

School of Health Sciences

HSCI Update

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*From the Desk of
Dr. Wei Zheng,
Head of the School
of Health Sciences*

As you may have all too often experienced, it is always hard to write the first chapter of a book, compose the first paragraph of a manuscript, or start the first sentence in a long story. Looking back at the dynamic changes occurring in our School after just four months of being the new Head, it was truly a challenge to single out the single most important thing to communicate in my very first Message from the Head's Desk for this Newsletter. Then, I recalled an old trick my literacy teacher taught: writing down the first thought emerging

from your mind and following that flow, letting your audience share your thought process as if you were strolling along the lake shore among the willows ... now, allow me to invite you on a stroll.

What made this year all the more important to the School was perhaps the exchange of the reins between hands. Dr. George Sandison, my immediate predecessor, took a clinical leadership position at the University of Washington in September 2008. George has done a fabulous job in building the School, particularly the medical physics program, during his seven years' tenure at Purdue. We all owe a great deal to George for his tireless efforts to position the School into a better status, both locally and regionally. George will be very much missed by our faculty, staff, students, and alumni. I wish him a very successful career and fulfilling personal life in the gorgeous city of Seattle.

Here at home, Dean Svensson took quite a risk and picked me to fill George's shoes, not unknowing how much I won't give up my beloved science in exchange for the obligated administrative responsibility. The

excitement derived from discovery notwithstanding, the other side of my mind had indeed asked for the challenges beyond the research bench.

Yet, after four months on the job, I have gradually realized – and am still recognizing – what is the true meaning of the administrative challenge. Fortunately, I have a terrific Dean who is willing to provide his unconditional support for our School's success, together with most of faculty members who are willing to contribute their energy to build the School into a better place. With all this, I can see this autumn a prelude to many awesome chapters that will follow in this School's history. I am delighted, optimistic, and fully energized.

The most exciting event this year, if I am forced to choose, pertains to the John Christian Distinguished Alumnus Award. This year's recipient is Dr. Rafik Bishara. Dr. Bishara received his B.S. from Cairo University in 1962 and his Ph.D. from the Purdue HSCI in 1972. He made a great contribution to industrial quality assurance and management. Prior to the award ceremony, Dr. Bishara gave a special speech inspired from his life-long experience.

Dr. Zheng's letter continued.....

The roomful of students appreciated Dr. Bis-hara's achievements, and more importantly, they obtained a better sense of what made our distinguished alumnus so distinguished.

To choose the most rewarding event in the past several months, I would certainly pick the Advisory Board meeting that took place in October. Dr. Richard Vetter, the Chair of the Board (please see a story about him on page 11), and the members of the Advisory Board came to Purdue, to meet privately with our students as well as faculty in two signature areas of future development, i.e., radiological health sciences and occupational/environmental health sciences. Their thoughtful exploration provided us with the accurate assessment of the School's current status and future directions. The School's management team, which includes Assistant Head Dr. Robert Stewart (page 4) and former Acting Head Dr. Gary Carlson, fully acknowledged the recommendations made by the Advisory Board. Some actions, such as strengthening the bilateral relationship with IU School of Medicine and obtaining the accreditation of the medical physics program, have been undertaken. A new tenure-track position at the Assistant Professor level targeting at junior faculty working in medical and health physics has been nationally advertised (page 7).

The most amazing news on the School's development is the addition of Mr. Travis Stoutenborough to the School. Travis graduated from Purdue with a major in Health and Physical Education in 2006. He has incredible energy, impressive knowledge and an intuitive passion for philanthropic activities (page 15). Travis will work closely with me and Dave Tate to develop the strategy to tighten our relationship with alumni and friends and to raise the funds to build the School's infrastructure, such as renovation of the web laboratory and purchasing shared equipment.

I am sure that Travis's participation will elevate our developmental effort to the next level.

Another notable addition to the School's staff is the hiring of Ms. Helen Terrell (page 15). Helen will be primarily working in the Office for Student Services. As you can see it, she has done a terrific job in editing this Updates.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the graduation of our undergraduate and graduate students majoring in Health Sciences in Spring and Summer, 2008. We will continue to build our educational programs to train world leaders in the fields of public and allied health professions.

I would also like to thank Dr. Neil Zimmerman for his effort in organizing the International Mini-Symposium on Parkinsonian Diseases. This half-day event invited the world's prominent scholars in manganese Parkinsonism to the Purdue campus, attracting audiences not only on campus but also globally. I hope that Neil will continue his research effort with Italian researchers and publish his results soon.

