I. Graphics/Vizualization Talk (Wednesday, 13 September 2006)
I went to a talk – the topic is SketchUp. From it, I know some groups of people are interested in 3D modeling programs.

Later, I downloaded SketchUp and played with it. Yes, it is lots of work but I didn't feel even a little excited compared to Sketchpad video I saw, which was 43 years ago. With the fact that there are very few commercial sketch applications, I am still unhappy after I took a look at google's website: http://sketchup.google.com/examples.html. I felt lost when I saw those building examples – for a while I forgot why I chose architecture for my undergraduate major until I finally recalled "glorious Greek" and "great Roma".

I don't feel good mostly from a designer's point of view, but I admit that it is not easy for me to evaluate it properly only depending on my feelings. I did see other "better" projects on sketches and usually these projects try to get away with the limitations that most design software poses to users, which is related to my interest.

I remember I asked the presenter if he found any geometric problem or limitation in SketchUp and got the answer "no", which is really an impossible answer to me. I tried it for less 10 minutes and found several geometric problems (of course it is possible to circumvent those – the trick is to follow the tutorials, which can perfectly produce examples on their website, but problems are problems). And there is a list of limitations (In respect of geometry, basically you are limited to the 9th grade).

I feel very guilty that I said so many bad words so here is the end. Actually I am going to play with it more – it got some nice features…

II. Classes Missed
I left half an hour earlier on Monday, Nov. 27 ("Envisioned" PhD Thesis Presentation). The reason was in the week of Thanksgiving I forgot there was going to be a quiz for AI on Nov. 28, which was because I didn't go to the previous AI class …… - it was a bad chain effect.

III. Assignments
I submitted assignment 1 to swiki 19 hours late, because it was a little messy for the 1st week and I didn't know what was going on.

I submitted assignment 5 to swiki 4 hours late. There was another assignment due the same time. I thought that one was easy so started it the night before and worked on it the whole night till 9:00am on Tuesday, when I felt my head was twice big. And I have a habit not to submit code late.