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Dear Optometry Alumni and Friends,

This issue of the BuckEYE Optometry Alumni Newsletter provides a snapshot of several recent events. As the cover picture attests, the “roof rising” on the College’s Wildermuth Research Facility is well underway. As you will learn in the cover story, this \$9.0+ million project has been made possible through the generous support of numerous benefactors and friends of the College. The anticipated construction period for this project is 18 months. Upon completion, much needed research space will be available for the College’s exciting clinical research program.

We thank those who have contributed to the Raise the Roof Campaign, and invite others to assist us in this campaign before its December 2005 conclusion. These funds will help fully equip and furnish the newly expanded research space in the Wildermuth Research Facility, and will help us become the country’s “Go To” institution for optometric research.

Our faculty members continue to be among the leaders among schools and colleges of optometry in NIH sponsored clinical vision-related research. Perhaps most importantly, these talented clinical researchers are an integral part of our faculty, and share their cutting edge information with our students, residents, and alumni alike. We are delighted to welcome two new members to our regular faculty: Dr. Lisa Jones, Research Assistant Professor, and Dr. Jeffrey Walline, Assistant Professor. Dr. Jones is the College’s first research track faculty member, and Dr. Walline has an impressive record of funded clinical research.

This issue also contains some inspirational stories about some very special people. We were delighted to welcome the Class of 2009 in September. They are an impressive group—highly diverse and exceptionally well prepared for our professional program. Also, we have a talented group of new residents who will be working in state-of-the-art clinical settings. Thanks to Dr. Mark Bullimore’s leadership, the College is cultivating the next generation of optometry researchers.

This issue provides an update on the status of our alumni who are recovering in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. We are very proud of the outpouring of support by alumni and friends to the victims of this natural disaster, and thank all contributors for their support.

There are also serious and lighthearted stories about individual achievements, talents, and contributions of our faculty, students and alumni. I’m sure you will be as impressed as I was when you read about their fascinating professional and personal accomplishments.

With warmest personal regards,

Melvin D. Shipp, OD, MPH, DrPH
Dean, OSU College of Optometry



Dear Alumni & Friends,

In our practices we use the results of optometric research every day. Our patients' vision benefits from what we learned at Ohio State, and what we re-learn and discover every year in continuing education. When I have a challenging case I consult with other optometrists who may know of a new course of treatment being used successfully elsewhere. We depend on research.

The Ohio State University College of Optometry has made us all very proud over the years. When the students score in the 98th percentile on the National Board, we're proud. When the staff serve 50,000+ patients in a year, we're proud. When the faculty is published in prestigious journals, we're proud. If you have been to 10th avenue in Columbus lately, you will have seen something else of which we should be proud. We are building three floors on to the west wing of Fry Hall. It is an impressive sight.

This new space will house the college's research program. To honor the generosity of the family foundation which gave us the private funding to make this happen, the space is to be called the E.F. Wildermuth Optometric Clinic. Because our college is a leader in patient-based research (more federal funding for research per regular faculty member than any other unit at Ohio State) this new space will be an immeasurable asset to us.

I know you join me in expecting great things to happen in this space. Please also join me in giving to the Raise the Roof campaign.

Richard F. Marquardt (OD'97)

President, OSU Optometry Alumni & Friends



Making Change Your Ally

The 5th century B.C. Greek philosopher Heraclitus is often credited with the origination of the thought, “the only constant is change”. One doesn’t have to look far to find the truth in this statement. The appearance of that infant in your family, the maturation of that college freshman in just a few weeks, clothing and fashion, information technology are all examples of this powerful change. Recently, I heard this prediction: The overwhelming majority of the folks in kindergarten this year will have jobs and careers that do not even exist now. That’s some real change!

When I was privileged to serve as president of the Ohio Optometric Association, I was expected to choose a catchy phrase to use as slogan for the year. The one I chose was the title of this editorial, “Making Change Your Ally”. My thought was and still is, that is we recognize that change is constant, then we should embrace it and use it, not fear its presence, and become better as a result of it. Some have even suggested that if we are not moving forward, we are moving backward, referring to the thought that if we are stable, the world will change around us, and bypass us.

Alan C. Kay is a visionary scientist with Apple Computer, Inc. who worked for Xerox in the early 1970’s. When challenged by Xerox executives about what would happen in the future, Kay fired back at them, “Look, the best way to predict the future is to invent it.” Kay understood about change. He also understood that we could, in some measure, use that change to create the future we chose.

Beginning this year, our American Optometric Association has begun a series of 3 summits over an 18 month period to attempt to predict what our profession will look like in the year 2020. **Kevin L. Alexander, (OD’76, MS’77, PhD’79)**, one of our distinguished alumni, who is serving as Vice-President of the AOA this year, is a co-chair of this event. Ultimately, the goal of these summits is to follow Kay’s advice and create the future of the profession. This is a landmark series of events that will be invaluable to the profession over the next years.

As you read in this issue about the Raise the Roof Campaign, you will see how the planners have attempted to predict the future for the space by making it modular and flexible to address the changing needs in the decades to come. As we are planning for expansion in our own office, we have considered how we will use the space in the future, trying to integrate how space will be arranged for future, evolving technology.

So how about your practice? How about your life? We recognize and know that change is constant. If we are not moving forward, we will be bypassed. Our profession and our college are setting a worthy example for all of us. Your patients and your family deserve the best you have to offer. What are you doing today to make change your ally?

Jeffrey A. Myers (OD’84)
BuckEYE Editor

The Roof Starts Rising



By Jeffrey A. Myers (OD'84)

Photography- Karen Stedfeld

After years of dreaming and months of planning, the largest building project in the last 40 years of The Ohio State University College of Optometry began on July 5, 2005 as contractors began moving walls.

