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Dear Optometry Alumni and Friends,

It's hard to believe that I have completed my first year as dean of The Ohio State University College of Optometry…

It has been an exciting year. Much of that excitement is related to learning about the College, the University, and Columbus, but by far the most stirring aspect has been making new friends. Both my wife Michele and I have been deeply touched by the gracious way that we have been welcomed to the Buckeye community. We are delighted to call Ohio ‘home.’ Thank you to all who have contributed to our transition, and for your wonderful hospitality.

Over the past year, the College has also experienced a few transitions.

Last summer two new College administrators were appointed—Joe Barr (OD’77, MS’79), Associate Dean for Clinical Services and Professional Programs and Karla Zadnik, OD, PhD, Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies. They have assumed their new responsibilities with enthusiasm and proficiency. As a result of their leadership, our faculty continue to ‘raise the bar’ with their numerous successes and activities. The College’s professional program has seen increased demands for clinical services, and our research activities and contributions continue to grow. These successes are the direct result of the dedicated support of the College’s outstanding administrative, clinical, and research staff. These successes have also allowed us to contribute to the overall mission of the Ohio State University.

Last August, several of our faculty and staff were relocated from the Fry Hall building to 66 East 15th Avenue. Beginning in the Fall Quarter of 2004, all first-year courses and lab sessions were conducted in this new location. This relocation was the first step in a project to add three additional floors to Fry Hall, and the construction of the Wildermuth Research facility. We are excited by this opportunity to expand the College’s research enterprise.

This June, the College held its second formal White Coat ceremony for the Class of 2008. Dr. Bruce Manning, President-Elect of the Ohio Optometric Association was the guest speaker for this event. We are very proud of all of our students. They continue to score above the national average on the NEBO examinations. We are anxiously waiting the arrival of the Class of 2009 this fall.

Also in June, we graduated a wonderful group of new optometrists—the Class of 2005. We were honored to have Mr. Archie Griffin, president and CEO of the OSU Alumni Association as this year’s convocation speaker. Additionally, we were pleased that Dr. Karen Holbrook, president of The Ohio State University, attended and offered welcoming remarks to our graduates and guests. Later that evening, several graduates received special recognition during an awards banquet.

Another transition worth special mention is the alumni newsletter you are holding in your hands. Last fall, I challenged the newsletter editor and support staff to give the BuckEYE a new look. I’m sure you will agree they made an exemplary response to this challenge. I’m sure you will agree that we all owe a special ‘thanks’ to Jeffrey Myers (OD’84), Kerri McTigue, Robert Newcomb (OD’71, MPH), Barbara Fink (OD, MS’85, PhD’87), and Karen Greene for this outstanding publication.

As exciting as this past year has been, the future will be even more exciting! The new look of the BuckEYE is a harbinger of things to come. We look forward to working with you and other alumni and friends to work collaboratively to further advance the College.

Melvin D. Shipp, OD, MPH, DrPH
Dean, OSU College of Optometry
Dear Alumni & Friends,

The summer months are upon us, and we have recently welcomed the Class of 2005 at their Doctoral Convocation. This was a wonderful ceremony where this year's guest speaker was OSU Alumni Association President/CEO, Mr. Archie Griffin. He presented great insight into our future leaders in the profession. I distinctly recall when Archie spoke to the Alumni Leadership Conference he said his goal is to make the University’s Alumni Association number one in the country, number one in membership, number one in participation, and number one in contributions and scholarships back to the University. Now that’s goal setting.

Being number one is a great goal, and many of us strive to achieve that number one – number one in our class, number one sales at work, number one mom or dad at home. There is only one potential downside to being number one; that is the burden of the increased responsibility. This responsibility is the leadership that one has to continue to exemplify in order to become number one.

The goal for the OSU Optometry Alumni and Friends is to be number one. Achieving great success, we continue to exemplify positive leadership which will enhance our alumni and our College of Optometry. Each day with the faculty, staff and administration within the College being lead by Dean Shipp, we strive to be number one.

Archie achieved being number one in his career. Each day, he gets up with the new goals of where his leadership roles will take him. Let each of us continue to stay motivated in our leadership roles towards the College as it strives to be number one. Go Bucks!

Richard F. Marquardt (OD’97)
President, OSU Optometry Alumni & Friends
The New Design

Unless you are color-deficient and have a best corrected visual acuity of Hand Motion OU (in which case you would not be reading these words), you have noticed a change in the design of the BuckEYE newsletter.

This is the first issue to be published in full-color (4-color for those who are printing purists). The paper is a heavier weight. And the graphic design now rivals any other professional alumni publication, inside or outside the profession, in the country. It is the culmination of a large amount of effort on the part of your newsletter staff to consider what could be done, and make it happen.

Your newsletter staff spent a fair amount of time over the winter reviewing other alumni publications, picking the best of the best ideas, and consolidating them into a plan. We used the text from the Winter 2005 issue to create mock-ups of what could be done in a color format. The proposals were then presented to the senior administrative faculty and to the Optometry Alumni & Friends Board. The response from each was a resounding ‘Do it’.

