My Adventure and Report on Week 1 Project

The purpose of this week’s project was to find a solar panel given only a picture and its coordinates. Little did I know that this week’s project would bring fun and excitement unparalleled to prior experiences of doing projects for class. I hope that future projects for this class will bring the joy and excitement that this one did.

On Saturday February 10, 2007, my partner, Kevin Schenthal, his roommate Robert and I set off from just north of Brown Hall to locate the solar panel. I noticed that my GPS system reads in degrees and minutes. So, the first thing we did was convert the decimals given to us into degrees. The coordinates now read 40º 20.7828’ N and 74º 38.6118’ W. I then noticed that we were too far north and west of the solar panel. We then proceeded to head towards Frist. Once we hit Washington Road, we were still a little bit north and way far west. We continued walking south and made a left turn onto Ivy Lane. When we passed Peyton Hall, a man asked for directions to Frist, which we gave him. We then walked just north of Princeton Stadium, at which point Robert took a picture of me in the metal tiger’s mouth. We then proceeded past the stadium and took a right. As we were heading south, I looked at the GPS and noticed that we should start heading north and east. Thinking that the solar panel was in the field, we entered Finney Field. We crossed Finney Field (which was littered with geese feces) and came to the other side. Kevin then noticed that the solar panel was across the street. While we were jumping the gate, a group of beautiful runners on the cross country team were running by, at which point I shouted out, “Why, hello there, beautifuls.” They glanced over and smiled. The three of us, having jumped the fence, then crossed the street toward the solar panel. Robert looked over and saw some geese on a lake that he wanted pictures of. While walking over to the flock of geese, Kevin and I spotted the box that was one of the other markers. We took a picture of it. Robert was over taking pictures of the geese. When he was finished, I chased the geese off because I thought that it would be fun. We then walked over to the solar panel and took pictures of it. I hope you enjoy them. We then parted and went our separate ways. I came home and wrote this report.

Finding the solar panel was great fun and quite enjoyable. This may turn out to be one of my favorite classes.