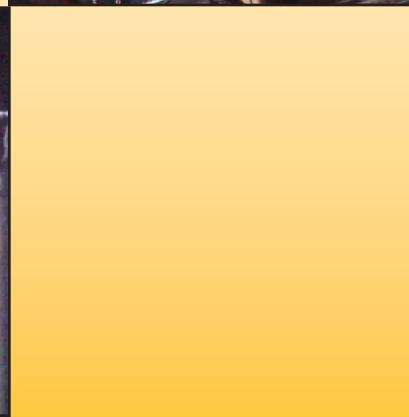
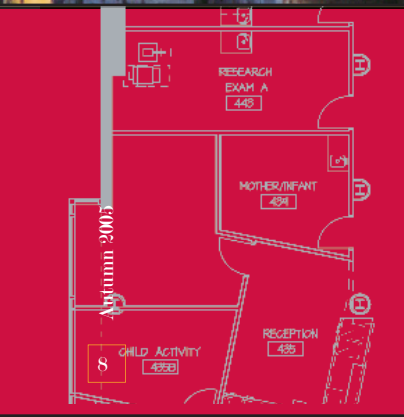
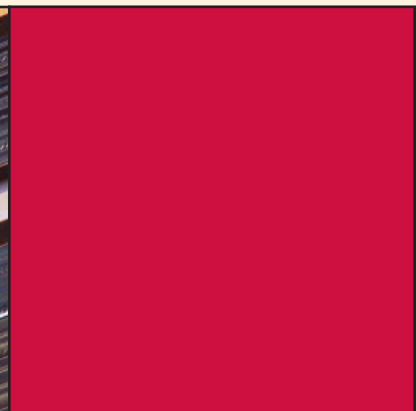
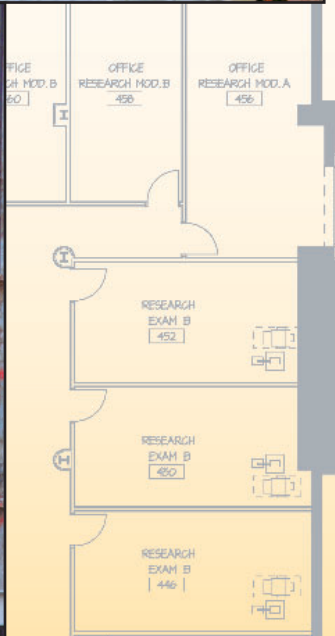
This construction project, tagged as the "Raise the Roof" Campaign, is adding three floors to the west end of Fry Hall to accommodate the large influx of clinical research that has come to the College in the



past decade. The new fourth floor will house pediatric clinical research, the fifth floor will be for adult clinical research, and the sixth floor will be offices for faculty, staff, graduate students and support personnel. A seventh floor (The “Penthouse”) will be just for the mechanical needs of the building.



“While this space will be the home for clinical research, it will open up other space in the building for clinical care and education that had been used by the clinical research groups,” reports Karla Zadnik, OD PhD, Associate Dean of Research and Graduate Studies for the College. “We have designed this space to be very flexible, so that research rooms and offices can be swapped with laboratory space and examination rooms as the needs change. This will be functional and adaptable space for decades to come.”



The cooperative late summer weather has allowed the project to progress on schedule, according to Dr. Zadnik. The addition of a 36-ton crane to the area behind Fry Hall in late August helped to erect the steel that will provide the framework for the new floors. The photographs we have included provide a graphical diary of the project.

Many alumni have already given generously to support this project. If you are interested in supporting this project financially, call Gayle Glanville in the Development Office at the College 614-292-2100 or email gglanville@optometry.osu.edu.

The target date for completion and move-in is Winter quarter 2007. When asked what the capacity of this new facility would be, Dr. Zadnik replied, "The sky's the limit!"



Where did the money come from?

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| The Ohio State University/State of Ohio | \$3.6 million |
| National Institutes of Health construction grant | \$2.0 million |
| Ohio Board of Regents – Hayes Action Fund | \$1.0 million |
| Wildermuth Foundation | \$1.0 million |
| College of Optometry | \$0.5 million |
| Haag-Streit | \$60,000 |
| Optometry Alumni and Friends | \$50,000 |
| Ohio Optometric Association | \$50,000 |
| Dr. Wayne Collier, BS'65 | \$50,000 |
| Other alumni, faculty, staff, friends, and industry | \$0.7 million |
| Total | \$9.01 million |





Zadnik Becomes Biker for Cancer Cure at PMC 2005

On the way to a mid-life crisis (MLC), darned if I didn't have a life experience at the Pan Mass Challenge (PMC),

the single largest fundraiser in the country, with proceeds benefiting the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. For a kid who didn't learn to ride a bike until age 10, who morphed into a generally unathletic teenager and adult, I must have been crazy to decide to even attempt this bike ride.

My family drove me to Wellesley on Friday, August 5th. As we crossed into Massachusetts, there was a thunderstorm of biblical proportions, during which my bike seat on the back of the car got soaked (too inexperienced to have put a plastic bag over it). I couldn't shake visions of riding 160 miles while being struck repeatedly by lightning. We registered for the ride Friday night at Babson College where the volunteer checking me in registered my "virgin rider" status with a noisemaker and cheers. While eating Legal Seafoods chowder and lemon sherbet, my husband Kurt rocked out to the Best of the Doobie Brothers blaring from the loudspeakers; they know the age of their audience. We eschewed the typical pasta dinner that night, and I chowed down on pulled pork, macaroni and cheese, and pickles at a BBQ joint in Newton.

Saturday morning brought the start at Babson College. I stuck to half a cup of Starbucks, met an 82-year-old man set to do the first 80 miles for his 22nd year in a row, and wondered whether I'd fall off my bike in the first 100 yards. I didn't (but another guy did!). The first day went beautifully. The weather was gorgeous, the roads were good,

and the mood was phenomenal. There were people everywhere cheering the riders on, saying thank you. The most frequent comment for the day was, "Have a good ride!" One family had built a bright orange balloon arch across their street that we rode under.

That night, we drove to Westport, MA to dinner at The Back Eddy and watched the sun set over the Westport River. Instead of carbo loading, I clam loaded with a bucket of steamers.