There are many other exciting research activities happening in the School that I would like to mention, but couldn't due to the space limitation. In a glimpse, in the four short months in the Head's office, I have signed off eight grant proposals by our professors to various funding agencies. I usually kiss my own proposals for good-bye and good luck before sending them out. I am not so sure my fellow professors do the same, or they may have their own ways of worship; but one thing that surely happens is that we are all working hard and starting to write a new chapter in our School's history.

Hail boilermakers!

Dr. Wei Zheng, Health Sciences Professor and Newly Appointed Head of the School

Dr. Wei Zheng is a Professor of Health Sciences and Toxicology at Purdue University. Dr. Zheng is a recognized scholar in the field of neurotoxicology of toxic substances and blood-brain barrier research. Raised in the picturesque city of Hangzhou, China, Dr. Zheng attended Zhejiang University College of Pharmacy in Hangzhou in 1977, where he received his bachelor's degree in pharmacy in 1981 and master's degree in pharmacology in 1984. He became a lecturer at Zhejiang University after his graduation.

Dr. Zheng came to the United States in 1986 and completed his doctoral degree in pharmacology and toxicology at the University of Arizona College of Pharmacy in Tucson, Arizona in 1991. After his postdoctoral training, he joined the faculty, as an Assistant Professor of Public Health in the Department of Environmental Health Sciences in School of Public Health and an Assistant Professor of Pharmacology in Department of Pharmacology in the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University in New York City in 1993, and was promoted to Associate Professor in 2000.

Dr. Zheng joined the faculty of Purdue University in 2003 and became the Director of Graduate Studies in the School of Health Sciences in 2005. Dr. Zheng was promoted to the rank of Full Professor in 2006. On September 1, 2008, Dr. Zheng assumed the leadership role as the Head of the School of Health Sciences and Associate Dean of College of Pharmacy, Nursing and Health Sciences.

During his tenure at Columbia and now at Purdue, his research team has conducted a pioneer investigation exploring contributions of the brain barrier system, especially the blood-CSF barrier, in chemical-induced neurodegenerative disorders such as Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's disease and essential tremors. His research extends from the basic laboratory investigation to human populational study.

In his manganese parkinsonism study, his group was among the few first to discover an altered iron homeostasis in animal models and among welders and smelters. The discovery has led to a new human study to define a new way

for early diagnosis of manganese parkinsonism. He and his colleagues in China are working toward a new therapy to use an anti-tuberculosis drug para-aminosalicylic acid (PAS) for treatment of manganese parkinsonism.

Recently, his group discovered that beta-amyloid, a culprit in the amyloid plague of Alzheimer's brain, is removed from the brain by the choroid plexus which is a tissue residing in brain ventricles. His student further discovered that exposure to toxic metal lead may halt the removal process, leading to an accumulation of beta-amyloids in brain. This finding may have the potential indication to the environmental causes of Alzheimer's disease.

Media reports on his work have appeared in Science (online), Reuters, Purdue news release, and local/national newspapers.

Dr. Zheng has authored one book, 105 original research papers, book chapters, and review articles, with over 120 research abstracts and meeting proceedings. His research has been supported by National Institute of Health grants, U.S. Dept of Defense contracts, and other awards from pharmaceutical companies such as Johnson & Johnson and Eli Lilly.

Dr. Zheng has been serving as the member of the Editorial Boards of *Experimental Biology and Medicine*, *Cerebrospinal Fluid Research*, *Toxicology Letters*, and *Journal of Toxicology*. He was a standing member of NIH/Environmental Health Sciences Review Committee (2003-2007) and now is a standing member of NIH/Neurotoxicology and Alcohol study section (2008-2012), two expert panels that evaluate and recommend federal research funds. He has also reviewed the grant proposals for the National Science Foundation of China and for Hong Kong Research Grants Council. Dr. Zheng serves as a neurotoxicology consultant to both pharmaceutical industry and law firms for brain bioavailability of neurotoxicants or drugs.

Dr. Zheng is active in the Society for Neurosciences, the Society of Toxicology and the International Association of Neurotoxicology. He has chaired ten international symposia, workshops, and conferences since 1999.

Most recently, he was invited as a speaker in the President George Bush China-U.S. Relations Conference in Washington, DC.



