Overwhelming. Impossible. Incapable. These were thoughts going through my mind when I first heard about the research project. What would I be so interested in that I present it? How could I ever gather enough research, enough information to actually tell people about my findings on a given topic? These were all challenges I faced when I first started my research project for class. I found technology very amazing when I first got to college, the amount of people that use it constantly and the way in which the University of Illinois utilizes this technology inside the classroom. I was interested in technology and wanted to somehow research this. I began trying to narrow it down to figure out what a good question was that I would be trying to answer. I first though I could interview students on their view of the importance of technology on campus. I realized this was not small enough and it encompassed too much array of material. I then started thinking about the buildings on campus. I started noticing the role of the building and the importance of the technology within the building. It was then when I realized what I would research; I would look at the role of building verse the use and importance of technology within the building. I felt the best things to look at would be the Siebel Center, the computer science building, and compare it to that of Davenport Hall.

I had this idea that I would just observe the buildings. I would try to see what the use of the building required for technology. I would try to see how people interacted in each of these buildings. Does one building have more interaction then the other? Is one building more for play and the other just for learning? These were all questions I set out to answer during my research. I was more interested in the observing part then any research because I felt and still feel that research is
important for some cases but it not necessary in all studies because in the case of my question. To answer my question I felt it was more fitting to just make keen observations because to see the interactions between and people would help me understand the role of technology better then anything else would. The observations I made allowed me to start making some realizations. I began realizing that the Siebel Center was a place of advanced computer learning and for these reasons the technology was extremely important for the learning. The building is so technologically advanced because the learning inside requires these advancements. The observations made at Davenport Hall were drastically different for many reasons. The people within Davenport Hall are not as connected with the building because the building is more of a place for people to meet to learn compared to that of the Siebel Center people meet with the building to learn. Within Davenport Hall people are learning from professors instructing on different material. Within the Siebel Center people are being taught my professors but the building aides immensely in helping the students learn and comprehend what they are learning. Through my observation I have realized that not all building require the same amount of technology because if it is not necessary for the learning then why should the University spend money on it. Not all learning relies upon technology so it is vital for people to truly decide if technology is necessary for the technology in a building or if they can learn just as well without the technology. The function of building should determine the amount of technology within a building.

This course has been a truly eye opening experience for many reasons. The main reason this class has helped me is because it made me realize what ‘play’ truly
is because it depends upon what the person believes play to be. This course also helped me realize that when researching topics one must be extremely specific when asking a question because if you are not then one is unable to completely answer a question. Living life brings about many different challenges and one of the biggest challenges is accepting those around us who are not like us and this class helped me realize that there are many different opinions and that they all must be respected.