The next morning, the ride up (and up and up) and over the Bourne Bridge onto Cape Code at 5am (forgot that's what sunrise means in August) was breathtaking on many levels. The ride across Cape Cod was lovely and hilly. (I heard someone say to his riding companion, "Who told you Cape Cod was flat?!") My Ohio State University jersey netted me lots of "Go Buckeyes" and one rendition of the University of Michigan fight song. Kids whose families were camping at Nickerson State Park on the Cape had put together a waterstop with a circus theme. The portapotties had riddles posted on the outside that were only solved if one used that particular unit. Cries of "What's the answer in yours?" could be heard.

The last three long hills into the Provincetown finish line seemed brutal. Somehow the website never mentioned those, kind of like women not relating labor stories in any real detail to women who haven't borne children. At the finish line the personal sense of accomplishment, feelings that I'd been part of something larger than life, and the emotion that I'd ridden for all the cancer patients whose lives intersected with those of my donors, were overwhelming. I'm going back next year for sure.

So, I get home and find out I've participated, along with almost 4,000 other people, in the biggest single-event fundraiser in the United States. One hundred ninety cancer survivors rode this year. There were teams of "Stem Cell Cyclists" outfitted alike. The posters of children receiving care through the ride's proceeds reached out and kept those pedals turning. The projected income for this year was \$21 million, and, because of the 2,000 volunteers and all the donated food and other resources, 97 cents on the dollar goes to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. As the chair of the PMC stated at the start, "When they write the book about how cancer was cured, the Pan Mass will be in Chapter One."

Training the Next Generation of Researchers

The official title of the program is “Short Term Training: Students in Health Professional Schools.” At the College of Optometry, it is most commonly referred to as the “T-35” program. It is a three-month paid research internship that allows ten students to be exposed to research at the University. The objective of the program is to expose students to the challenge of scientific inquiry by immersion in a strong research environment.

The training is conducted during the summer following the first year of the optometry curriculum by well-qualified mentors from the entire Ohio State campus. The program emphasizes the development of interest in one of the three program areas: ocular epidemiology, biological sciences, and visual perception.

Dr. Mark Bullimore has been the Program Director of the T-35 program ever since he wrote the first grant application in 1997. The College of Optometry has received eight consecutive years of funding for this program. Only six other schools and colleges of optometry have T-35 programs.

The training has a number of components: participation in the research of the mentors’ laboratories, attendance at a seminar series, and introduction to ethics and responsible conduct in research. At the end of the summer, the trainees make a short presentation to faculty, graduate students, and other trainees. The stipend for the students is about \$5100 for three months.

So far, 76 students have participated in the T-35 program through the College. In the first five years of the program, fourteen T-35 trainees earned a Master’s degree concurrently with the OD degree, and two more an MS after completing the OD. Three former trainees have entered PhD programs: **Melissa Bailey (OD, MS, PhD)**, **Brian Puent (OD, MS)**, and **Eric Ritchey (OD, MS)**. Trainees from the first 7 years of the program have been authors or co-authors on 105 papers or posters at the meetings of the American Academy of Optometry (AAO) or the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO).

The research projects conducted by the T-35 trainees cover the entire spectrum of vision science. In addition to working



(l to r) Emily Parker, Kristy Bhend, Annie Vollmar, Ivy Tat, Catherine McDaniel, Mark Bullimore, Elisa Skadahl, Ame Richardson, Jim Omodio, Anita Ticak, and Shane Foster

in the College of Optometry, students have also worked at Children’s Hospital, Veterinary Medicine, and Neuroscience. The T-35 trainees for the Summer of 2005 include:

| Trainee | Advisor | Project |
|--------------------|------------------------|---|
| Kristy Bhend | Mutti | Comparison of Relative Peripheral Refraction Using Autorefraction and Photorefracton |
| Shane Foster | Fischer (Neuroscience) | Transient Expression of the Transcription Factor Islet1 in Embryonic Chick Photoreceptors |
| Catherine McDaniel | Schmidt | Stereoacuity in Preschool Age Children with Significant Refractive Error |
| James Omodio | Bailey | Comparison of Two Methods for Measuring Accommodative Lag and AC/A |
| Emily Parker | Bullimore | Evaluating Corneal Endothelium |
| Ame Richardson | Fink | Evaluation of Cornea-to-Contact Lens Base Curve Relationships in Keratoconus through Fluorescein Patterns and Photography |
| Elisa Skadahl | Nichols, J | Patient-Reported Dry Eye and Tear Thinning in Contact Lens Wearers |
| Ivy Tat | Good | The Test- Retest Reliability of the Lanthony Desaturated D-15 Test |
| Anita Ticak | Walline | A New Objective Measure of Spectacle Wearing Time |
| Anne Vollmar | Kulp | Screening Eye Coordination Study |

When asked what else the alumni of the College of Optometry might want to know about the T-35 program, Dr. Bullimore stated: “It’s really inspiring to work with such enthusiastic, motivated, and intelligent young people. They represent the best that our College has to offer. I am most proud of those students who go on to a PhD, so Melissa Bailey is still our best poster child as she has completed her PhD. I’m also proud of Brian Puent, who is pursuing a PhD at Wisconsin, and Eric Ritchey, who is doing exciting research on gene therapy for the cornea as part of his PhD here at OSU. It’s also exciting to see publications appear early in the trainee’s career. For example, Corrie Ziegler was a co-author on a paper in Investigative Ophthalmology and Vision Science (IOVS) while a second year student and Brett Irvin co-authored a letter in Nature.”

Class of 2009

College Welcomes Class of 2009

The College is pleased to welcome the Class of 2009. The average GPA for the entering class is 3.54 and the average OAT scores of 336. Fifteen different states, 36 different universities and 31 various majors are represented.

