



What it meant to be an Informatics student at Utah: What will the future bring?

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Opportunity to
work with
several of the
best and
brightest
professors
I have ever
known!



Although a huge part of the learning came from the programmers that were always around to help.

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Charla Smith,
Stacey Bishop
Shelly Smith
Mike Kriddle
(behind Shelly),
Chuck
Olmstead
Ed Anderson, ?
Mahesh
Merchant
behind him,
Lou Ricord
behind
Mahesh,
Dennis
Stansfield
Bob Jensen
(blue shirt and
black tie),
Glen
Wentworth
(can just see his
head?)
Hank Morgan,
Dave Ostler,
Craig Stevens,
Bill Hoerschel

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Steve
Rothert



From left to right: Paul Clayton, Mark Skolnick, John Morgan, ?,?, Dorit Carmelli, Alan Pryor,?, Marion Nordfors, Frank Yanowitz, Al Bush, Shari, Keith Larsen, Dorothy Robinson, Bill Barrett (he drew the poster on the wall), Peter Haug, Gary Jeppson, Bill Halwley, Steve Rothert (in the red vest), John Gennaro, Gary Barlow, Pat Yeh, Charla Dixon



Alan Bush
Alan Pryor

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Debugging PAL...

just trying to line up the

Begin's and

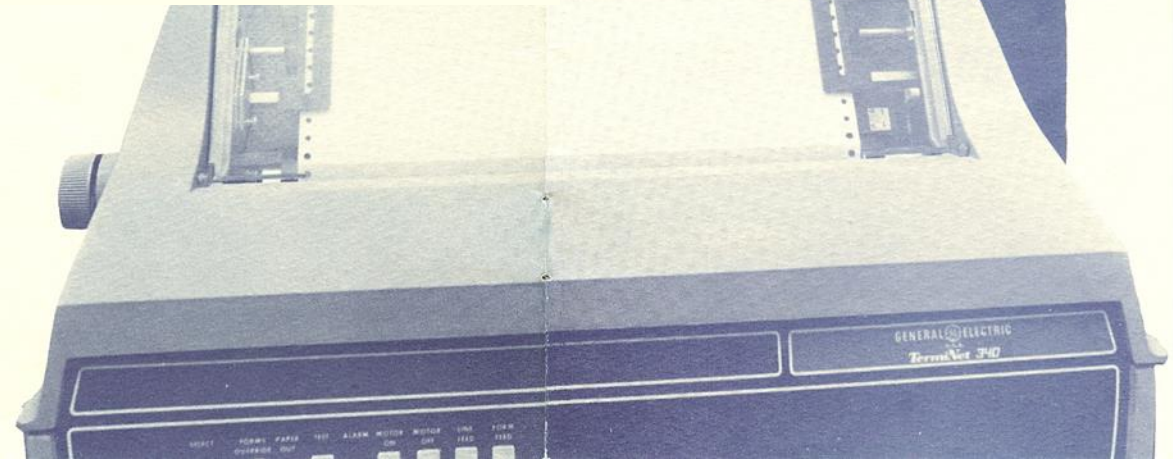
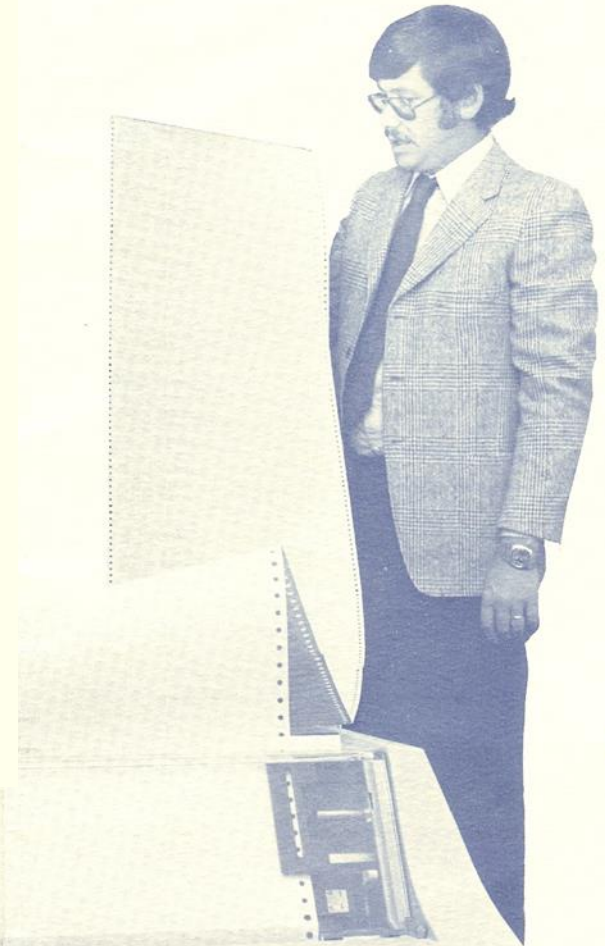
Begin