***With Thanksgiving almost upon us,
just remember this from Neil A. Maxwell.....***

***We should certainly count our
blessings, but we should also make our
blessings count.***



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**Dr. Robert Stewart, Newly Appointed
Assistant Head of the School of Health
Sciences**

**In September, Dr. Robert Stewart
accepted the appointment as Assistant
Head of the School of Health Sciences.**

**As an Assistant Head, Dr. Stewart
will be responsible for managing the
Radiological Health Sciences program.
He will coordinate research efforts
among participating faculty, research-
ers and educators at Purdue, IUSM and
Goshen clinics, maintain competitive
teaching curricula and clinical intern-
ship, manage the accreditation of
Medical Physics program, and handle
graduate affairs in the Radiation Health
Sciences.**

**Dr. Stewart has a profound ex-
perience in radiological health sci-
ences. His research focuses on micro-
dosimetry and computational radiation
biology. His participation in and com-
mitment to School's management will
undoubtedly strengthen our School's
educational program.**

Studies: Construction Jargon May Put New, Hispanic Workers at Risk [Tue Oct 21 09:16:01 2008 Pacific Time]

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind., Oct. 21 (AScribe Newswire) -

Specialized language used in the safety training for construction workers may not be understood by those new to the job or Hispanic workers, possibly putting them in danger, according to two Purdue University pilot studies.

Bryan Hubbard, assistant professor of building construction management, and James McGlothlin, associate professor of health sciences, teamed to lead the studies. Findings will be presented Oct. 21-23 at the National Occupational Injury Research Symposium in Pittsburgh.

"Safety trainers must cover a lot of material in a short amount of time and, therefore, use a lot of jargon and acronyms," Hubbard said. "These terms are familiar to them and those in the industry, but our study found that this lingo isn't understood by everyone on the construction site. Important information is covered in this training, and not understanding any part of it puts workers at risk."

Hubbard and McGlothlin's studies looked at terms used in the 10-hour safety training by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration that all construction workers are required to complete. The training involves topics such as how to safely work around construction sites. Words used in the training and in the Purdue study included PTO, which stands for power takeoff, a rotating driveshaft used to provide power to an attachment or separate machine; bird caging, which is when a wire rope frays; and lockout-tagout, a way to ensure electricity does not flow in a circuit.

The first study looked at construction safety training issues for employees new to construction. Hubbard and his team undertook the study to examine the causes behind the high number of work-related deaths and injuries in the construction industry, which previous studies have indicated are more likely to occur at the beginning of a construction worker's career.

To evaluate the effectiveness of the OSHA training, Hubbard and his team conducted three surveys with student interns in the construction industry: one before the OSHA training, one after the training and before working on the construction site for their first internship, and one after working at their first internship. The study was conducted in the summer of 2007. The results indicated that although the training is successful in helping to bring awareness of safety issues

on the construction site, many of the interns, who were mostly construction engineering management students at Purdue, didn't understand a large amount of the terminology and acronyms presented during the training. For instance, during the training, students indicated that they were unfamiliar with terms such as PTO; MSDS, an acronym for material safety data sheet, which provides information and procedures for handling or working with various substances; and lanyard, a cord used to hook a safety harness to a stable point. Hubbard said before proceeding with work on the construction site, safety instructors ensured that students understood the meanings of unfamiliar words.

The second study, led by McGlothlin, was a continuation of the first study, looking specifically at Hispanic construction workers, who have a high number of fatal accidents on construction sites. The survey looked at workers' perceptions of construction safety, their levels of safety training and their familiarity with construction terms. The survey was conducted in Louisiana in the summer and fall of 2007 among workers who were helping to rebuild after 2005's Hurricane Katrina.

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Successful International Mini-symposium on Manganese Parkinsonism at Purdue

An International Symposium on Manganese Health Effects and Exposure Assessment took place at Purdue University on 10 Oct 2008. The invited speakers of this Symposium included Dr. Roberto Lucchini, a Professor of Occupational Health from Institute of Occupational Health at University of Brescia, Italy, Dr. Brad Racette, an Associate Professor of Neurology at Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, Dr. Ulrike Dydak, an Assistant Professor of Medical Physics from Purdue HSCI, Dr. Wei Zheng, a Professor of Toxicology from Purdue HSCI, and Dr. Neil Zimmerman, an Associate Professor of Industrial Hygiene and Chairperson of the Symposium from Purdue HSCI.

The theme of the symposium focuses primarily on the new development in human study of manganese-induced parkinsonism. Researchers exchanged their new discoveries such as the occurrence of Parkinson's disease among residents living smelting factories, clinical distinction or indistinction between manganese parkinsonism and idiopathic Parkinson's disease, biomarkers for manganese parkinsonism and uses of MRI/MRS techniques for early diagnosis of manganese neurotoxicity.

