo is moving at a great pace...Bowling will be much better than my pool experience...Andrew & I competed well in the Betrayal of the Haunted Mansion or whatever it was called yesterday night...Unfortunately as we were walking back, we got lost near the factory but found the short bus that finally took us home...On a more depressing note, I ran out of chicken last night...OUCH!!! TIL THEN...Blog ends at 12:50pm...What's currently on Ugonna's mind?... "A blended strawberry lemonade from Starbucks."

ZayiraJordan - 04 Jun 2009 - 10:24

Ahhh... Starbucks again, huh? Maybe we can get there some time soon...

LinhPham - 03 Jun 2009 - 13:52

lol u sunk a couple ball when we played

MichaelOren - 03 Jun 2009 - 13:49

You two did do well, and the survivors did end up defeating the traitors (although Prasad and I were the only ones left alive... so really just a single survivor).

Ohiri, Ugonna - 2 June 2009 1:14(pm)

Well another day has come and more stories to be told...Project-wise the presentation went well today...I was anxious as each group came up and said they were doing games...and what Eric's facial expression would be that we are showing something entirely different...FACE = SATISFACTION!!! Taylor, Conner, and I were very productive yesterday evening and got actual output for the head (EVEN THOUGH OUR PORT CONNECTIONS WERE AN EPIC FAIL lol). Finally went to "Lied" last night and got excellent offensive/defensive production from both Curtis and Mina...Smacked a kid right across the face with no sympathy just because it was a great defensive effort...At the end, made 20-56 3's (36%) and need to work on my game a bit. I predict great things from tonight's "Board Game Night" and tomorrow's "Bowling Night." CRASH? course is too easy...HCI homework was done at 2...AM...and one last thing...A trip

to Seattle...\$200...Shopping at Hyvee...\$-25...but a luncheon with Stephen Gilbert...PRICELESS!!! TIL THEN...Blog ends at 1:33pm...What's currently on Ugonna's mind?... "I'M GOING TO SEATTLE?" lol

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LinhPham - 02 Jun 2009 - 13:37

hahaha this is too funny

Ohiri, Ugonna - 2 June 2009 1:58 (AM?) Back again with the procrastination...



1) First off, there should be no reason a world-wide purchasing service should be temporarily unavailable to consumers. It shows unpreparedness and lack of alternative. As you look at the guy's facial expression, it's shameful that he promotes humor as the user finds out they cannot purchase what they needed at the time being. Personally, I just wanted to purchase some discounted, entertaining DVD's for leisure time, but as I went to check-out to pay for the item, this jolly man appears and puts me in a tough predicament. I do not think I could have found that offer anywhere else at the time. A recommendation to Best Buy would be that the consumer be slightly rewarded for untimely poor customer service. I think it is just fair to the consumer and company. It is not a good look to be routed to an alternative option for such a good offer.



2) I MEAN JUST DOWNRIGHT HORRIBLE USABILITY!!! This is an ATM which has the card dispenser so you SAFELY complete a transaction. Unfortunately this ATM is not very user-friendly and threatens you before you even begin. I understand the positive image that welcomes the customer and the comment above "Don't forget your card" that looks out for the user. Unfortunately, there is a very grimy image that gives you the apprehensive feel that your card must be with you at all times. This ATM is not taking in the consideration of human emotion and what could be going on with the customer at that time being. I recommend a much more friendly and

less-threatening transaction message.

Brief Analysis: The first Best Buy message was not effective due to the fact it took me through all these purchasing stages without giving me the hint that their online service was down. It was just not user-effective because I left with a sense of disappointment from such a credible website and now I had the power to give negative feedback to my peers. The second situation with the ATM is a very disengaging transaction for the customer. The end result probably could have been satisfying to the customer because they properly received their monies and card back, but the stages to get there seemed very unpleasant and just mean...

PJ Campbell - 02 Jun 2009 - 22:57

Wow...

Well Ugonna, sometimes construction is needed. LOL I'd be mad though if I was trying to purchase something from Best Buy and I couldn't at the moment I wanted to

Ohiri, Ugonna - 1 June 2009 - 1:03(pm)

I would like to start this blog very informally by saying "MINA IS AWESOME!!!" Welp the weekend is finally over and collectively there were some highlights. It has not yet dawned on me that I went to a garden Saturday for LEISURE TIME!!! Thank You Amr, Kelly, P.J, and Bella for the great experience...HATS OFF!!! The cookout = GREAT ATTEMPT!!! but shopping for Chicken & Popsicle's = EVEN A BETTER ATTEMPT...On a more resourceful note, this current status of the Developmental Robotics Project is just AMAZING!!! The ability to work with Taylor and Conner is a just awesome. It took us just about 20 minutes to successfully knock out the proposal/the other random homework...There has not been a set project we have come to a consensus to, but we are moving along in knocking out some of the smaller projects before we reach that point...TIL THEN...Blog ends at 1:10pm...What's currently on Ugonna's mind? "Where are those 20+ basketball courts advertised at the Lied?" Yea I don't know why it's spelled "Lied" instead of "Lead?"

Ohiri, Ugonna - 29 May 2009 - 1:44 (pm)

Blog #2...COOL!!! ARG....INSIGHTFUL...Lunch...DIDN'T EAT!!!...2-hr Research Meeting...AMAZING!! Basketball yesterday in jeans...SLACKING!!! Shane/Jivko (Mentors)...PLENTY READING!!!...REU Students...FUN!!!...Waking up this morning...WOW!!! Popeyes...STILL SEARCHING? Starbucks with P.J/Zayira...YUMMY!!! Comments...WELCOME!!! TIL THEN...Blog ends at 1:52pm...What's currently on Ugonna's mind? "I can't wait to read all those research papers!!!" Oh yea I accidentally wrote on the blog template...NICE!!!!!!!

Ohiri, Ugonna - 28 May 2009 - 1:18 (pm)

I also think this is great. I'm commenting!!! So the first day of Ames was like a foreign land to me. I already has a "forced entry" charge on my REU account. WOWWWWWWWWWWWW!!! How much more could

find to mess up on Day 1? NOTHING!!! I was a golden child boy throughout the rest of the remaining day. The 2nd day was quite interesting. I chose to negate playing my favorite sport just to pre-meet on our research project? It was awesome to hear how much robotic experience Conner and Taylor had and it felt like a kid who just ate his first candy bar...FASCINATED!!! I am very ecstatic for our parade coming up in 5 minutes...TIL THEN...Blog ends at 1:26pm...What's currently on Ugonna's mind...."Where is the nearest Popeyes?"

[BellaManoim - 01 Jun 2009 - 13:32](#)

thanks for seeing the butterflies with us!

[ConnorSchenck - 01 Jun 2009 - 13:29](#)

Yes, I am excited as well for our project. Not quite excited enough to use caps lock, but we may be getting there lol.

[BellaManoim - 29 May 2009 - 14:03](#)

Enthusiastic! YAY!

[ZayiraJordan - 29 May 2009 - 14:01](#)

hey, i had fun at starbucks! hopefully, we'll be back there soon.

[PamShill - 29 May 2009 - 10:24](#)

Unfortunately, the nearest Popeyes is in Des Moines, which is about 45 minutes away!

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