

APPENDIX L: A MOUSE NAMED FRED

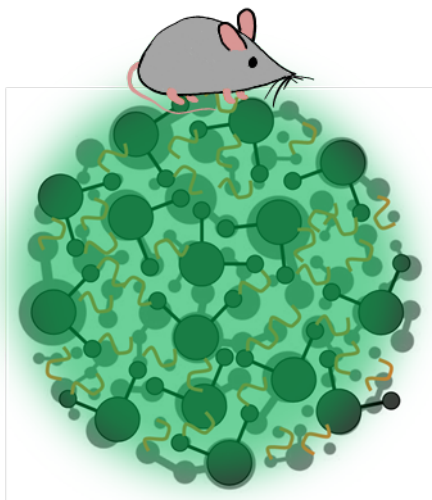
In the last stages of revisions for one of my papers, we were asked to replace the mouse clipart we had used for the figures with one which we had drawn ourselves. I was able to draw one using the stylus on my laptop and edited the figures accordingly. However, the mouse, which I named Fred, took on a personality of its own and became a mascot of sorts as I went through the remainder of my graduate career.



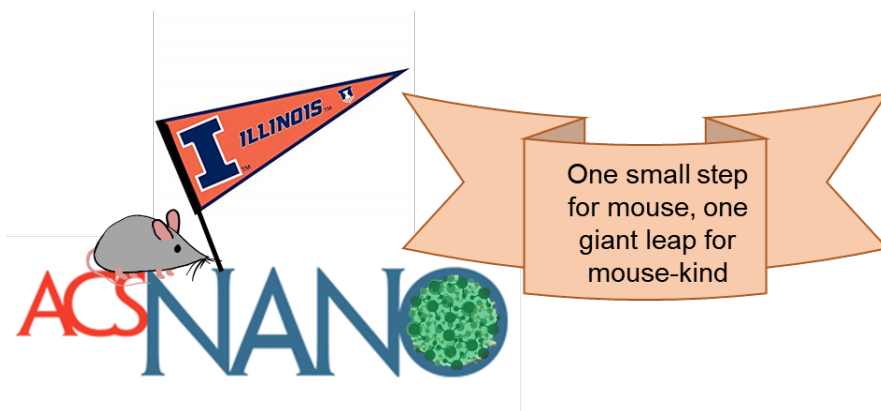
The original Fred



Fredina (aka Fredette), the female version of Fred



Fred on top of a biliverdin nanoparticle



Fred after the ACS Nano paper was accepted



Another version of Fred after the ACS Nano paper was accepted



Fred as a teaching assistant



Fred busy writing



Fred dreaming of the biliverdin-derived carbon dots



Fred experiencing an existential crisis with the passage of time



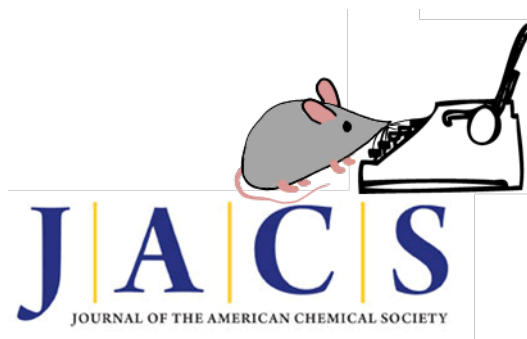
Fred celebrating a birthday



Fred tired after many long days in lab



Fred taking a well-deserved vacation



Fred helping write up a paper which was later rejected.



Fred as a computer mouse