The symposium attracted the audience not only from Purdue campus but also from IU Medical School and other places. The event was the part of the School's effort to enhance the research productivity in occupational and environmental toxicology and to foster the interdisciplinary collaboration between HSCI faculty working in radiological health sciences and occupational/environmental health sciences.

TENURE-TRACK FACULTY POSITION: RADIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

The School of Health Sciences (<http://healthsciences.purdue.edu>) at Purdue University invites applications for a tenure track and full-time academic year faculty position at the Assistant Professor level. Applicants from all areas of the radiological sciences are encouraged to apply, but preference will be given to applicants with expertise in medical physics and health physics. The successful applicant must have a Ph.D. or equivalent and be able to contribute to teaching in medical and health physics, including radiation dosimetry, therapy physics, shielding, and radiation instrumentation. Applicants are expected to supervise graduate students and develop and maintain an extramurally funded research program. Salary, startup funds and laboratory space are competitive. The School of Health Sciences has one of the largest undergraduate and graduate programs in the Radiological Sciences and is among the top 10 universities in science and engineering. Interdisciplinary research is highly valued and encouraged.

Interested applicants should submit a letter stating research interests and goals, a curriculum vitae, past and current research funding, and the name, address, email and telephone number for three references. Applications should be submitted to Dr. Robert D. Stewart (trebor@purdue.edu), Chair of the Search Committee, School of Health Sciences, Purdue University, 550 Stadium Mall Drive, West Lafayette, IN 47907-2051, (765) 494-1444. Applications will be reviewed immediately and the search will continue until the position is filled. Applicants are encouraged to apply by January 1, 2009 for full consideration.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS...
Robert R. Landolt Award for Excellence in Teaching
School of Health Sciences 2009

QUESTION FOR ALUMNI

Did you have a favorite faculty member while in the School of Health Sciences? Was there someone that inspired you or maybe taught you things you thought you would never need to know but, now that you are out in the working world, you realize just how much you learned from that instructor?

QUESTION FOR CURRENT STUDENTS

Do you have an instructor in one of your current courses who you think is doing an outstanding job?

Nominations are now being sought for the 2009 Robert R. Landolt Award for Excellence in Teaching. All faculty and staff who teach Health Sciences courses are eligible for the award. Letters of nomination can be sent to Dr. Gary P. Carlson, Chair of the School of Health Sciences Awards Committee. Any student, faculty member, or alumnus can submit a nomination or an additional letter of support. Letters of nomination or support can be submitted by mail to Dr. Gary P. Carlson, School of Health Sciences, 550 Stadium Mall Drive, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, by putting it in campus mail to him at HSCI, CIVL, by fax to 765-494-1414, or by e-mail to gcarlson@purdue.edu. If you have any questions at any time, you can call Dr. Carlson at 765-494-1412.

Thanks for your help with this important recognition of teaching.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SPRING 2008
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**CONGRATULATIONS TO HEALTH SCIENCES STUDENTS
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Erin Tao & Katie Scocozzo are all smiles during the White Coat Dental Ceremony at Ohio State University.



HLS STUDENTS: DO YOU NEED A TUTOR....

...Help is just an e-mail away.....

If you are having trouble with any of these classes - -
CHM 115, 116, 255, 257, 333, or in MA 153, 223, 161 or 165. We
also hope to arrange study groups that will need people to lead.

Please contact:

BOB WALKUP - rcwalkup@purdue.edu; or **EMILY FREEMAN**,
President of H.S.S.C. - efreeman@purdue.edu.

ADVISORY BOARD SPOTLIGHT

This column features members of the School of Health Sciences Advisory Board, selected alumni who have agreed to serve the School in an advisory capacity. The first Board member we wish to spotlight is

Dr. Richard J. Vetter, Chair of the Advisory Board.

Dr. Vetter received his Ph.D. from the Purdue Department of Bionucleonics in 1970. He taught Biology at Point Park College in Pittsburgh, PA for one year, then returned to Purdue as Assistant Professor of Bionucleonics and Assistant Radiological Control Officer. One of his favorite “war stories” from that period involves a summer student who was hired by Drs. Vetter and Ziemer to conduct a “background” radiation survey of the campus. The purpose was to show and document that radiation levels in non-radiation areas were background. To everyone’s surprise, the student discovered a slightly higher-than normal background in the top corridor of the Physics Building. A little investigating turned up a locked combination safe in the attic, which contained some kind of radiation source. Current and retired Physics faculty were contacted, but no one could remember what was in the safe, and no one had the combination. Was it a sealed source or something more sinister? A local locksmith was contacted for help, but he indicated that the only way into the safe was with a combination. So, Radiation Safety “inherited” a perfectly good safe that contained a radiation source and that couldn’t be opened. Eventually a graduate student “peeled” the safe (never tell a graduate student it can’t be done).