Getting to this point was not an individual effort at all. Thanks to Dean Shipp for his encouragement to make this happen. Thanks to the all the members of the newsletter staff including Robert Newcomb (OD’71, MPH); Barbara Fink (OD, MS’85, PhD’87); and Karen Greene. Also thanks to the College Administration and the Alumni Association officers for their unwavering support and encouragement.

The real work to make this idea come alive and become real is the result of the skills and talents of Kerri McTigue. Kerri came to the College last year as part of the Instructional Media Center focusing on the graphic design aspect. She and Karen Stedfeld make a great team in the IMC.

Kerri earned her BFA in Illustration from the Columbus College of Art and Design. She was able to take our ideas and produce something really incredible in a very short period of time. We are very excited to have her on our team.

Our expectation is that the new design will be more in keeping with the character of our College and can serve as something of which each one of our alumni may be proud. Your team has been privileged to be a part of this process.

On a personal note, several of you mentioned to me that you enjoyed the last editorial on college searching with my daughter. Since then, she has successfully graduated from high school, and has been accepted to two prestigious art and design schools. Jennifer has received scholarships in excess of what my entire college education cost. We are pleased she will be attending the Columbus College of Art and Design this fall.

We hope you enjoy the new design.

Jeffrey A. Myers (OD’84)
BuckEYE Editor
Ewen King-Smith, in a laboratory that would make Glenn Fry proud, is doing ground-breaking research and measurements that will ultimately lead to clinical applications in the understanding and management of Dry Eye Syndrome.

His latest optical bench set-up would take most alumni back to intermediate or advanced optics courses, using 3 polarizing beam splitters, 3 front surface mirrors, 1 glass plate beam splitter, 3 different filters, several lens systems, a couple of video cameras, and a quartz halide light source. The system is used to record video images of the tear film. An earlier system is used to measure the thickness of the tear film and other layers.

As the light is reflected off the front and back surfaces of the measured structure, it results in constructive and destructive interferences based on the wavelength of light used and thickness of the measured structure. Two polarizing beam splitters are used to combine two beams which illuminate the cornea and tear film; one beam is sensitive to very thin layers such as the lipid layer, whereas the other is sensitive to thicker layers such as the whole thickness of the tear film. The third polarizing beam splitter is used to separate these two beams which are then recorded with the video cameras.

Dr. King-Smith received his BA and PhD degrees in Physics at Cambridge University. His MSc degree in Physiology was earned from University College, London. He is a Professor of Vision Science in the College of Optometry.
“Our research indicates that the human tear film thickness is more on the order of 3 microns.”

How precise are these methods? Well, they can be used to accurately measure the corneal stroma, the corneal epithelium, the total tear thickness, the lipid layer of the tear film, even the thickness of the tear in front of or behind a contact lens. King-Smith’s is the only lab in the world using this technique.

King-Smith, with his gracious English accent, points out that his research indicates that the generally accepted standard of a 7 micron tear film thickness is debatable. “That research and model was based on rabbit tear film,” he explains. “Our research indicates that the human tear film thickness is more on the order of 3 microns.”

That is not the only generally accepted concept that may be in question. Early results indicate that there is no statistically measurable difference in the human tear film thickness of normal vs. dry eye patients.

What else does the early research show? Videography shows how the corneal surface dries out. These results show a spreading out of the lipid layer, allowing the aqueous layer to evaporate more quickly. King-Smith refers to this as a ‘surface tension’ model of tears leaving the eyes.

Additionally, video also seems to demonstrate that the mucus component of the tear film is not consistent and smooth across the cornea as we were taught. Rather, the mucus component is laid down in strands that do not necessarily seem to become evenly distributed. These strands are more common in patients with keratoconjunctivitis sicca. It is theorized that the presence of these strands may accelerate tear break-up.
This research may change our understanding of tear film anatomy and function. Ultimately, the clinical applications of this research will benefit the dry eye patient and help our understanding of contact lens applications, perhaps enabling us to understand why some patients do well with a particular lens and others do not.

While King-Smith is modest about his early research, the implications of it are dramatic and may well become part of the clinical life that many of us live each day.
The members of the graduating class were welcomed by Dean Melvin Shipp and The Ohio State University’s President Karen Holbrook. Archie Griffin, president and CEO of the OSU Alumni Association was the guest speaker at the OSU College of Optometry’s Doctoral Convocation on Saturday, June 11th.
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* Indicates students completing both Doctor of Optometry and Master of Science in Vision Science programs.
Class of 2005
Spring Banquet and Awards

2005 Graduate of the Year presented by Dr. Melvin Shipp
Abby Campbell Whiting

Odyssey Ocular Disease Award presented by Dr. LeVelle Jenkins
Tricia Barnes Vance

Binocular Vision and Pediatrics Clinical Excellence Award presented by Dr. Michael Earley
Julie Ann Belanger