Eleven New OSU Residents Are Oriented

On July 20, eleven new OSU optometry residents participated in an all-day orientation program arranged by **Robert D. Newcomb (OD '71, MPH)**, the College's new Residency Director. Each resident will spend one year at a Veterans Affairs facility or an ophthalmology referral center to increase his or her knowledge in the management of patients with ocular and systemic diseases as well as co-management of ophthalmic surgery patients. Nine of the current residents are OSU graduates: **Erin Shewring (OD '05)**, **JP Maszczak (OD '05)**, **Michael Dobos (OD '05)**, **Priscilla Schaeffer (OD '05)**, **John Novak (OD '05)**, **Brett Garee (OD '05)**, **Jennifer Daniel (OD '05)**, **Chad Schultz (OD '05)**, and **William Kegerize (OD '05)**. Dr. Emily Schull is a 2005 graduate from the Indiana University School of Optometry, and Dr. Kelly Thompson is a 2005 graduate from the Illinois College of Optometry. A twelfth resident, Dr. Amanda Paull, is a 2005 graduate from the University of Alabama in Birmingham but was unable to attend the program due to travel limitations.

The program included presentations on the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE) Residency Standards by Dr. Newcomb, OSU Human Resources by Optometry Staff Member Linda Bussiere, Preparation of Abstracts by Optometry Professor **Thomas Raasch (OD, PhD)**, Helpful Hints by former OSU optometry resident and now clinical attending doctor **Dawn Burgei (OD '04)**, Clinical Research Principles by Associate Dean **Karla Zadnik (OD, PhD)**, Preparation of a Poster by Optometry Instructional Media Staff Member Kerri McTigue, OSU Library Resources by librarian Ruey Rodman, and explanation of an ACOE site visit by Optometry Clinical Professor **Gil Pierce (OD '89, MS '92, PhD '94)**. Lunch, and a tour of the building for the non-OSU graduates, were also included.



(l to r) Brett Garee, JP Maszczak, Jennifer Daniel, Erin Shewring, Kelly Thompson, Emily Shull, John Novak, Priscilla Schaeffer, William Kegerize, Michael Dobos, and Chad Shultz.

The residents will be assigned to the following facilities during the 2005-2006 academic year:

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| Drs. Shewring, Maszczak, Dobos, and Schaeffer | Chillicothe/Columbus VAs |
| Dr. Thompson | Dayton VA |
| Dr. Schull | Cincinnati Eye Institute |
| Drs. Novak, Garee, Daniel, and Shultz | Cleveland VA |
| Dr. Kegerize | The Eye Center of Toledo |
| Dr. Paull | Hampton, Virginia, VA |

Jim King, BS '55

Focus on Alumni



Jim and Margaret King at the 2005 Alumni Weekend.

Earlier this year, Dr. Jim King was recognized by the South Dakota Optometric Society with its Distinguished Service Award, only the fourth person ever to receive the award.

Clearly, people who receive these kinds of awards are leaders in our profession. But Dr. King's breadth and depth of service to the profession is unique and inspiring. He has served as an Army optometry officer, been in private practice in South Dakota since 1958, was on the forefront of diagnostic and therapeutic privileges for South Dakota, served as President of the South Dakota Optometric Society, is a charter member and Fellow of the College of Optimetrists in Vision Development, chaired a local vision screening day for elementary school students for over 40 years, served as editor of the Focal Point newsletter for the South Dakota Optometric Society for 13 years, lectured extensively on children's vision issues, written three chapters in three books, won five national awards in the Optometric Editors' Association International Journalism Contests, and helped form the South Dakota Association for Children with Learning Disabilities.

These are substantial accomplishments on their own. But, Dr. King's uniqueness is really highlighted by two other areas of accomplishment that go well beyond the traditional list of accomplishments used for folks receiving these kinds of awards.

First, Dr. King is the 'K' of the MKM Reading Systems and the MKM Monocular and Binocular Reading Test. As a child, he experienced many vision and reading problems personally. He remembers having problems keeping print in focus, reading in front of a group and remembering how to spell words from one day to the next. Finally, in the 6th grade, with the help of his family optometrist, **Dr. Stewart Kirkpatrick (BS '26)**, and a stereoscope, he experienced stereopsis for the first time.

Perhaps those memories were the impetus for his research into the area of visual memory and reading. In the early 1960's, he was the primary author and developer of the MKM Reading systems. Over 5000 hours behind a portable Smith-Corona typewriter, and the input of Dr. Leland Michael and assistant Arlene Moorhead resulted in methods of detecting, remediating, and sometimes preventing learning related visual problems.

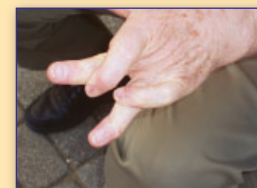
Second, his hobby of magic has taken him to places few optometrists have been. He shares that his father was a dentist and was the kind of guy who enjoyed practical jokes; joy buzzers, whoopee cushions and the like. That influence and visits to the Palmer House Magic Shop in Chicago guided

King to learn about magic, which has been his hobby since prior to his first magic show in the 7th grade. The hobby allowed him to meet all sorts of people, including Las Vegas showmen Siegfried and Roy.

The manual dexterity of his left hand and a substantial amount of perseverance netted him an appearance with Johnny Carson on "The Tonight Show" in 1985. Dr. King is able to move four pennies from the fingers of his left hand and stack all four on his thumb, using just his left hand. Additionally, he can contort his fingers in ways that defy reason, and move the tendons on his hand as if they are the keys on a piano.

He is a loyal Buckeye fan who rarely misses an alumni weekend with his wife, Margaret, and school chums **Drs. Lowell Hone ('55), Dick Ball ('55), Will Stamp ('55) and Don Lewis ('54).**

Dr. King is another one of our alumni that you should know.



Heidelberg engineering has provided more than \$33,000 in equipment, software, and technical support to clinical research at the college. Michael J. Sinai, Ph.D., Director of Clinical Applications at Heidelberg Engineering said, "Quality research has always been a priority for Heidelberg Engineering and we are pleased to support these research programs at the College."

