Parcel

Digital care packages for your friends

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Problem & Solution

Transitions are tough

Connecting with loved ones and thinking of home comfort students

Parcel lets students experience home and interact with friends and family in their new environment

Contextual Inquiry Hypotheses

Assumption

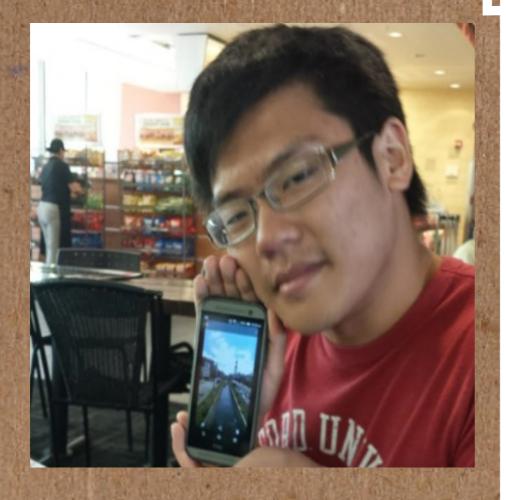
Homesick college students find photos sentimental and use digital and analog photographs to reminisce

Initial concept

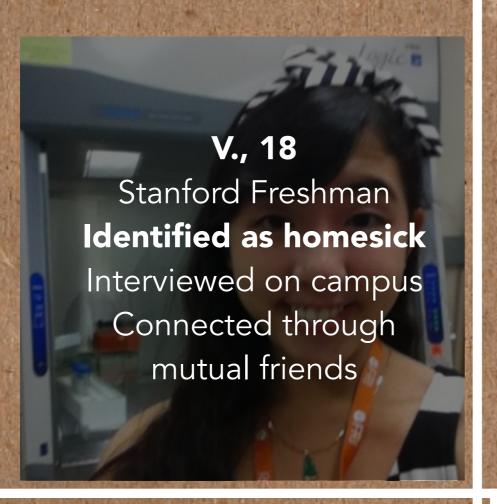
Mobile app that pushes old (sentimental) media to students to help them adjust to school and associate it with happy memories

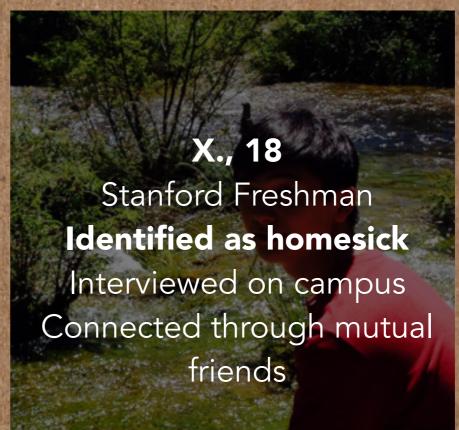




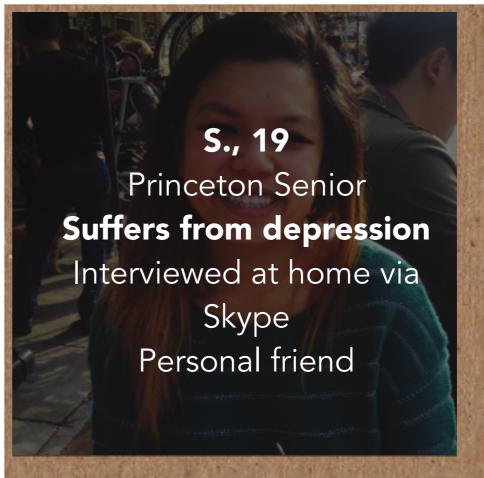


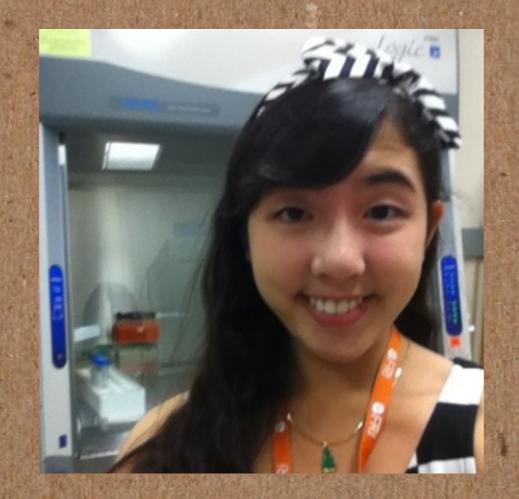






N., 18
Stanford Freshman
Identified as homesick
Interviewed on campus
Connected through mutual
friends





