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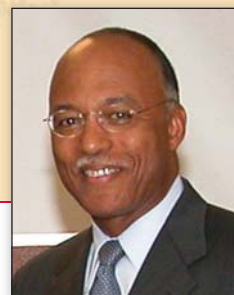
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# From the Dean



Dear Optometry Alumni and Friends,

Thank you for your interest in the latest edition of our award-winning BuckEYE Optometry Alumni Newsletter. Congratulations to our team for producing the Best Alumni Magazine on campus!

The theme of this issue is the passage of time as we watch the years roll by. What we uncover in our stories is that just as time is not static neither are our graduates. They have become movers and shakers in many ways, making contributions and seizing opportunities.

Our cover story catches up with nine alumni, whose graduation dates span nearly 30 years. Their paths have taken them to faraway places and their interests to varied careers: Australia, Germany, seasoned practitioner, corporate executive, just to name a few. Many of them had no idea where the years would take them, locale-wise or career-wise. They simply followed their passion. That's what it means to be committed and dedicated.

One of our feature stories is about not just an individual but an entire family who has seized one of life's curves and fashioned it into an affirming opportunity. The Quinn family, including father, mother, and their seven children, have banded together in a unique way to raise awareness for mental illness. The Quinn Family Singers use their musical abilities to touch the lives of those affected by mental illness and enrich their own lives in the process.

Finally, as time goes by, we both welcome new arrivals full of hope and promise, like the members of the Class of 2010, and fete dear friends who decide to pursue new challenges. Dr. James Sheedy, longtime friend and colleague, was named Dean of the College of Optometry at Pacific University and left in August for Forest Grove, Oregon. We wish him well in this new phase of his life and look forward to his visits back home.

As always, I am awed and humbled to have the privilege of leading this fine College and all of its talented and dedicated constituents. Thank you.

With warmest regards for an enjoyable holiday season,

**Melvin D. Shipp, OD, MPH, DrPH**

Dean, OSU College of Optometry



# *From the President*

If you read the President's Message each issue of this newsletter, then you are probably wondering, "Who the heck is this new guy?" However, this new guy is actually one of the oldest members in age (**Jim Bieber (OD'68)** gets the age distinction award) and the oldest in experience on your Optometry Alumni and Friends board. I have been tucked away as treasurer for the past ten years and was involved as a board member for several years before taking an officer's position. During my first official duty as president delivering greetings to this year's entering class at the College of Optometry, I realized that I have been on the board through our three most recent Deans, that being Dean Richard Hill, Dean John Schoessler, and Dean Mel Shipp.

Now you are probably wondering how crazy is this guy to travel three and a half hours one way to get to a two hour Sunday afternoon meeting. One reason is that I get to see my kids a little more since they are both in Columbus. My youngest is in his third year in Optometry and this makes it extremely interesting to follow his progress. My oldest son and daughter-in-law live in the Dublin area and are expecting their first child and my first grandchild in April, so you can see we'll be happy to have any excuse to travel to Columbus.

The main reason that I consented to board service for Optometry Alumni was my interest at the time in education. I was a local school board member and wanted some exposure to the next step after high school. Since Optometry Alumni has been blessed by the support of our Deans, I was able to get an idea of some of the administrative issues facing our college. And with this exposure, I soon realized how important our alumni organization is to our college. Our Optometry Alumni and Friends society is well known within The Ohio State University Alumni Association at Ohio State. We need to continue striving to enhance our organization within the OSU framework. The most important aspect that we can easily fulfill is membership. Yes, there it is-- my subliminal message to encourage you to support our organization. It is a necessity for Optometry Alumni and Friends' success.

I have to end by expressing our appreciation for the job well done by our past president **Rich Marquardt (OD'97)**. Rich was tireless in his efforts for Optometry Alumni and Friends. Many hours were spent on the road representing us at meetings and gatherings of all kinds. His leadership through the Raise the Roof campaign from the alumni side was very successful. Rich will continue to attend meetings and contribute all that he can for us. Please thank Rich Marquardt (OD') if you see him out and about.

"Affirm thy Friendship, O-HI-O!!"

**Roger L. Saneholtz (OD'74)**

President, OSU Optometry Alumni & Friends



# From the Editor



## Tractors and Communities

During my travels over the last year, many of you have asked about how the farm is, and did we get a tractor, and how are the crops. You have been very kind to show interest. Since it is unlikely that most of you will make it to the farm and see the tractor in person, we have brought pictures.