Vision Rehabilitation Awards presented by Dr. Roanne Flom
(l to r) Patricia Poma-Nowinski, Clint David Paxson, and Heather Hill Day

Patient Care Excellence Award presented by Dr. Greg Nixon
Anna Ruggles
Eyewear Gallery Awards
Presented by Melissa Hill

Marcolin Dispensing Award
Jodi Rae Shaner

Essilor USA Dispensing Award
Christine Ryan Graley

Clear Vision Dispensing Award
Laura Lee Perlaky Young

Luxottica Group Dispensing Award
Chassie Elese Schwemer

VSP Nexus Award
Christopher Mark Kollias

Optical One Nexus Award
MaryEllen Luebbers

Hoya Cleveland Lab Nexus Award
Bambi Childress

Interstate Optical Lab Nexus Award
Jeffrey Alan Klosterman

Marchon Practice Management
Award of Excellence
William Russell Kegerize
Sixty-five future OSU College of Optometry alumni received their white clinic coats at the College’s annual “White Coat Ceremony”, held June 3 on campus at the Ohio Union. Over 200 relatives and friends of the class, and many College faculty and staff members, attended the hour-long ceremony which was followed by a dessert reception sponsored by OSU Optometry Alumni and Friends and the Ohio Optometric Association.

This is the second formal white coat ceremony at the conclusion of Robert Newcomb’s (OD’71, MPH) Optometry 402 course, entitled Rights and Responsibilities of Optometrists; but this year’s event was by far the best and largest ever! Welcoming remarks were provided by Dean Melvin D. Shipp; and congratulations were extended on behalf of the OSU Optometry Alumni and Friends society by President Richard Marquardt (OD’97). Bruce Manning (OD’81), President-Elect of the Ohio Optometric Association, explained the significance of the white coat in health care and told the students to always do what is in the patient’s best interest.

Each student received two white clinic coats, which were provided by a generous endowment from Vision Service Plan (VSP).
Steven Eyler, OD

Steven Eyler, (OD’77) has spent a large portion of his volunteer efforts over the years in the area of optometric licensing issues at the state and national levels. Recently, he was elected president of the National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO).

His fondest memories of the College include the social activities at E Psi E, getting to know folks at a much deeper level. He credits Michael Polasky, (OD’69) for ‘turning on the lights’ in clinic, and Arol Augsburger, (OD/MS’71) for teaching him techniques that helped prepare for practice in North Carolina treating ocular disease. One other highlight was when his intramural basketball team (The Episcotisters) won the intramural championship. This win was especially memorable because Joe Barr (OD’77, MS’79) actually passed him the ball two times in the same game.

Dr. Eyler has practiced in North Carolina since graduation, enjoying the diversity of mountains and oceans. The ability to practice full scope optometry from graduation has been a real attraction. Prior to his service with NBEO, he was president of the North Carolina State Board of Optometry and the International Association of Boards of Examiners in Optometry.

Many changes have occurred with NBEO while he has been involved. Dr. Eyler is most satisfied with the increase in clinical relevance of the test, using case scenarios to test candidates. Each test item now relates to some item of clinical relevance. Keeping costs low for candidates, improving student relations through AOSA, and maintaining the examination integrity have been key goals for the NBEO during his tenure. One of the biggest changes is the projected move of the NBEO physical offices from Washington, DC to Charlotte this fall.

Dr. Eyler also serves as the sports vision consultant for the University of North Carolina – Charlotte and Davidson Colleges. This has been a segue for him to have courtside seats for a number of NCAA Regional Basketball Tournaments, as well as Men’s and Women’s Final Four. He notes his seats have been better than those of former US Presidents.

Join us in celebrating the accomplishments of Dr. Steven Eyler.
Thank You
A special thanks to Vondolee Delgado Nixon, PhD for her valued contribution to the College of Optometry Diversity Initiatives.

Vision Center event
The College supported the Vision Center of Central Ohio by attending the center’s annual fund-raising dinner and dance on March 5. Dean Shipp, Dr. Zadnik, Dr. Flom, Dr. Raasch, Dr. Pierce and Dr. Bullimore were among those in attendance. The Vision Center’s partnership with the College is well-established and mutually beneficial in many ways, including referrals and student placement.

Congratulations
Please join us in congratulating Kim Ziemnik (’06) on her election to the position of Vice President of the National AOSA Trustee Board (aka AOSA Executive Council)! Kim’s election occurred during the AOSA Trustee meeting in St. Louis, MO, and is a tribute to her outstanding leadership. As one of her new responsibilities, Kim attended the ARVO meeting to represent optometry students across the nation.

Christina Danley (’07) is our current Trustee-elect. Congratulations to both Kim and Christina!

NORA Award
Congratulations to Michael Earley (OD/MS’88) on his selection as this year’s recipient of The Advancement of Sciences Award from the Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation Association, International (NORA). NORA is a “group of committed individuals from various disciplines focused on advancing the art and science of rehabilitation for the neurologically challenged patient.”