"I miss spending time with the **people I really care about** and **even the mundane things** we used to do together, like going to the park with my family."

Perfect care package: Vietnamese food & movies from home









"My favorite photo is a selfie with one of my friends.

We weren't even doing anything, I just like it."

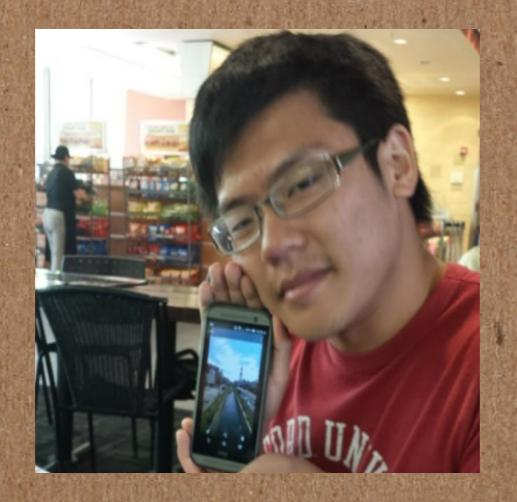
Perfect care package: Shoes & Chinese tea







N., HK



"My mom actually emails me which I think is pretty cute.

Who even emails anymore?"

"I look through my tagged locations on Facebook"

Perfect care package: Ramen and "small things like a keychain from wherever my friends are

S., CA



"I couldn't even look at my computer screen without getting panic attacks. What made it worse was the administration giving me no support whatsoever."

"I love sending my friends care packages!"

Perfect care package: Spicy shrimp chips and pictures of her cat

S., CA







Contextual Inquiry Results

The students we spoke to didn't find their own photos sentimental but really appreciated old photos from their friends and family

The photos they found sentimental were ones of everyday events at home and usually were **taken by someone else**

...and every student found care packages sentimental, and especially liked photos for their rooms

Task Analysis - Old

Task

Frequency Importance

Connect with faraway loved ones by exchanging photos, videos, music digitally	High	High
Look through location-based 'tags' from existing social media or physical maps	Low	Medium
View permanent media & mementos created by friends and family for them	High	High

Task Analysis - New

Add a new dimension to photo sharing: location

Interact with faraway loved ones with permanent media

Associate their present location with sentimental places

Application Idea 1

Spontaneously spur conversations between friends by sending photos they've mutually liked on Facebook

Significance



Feasibility



Interest



Application Idea 2

The app sends photos to friends who are both (or all) doing the same activity to remind them of happy memories

Significance

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Feasibility

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Interest



Application Idea 3

Users leave photo 'parcels' in specific locations for their friends to discover when they get there

Significance

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Feasibility

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Interest



Representative Tasks

Leave photos and other media in 'parcels' in a certain location for a particular person to open

View on a map (and get directions) to their unopened 'parcels'