The one on the upper left is my first tractor, an Allis-Chalmers, powered by feet and pedal action. It is actually my 6th birthday and was a birthday gift. On the upper right is my second tractor, a 1970 Ford 3000 with Bush Hog front loader, and a 540 PTO 6 foot finish mower. Who would have known that 41 years after I got my first tractor, I would get my second tractor? Enjoy the pictures and thanks for asking about the farm.

In September, I had the opportunity to attend the College Alumni weekend. Joyce and I had bratwurst in the rain behind the College, walked up to the Skull Session, where The Ohio State University Marching and Alumni Bands dwarfed the Northern Illinois University Marching Band. Where else can you go and see 12,000 people come to a band practice?

We walked to the stadium and enjoyed the opening game of what has all the promise of a championship season. The thrill of the initial drum cadence coming down the ramp into Ohio Stadium, being up 28-0 5 seconds into the second quarter, 4 different players scoring touchdowns, a quad script Ohio, a 300 yard day for Troy Smith all contributed to what was a truly fun and enjoyable day.

Recently, we also had the opportunity to attend The Ohio State University Alumni Awards Banquet in Columbus and join in celebrating the achievements of 2 of our high achieving alumni, Dr. Lois Bing (BS'48) and Dr. Sandra Wang-Harris (OD'97). It was truly a well-planned evening, recognizing our alumni and 14 other high achieving alumni from across the university. Each honoree's story was incredibly inspirational. If you heard all the stories, you might have had the same reaction as I did and ask yourself; so, what am I doing with my life?

These two experiences gave me a great sense of 'community' with our alma mater. Not that I haven't felt a part of the university in the past, but I really felt a unique closeness through these experiences. Having grown up in the shadow of Ohio Stadium, and living in Franklin County the majority of my life, I cannot imagine rooting for another college football team. I wouldn't want to. How can people really get excited about being a Seminole, or a Longhorn, or a Bruin, or a Beaver, or (God help them) a Wolverine? (Sorry, Dr. Shipp). I just don't get it.

As we enter the holiday season, most of us will have the opportunity to be part of 'community'. Perhaps, as a part of a faith community, a practice community, or a family community. Members of the community will often come and go; it is rarely static. Take time, as you participate in these communities to appreciate the people you come into contact with. Help them to feel they belong to the community, that they are integral to the community. Appreciate all members of the community, young and old. Let others' memories of you be positive and be an example of the sense of community. Remember, the community is never static, it is always changing.

Many blessings to each of you this holiday season.

**Jeffrey A. Myers (OD'84)**

BuckEYE Editor





# Where Are They Now?

by Jeffrey A. Myers (OD'84)

In 1977, The Ohio State University College of Optometry introduced its first clinical fellowship program, specializing in Cornea and Contact Lenses. The original program was a two year post-doctoral clinic-based fellowship with additional course work leading to a Master of Science degree. The first two fellows were Joseph T. Barr (OD '77, MS '79) and John J. Pole (OD '75, MS '79).

The programs are now called Advanced Practice Fellowships and are offered in Cornea & Contact Lenses, Family Practice, Binocular Vision/Pediatrics, & Vision Rehabilitation. Each two-year Fellowship leads to a certificate and a Master of Science degree in Vision Science. In the words of one of the former Fellows, "The Ohio State University College of Optometry offers one of the premier post-graduate training programs for research optometrists and clinicians specializing in Cornea and Contact Lenses, and this is evidenced by the significant representation of OSU Fellows in diverse areas of clinical research (industry or academic)."

Dr. Barr tells an interesting story about his recruitment for the Contact Lens Fellowship. "When I was leaving the office

of Gerald Lowther (BS '66, OD '67, MS '69, PhD '72) one Friday in the summer of '76 (I was his student employee), he asked me what I was doing that weekend, and I said I was driving to northern Ohio to visit a practice I wanted to buy. He asked if I'd be interested in graduate school, and I about fainted. The next week he showed me a program they had designed for Paulette Schmidt (OD '73, MS '76) a few years prior that was the basis for what became our fellowship - basically a year of residency combined with a year of graduate school. I had gotten to know John J. Pole (OD '75, MS '79) as one of our instructors and before we knew it, that's what we wanted to do for the next couple of years. During that time, John and I worked part time in Neal Bailey's practice as well!"