This award recognizes an individual, group, agency or organization that has provided a unique and valued contribution to the science of Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation.

MultiCultural Awards
Two individuals within our College have been selected for special recognition by the OSU MultiCultural Center.

LeVelle Bristow-Jenkins (OD’88)
LeVelle Bristow-Jenkins (OD’88) is the recipient of the Outstanding Faculty Award. Also, the MCC has selected Ms. Sally Haltom to receive the Outstanding Staff Award.

Open House 2005
On Sunday, April 17, 2005 the College held its annual Optometry Open House. The program was free and open to the public. Anyone interested in learning more about the profession of optometry was encouraged to attend.

This annual event is an opportunity for those interested in optometry and their friends and family members to visit the College and speak with students, faculty, staff, and alumni. Tours of the facility were given, including classrooms, labs, examination rooms and clinics. In addition student organizations hosted an exhibits session. An Admissions and Student Financial Aid Information Session was conducted to familiarize guests with the criteria for admissions and the cost to attend, and a representative from the University Office of Admissions and Financial Aid was available to answer individual questions.
These awards were presented during the Annual OSU MultiCultural Center campus-wide award ceremony held in May 2005.

We are delighted that the significant efforts and contributions of Dr. Jenkins and Ms. Haltom have been recognized in this special way.

**Masaya, Nicaragua: SVOSH 2005**

On September 3rd 2005, fifteen OSU optometry students and two doctors will travel to Masaya, Nicaragua to set up a free eye clinic for the residents of Masaya and surrounding areas. SVOSHers will be working in conjunction with the local Lions Club who will lodge members and help translate at the clinic site. Currently, our dedicated members are gearing up for the upcoming trip by sorting, reading and cleaning glasses as well as contacting organizations and individuals who fund our trips. We want to say “muchas gracias” to all of you who have made donations in the past and we hope you will continue to support our shared cause of improving peoples’ vision.

For information about our organization or sponsoring a student for our trip to Nicaragua please e-mail Katie Wulff Opt III at wulff.14@osu.edu.

**AOA Student Leadership Award**

Kim Ziemnik ('06) is one of fifteen third-year students from schools and colleges of optometry in the United States selected to receive the $1,000 AOA Student Leadership Award for 2005.

**Hill Inducted into the National Optometry Hall of Fame**

Please join us in congratulating Dean Emeritus Richard M. Hill on his selection as a 2005 inductee to the National Optometry Hall of Fame.

The formal induction ceremonies are scheduled for Thursday, October 27, 2005 in Cleveland during the EastWest Eye Conference. The formal announcement of this year’s inductees was made at the AOA Congress in Dallas in June.

Dean Emeritus Hill is most deserving of this recognition in light of his exemplary academic and professional career at The Ohio State University, and his seminal scientific contributions to eye and vision research.

We are all very proud of Dean Emeritus Hill and are delighted that he will be recognized in this very special way for his many contributions to the optometry profession, our College and the University.

**AOA Contact Lens and Cornea Section Student Research Award**

Gina Wesley ('06) is the winner of the new CLCS Student Research Award for 2005. This award is given to an optometric student who has been selected as having written the “best” research paper. She received this award during the AOA Annual meeting, in Grapevine, Texas. Gina was recognized during the CLCS Business Meeting. In addition to a plaque, Gina received expenses and a $3000 cash award.

Congratulations to Gina for this recognition.

**Varilux Student Grant Award**

We are very pleased to announce that Jeremy Burns’ ('06) excellent case report qualified him as this year’s OSU winner of the Varilux Student Grant Award. As result, Jeremy received a prize of $1000 from Essilor and his name was entered into a national competition to win a trip for two to the AOA/AOSA meeting in Dallas.

Anna Ruggles

Anna Ruggles (OD’05) left Portsmouth, Ohio to become a member of the College of Optometry Class of 2004. She moved into the EΨΕ House her first year, made lots of friends, and started studying.

Over the next few years she became very active, holding offices in Epsilon Psi Epsilon, SVOSH, and the Lion’s Club.

At the end of her third year of optometry school, an MRI showed the presence of an arteriovenous malformation in the temporal lobe of Anna’s brain. To prevent a debilitating stroke caused by the weak vessels, the arteriovenous malformation had to be removed immediately.

All of the neurosurgeons that were in-network for her insurance were inexperienced and predicted poor outcomes. The only surgeon with extensive experience with this type of brain anomaly was at Johns Hopkins. Anna opted to have neurosurgery out of network in February of 2004, despite the high cost. The outcome was miraculous. After lots of recovery time, Anna is doing well and finished optometry school this year. Her strong spirit through incredible trial is an inspiration to many.
**State of the College Address**

The first State of the College address took place in February 2005. Dean Melvin Shipp highlighted achievements within the College this past year.

**A Night at the Races**

The OSU Optometry Lions Club held their annual Night at the Races fundraiser this past April.

