This is a mandatory assignment; fill in both sides of this handout. On the front, take a spare photograph of yourself and tape (don’t staple) it below. If you have no copies, you may XEROX a photo on this page (set the copy machine to "photo" mode, it improves contrast significantly). If you have no photos of yourself, perhaps you can get a friend with a digital camera to take and print a nice “head shot” of you. If you don’t have access to a color printer, there are quite a few places around campus where you can get a photo printed if you bring in a JPEG on a memory stick.

Hand this in to your TA in discussion section during the 2nd week of class!
Late / missing submissions (and those with staples) will lose participation points.
Mini-Biography

Background

Berkeley sometimes feels so impersonal with hundred-person classes, thirty-five thousand students, etc. We created this mini-bio so we may get to know each other a little better. We've all answered them (our answers are under our photos on the 61C site), how about you?. Even though this will be kept confidential (only the TAs and Dan will see your answers), you don't have to fill in anything you don't wish to.

Where did you grow up? What was your path to Cal?
(E.g., Did you live in the same town all your life or did you move around; and if so, where? Did you go to community college or another school before Cal?)

I was born and grew up in Westlake Village, CA, a small town about halfway between LA and Santa Barbara. I came to Cal straight out of Agoura High School.

How much programming have you done (& what languages)?
Mostly school stuff, so your basic Java, C, C++, Python, Scheme, MIPS, Perl, ... uh, I'll stop there for now. I've also done a couple small side projects, but nothing terribly impressive.

What are your hobbies?
I used to be pretty active in the fencing club. Upper division coursework kinda killed that for me, but it was fun while it lasted. I also like camping and outdoorsy stuff when I get a chance (Eagle Scout turned adult leader).

What are some of your talents & skills?
I am extremely good at tetris attack (also known as puzzle league). I'll bet a free lunch I can wipe the floor with any one of you. Seriously, I dare you to try.

Have you done anything remarkable? Has anything really memorable happened to you? (E.g., travel, climbing half-dome, meeting famous people, 15 min of fame, overcoming adversity or illness, inventions, etc.)
I also was on the gong show for about 2 or 3 minutes (before getting gonged). I guess I'm still owed another 12 minutes of fame, but those first three were fun -- I was 2 years old throwing cheez-its at my mom while she sang about what it's like to be a mother.

What commitments will be consuming your cycles this sem?
(E.g., classes, part-time jobs, family, long commutes, volunteering, sports, student groups - indicate your association (e.g., president, member, founder, etc.) and whether the group is informal, official, intramural, varsity, etc.)
Mostly TA-ing and research nowadays. I'm only taking two classes (go 2nd semester seniors!), so I'm hoping to get a chance to relax a little before the craziness that is grad school -- planning on earning a Ph.D. in graphics, not sure where yet.