Download photos on their digital maps

Reply with photos to sender at their location

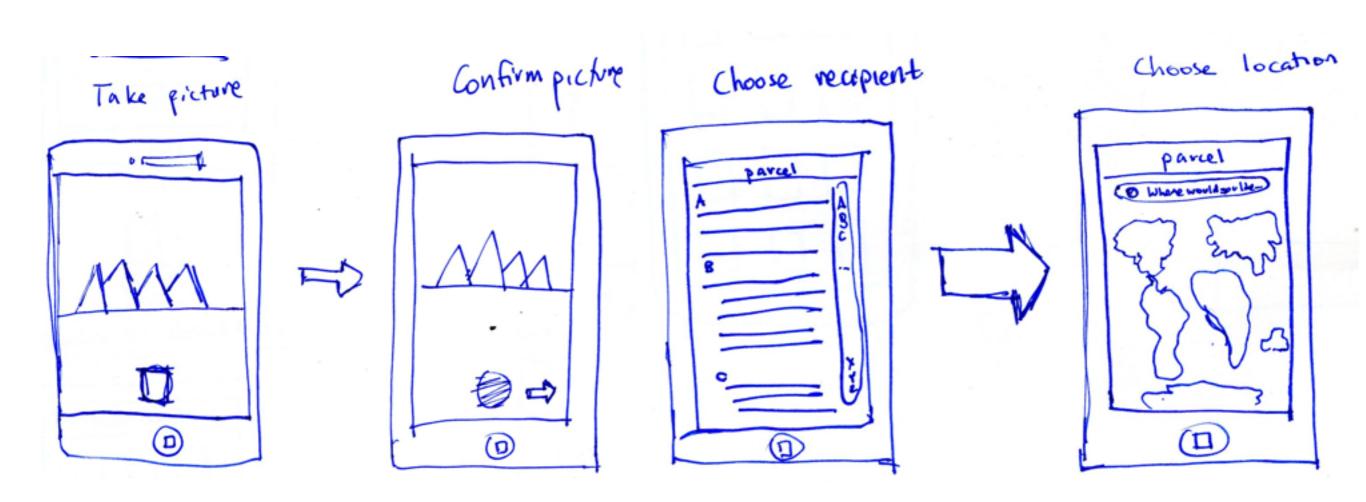
Create fun scavenger hunts for their friends with permanent media