Kelly Nichols (OD, MS'98, PhD'00, MPH) led a discussion on whether or not a student should be required to complete a master's degree before being

Throughout the 2005-2006 academic year, the College will use this ASCO-supported symposium to launch the series of full-day, interactive, participatory workshops called "Building Community by Welcoming Diversity." These workshops are designed to promote awareness and increased sensitivity to the many similarities and differences among individuals and groups in our culture. This will help to ensure the establishment and maintenance of a supportive and welcoming environment for all at the College of Optometry.

Dr. Richard Hill Recipient of B&L Visionary Award

Dr. Richard Hill is a recipient of the 2005 Bausch & Lomb Visionaries Recognition Award. This program honors eye care professionals who embody the highest ideals in vision care and personify Bausch & Lomb's commitment to Perfecting Vision and Enhancing Life.

"The 2005 Visionaries honorees are outstanding professionals who have made significant contributions to eye care," said Paul G. Howes, Bausch & Lomb senior vice president and president of the Americas Region. "We are proud to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of these deserving individuals."

In recognition of their achievements, Bausch & Lomb will equally distribute a total of \$80,000 in donations to vision-related, nonprofit organizations chosen by the Visionaries honorees. Each honoree also will receive a Steuben crystal trophy. Congratulations to Dr. Hill.

Diversity Update

The Diversity Enhancement Committee of the College of Optometry has coordinated several events over recent months.

The Diversity Speaker Series continued over the summer. Dr. Valerie Lee, Chair of the University's Diversity Council, gave a talk on the role of the Diversity Council and the value of diversity. Dr. Susan Huntington, former Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies and Distinguished University Professor of History/Art, provided a presentation she entitled "Looking at South Asian Culture: A Primer." Many new graduate students in vision science have been from India, and this presentation helped participants learn more.

The College of Optometry welcomed 11 minority students into the first-year class at the Minority Welcome Dinner. Dorsey's Eatery catered the event, and served traditional East Indian and Asian food, along with traditional American food. Local minority optometrists and ophthalmologists were invited, as well as members of the faculty, staff, and students of the College of Optometry.

In October, the College of Optometry hosted the annual Minority Alumni Lunch during the EastWest Eye Conference. LeVelle Jenkins talked about her work in organizing learning opportunities in cultural competence. Dean Mel Shipp and members of the Diversity Enhancement Committee and Office of Student Affairs updated attendees on recruitment and retention activities.

The College of Optometry received the University's analysis of its 2004-2005 Diversity Plan. The report on the College of Optometry states: "The College of Optometry has made remarkable improvement in furthering



Massala Reffell (OD '05) and his daughter Kelaiah at the Minority Welcome Dinner.



Cynthia Heard (OD '92), Sylvia Jones ('06), Jackie Davis (OD '81), and Bob Newcomb (OD '71)



Barbara Fink (OD, MS '85, PhD '87), Vondolee Delgado Nixon PhD, Crystal Gardner ('07), Nicholas Graham ('09), and LeVelle Jenkins (OD '88)

their commitment to a more diverse environment."

The College of Optometry has been considering whether or not a course in cultural competence should be added to the professional curriculum. Several Health Sciences colleges at the University have included stand-alone courses on this topic in their required or elective courses. The College of Optometry is also seeking input from outside firms to assess and train its faculty, staff, and students in cultural competence.

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also visited private optometry and ophthalmology offices, a refractive surgery center, an optical laboratory, a bank, a community college, and the Cleveland VA Medical Center.

Berntsen Named Recipient of Ezell Fellowship

Congratulations to **David Berntsen (OD, MS'04)** for being selected as a William C. Ezell Fellowship recipient for the 2005-2006 academic year. This award is sponsored by the American Academy of Optometry (AAO) Section on Cornea and Contact Lenses. Dr. Berntsen will receive this award in San Diego, California during the American Optometric Foundation (AOF) Research Luncheon.

As an Ezell Fellow, Dr. Berntsen will join an elite group of top researchers in optometry and vision science.

Berntsen, a PhD candidate, has research interests in mechanisms of juvenile myopia progression, higher-order aberrations, and contact lenses.

College Appoints First Research Faculty Member



The College of Optometry is pleased to announce that, effective September 1, 2005, **Lisa A. Jones, MS, PhD** was officially appointed to the OSU College of Optometry faculty as a Research Assistant Professor. Dr. Jones will become the College's first faculty member appointed to the recently-approved research faculty track.

Dr. Jones has been an adjunct faculty member in the College of Optometry since 1998. She received her MS from

the Ohio State University Dept. of Preventive Medicine in 1993, and her PhD from the OSU School of Public Health in 1996. Her areas of concentration were epidemiology, biostatistics and environmental health.

Currently Dr. Jones is the Director of the Optometry Coordinating Center, which is involved in working with several different groups on different subjects in the field of optometry, including adult myopia progression, accommodative esotropia, and overnight orthokeratology.

Select Optical Reaches Out

Congratulations to Select Optical Labs for the 2005 Ohio Association of Free Clinics Partnership Award. Clearly, Select Optical's contributions have been essential to the College's outreach activities. This support has been instrumental in helping us provide essential health services to patients from underserved communities.

Sheng Recipient of Alumni Grants for Graduate Research and Scholarship

Huan Sheng, MD, MS has just been notified that she will receive funding for her PhD work in the amount of \$2000 from Ohio State's campus-wide Alumni Grants for Graduate Research and Scholarship.

She hypothesizes that highly myopic patients show greater age-related changes in endothelial cell density, variation in size variation in shape. The objectives of the research are:

- To investigate the effects of age, contact lens wear and degree of myopia on corneal endothelial morphology.
- To compare the endothelial cell measurement using two instruments: the ConfoScan3 and the Konan KSS-300.

