


Whatever Happened to Stu Zweben

Then	Capsule Summary	Now
	<p>Born in: Bronx, New York Grew Up in: Bronx, New York High School: Bronx High School of Science Undergraduate Degree: BS Math, CCNY, 1968 Entered Purdue: Fall, 1968 Purdue Degrees: - MS Stat/CS May 1971; - PhD CS May 1974 Lived/Worked in: Columbus, OH, and Dublin, OH (current residence)</p>	
Purdue Highlights	Career Highlights	
<p>Stu came to Purdue in Fall, 1968 to learn about the two applied mathematical sciences of statistics and computer science, both of which intrigued him but neither of which he knew very much about. At Purdue he was a math TA and stat consultant while a master's student (with his office on the fifth [Stat] floor of Math Sci) and as an RA the last 3 years while doing his doctorate. Before getting the RA from Maury Halstead, he tried to get a TA in CS, but Sam Conte said he had no TA's available (straight A's in both Stat and CS wasn't good enough, apparently). At Stu's Ph.D. defense, Sam again traumatized him by not only showing up (he wasn't on Stu's committee), but by asking more questions during the exam than all the committee members combined. Stu learned Assembly Language (COMPASS) programming at Purdue from Denny Frailey. He had inside information about what it took to get thesis format approved, since his wife worked in the library as, among other things, thesis format checker. But she wasn't the one who almost rejected Denny's thesis. Stu's baseball glove probably was more famous than Stu himself during his days at Purdue. Strung together with shoelaces, it showed up proudly at softball games and worked its magic.</p>	<p>Though he worked as a systems analyst at IBM for a couple summers while a grad student and consulted for industry, Stu spent his entire career at The Ohio State University, where he started in the CS (later Computer Science and Engineering) Department as Assistant Professor in 1974, eventually became Full Professor and, from 1994-2005, was department chair. Before retiring in January 2012, he spent his last six years as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Administration in OSU's College of Engineering. Stu's research focused on software quality evaluation. His Purdue education in statistics helped him in his research and gained him a reputation as someone who knew how to do proper design and analysis in empirical software engineering work, and he spent 8 years on the IEEE TSE editorial board trying to ensure that accepted empirical papers used proper design and analysis technique. Stu's professional activities have been numerous. In addition to editorial board work, he was very active in ACM, serving on its Council for 12 years and as its president from 1994-96 when most of the development work on the digital library was done and ACM's outreach to Asia began in earnest. He was instrumental in rewriting ACM's bylaws that gave the SIGs a stronger voice in ACM's governance, which they have to this day. Stu also has been a leader in computing accreditation, beginning in its early days through the Computing Sciences Accreditation Board (CSAB), which he led as president from 1989-91, and continuing after computing accreditation was integrated into ABET. Within ABET, he chaired the Computing Accreditation Commission from 2007-08 and chaired ABET's cross-commission Accreditation Council from 2009-11. He has assisted accrediting bodies in the Middle East and South America, and currently serves on ABET's Global Council. He received ABET's highest honor, the Linton E. Grinter Distinguished Service Award, in 2012. Stu also served on the Computing Research Association's Board of Directors for over 6 years and, for more than a decade, has led the CRA Surveys Committee which is responsible for producing the widely used annual Taulbee Survey report on the CS workforce in doctoral computing programs. He is a Fellow of ACM, CSAB and ABET, a Purdue Distinguished Science Alumnus, an ACM SIGSOFT Distinguished Service Award winner, and a CRA Special Service Award winner.</p>	