Many of the graduates of the collective programs have gone on to fascinating careers in research, practice, academia, and industry. In this issue, we highlight several of the graduates of the resident/fellowship programs and explain a bit about their contributions.

We invited all former fellows to participate, and have included the stories of those who responded.

## Joseph T. Barr (OD '77, MS '79)



Dr. Joe Barr, Janet Barr, Jennifer Barr, Beth Barr, Brayden Krenzel, and Craig Krenzel on a family vacation.

Dr. Barr served as Contact Lens Clinic Chief for one year following his residency, before he took a position with Dow-Corning Corporation. He returned to the College in 1983 and has enjoyed a rewarding career. He has served as Director of the Collaborative Longitudinal Evaluation of Keratoconus (CLEK) Photography Reading Center since 1994. He has had the privilege of being an internationally invited lecturer, and has received the Garland Clay and William Feinbloom Awards from the American Academy of Optometry, and the Josef Dallos Award from the Contact Lens Manufacturers Association.

"I very much love my work as Associate Dean for Clinical Services and Professional Program and am humbled and honored to have been named the EF Wildermuth Foundation Professor in Optometry," reports Dr. Barr. "Currently I still teach contact lenses and oversee our two disease extern rotations. I continue to enjoy my work as editor of Contact Lens Spectrum and the email newsletter CLToday."

Dr. Barr and his wife, Janet, are especially happy that their two daughters Jennifer and Beth, son-in-law Craig Krenzel, and grandson Brayden Joseph Krenzel all live within 10 miles of them.

## Jerry R. Paugh (OD '79, MS '81, PhD)



Dr. Jerry Paugh (on right) and student learning to use the scanning fluorometer, for epithelial barrier function measurement.

Following graduation from the Contact Lens Fellowship in 1981, Jerry "traveled west" as a young man and became a full-time faculty member at the Southern California College of Optometry in Fullerton. After several years of full time teaching and research, Jerry began a solo private practice and combined teaching and practice for four years. Realizing that his passion was truly for research, he sold the practice, resigned his teaching position, and began a stint in contact lens research at Allergan in Irvine, CA.

His time at Allergan was very productive as he became a Diplomate in the Cornea and Contact Lens section of the Academy, and developed several novel fluorescent methods to study issues such as topical formulation residence time and solution toxicity. He also met Lorna, his future wife, who puts up with his "crazy ideas and experiments."

In 1993 Lorna had an opportunity to work in Australia as regional human resources head, so Jerry resigned his R&D position to pursue his PhD at the University of New South Wales in Sydney Australia. It was a wonderful time as his son, Jeremy, was born there (now age 10), and he even learned to drive on the other side of the road without crashing into too many cars!

Jerry is currently Associate Professor and Associate Dean for Research at Southern California College of Optometry. He has authored more than 18 peer-reviewed papers, published two book chapters, holds two patents, and has lectured worldwide on various clinical and academic topics. His current research interests include the diagnosis and management of dry eye, the use of fluorometry to examine epithelial barrier function, formulation residence time, drug delivery, and the effects of contact lenses on corneal health. He is still happily married to Lorna and now has a second child, Michaela, age 6.



## Chris Snyder (OD '78, MS '82)

Following graduation with the OD degree from The Ohio State University College of Optometry, Dr. Snyder served as a Navy Medical Service Corps officer (optometrist) for two years before returning to complete the Cornea and Contact Lens Residency. In 1982, he became a faculty member of the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry where he served as the Director and Chief of the Cornea and Contact Lens Service of UAB EyeCare and practiced in the faculty practice, the University Optometric Group. Dr. Snyder has recently retired from the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry and accepted the position of Director of Professional Relations for Bausch & Lomb.

Dr. Snyder has authored over 85 scientific papers, clinical articles, and book chapters, and he is co-author of the textbook, Contact Lenses - Procedures and Techniques. He has served as a Contributing Editor for *Contact Lens Spectrum*, Co-Editor of *International Contact Lens Clinic Journal* and is the US Regional Editor of *Contact Lens and Anterior Eye*.

Dr. Snyder is a Fellow of the International Association of Contact Lens Educators, a Diplomate in the Cornea and Contact Lens Section (CCLS) of the American Academy of Optometry, and an officer of the CCLS.