They were able to almost triple the donations this year to their charities, Pilot Eye Dogs and Newsreel. They were able to donate just short of $1,500.

On behalf of the OSU Optometry Lions Club, Alison Palmer ('07) and Erica Johnson ('07) would like to thank everyone who bought horses and came that night. It was a great turnout with around 140 people in attendance.

**Superbowl Competition**

OSU’s AOSA Superbowl Competition was held February 7, 2005. Congratulations to James Miller ('06) who won the competition. He represented the OSU College of Optometry at the AOSA Superbowl held in Dallas, TX this past June.

**Outreach Program on South High**

The newest element of the OSU College of Optometry’s Outreach and Engagement program opened in June 2005 at 1405 South High Street. This new optometry clinic offers a range of optometric services and the most comprehensive eye and vision health examinations.

This exciting new outreach program was made possible by the dedication of LeVelle Jenkins (OD’88) and her securing a seed grant from Access HealthColumbus. The awards were given to expand access to primary health care services for low-income people in Franklin County.

“The Ohio State University College of Optometry is committed to providing access to eye and vision services, and is committed to decreasing racial and ethnic health disparities within the community. The new eye clinic will provide access to individuals who have previously not been able to obtain comprehensive eye examinations,” says Dean Melvin D. Shipp.

Jackie Davis (OD’81) is the optometrist at the new clinic. She is the preceptor working with the fourth year externs.

Dr. Jenkins, director of outreach and engagement for the College states, “The new clinic serves as an excellent venue for patients from diverse ethnic and financial backgrounds to receive quality eye care. It will also enhance the clinical education of our 4th year externs by allowing them to work with other health care providers.”

**Research Project: Goal: Patients Receive:**

- **Amblyopia Treatment Study 7 (ATS)**
  - Goal: To evaluate the effect of treatment for bilateral amblyopia in children <10
  - Patients Receive: Glasses at No Cost, Study Visits at No Cost

- **Correction of Myopia Evaluation Trial (COMET 2 &3)**
  - Goal: To compare the effect of PALs vs. single vision lenses on the progression of low myopia (-0.50 to -3.00) associated with large accommodative lags and near esophoria in children ages 8 to < 12
  - Patients Receive: Glasses at No Cost, Study Visits at No Cost

- **Correction of Hyperopia in Children Study (CHICS)**
  - Goal: To evaluate the effect of correction of low to moderate hyperopia (+1.00 to +4.00) in 6- to 11-year-old children
  - Patients Receive: Glasses at No Cost, Study Visits at No Cost

- **Summer 2005: Convergence Insufficiency Treatment Trial (CITT)**
  - Goal: To compare the effectiveness of active treatments for convergence insufficiency
  - Patients Receive: Study Visits at No Cost, Payment for Travel Costs

- **Summer 2005: Amblyopia Treatment Study 6&8 (ATS)**
  - Goal: To evaluate treatments for unilateral amblyopia
  - Patients Receive: Study Visits at No Cost, Payment for Travel Costs

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You can help us to answer important questions in vision care by referring potentially eligible children to the studies below. Please contact Dr. Kulp at 614-688-3336 or kulp.6@osu.edu for further information.
New Systems Developer/Engineer

The College is happy to announce that our new Systems Developer/Engineer has been hired. His name is David Moore and he will be serving as the College webmaster, along with helping to develop the forthcoming SIS system (Student Information System), in addition to applications for research and administrative purposes.

Special Olympics

The OSU College of Optometry participated in Special Olympics 2005 by donating free eye exams and glasses. The event was held on June 25, 2005. Optometry faculty and students saw nearly 200 athletes for eye examinations this year. A representative from Santanelli was also on site to edge lenses for the athletes.

Special Testing Coordinator

Clint Cappelle has joined the College of Optometry as the Special Testing coordinator for the Ocular Disease Clinic. Clint spent years working as the Zeiss/Humphreys trainer and sales representative, and is expert in all areas of Ocular Disease instrumentation. We are excited to have him aboard and look forward to growing this clinic to its full potential.

Alcon Scholarship Award

Please extend hearty congratulations to David Karpik (OD’05) for being chosen for best case report submitted for the 2005 Alcon Scholarship Award. He wrote a case highlighting the use of Alcon product, Olopatadine (Patanol). He received a plaque and $1,000 for his great work. Thank you to Alcon Laboratories and Mr. Dave Sattler, Professional Relations Manager, for his assistance in making this opportunity available for a deserving graduate.

Attention all EYE Alumni

The active chapter is going paperless! We are creating a list of all EYE alumni email addresses to stay in touch. The list will only be used for communication between the active chapter and its alumni. Please contact Jenn Schmelzer and Anna Schlesselman at espiealumni@yahoo.com.

Amy Treboni is the Admissions & Recruitment Coordinator for the College of Optometry. Amy has been with the college for a little over a year. She is responsible for many of the College’s off-site recruitment efforts, maintaining application files and materials, and advising prospective students and new admits.