Help Improve Tomorrow's Vision Care By Supporting Today's Clinical Research! Current Opportunities for Patients 18 and Under

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.

| Research Project: | Goal: | Eligibility Criteria: | Patients Receive: |
|---|---|---|---|
| Amblyopia Treatment Study 6 & 8 (ATS) | To evaluate treatments for unilateral amblyopia | Children with unilateral amblyopia who have not had more than 1 month of treatment in the last 6 months. | Study Visits at No Cost Payment for Travel Costs |
| Convergence Insufficiency Treatment Trial (CITT) | To compare the effectiveness of active treatments for convergence insufficiency | Children ages 9 to < 17 with symptomatic convergence insufficiency (exophoria greater at near, NPC ≥ 6 cm, insufficient positive fusional vergences). (Children may not have had previous vision therapy.) | Study Visits at No Cost Therapy Equipment at No Cost Payment for Travel Costs |
| Correction of Myopia Evaluation Trial (COMET 2) | To compare the effect of PALs vs. single vision lenses on the progression of low myopia | Children ages 8 to < 12 with low myopia (-0.50 to -3.00) associated with near esophoria and accommodative lags. (Children may not have previously worn bifocals or contact lenses.) | Glasses at No Cost Study Visits at No Cost Payment for Travel Costs |
| Correction of Hyperopia in Children Study (CHICS) | To evaluate the effect of correction of low to moderate hyperopia | Children ages 6- to 11-year-old with +1.00 to +4.00 | Glasses at No Cost Study Visits at No Cost |
| Screening Eye Coordination | To determine the best target for evaluating NPC | Patients ages 9 to 30 with convergence insufficiency | \$5 gift card |

Raise the Roof Campaign Makes Excellent Progress

The Raise the Roof capital campaign to support the construction of the E. F. Wildermuth Optometric Research Clinic is making excellent progress. Raise the Roof committee co-chairs Karla Zadnik and Rich Marquardt are working hard to finish this very successful drive. More than 100 alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends have made gifts and commitments to the Wildermuth Clinic totaling \$1,953,700. This represents 97.6% of our \$2 million goal. If you have not yet made your pledge to help us maintain our unprecedented level of sophistication in research and patient care, there is still time. All gifts are necessary and welcome. Make your check payable to OSU College of Optometry, with "Raise the Roof" in the memo line. Mail it to the college and we will take care of it from there for you. If you would like to make a larger gift (\$5,000 or more) and spread your payments out over 3-5 years, please contact Gayle Glanville, Director of Development, at (614) 292-2100 or gglanville@optometry.osu.edu.

\$2,000,000
October 2004 through December 2005

97.6%

Three

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Ohio State University College of Optometry

Ohio Optometric Association makes donation to Raise the Roof



OOA President **Bill Lay (OD'92)** presents a \$50,000 check to Dean Mel Shipp on behalf of the Ohio Optometric Association for the Raise the Roof Campaign.

New Clinic Chiefs Appointed

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| Associate Dean for Clinical Services and Professional Program | Dr. Joseph T. Barr |
| Director, Main Campus Optometry Services | Dr. Carla J. Mack |
| Aniseikonia/ Binocular Vision/ Pediatric Services | Dr. Michael J. Earley, Chief and Faculty of Record Dr. Marjean Taylor-Kulp, Associate Chief |
| Contact Lens Service | Dr. Jeff Schafer, Chief and Faculty of Record Dr. Carla J. Mack, Associate Chief |
| Environmental Vision Service | Dr. Greg Good, Chief Dr. Carla J. Mack, Faculty of Record |
| Eyewear Gallery Service | Ms. Melissa Hill, Chief Dr. Jim Sheedy, Faculty of Record |
| Ocular Disease Service | Dr. Dawn Burgei, Chief and Faculty of Record Dr. Carla J. Mack, Associate Chief |
| Ocular Prosthetic Service | Dr. Jeff Schafer, Chief and Faculty of Record |
| Primary Vision Care Service, Opt 4 | Dr. Jeff Schafer, Chief and Faculty of Record Dr. Carla J. Mack, Associate Chief |
| Primary Vision Care Service, Opt 3 | Dr. Julie Curtis, Chief and Faculty of Record Dr. Carla J. Mack, Associate Chief |
| Student Health Center Optometry Service | Dr. Carla J. Mack, Director Dr. Nicky Lai, Chief Dr. Greg Nixon, Faculty of Record |
| Vision Rehabilitation Service | Dr. Roanne Flom, Chief and Faculty of Record Dr. Greg Good, Associate Chief |

Special Olympics – Another Great Success

Once again, our Special Olympics screening event was a huge success. This year marked our 5th year of screening the athletes. We celebrated it in 99 degree weather with a heat index of 104 degrees! Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's event. There are five individuals who deserve a special thanks because they have participated in all 5 screening events: **Jeff Walline (OD, MS'98, PhD'00)**, **Dr. Premnandhini Satgunam (BSOptom, MS'04)**, **Jackie Davis (OD'81)**, Ms. Carole O'Neill, and Mrs. Sandy Workmaster.

This year, we screened 157 athletes. Of these, 63 received new glasses that were edged on site with a Santanelli edger. We dispensed 209 pairs of eyeglasses, sunglasses, and sports frames. We had nine optometrists, 27 optometry students, and 15 lay volunteers. **Michael Polasky (OD'69)** made a cameo appearance and did a fabulous job performing the very tests that he has taught to students for many years.



Dan Perrine ('06) checks visual acuity of an athlete.



Jeff Walline performs autorefraction on... a piece of paper?!



Jana Souder ('07) carefully assesses the patient's cover test results.



Dan Perrine ('06) plays stereoacuity game with a young child.



Anita Ticak ('08) entertains an athlete during frame selection.



Sarah Miller ('06) assists **Dr. Polasky (OD'69)** practicing what he taught to so many.



Stylish sunglasses were a hit among athletes.

After the Storm-

Letters from alumni recovering from Hurricane Katrina

Dr. Henry Carter (OD'90)

He and his wife are very grateful for all the concern, prayers and support of everyone. They were able to evacuate from New Orleans before the hurricane hit. As far as their house, etc., he said no information is coming out to them at this time. He said it will probably be a few weeks yet before they'll really know anything.

Dr. Carter's said in response to asking him how we can help..."A Buckeye victory over Texas would be a great start and thanks again to everyone for caring so much to call."