Kailey Snyder, Dr. Chris Snyder, and Kathy Snyder.

## Gary Orsborn (OD '83, MS '85)

Dr. Orsborn joined Bausch & Lomb in 1985, and has worked in both U.S. and international divisions. His responsibilities have included management of field clinical studies of marketed and developmental contact lenses and care products, the development of practitioner educational materials, worldwide professional services, and marketing of vision care products.

From 2000 through 2005 he lived in London where he worked as Director of Contact Lens and Professional Marketing for Bausch & Lomb Europe. Gary is currently Director of Medical Marketing, Global Vision Care Strategy, and is based in Rochester, New York.

In addition to his four sons and their families, including 5 grandkids, he and his wife are in the final stages of adopting a baby girl from Guatemala. They hope to have her home with them before the end of the year.



Dr. Orsborn with his wife Suyan and their extended family.

## Gil Pierce (OD '89, MS '91, PhD '94)

Dr. Pierce was the first optometrist to complete the Optometric Family Practice Fellowship in 1991. During the Family Practice Fellowship he instructed in the Primary Care Service, as well as all of the specialty clinics (Binocular Vision and Pediatrics, Contact Lens, Ocular Disease, and Low Vision) at the College. The Family Practice Fellowship allows the graduate optometrist the ability to gain a wide scope of experience of all the different specialties of optometric practice.

Currently, he is an Associate Professor of Clinical Optometry at The Ohio State University College of Optometry. At the College he lectures on clinical procedures and ocular neurology; staffs the Primary Vision Care Service; and serves on the admissions, faculty advisory, and clinic committees. He is faculty advisor to Optometry Student Council, vice chair of the Epsilon Psi Epsilon Alumni Board, and faculty advisor to Epsilon Psi Epsilon.

Dr. Pierce is serving his third term as a Trustee of The Ohio Optometric



Drs. Jeff Walline (OD, PhD'02), Jason Nichols (OD'99, MPH, PhD'04), and Gil Pierce celebrating the 4th of July with Jason's son Brady.

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## Gil Pierce (OD '89, MS '91, PhD '94) *(continued from page 9)*

Association. He previously served as the medical director for vision screenings at the VFW annual convention in Cincinnati, Zone 12 treasurer and co-chair of the OOA Key OD, OOPAC, and Legislative Affairs committees.

On the national level, Dr. Pierce is Chair of the AOA Faculty Relations Committee, an AOA Keyperson, and

consultant to the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education. He was recently appointed to the National Board of Examiners in Optometry Clinical Skills Exam committee. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry and previous Faculty-Student Liaison to the Academy.

## Yvonne Johnson (OD '85, MS '92)



Dr. Yvonne Johnson in her office.

After graduation from the Cornea and Contact Lens residency in 1992, Dr. Johnson stayed on at the College to teach ophthalmic optics and aniseikonia. In 1995 she relocated to Atlanta to take a position in professional services for CIBA Vision and later transferred to Novartis Ophthalmics in 2000 as the Director of Medical Affairs. She was privileged to be a part of the product launch of Visudyne, the first FDA-approved treatment of the wet form of macular degeneration. During her tenure with Novartis, she also had the opportunity to participate on international teams to develop ophthalmic pharmaceuticals and develop a drug safety team. This meant extended travel to Switzerland, Germany, and the UK.

When asked about significant accomplishments, Dr. Johnson reports, "I believe that I have served optometry well by breaking the barrier of a predominantly MD-managed area of pharmaceutical development. The most harrowing experience I had was a controversial interview by the New York Times healthcare editor and seeing my quote in the Sunday Times. Dan Vasella, the CEO of Novartis reported back to our president, 'your physician did well.' She retired from Novartis last October after 10 years of service.

In November 2005 she joined Alimera Sciences, Inc., a pharmaceutical start-up company by the former Novartis Ophthalmics executive management team. Currently, they are in phase III development for a fluocinolone acetonide intravitreal implant for the treatment of diabetic macular edema. She currently serves as the Executive Director for Regulatory and Medical Affairs and is once again engaged in drug development and drug safety. She has truly enjoyed her career path and has found it to be rewarding and enjoyable.

Dr. Johnson has moved to the mountains of north Georgia and is planning a fall wedding. Her backyard is Chimney Mountain and neighbors are deer, black bear, fox, and wild turkeys.