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End

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End's was my biggest
challenge!



International Partnership for Health Informatics Education (IPHIE)

1999 Limburg, The Netherlands

2000 Bad Wimpfen, Germany

2001 Minneapolis, USA

2002 Innsbruck, Austria

2003 Salt Lake City, Utah

2004 Amsterdam, The Netherlands

2005 Bad Wimpfen, Germany

2006 Minneapolis, USA

2014 Taipei, Taiwan





Visiting
fellows from
Heidelberg.
Including
Maya and
Thorsten. And
the U's own
Laverne Snow
and Shoba

With Joe Hales at the
Great Wall in China after
the 1998 Medinfo in
South Korea





Students

Do not leave this room
for 7 (seven) years.

Reed M. Gardner

With Gil
Kuperman and
Joe Hales at Arch
Cape on the
Oregon Coast
after the 1989
AAMSI congress
in Portland, OR



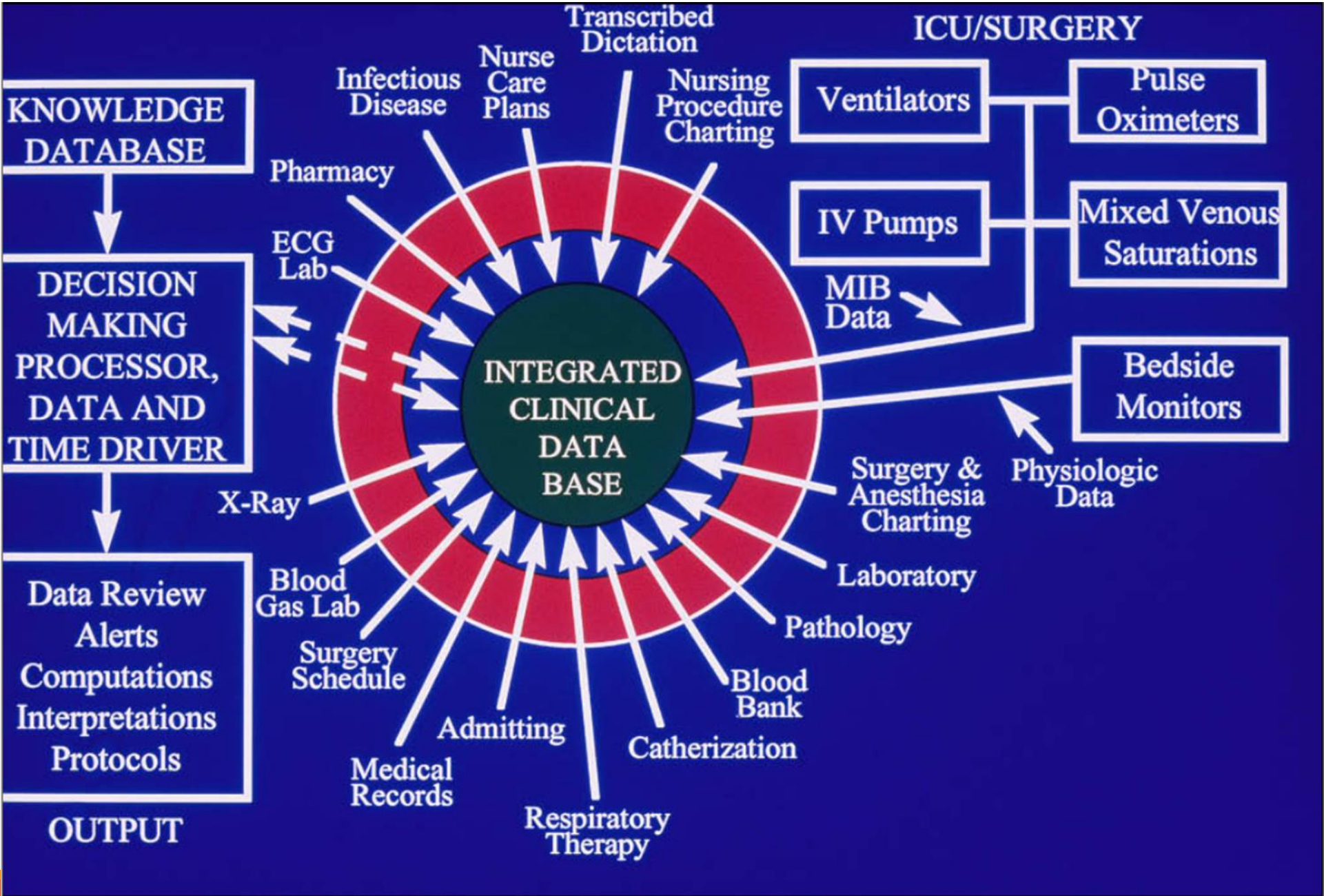


Bayes Theorem



Reverend Bayes

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A) P(A)}{P(B)}$$



Students who married other students...

Susan Harada and David Pope

Suzanna and Ulli Prokosch

Derrick Albright and Lisa Cannon

Tom East and Karen Woods

Li Min and Siew Hong

Chinle Fan and Hong Yu

Omar Bouhaddou and Pascale
Durbize

Beatrice and Roberto Rocha
(married before grad school)

Wendy and Brian Chapman

Pam Shelton and Kelvin ?

Dean Sorensen and ?

Scott Narus and JoAnn (UofU
med student)

Brian Sauer and Melissa Chen





Shoba's reception:
Trip (Jen's husband, Jen was a clinical pharmacist who worked at the VA: standing is Shoba's husband, Amit, then Dave Dorr, Shannon Sims (with the broken leg), Rich (Charlene's x-husband, Jared ? and Bill Phillips from the Computer Sci Dept Seated is the unmistakable guru, John Hurdle.



The women
from Shoba's
reception:
Charlene Weir
and Shobha
Phansalkar



?,
Krishna,
Carol
Gibson,
Dick's 2
oldest
daughters
Dick
Gibson

What it means to be flexible...

I applied to the department two days after the Fall quarter started (at Dennis Parker's suggestion). They voted to accept me on probation (I didn't have relevant background), and Peter paid my tuition for the quarter while I taught remedial math at the SLCC and took classes. I was happy to be accepted formally after the first quarter and started as an RA for Peter. I love how flexible they were and their willingness to take a chance on me!

My favorites...

Gardner after getting an acceptance letter for a manuscript: “more money in the bank”

Pyror when asked why he made a particular decision: “there’s been a load of compromising on the road to my horizon”

Alan Morris when asked for advice before my first presentation: “speak slowly”

Pyror in the elevator after a particularly poor showing on the golf course: “I thought you were a team player”

Scott Evans: “you playing b-ball today?”

“You spoiled all of us. I had no idea that the work being done (so matter-of-factly) would be so hard for others elsewhere to replicate. In general, what was already in place at LDSH in 1988 is light-years ahead of what folks are only hoping (in their wildest dreams) to accomplish today.”



Thank you so much...

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Thank You!