Dr. Michael Gerds (OD'03)

Thank you for the kind inquiry concerning my status. Shreveport has recovered rather quickly, just some flooding. We have received about 15,000 people in our shelters from the southern part of the state as well as people in the hotels and staying with family. It seems like the city doubled in size in the last 2 weeks based on traffic and lines at the grocery stores. Our local school district is preparing to absorb about 5000 new students.

Shortly after the storm the Air Force sent me to Kansas and I will remain here for the next week. You can mark Mike Gerds and family as safe.

Mike Gerds, Capt, USAF Chief, Aerospace Optometry,
Barksdale AFB, LA 71111 318-456-6625

Dr. Kefla (George) Brown (OD/MS'01)

As many of you may be aware, my family was recently affected by Hurricane Katrina. Just about everyone's home was lost to the flood, resulting in unplanned relocations. Unfortunately, my entire family is now scattered across the country trying to pick up the pieces.

Since the storm, there has been an outpouring of love and support from so many people wanting to help. I truly appreciate everyone's thoughts prayers and generosity. As a result, a relief fund has been established to specifically help my family in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. [Please contact Kefla directly at keflageorge@cox.net for more information on to help her and her family.]

Thank you for your time, thoughts, prayers and support. You have no idea how good it feels to know so many people remember and care.

Many Blessings, Kefla G. Brown, 30 Sandpiper Drive,
LaPlace, LA 70068 985-651-3847 / 504-782-7504 /
keflageorge@cox.net

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For more information on the extensive efforts underway by The Ohio State University, please visit the following websites:

Katrina Relief Effort :

<http://www.osu.edu/katrina/>

Ohio State Initiatives :

http://www.osu.edu/katrina/department_activities.php/

Questions and Updates

Please contact Karen Greene (614-292-0818, fax 614-247-8242 or kgreene@optometry.osu.edu) for more information or to inform us of any other alumni and friends affected by Katrina.

College of Optometry Drive

The College of Optometry held a fund drive from September 12 through 30 for the victims of Katrina. Our focus was to help through different stages of relief. We accepted monetary donations and were registered through the Columbus Red Cross. Faculty, staff and students brought in food, clothing, toys, non-perishable food items, blankets, and much more for the Columbus Salvation Army, which has a program established for our area and state.

The College also arranged for eye and vision services. Our clinics provided pro bono eye examinations to Columbus evacuees. These services were provided by faculty and student intern volunteers. The local health department helped arrange appointments and transportation, and a local frame company and Prevent Blindness Ohio donated spectacles for this project.

Harvey Rosen (BS'52) writes he is enjoying retirement and visiting with family in Cleveland and Chicago, traveling, and living in Florida during the winter months. Two daughters live in Cleveland, one daughter lives in Chicago and he has five grandchildren.



Thomas Rees (OD '71) and his wife Barb celebrated the Buckeye victory over MSU on Oct 15 at Schmidt's in German Village.

Michael Porter (OD'71) is living in Statesboro, Georgia. He does a lot of ocean fishing on a 23' Boston Whaler and still practices full-time.

Thomas D. Redick (OD '74) returned to campus on October 12 to provide a guest lecture for Opt IV students on the topic of how to manage a private practice. Dr. Redick shared experiences from his Army days in Korea as well as from his 25-year-old private practice in Troy, Ohio.

Larry Cusma (OD'75) writes, "We have the only cabin boat (cabin cruiser) on Lake George in upstate New York with the name prominently displayed as "BUCK-EYE-DOCK".

Congratulations to **Lamar Zigler (OD/MS'81)** on his induction into the National Academies of Practice.

On October 19, **Kevin Corcoran (OD '83)** presented a guest lecture to the Class of 2006 on the topic of "Gonioscopy." The College has an academic affiliation agreement with the Cincinnati Eye Institute, and Dr. Corcoran serves as the optometry residency supervisor at that regional referral center.

Tony Fenton (OD'89) and wife Jeni have three children now. Aaron (boy) age 7, Ryan (girl) age 5, and Riley (girl) age 2. Tony writes, "What a handful! [I'm] still enjoying playing in Bad Habits – The Official Eye Docs of Rock! Playing across the country at different optometry conventions and hearing all the Ohio State graduates sing Hang on Sloopy with us Rocks!! Go Bucks! See you guys football season."

Several alumni participated in a medical mission trip where they completed about 600 eye exams in five clinic days! Attending were **Doug McCloy (OD'95)** and **Christine Beiling-Sheerer (OD'87)**.



Zane, Brandon, and Conner Gamble.

Congratulations to **Chris Gamble ('95)** and wife Patty. The Gamble's welcomed their third son, Zane Alexander Gamble on February 20, 2005. Zane joins older brother Brandon (age 3 ½)

and Conner (age 18 mos). "Boy oh boy do we have our hands full, but they are true blessings," writes Gamble. He continues, "Our practice is thriving and I'm enjoying it very much. Hi to all my classmates of 1995. Can you believe it has been 10 years? See you all at EastWest."

Scott Young (OD '95) provided a guest lecture on "Ocular Trauma" for Optometry IV students on October 12. Dr. Young is a full-time residency-trained optometrist at the Ohio Eye Alliance, and supervises OSU optometry students and residents who rotate through the over-100-year-old regional ophthalmology referral center in Alliance, Ohio.



Serena, Madison, and McKenna Larson.

Congratulations to **Jodie Singleton Larson (OD'96)** and family. The Larson's welcomed their third daughter on May 17, 2005. Serena Brooke joins sisters McKenna (age 2 ½ yrs) and Madison (almost 5 yrs). She writes, "We've been busy but love our little girls!"