## Mohinder Merchea (OD'97, MS'99, PhD'03)



Drs. Mohinder Merchea, Timothy Comstock, and Bill Reindel.

After completion of the Cornea & Contact Lens Fellowship, and then completing a Ph.D., Dr. Merchea joined Bausch & Lomb to work in the Global Scientific and Medical Affairs group in Refractive Technologies. In that role, he supports research and development for wavefront guided refractive surgery (lasers, diagnostic devices, microkeratomes, etc).

In describing his position at Bausch & Lomb, Dr. Merchea says, "My position at Bausch & Lomb entails basic lab research, human clinical trials, lecturing, supporting marketing/commercial groups and being the clinical representative supporting device approvals with the FDA or other global regulatory agencies. My experiences gained in the CL Fellowship were invaluable in preparing me for these challenges." Currently, Dr. Merchea serves as leader of Scientific and Clinical Affairs for Refractive Technologies.

He is quick to credit other Cornea & Contact Lens Fellowship alumni in leadership positions within Bausch & Lomb Global Scientific and Medical Affairs. **Bill Reindel (OD, MS '86)** is the Director of Scientific and Clinical Affairs for Bausch & Lomb's Global Vision Care business and **Tim Comstock (OD'87, MS'89)** is the Director for Pharmaceutical Clinical Science. (Also see Snyder and Orsborn above.)

"My fellow Cornea & Contact Lens Fellowship alumni at Bausch & Lomb and I are grateful to all the mentors that we had during our training at the College of Optometry," adds Dr. Merchea.



Dr. Ritchey has experienced a number of changes since completing the Advanced Practice Fellowship in Cornea and Contact Lenses in 2003. As he was completing his Fellowship, he became engaged to **Moriah Chandler (OD '03)** and moved to Saint Louis, MO where he took a position at the University of Missouri-Saint Louis College of Optometry as a clinical and laboratory instructor. This move was to accompany Dr. Chandler as she completed a pediatric optometry residency at UMSL.

In 2004, they returned to The Ohio State University College of Optometry for Dr. Ritchey to pursue a PhD in Vision Science. Dr. Chandler serves on the clinical staff at the College and in the clinic at Columbus Children's Hospital. In 2005, they were married.

Currently, Dr. Ritchey is a postdoctoral fellow at the College where he is studying methods of ultrasound-mediated gene transfer (known as sonoporation) and exploring electricity-mediated gene transfer (electroporation) into corneal epithelial, endothelial and keratocyte cells under Andy Fischer, PhD (Department of Neuroscience, College of Medicine). This technology could be used to help in regulating corneal wound healing to prevent corneal scarring, or to potentially treat corneal dystrophies/degenerations, or modify refractive error. In July of 2006, Dr. Ritchey was recognized with one of four Bausch and Lomb Student Innovation Awards for his research (see page 20).



Dr. Eric Ritchey and wife Dr. Moriah Chandler on their honeymoon in Cozumel, Mexico.

Dr. Berntsen came to The Ohio State University College of Optometry in 2002 after graduating from the University of Houston College of Optometry. His research project utilized the Paragon Corneal Refractive Therapy (CRT) lens and its orthokeratology effects. It was during the first year of his fellowship that he realized his interest in a career teaching and doing clinical research at a school or college of optometry. After careful consideration about where to do his Ph.D., he decided that OSU was the right fit.

After finishing the fellowship, Dr. Berntsen was appointed as a post-doctoral fellow on the college's T32 training grant, and was later appointed as a Senior Research Associate to the college's K12 training grant (both National Eye Institute training grants). He has also been fortunate enough to have been named an American Optometric Foundation William C. Ezell Fellowship recipient for the past two years.

His current research is a study called the Study of Theories about Myopia Progression (STAMP). The purpose of STAMP is to evaluate currently hypothesized mechanisms of juvenile myopia progression by testing whether the accommodative lag theory or mechanical tension theory better explains the reduction in myopic progression found with progressive addition lenses (PALs) in juvenile onset myopes. The data collected will determine which model of myopia progression best explains juvenile onset myopia progression.

When asked about his most vivid memories of his Fellowship experience, Dr. Berntsen responds, "The camaraderie, which included both moments of serenity and insanity in the office, will always be part of my memories of the CL fellowship experience. Instructing students in clinic, discussing the issues and offering solutions to other Fellows as we encountered difficulties with our research projects, and tailgating at football games was a great experience as well."



