

Activities

Billiards

My favorite game is billiards. I play 8-ball. I often circulate throughout Orange County, challenging people to games at various bars such as Big Shots in Lake Forest, Fred's in Huntington Beach, the Goat Hill Tavern and Pierce Street Annex in Costa Mesa, Loeffler's in Anaheim, and Goody's, Duke's and Olies in San Clemente.

Tennis

My main sport is tennis. I played Varsity Singles at my high school. In my freshman year at UC Irvine, I was asked by the coach to go out for the team. I would have had to devote my life to tennis and probably wouldn't have made the team even by my senior year. I passed on the offer. But I did play in England at the University of Sussex. My partner and I beat their number one doubles team, but since we were just exchange students (and Americans, at that), they put us on the "JV" team. I coached several high school women's teams. I don't play as often as I'd like, but I still play.

Basketball

I play most sports. My first sport was basketball. I rarely play anymore. The college had some faculty challenge games I participated in, but I just play for fun.

Volleyball

I used to play a lot of doubles on the beach. I still like to play.

Croquet

This is a fun game. I like to play a version I call "Killer Croquet." You have the option of hitting your own ball or one of your opponents. It is played in a large park. It's very amusing. You do a lot of walking.

Bowling

I have my own ball and shoes! I just don't play enough. I used to have a really good hook when I was 8, but now just throw a straight ball like retard. I usually score around 140. I have fun.

Bumper Pool

I like both kinds, rectangular table and octagonal table. There are various versions of the rules. The "official" rules are actually stupid. It is important to agree on the rules first. I prefer chipping.

Golf

Technically, it is neither a sport nor a game, but I actually have my own set of clubs and will play if there is nothing else to do and we have to waste some time.

Football

I played a lot of football in Hong Kong with American exchange students. I used to play a lot at the beach. It's hard to find enough people to play among the video game generation, though.

Ping Pong

I used to play a lot of Ping Pong. I once played for 43 hours straight before passing out after a stretch of weird hallucinations. I made the JV team at Sussex University but quit to concentrate on tennis.

Card Games

I play Tripoli, Crazy Eights, Gin, Uno, I Doubt It, Trump, and Hearts, but Spoons is best.

Board Games

I like Risk, Monopoly, Backgammon, Parcheesi, Scrabble, Checkers, Chess, Stratego, but frankly I'll play anything.

Gambling

I'll play Black Jack and Craps when I'm in Vegas.

Movies

I go to the movies a lot. I mainly go to the dollar theatres in Irvine and Santa Ana because most movies really are only worth a dollar.

Reading

I read constantly, usually history.

Writing

I write a lot. I always have some project going. Right now I am working on a Microeconomics textbook.

Vampires

Because I am out most nights until 2 am, I got the reputation for being a vampire. The joke stuck, and a buddy and I developed a website: Myvampire.net. It has everything you need to know about vampires.

Batman

I was at the going out of business auction at the Wax Museum in Buena Park and accidentally bought the Batman. It sort of took over my life. Now I have Batman shirts and Batman belts and all of the Batman movies and the entire TV series on DVD. There's even a three foot wide Batman symbol on the hood of my car. Somebody save me.

Travelling

I like travelling, and have done my share. I've been to most of the states in the US including Alaska and Hawaii. I've been to Europe several times, and covered most of Northern, Western, Central, and Southern Europe, but only a few Eastern European countries. I have covered China and Australia and the major points of the South Pacific. I've been to Canada and Mexico, but they don't count. My best friend nearly drove us

off a cliff in Montana, repeatedly. (It was late and he was having hallucinations.) I lost a lot of skin off my hands, knees and stomach when I wiped out on a bike trip in the Coastal Mountains. I got eaten by mosquitoes in Fiji and nearly died of thirst in the Grand Canyon. I survived a monkey attack in China. I tried to get my cousin eaten by an alligator in Florida. I got surrounded by a pack of feral dogs on a cross-country bike trip in the hills of Virginia. Then there was that bear in Alaska

The Beach

I spent a great deal of my childhood at the beach bodysurfing and playing football. I was so dark I was the only minority at my high school. When I lived in LA, I used to ride my bike to the beach and go running in the water at Playa del Rey at 2 in the morning. I still like to play football and volleyball in the sand, but it's best to go down late at night to go walking. And why is the beach closed at 10 pm? Are they afraid someone is going to steal it? (Hey, where did the beach go? It was here yesterday!)