ALUMNI WEEKEND



Optometry Alumni & Friends annual reunion weekend was another great success. We started the weekend off with the Dean's Pep Rally and Reception at the Buckeye Hall of Fame Café. Over 80 alumni and friends gathered for an evening of fun and spirit. The Buckeye Pep Band stopped by for some additional entertainment. Saturday alumni and friends started the day with an exciting hour of continuing education, presented by Drs. Mark Bullimore and Karla Zadnik. Everyone then marched out back for brats, German potato salad and legendary cream puffs catered by Schmidt's. Over 200 alumni then trekked over to Ohio Stadium to watch the Buckeyes beat the Red Hawks of Miami (OH). Following the game, several classes held their own gatherings. Special thanks to all the class leaders that helped to organize their respective gatherings.

Thanks to The Ohio State University Alumni Association for their generous donation of a Buckeye spirit door prize.

Class of 1955 with Dean Shipp



Our very own Jeff Franz (OD'75) and his wife Barb rode their scarlet Harley across country from Arizona to attend the reunion.



Class of 1985





Dr. Braden Kail with Dean Mel Shipp

Dr. Braden E. Kail (OD'96), an optometrist who has dedicated countless time and hours to helping improve the vision of children in Third World countries, received the William Oxley Thompson Alumni Award from the Ohio State University Alumni Association, Inc. at its annual recognition banquet on Friday, Sept. 23.

Kail lives in Waynesburg, Ohio. He received a Doctor of Optometry degree from Ohio State in 1996.

The William Oxley Thompson Award is presented to alumni younger than age 36 who have demonstrated distinctive achievement in a career, civic involvement or both.

Kail owns Waynesburg Vision Care in Northeast Ohio. He is also the founder of Cross Eyed Missions, an organization that benefits those in need of eyeglasses in countries such as Honduras, Haiti and Bolivia. Kail has raised more than \$65,000 for mission trips and has coordinated more than 4,300 free eye exams during nine mission trips in the past five years.



Eve Janelle Chester

Congratulations to **Tom Chester (OD'96)** and his wife Deborah on the birth of Eve Janelle, born August 11, 2005 at 3:50 p.m. Eve weighed in at 7lbs. 5 oz. and was 19 ¼ inches.

Theodore Kress (OD'97) partnered in a three location, three-doctor group practice and is on staff at the Clarksburg VAMC and FCI Gilmer. He has two daughters: MacKenzie (age 5) and Miranda (age 3).

Todd Lauby ('OD'98) is a Naval Optometrist recently promoted to Lieutenant Commander. Currently serving as the Head of Primary Care Services, Branch Medical Clinic, Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma Arizona. He was recently engaged to Dr. Melissa Hiller,

PhD. The couple plans to wed in May 2006. Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Jay Henry (OD/MS'98)** and wife **Julie Henry (OD'99)** on the birth of their daughter, Jillian.

After many years of searching for the perfect mate whose name would make her more memorable to patients, **Colleen Garton (OD'99)** married Christian Lenz on May 28, 2005. Dr. Lenz works and lives in the Akron, Ohio area.



Annalise Marie Larger

Congratulations to **Karla Larger (OD'99)**, husband Doug and older sister Kate, on the birth of their second daughter, Annalise Marie, born June 27th at 6:18pm. She weighed 8lbs 7oz.



Ohio folks at NOA convention: Dr. C. Heard, Dr. M. Reffell, S. Jones, L. Hill, Dr. R. Hill, Dr. L. Jenkins, Dr. C. Hicks, Dr. M. Shipp, F. Aranmolate, and R. Williams.

and was 22" long.

Congratulations to **Kerri Giedd (OD/MS'00)** and **Brad Giedd (MS'00)**.

They are expecting their second child (a boy) in early October.

Tim Milburn (OD '00) and **Annama-rie Milburn (OD '01)** welcomed their second daughter, Corinne Madison. She was born May 20th and was 8lbs, 3 oz. On April 1st, the Milburn's purchased their second private practice, in Wooster, Ohio. They will have been in practice in Medina, Ohio five years this December. Congratulations!

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Gerald K. Dolan (OD'74)



Bridget T. Hermann (OD'04) has joined **James M. Hermann (OD'74)** and **Jay W. Henry (OD/MS'98)** in practice in Pickerington, OH. Bridget completed a residency at the Veterans Affairs Jamaica Plain Clinic in Boston, MA prior to entering practice.

We are in the process up preparing our next OSU Optometry Alumni & Friends Directory. To ensure that your listing is correct, please return the following form to Karen Greene before December 15, 2005.

Year of Graduation

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“Buckeye” CE Cruise **Eastern Caribbean** **February 18-25, 2006**

Join us for our first Buckeye Continuing Education Program with 12-hours of COPE approved lectures given by leading faculty of The Ohio State University College of Optometry.

On February 18 we will set sail from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida for a fun-filled 7-day cruise of the Eastern Caribbean. Ports include: St. Thomas, St. Maarten and Princess Cays.

Attend lectures while at sea. Enjoy your free time while in port. It will be a Buckeye vacation you and your family will never forget!



| Topic (COPE approval pending) | Lecturer |
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| Children and Contact Lenses | Jeffrey J. Walline, OD, PhD |
| Examination of Children and Special Populations | Jeffrey J. Walline, OD, PhD |
| Optics (Computers, PALS & much more) | James E. Sheedy, OD, PhD |
| Ocular Disease Grand Rounds | Michael J. Giese, OD, PhD |
| CE Fees: | \$350/\$250 (for returning AEA Cruise participants)* |

Pricing (per person)

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| AB Mini-suite | \$1499 |
| AC Mini-suite | \$1399 |
| BA balcony | \$1279 |
| BB balcony | \$1239 |
| BC balcony | \$1199 |
| I interior | \$869 |
| 3rd-4th passengers | \$699-\$999 |

Government fees & taxes:

\$46.21 per person

Optional transfers (per person):

to ship \$20/from ship \$20

A deposit of \$250 per person will be required at time of booking.

Regional and past passenger fares may apply.

For more information contact:

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Email: aeacrusies@aol.com

Visit the Princess website (www.princess.com) to view deck plans, cabin locations, shore excursions.
Please call or email AEA Cruises for further information or to book the cruise.

BOOK EARLY!! CRUISES ARE SELLING OUT 6-8 MONTHS IN ADVANCE

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