Drs. Kathryn Richdale (OD'02, MS'05) , David Berntsen, and Tracy Bildstein (OD, MS'05) at an Academy meeting.

# Focus on Alumni: Tom Quinn (OD'79, MS'81)

## The Quinn Family Singers: Making a Difference

by Jeffrey A. Myers (OD'84)

Jeffrey A. Myers (OD '84)



Quinn Family Bash: Secret agent man

It is part of human nature to make a difference, to leave a legacy. For some of those who achieve this goal, years of preparation and thought go into the process. For **Thomas G. Quinn (OD'79, MS'81)**, and the members of his family that make up The Quinn Family Singers, events that could have been overwhelming and split a family apart have been used to create a musical group with the express purpose of having fun and raising awareness for folks with mental illness.

Dr. Quinn is one of seven children born to Thomas and Margaret Ann Quinn in Zanesville, Ohio. He remembers his younger brother, Pat, as being a very happy, outgoing child early in life. "As Pat grew through his teens, there were times that the only way I was able to see him was to go up to

his bedroom," recalls Dr. Quinn. "He had morphed into a young man bound to his bedroom, fearful of family and friends."

After what Pat himself describes as a "disastrous first quarter at Ohio State", his life revolved around health care visits, searching for the correct diagnosis, and finding a medication without the side effects of the old antipsychotics. He credits his brothers and sisters, and especially his parents with helping him to manage his schizophrenia and enabling him to be a productive member of society.

Pat has joined all of his brothers and sisters in earning a college degree; actually 2 associate degrees, in Social Work (Zane State College) and Social Science (Ohio University). He is also a trained Medical Transcriptionist. He lives on his own, and works at Beacon Place in

Zanesville, a home where folks with mental illness can just drop in and be accepted unconditionally. Additionally he serves on the Ohio Department of Mental Health's Recovery Team, speaking at hospitals in Athens and Cambridge, Ohio. He is employed by the Ohio Department of Mental Health on the Ohio Legal Rights Advocacy Curriculum to help health care providers understand the perspective of the mentally ill patient. And he leads a Schizophrenics Anonymous group as a volunteer. Quite impressive for a fellow who wouldn't come out of his bedroom when he was a teenager.

Music has always been a big part of the Quinn family, often playing just for fun when they got together. In 1998, they made their public debut in a church basement in Zanesville. Since then, mom and dad and all the siblings get together a few times a year to have





Pat Quinn

fun, play music and raise money for NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness). NAMI's mission is to improve the quality of life among the mentally ill, remove social stigmas of mental illness and support families touched by mental illness.

Their main event is held annually at the Zanesville Visitor's Center, and is called the "Quinn Family Bash". It is a three-hour party where the folks working to recover from mental illness and the entire community get to-



Tom Quinn (OD'79, MS'81)

gether to celebrate recovery. The band plays a mix of all types of music and uses acoustic & bass guitars, drums, keyboards, and flute to provide the instrumentals. None of the siblings is a professional musician. But now, the third generation of Quinns is in the act. They range from grade schoolers to Dr. Quinn's son, Brian, a graduate of the Berklee College of Music in Boston, who is a professional musician. He comes 'off the road' just to play in the "Bash".



Brian Quinn

Statistics suggest that mental illness affects one in five persons world-wide, including schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, clinical depression, panic disorder, and obsessive-compulsive disorder. That means it is a rare family that has not been touched by mental illness in some way. The Quinn Family Singers are making a difference in helping folks to recover and manage mental illness, and help them to be everything they can be. In Pat Quinn's own words, "Recovery Rocks".



The Quinn Family Singers from left to right: Paul, Francie, Pat, Gretchen, Tom, Carolyn, Thomas, Margaret, Brian, and Chuck.

# Alumni Awards

## Layman Is 2006 AOA OD of the Year

Robert Layman (OD'82) of Toledo is the National Optometrist of the Year for 2006. He received the award in June at the AOA Congress in Las Vegas. The award is given annually to an optometrist for outstanding service to the profession and the visual welfare of the public.

Dr. Layman was the Ohio Optometric Association Optometrist of the Year in 2005. He was the Ohio Optometric Association President in 2002. He practices at Pinnacle Eye Group in Toledo, Ohio and Lambertville, Michigan.

