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