Amy is from the Columbus area and attended Otterbein College, where she received her Bachelor of Arts in Music and English. Her primary instrument is French Horn. She came to OSU in the fall of 2000 to work on her Master of Arts in Higher Education Administration, which she completed in 2001. During her graduate career, Amy worked at Ohio State in the Department of Residence Life, continuing there full-time after receiving her degree. This position allowed for interaction with undergraduate students and opportunities to serve on university-wide committees and task forces. During her time in Residence Life, Amy also taught a variety of courses and workshops at the university. Her love for working with students made her position as a Hall Director and her position here at the college exciting and rewarding.

When not at work, Amy spends her time at home with her husband Max and her two beagles, Emma and Pasquale.
Winter College 2005

Each year, the University hosts a Winter College in Florida. This year it was held at the Ritz-Carlton, Naples, Florida. A group of faculty, staff and administrators travel to the sunshine state to hold classes that may be of interest to the alumni living there. Topics of the classes included “How Sweet It Is: Hooked on Sugar” presented by Professor George Wang from the College of Biological Sciences; “Genes and Aggression” by Dr. Randy Nelson from the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences; and “The Sunset of the Patriot Act in 2005” by Professor Peter Swire from the Moritz College of Law. There is also time for fun in the sun, and fellowship with other Florida Buckeyes. Even some Ohio Buckeyes join the festivities, scheduling vacation so that they can be a part of the big weekend.

Dr. and Mrs. David Dreffer ’68, Dr. Paulette Schmidt ’73 and Dr. Ruth Morris ’43 all made the trek. The weekend is also a good excuse for Dean Mel Shipp to visit with alumni in the area – Dr. and Mrs. John Zettel ’41, Dr. and Mrs. Jack LaFerty ’48, Dr. Lowell Hone ’55, Dr. David Loshin ’75, and Dr. and Mrs. Jay Williams ’54 all had the chance to meet with Dr. Shipp. Winter College 2006 will be held at the Hyatt on Sarasota Bay, in Sarasota, Florida on February 24 and 25. Contact Gayle Glanville at (614) 292-2100 if you wish to be invited.

There is still time!

To make your gift to support the Raise the Roof capital campaign. The addition of three floors on the west wing of Fry Hall is an $8.6 million project. Most of the money has been raised from the NIH, National Eye Institute, the State of Ohio and the University. The remainder, $2 million, is up to our alumni. We are 92% of the way there- just $143,000 left to raise! You can make a Special Gift between $1,000 and $15,000, or you can take advantage of any number of naming opportunities at an amount above $15,000. One anonymous group of graduates is planning to pool their resources and name a room for their advisor. Creative solutions like this can be very meaningful, and of course will have a lasting impact on the College. Contact Gayle Glanville, gglanville@optometry.osu.edu or (614) 292-2100 if you want to join your colleagues in this crucial endeavor.
Our sincerest apologies to Herschel A. Rubin (BS’37) for inadvertently listing him as having passed away in the winter 2005 issue of the BuckEYE. Dr. Rubin graciously called to let us know that he is indeed alive and well in East Liverpool, Ohio. Dr. Rubin, a clarinet player, played in the military band and under the direction of John Weigel in the concert band here at Ohio State. He was selected to play in the football band (TBDBITL), but just beforehand he received a letter stating that his services would not be needed. TBDBITL converted to an all-brass band and therefore they didn’t need a clarinet player. Dr. Rubin came back to campus last spring while attending the funeral services for his college roommate, playwright Jerome Lawrence. Lawrence wrote nearly 40 plays, including Inherit the Wind and Auntie Mame. Dr. Rubin was amazed at all the changes that have taken place on the Ohio State campus.

A. John Rose (BS’43) of Beachwood, Ohio writes, “Everything is A-Ok.”

Joseph S. Galeski (BS’47) of Richmond, VA is still at it – now 83 and loving optometry.

Congratulations to Charles Stewart (BS’48, MS’50, PhD’51). Dr. Stewart was recently honored by the Texas Optometric Association as the founding dean of the University of Houston College of Optometry in 1952. He is the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from The Foundation for Education and Research. He also has established the Dr. Charles R. Stewart Memorial Professorship in perpetuity at UHCO.

Loren L. Pace (BS’49) of Findlay, Ohio writes, “Possibly the oldest optometrist in Ohio still functional at age 90. It keeps the brain in gear, avoids self-centeredness, puts time to practical use and provides an excellent reason for reading the optometric literature, plus a feeling of accomplishment.” Dr. Pace, you are an inspiration!

Les West (BS’52) of Painesville, Ohio continues to practice one day per week. He still lives on 40 acres of property and cuts 17 acres of grass. Dr. West is still playing tennis and writes, “but at age 77 I have to play the girls or one-legged opponents.” Our sympathy to Dr. West on the death of his wife in 2004.

