

020205 Classes

My eye is healing rapidly and the bandages are gone. I am amazed at what a difference just a few days has made. On Friday, it was too painful to open either eye, but by Monday, I had both open. I went to see a specialist yesterday and he gave me some new gunk to put in my eye and told me to stop wearing the bandages. I am still missing a cornea, which means that the vision in my right eye is blurry, but the doctor expects my vision to return in two to three weeks. As much as it was embarrassing wearing the bandages around town, it was unnerving to step out of the office without something to protect my eye.

So, I am excited to attend classes today. This afternoon I have my first architectural acoustics class and I had been disappointed at the thought of falling behind in the class during the first week of the semester. The professors here are very good at architectural acoustics and have been hired as consultants for concert halls the world over. The staff has developed a computer simulation program which can predict the sound of a concert hall based on the geometry and the building materials used. The software is supposed to be surprisingly accurate and so I am excited to learn how to use it.

This semester I am also taking a course called Electroacoustic Transducers and Systems which is basically a study of the electrical systems used for acoustics. These include microphones, speakers and accelerometers. It is an electrical engineering course which gives me shudders just thinking about it, but it could be useful. The third course that I am taking is Advanced Acoustics which is a continuation of the introductory acoustics class that I took last semester. The professor and I don't see eye to eye because he is one of those professors that enjoy making the class difficult just for the sake of being difficult. He has warned us with a wry smile that our final will be oral which I am already looking forward to.

Upon arriving in Denmark, I was surprised by how warm it is. I think that the temperatures have only dipped down into the 40s. This past weekend was beautiful with the sun shining brightly and temperatures in the 70s and the days are markedly longer already. But, of course, it is pouring out today so that I had yet another bike ride to school in the rain.

Over the next few days, I will send out the last of the China emails which I wrote while in Frankfurt. Enjoy!

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