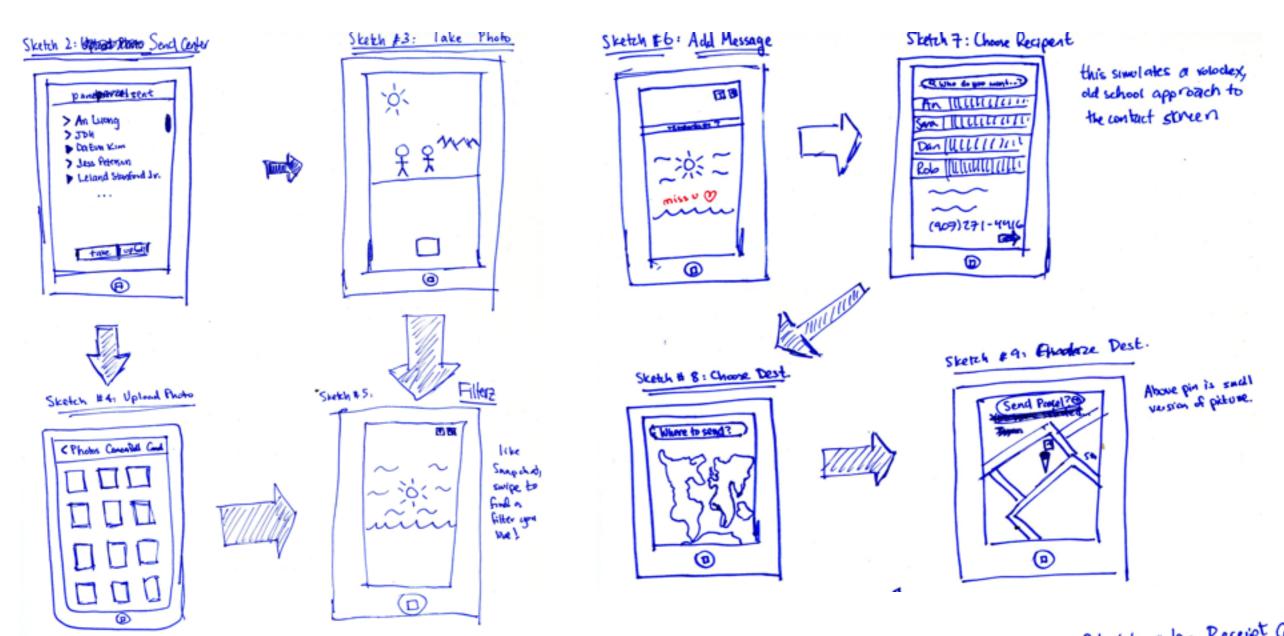




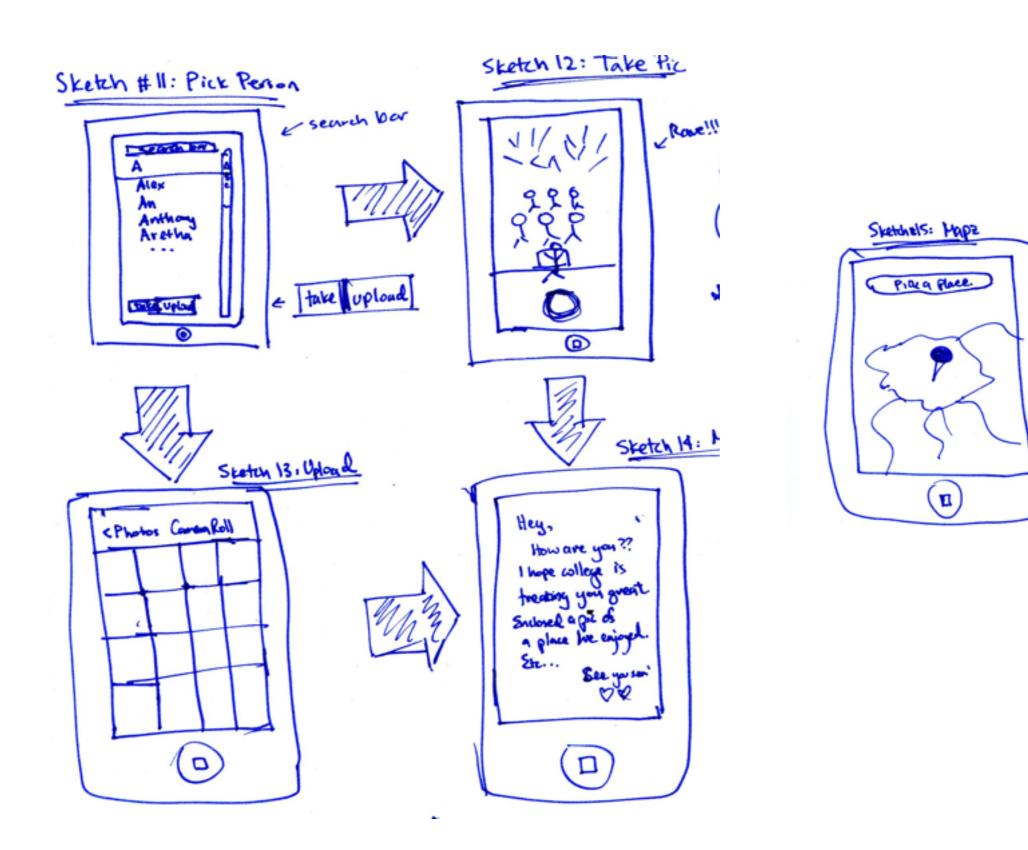




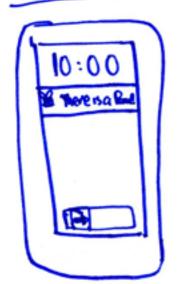












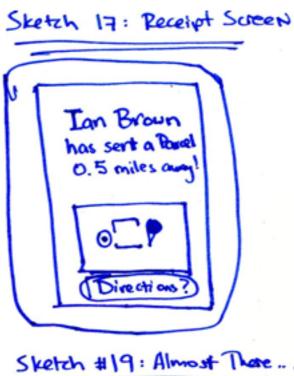
send recipent push notification when near a parcel