After achieving the rank of Full Professor at Purdue, Dr. Vetter moved to Mayo Clinic in 1980 where he has served as Radiation Safety Officer (RSO), Professor of Biophysics, and Director of Occupational Safety. As RSO he and his staff provide oversight for the safe uses of radiation in Nuclear Medicine and Cardiology, Radiology, Radiation Oncology, Laboratory Medicine, and Research.

He teaches Radiation Biology and Safety in the School of Health Sciences and two courses in Medical Health Physics in the graduate school.



Dr. Richard J. Vetter,
Advisory Board Chair

His advice for students once they are on the job and want to make changes in an organization but bump up against the status quo: “Patience and persistence. Don’t upset the applecart, but don’t give up either. Learn when to back off to fight another day.”

He has been very active professionally and has served as Editor-in-Chief of the Health Physics Journal; President of the Health Physics Society; Council member, Director, and member or chair of several committees of the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements, Vice Chair of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission’s Advisory Committee on Medical Uses of Isotopes, member of the EPA Science Advisory Board Radiation Advisory Committee, and member and chair of a number of other committees and organizations.

He is currently President-elect of the American Academy of Health Physics. His awards include Distinguished Alumnus of South Dakota State University and the Purdue School of Pharmacy and Pharmacal Sciences, Purdue Old Master, and Fellow and Founders Award of the Health Physics Society. He has served on the Purdue School of Health Science Advisory Board for 5 years and Chair for 3 years.

Dr. Vetter’s favorite hobby is fly-fishing, which he intends to do a lot more of once he retires. His advice for students once they are on the job and want to make changes in an organization but bump up against the status quo: patience and persistence. Don’t upset the applecart, but don’t give up either. Learn when to back off to fight another day.

The 2008 Distinguished Alumnus Luncheon

Friday, October 3, 2008



Above: From left to right are: Dean Craig Svensson, Dr. Stanley Shaw, Mrs. Pat Bishara, Dr. Rafik Bishara, Dr. Gordon Born & Dr. Wei Zheng.

Dr. Rafik Bishara was awarded the 2008-John Christian Distinguished Alumnus Award during the award ceremony on Oct 10, 2008. Dr. Bishara graduated from Cairo University with a B.S. in Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Chemistry in 1962. He came to the U.S. joining Eli Lilly as a research associate in the cardiovascular group in 1967. In 1969, he took a leave of absence to pursue his Ph.D. degree at Purdue. After receiving his doctoral degree in 1972, Dr. Bishara returned to Lilly and was promoted to the Manager of Quality Assurance Projects in 1989. Dr. Bishara has since made notable contributions to industrial quality assurance and management. Dr. Bishara is currently active professionally serving as an advisor to the World Health Organization, a member of the Board of Directors of Sensitech, Inc, a member of the Board of Directors of Kodiak Thermal Technologies, and a member of Board of Advisors of Entropy Solutions, Inc.

“Rafik’s contribution is mainly in the pharmaceutical quality control and related standardization. This year’s award bespeaks the diverse spectra of contributions our graduates have made to the society. I am pleased that Rafik and his family are able to come today and hope they will continue to help us to build the School,” said Dr. Zheng, the Head of the School of Health Sciences.

Dr. Dr. Bishara joined 18 previous distinguished alumni of School of Health Sciences.



Dr. Rafik Bishara, the 2008 Recipient of the John Christian Distinguished Alumnus Award
and Dr. Wei Zheng , Head of the School of Health Sciences.



2008 SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCE ADVISORY BOARD

Front Row (L-R): DRS. WEI ZHENG, DEBORAH WILBER, LYNNE FAIROBENT, DEAN CRAIG SVENSSON.

Second Row (L-R): DRS. STAN HAMPTON, RICHARD VETTER, BART GEYER, BRENT MURPHY, AND JOHANN GEYER.

Not Pictured: DRS. JOU HWANG, SVEN J. RUNDMAN III, CRAIG YODER, AND PAUL ZIEMER.

CANNED FOOD DRIVE SPONSORED BY S. H. O. T. S.