Our sympathy to Robert P. Harris (BS’55) on the passing of his wife, Elaine. His son, Robert M. Harris has been a landscape designer in Columbus since graduating from Ohio State in 1981. His daughter, Beth Standforth lives in Gastoria, NC with her husband Michael who is an engineering graduate of Ohio State and Clemson.

Jerry Garber (BS’56) presented two orthokeratology papers at the International Society of Contact Lens Specialists (ISCLS) Congress in St. Paul de Vence, France, in May 2005.

Kenneth A. Boyle, Jr, MD, son of Kenneth A. Boyle (BS’64), is an ophthalmologist with a practice in Columbus, Ohio. Dr. Boyle writes, “He welcomes any referrals and is OD friendly – he better be, I’m still his father.”

Thomas F. Rees (OD’71) had a successful kidney transplant on August 11, 2004. The kidney was donated by his daughter, Maggie, who attends the University of Georgia. Dr. Rees writes, “All is going well, only out of the office 2 weeks after surgery. Go Bucks!”

James R. Mason (OD’72) retired from the North Carolina Air National Guard on August 30, 2004, as the 145th Medical Group Commander after 31.5 years of military service.

Chris Hobson (OD’76) of Kennesaw, GA is the Vice President of the Georgia Optometric Association.

Greg Ingram (OD’76) recently completed a medical mission trips to Nicaragua. Son, Matt Ingram (OD’05) and Holly Currey (OD’05) accompanied him on the trip. Son Matt will be joining Eye Care Associates this summer.

It was Saturday afternoon. We had worked the morning. I was relaxed in the La-Z-Boy, sipping on some tea and watching college basketball. Susan was milling about the kitchen. I remarked to Susan how wonderful it was to simply be home. Relaxing. Nowhere we had to go. Nowhere we had to be. The telephone rings. Susan answers it. It’s a patient asking if we’d mind making a trip into town to adjust someone’s glasses. Now the last time I adjusted a pair of glasses (other than my own) they were my sister Francie’s… and I chipped the lens. Now, I’m supposed to interrupt the serenity of this moment and haul myself out of this chair, pull myself away from an overtime basketball game, to go adjust a pair of glasses?! I don’t think so!! Oh. It’s Bill Cosby’s glasses. He’s in town for a performance and his specs keep sliding down his nose. I adjusted one temple, Susan the other. We spent about a half hour with him just chatting. He was great. Check out the photo.

Tom Quinn (OD’79, MS’81) and Susan Quinn (OD’82)

P.S. No chipped lenses this time.

Bill Cosby, Susan Quinn (OD’82), and Tom Quinn (OD’79, MS’81)
Congratulations to Mark R. Wright (OD’80) on being selected as the Benedict Visiting Professor for the University of Houston College of Optometry.

Bruce L. Manning (OD’81) is currently president-elect of the Ohio Optometric Association. Manning, wife Joanne, have two sons Justin (age 16, 11th grade) and Steven (age 11, 6th grade).

Jeffrey Myers (OD’84) is pleased to announce Amy Keller (OD’00) has joined his practice in June 2005.

Christine Beiling (OD’87) of Medina, Ohio was newly appointed to the OSU Optometry Alumni and Friends Board of Directors.

David Glassco (OD’87) received his Pennsylvania and Texas licenses, in addition to Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana. He writes, “Should I stop at 5? CE is a bear!”

Mark Schmidt (OD’88) and his wife, Chris, have four children: Casey (9), Sydney (9), Madison (6) and Eric (2).

Keith (OD’93) and Kelly (‘96) Basinger are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Savannah Ashleigh Basinger, born October 14, 2004, 7lbs 8 ozs, 20 ½ inches long. Savannah joins Conner (big brother) and Sarah (big sister). Everyone is doing well.

Tammy Lynn (Reinprecht) Ruch (OD’94) and husband Tim have two children, Tyler (age 3) and Toby (7 months).

The AOA CLCS honored Christine W. Sindt (OD’94) with the Dr. Rodger Kame Award during SECO in February 2005. The award is sponsored by Vistakon, a division of Johnson & Johnson Vision Care. Dr. Sindt is currently assistant professor of clinical ophthalmology and director of the Contact Lens Department, for the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City, IA. She is also on the Medical Advisory Board as a Senior Advisor for the Center for Keratoconus, in addition to being the chair and editor of the AOA CLCS on-line committee.

Aaron S. Doudna (OD’95) and his wife Tiffany have four children: Seth (age 10), Tyler (age 9), Jacob (age 6) and Ashlyn (age 5).

Valerie Kelly (OD’97) and fellow alumnae Sandra Wang-Harris (OD’97) traveled to Anapra, Mexico in the fall of 2004 to provide eyecare to residents in need. They traveled with a large group of other volunteer health care providers. On their three day trip, they examined 250 people in their makeshift eye clinic.

Theodore Billy (OD’98) and his wife Susan welcomed their first child. Ryan Joseph was born on August 29, 2004. He was 7lbs, 10 ozs and 21 inches. Congratulations!

