

# Critical Pathways

## OSH Scholars

Four Occupational Safety and Health students received four of the six available Michigan Safety Conference Memorial Scholarship. Each student will receive a minimum of \$3000 dollars. Qualifications for this scholarship include, 3.0+ GPA, Michigan residency, essay, and minimum of one academic year left in their Safety academic program. The students who received this scholarship include:

- Megan Stewart
- Jeff Fedewa
- Tim Schmitt
- Jessica Herrst

## Problem Based Learning (PBL) Examined During Sabbatical

Dr. Frank Ward, Associate Professor in the School of Health Professions has been approved for a semester sabbatical in Fall 2002. During this period, Dr. Ward will study PBL to develop a problem-based case for each chapter of the textbook he currently uses in his Health Care Delivery class. Long range goals of the sabbatical area would be focused on PBL case development in other classes; possible further research on this issue; and, providing learned skills to others on campus.

## East and West-- Can Medicine be a Meeting Ground?

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In July 2001, Susan Allaben and I traveled to Beijing, China as participants in a Transcultural Health Institute. Our two week trip centered around the China-Japan Friendship Hospital. This is a 1500 bed institution which practices both Eastern and Western medicine and works through research and education to integrate the two. The hospital was given to the Chinese in Beijing from Japan as reparation for world War II.

Our days were largely filled with lecture on traditional Chinese Medicine, observation of acupuncture, cupping and diagnostic clinics, tours to oriental pharmacies and the medical museum which provided a rich history of Chinese Medicine. We did Tai Chi with a Tai Chi master and survived a Chinese massage. Actually we deeply appreciated that massage as it was after we had climbed the Great Wall and were not sure that we would even be able to walk the next morning. However we were off and running again when morning arrived.

Our travels took us to the Forbidden City, the Ming Tombs, the summer Palace and the Peking Opera to name a few. Our favorite was the dirt market which was a huge open air conglomeration of merchants

with everything from jade, dried tiger feet, to bronzes and exquisite water colors. It was our privilege to see an ancient proud culture with all of its beauty, sophistication and mystery. Several times daily we were struck with the contrasts of China---the old, the new; the beautiful, the troubling, the wealthy, the poor; the cautious, the friendly. At all times our hosts were gracious, informative and genuinely good company.

Why did we take on this adventure? Our hope was and is to establish a relationship with the China - Japan Friendship Hospital so that students, faculty and practitioners can travel between China and the US and develop an understanding and appreciation for the knowledge each can bring to patient care. GVSU is working to develop a contract with the hospital to facilitate this arrangement. This summer officials from the hospital will visit Michigan and GVSU. In addition, I hope to return to China this summer for three weeks with time being spent in Beijing, Shanghai and other cities.

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