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.
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

Photo from Steve Rothert
Debugging PAL...

just trying to line up the

Begin’s and

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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

\[ P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B)} \]
Students who married other students...

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<td>Omar Bouhaddou and Pascale Durbize</td>
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<td>Beatrice and Roberto Rocha</td>
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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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