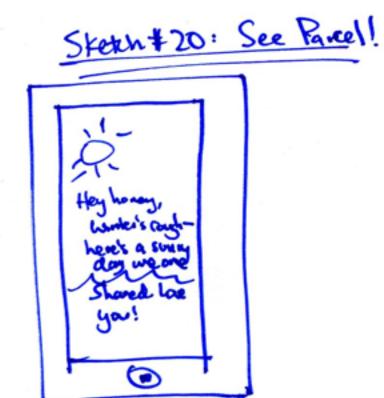


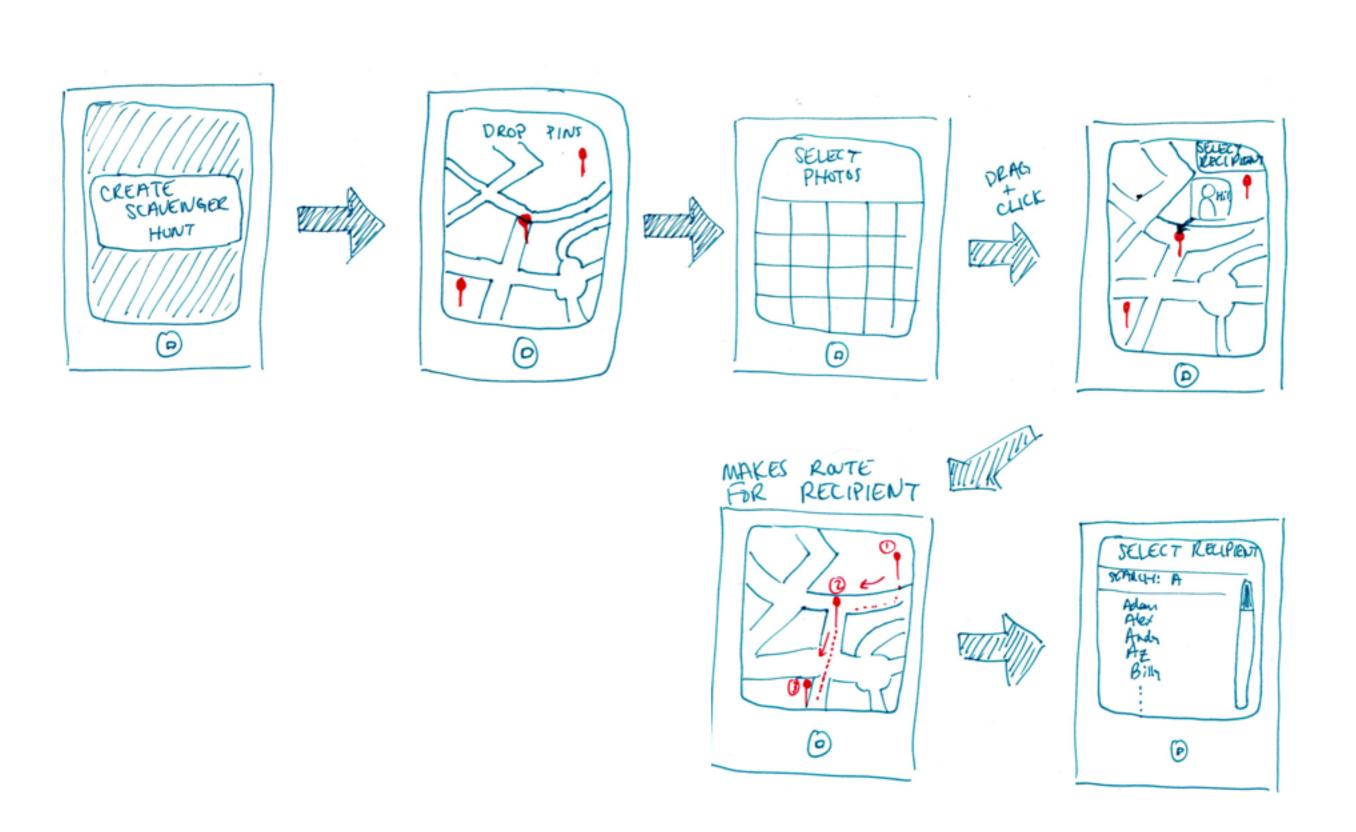
Likes standard directions now.



Sketch #19: Almost Those ...







Parcel A surprise you can give a million miles away.