Jon Forche (OD’98) and wife Nadine Forche (OD/MS ’97) are very active in their community outreach work. They somehow manage to balance running a private practice with seeing patients, volunteering their service to the indigent, and raising twins (Hayden and Adelyn).

Their efforts haven’t gone unnoticed. Jon was recently honored by the Georgia Optometric Association as the Young Optometrist of the Year in Georgia.

Jon is the only Low Vision Rehabilitation Specialist in the Athens area, and is also a consultant at the Northeast Georgia Blind and Low Vision Center in Atlanta, Georgia.

Dr. Forche summed it up very well when he said, “To me, if you’re going to do something, you’ve got to do it well and you’ve got to enjoy it, and it’s got to stimulate you on different levels – spiritually, intellectually. When you wake up every morning, you want to be proud of yourself and say I’ve done everything I can, everyday, and do the right thing for the people around me.”

Ann Huynh Nguyen (OD’99) and husband Thanh Nguyen are happy to announce the arrival of their son Rich Duc-Tri Nguyen, born on March 7, 2005, weighing 8lbs 4ozs, and was 20 inches long. Rich joins big sister Sophia, who celebrated her second birthday on March 6, 2005. The Nguyen’s will be in Houston at least until July of 2008 for Dr. Thanh Nguyen’s Fellowship in Pediatrics Endocrinology.

Kristina R. (Heighton) Burton (OD’99) and her husband welcomed their first child, Kaitlyn MacKenzie Burton, into the world on September 19, 2004. The family recently relocated to Richmond where she joined Dr. Tabeling & Associates in Lexington, KY.

Michael Ambrose (OD’01) and wife Kristen had their first child, Abigail Grace Ambrose, on January 5, 2005. Congratulations.

Congratulations to Melissa Bailey (OD/MS’01, PhD’04) and her

Congratulations to Melissa Billings (OD’01) on being named partner at Vision Park Family Eye Care in Des Moines, IA in January 2005.

James Markley (OD’01) is living in Hilliard, Ohio with his wife and daughter.

Congratulations to Lisa Timmerman (OD/MS ’01). The family welcomed their second child, Owen, into the world December 8, 2004.

Congratulations to Joanna Abbott Corbit (OD’02) on her marriage to Chris Corbit, an emergency medicine physician. The Corbits moved to Omaha, Nebraska and were expecting their first child in April 2005.

Josephine (OD’02) and Gregory Kosnick (OD’02) welcomed their first child, Vincent Anthony, into the world on November 27, 2004. Congratulations!

Congratulations to Andrea DiNovo (OD’03) on her recent marriage. Andrea was married on May 14, 2005.

Anthony Fox (OD’04) is moving to Alaska with fiancée, Lynn Evers (OD’05) to practice optometry for one year. After one year in Alaska they plan to practice in Arizona for one year, then return to Ohio to start a practice.

Congratulations to Rebecca Lauffenburger (OD’04) and her husband Peter. The couple is pleased to announce the birth of Anna, born January 30, 2005. Dr. Lauffenburger is also opening a new practice in June 2005, in Wooster, with Melanie Kammers Lang (OD’02).

Southern Diplomate Program
Awardees Named
SECO International started the Southern Diplomate program to create short intense programs in a given specialty area for practitioners looking to expand their professional knowledge into new or unfamiliar ground. Alumni who have received these awards include Melissa Fierce (OD’92), Brian Meier (OD’96), C. Allan Rhoads (BS’52), and Thomas Rossi (OD’80).

Obituaries
Mortin M. Agins (BS’44)
Irving G. Loewit (BS’50)
Jerome Fladen (BS’51, MD)
Martin F. Scheel (BS’53)
Richard E. Beck (BS’55)
Hal C. Adelman (BS’56, OD’76)

Optometry Alumni Newsletter
Friday, September 2
6:30-8:30pm Pep Rally & Reception
Buckeye Hall of Fame Café
1421 Olentangy River Road

Saturday, September 3
8:00-9:00am Optometry Special Univ.
Optometry Special University is a unique continuing education program designed for everyone, so bring your family and friends along as you tour the College while getting an hour of continuing education credit.
9:00-11:00am Tailgate Party
Just outside the back door of the College on the lawn area we will host the annual tailgate party catered by Schmidts. Join us for brats as we prepare for an OSU Buckeye victory over the Miami (OH) Red Hawks.
12:00 OSU vs. Miami (Ohio)
• Evening Open for Individual Class Gatherings •

Registration Form

Name
Address
City  State  Zip
Daytime Telephone  Evening Telephone
Email Address

ALL Inclusive Weekend Package
includes: Friday Pep Rally/Reception, continuing education, tailgate party, and game day ticket........................................ $120 each (limit 2)
Friday Pep Rally/ Reception (only) ................................ $20 per person
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Compliments of the outstanding faculty of The Ohio State University College of Optometry
Tailgate Party (only) .................................................... $20 per person

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