S. H. O. T. S. (Students Helping Others Through Service) held a successful Canned Food Drive for the **Food Finders Food Bank** in November. They were able to donate a box full of various items thanks to all who generously gave.

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED!

LeighAnne Schwartz
SHOTS President, schwartl@purdue.edu

PURDUE'S HOMECOMING 2008



The School of Health Sciences King and Queen Candidates at the Homecoming Parade.

Left to right: Andrea Venditti, Dan Sonnenberg, with one of the Homecoming Parade Judges & Health Sciences Advisor – Rosie Ricci, Lyndsay Langbehn, & Josh Ratcliff.

In other Purdue news.....

The United Way Victory Celebration is being held on November 19, 2008.

It will be in the Neil Armstrong Hall of Engineering Building in Room 1010.

WELCOME TO THE SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES.....

Travis Stoutenborough joined us in September as the part-time Director of Development in the School of Health Sciences and takes the leading role in the School's alumni relationship development and endowment growth. A 2006 Purdue Graduate with a major in Health Education and Physical Education, Travis is no stranger to our School's mission and is committed to promoting a health society. Travis developed a passion for philanthropy and fundraising through his work with a student organization, Purdue University Dance Marathon, which raises funds for Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.



Mr. Stoutenborough has had a good experience in developmental affairs. During his college career he was honored as the Association of Fundraising Professionals 2006 Outstanding Young Adult, as well as receiving the Department of Health and Kinesiology's Outstanding Service Award that same year. He joins us after a year and one half experience with Purdue's School of Nursing.

WELCOME TRAVIS!

HELEN TERRELL joined Health Sciences in the Student Services Office as the new Office Manager in July 2008. Helen lives in Fowler and has been employed at Purdue for 17 years. She started in the Computer Technology Department, moved to the Office of Vice Provost for Research, then worked in ITaP, before coming to the School of Health Sciences. She wanted to get back into the academic side of Purdue—as she enjoys working with the students.

She has two daughters—Her oldest daughter, Christie has 4 children—Kyra, Cobe, Ashlyn & Allista. They live in Wolcott, IN. Her youngest daughter, Kelly has 1 child—Hailey and they live in Fowler.

Helen got started at Purdue through the Professional Office Training (POS) Class, an intensive office training program taught by Sharon Zimmerman. Each year, Helen gives motivational talks for Sharon's classes and assists with the graduations.

She enjoys working at [and watching] the Purdue Men & Women's Basketball games, she also works part-time as a Cook at the Benton Co. Jail. She volunteers for the WBAA Public Radio Fund Drives and at the Benton County Food Pantry.

She enjoys spending time with her family—esp. her grandchildren, making crafts, cooking/baking, reading, & watching movies.

We welcomed WILLIAM TARRH, who joined us as a new Computer Specialist.

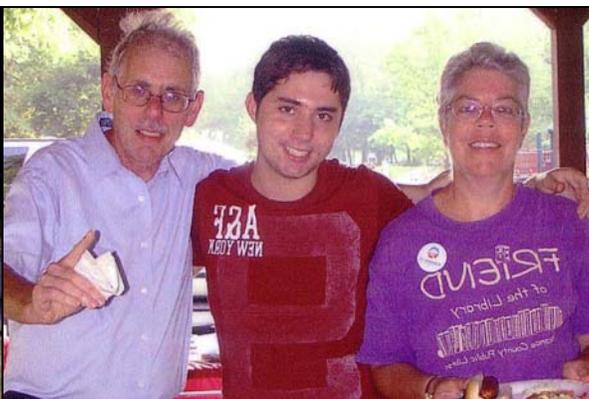
Bill was previously employed at First Assembly of God as the IT Director. He's been married for six years to Misty Rickard Tarrh. They have a daughter Emma Renee that is 3 1/2 years old.

He enjoy Jeeps, trail riding, and rock crawling in his spare time. He's already been a great help & has solved a lot of our computer related problems!

The Office of Student Services has a new Clerical Work Study. Her name is SAVANAH KOOB. Savannah is in the school of Liberal Arts majoring in Pre-Law.

WELCOME SAVANAH!

School of Health Science Summer Picnic was held 9/2/08.



We had the picnic at Happy Hollow Park.

Everyone had a good time and there was a wonderful variety of delicious food!



Thanks to all who participated!

REGENSTRIEF CENTER FOR HEALTHCARE ENGINEERING

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Look for the big box in the office or ask Helen.

or

Toys may be taken to MANN Hall, suite 225.

Look for the big box in the entrance, or contact Mary at schultm@purdue.edu for more donation information.