His nomination reports, "Dr. Layman is a dedicated and patient-centered practitioner who understands

the importance of a life-long commitment to organized optometry and who demonstrates this commitment by volunteering numerous hours. He always has a smile on his face, a word of encouragement to offer, and unbounded enthusiasm for the profession of optometry."

Dr. Layman has served on various AOA committees throughout his 20-plus years as an AOA member and is the moderator of the AOA President's Council.

He is the Co-Chair of the EastWest Eye Conference and is a volunteer for Realeyes and InfantSEE™.



Dr. Layman receives the OD of the Year sculpture from AOA President Dr. Richard Wallingford.

Dr. Layman and his wife, Barbara, reside in Toledo, Ohio, with their four children: Robbie, Kristi, Molly and Andrew.

## Hicks Wins InfantSEE™ Award

Gregory Hicks (OD'84) of Sandusky received the first W. David Sullins InfantSEE™ Award for his contributions to infant eye care. He received the award in June at the AOA Congress in Las Vegas. The award recognizes an individual doctor of optometry who has made significant contributions to optometry or his/her community for outstanding public service involving the InfantSEE™ program.

According to the nomination submitted to the AOA, "No one can match the energy and passion towards optometry that Dr. Hicks projects. He is a successful practitioner, past president of the state association, involved in the accrediting of optometry residency programs, an expert in child eye care, an involved father and a community leader."

Dr. Hicks is the Ohio InfantSEE™ state leader (ISL) and has worked to get 45% of OOA members signed up as InfantSEE™ providers.

He has been trained as an AOA InfantSEE™ spokesperson and has been interviewed multiple times by newspapers and radio stations regarding InfantSEE™.

Dr. Hicks has transformed his office to promote InfantSEE™. A flat screen plasma television in the reception room continually runs a promotion for InfantSEE™ for all patients to view. His staff wears InfantSEE™ badges and InfantSEE™ brochures are placed in the reception area.

Dr. Hicks was the 2004 Ohio Optometric Association Optometrist of



Dr. Hicks is congratulated as he receives the InfantSEE™ award.

the Year and served as President of the Ohio Optometric Association in 2001.

Dr. Hicks and his wife, Vicky, reside in Sandusky, Ohio. They have three children: Jeremy, Cassie and Jonathan.



## OSU Alumni Association Honors Two Optometry Grads

The Ohio State University Alumni Association recognized two College of Optometry graduates at its annual Alumni Awards Banquet on October 27. Archie Griffin, two-time Heisman Award winner and President/CEO of the Alumni Association, presided over the gala event, which was held at the Hyatt Regency in Columbus.

### **Dr. Lois Bing** **(BS Optom '48)**

received the Alumni Citizenship Award, which is presented to alumni who have distinguished themselves in service to humanity and who have best exemplified the university's motto, "Education for Citizenship," by performing significant voluntary service beyond the call of business or profession.



Dr. Lois Bing

In her nominating letter for Dr. Bing, **Paulette Schmidt (OD '73, MS '76)**, said, in part: ... "Dr. Bing chaired the Visual Problems of Children and Youth Committee of the American Optometric Association from 1950 to 1963. During that time, she prepared the AOA's report to the 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth.... Most Ohio optometrists are familiar with the School Vision Forum and Reading Conference; yet, few realize that in 1947, as president of the auxiliary to the Ohio Optometric Association, it was Lois who established this conference, served as its chair from 1951-1995, and invited nationally-respected experts in education, psychology, and optometry together to learn about vision's role in academic performance."

Congratulations Drs. Bing and Wang-Harris!  
The OSU College of Optometry family is proud of YOU!!

**Dr. Sandra E. Wang-Harris (OD '97)** received the 2006 William Oxley Thompson Award, which is presented to alumni younger than age 36 who have demonstrated distinctive achievement in a career, civic involvement, or both.

In his nominating letter for Dr. Wang-Harris, **Robert D. Newcomb (OD '71, MPH)** said, in part: ... "immediately following her residency program, she established the first HIV-only eye clinic in Alabama, donating both her time and equipment to provide primary eye care for HIV-infected patients in northern Alabama.... She was a Senior Fellow of the World Council of Optometry assigned to the Kingdom of Nepal. While she was in-country and serving as visiting faculty at Tribhuvan University Institute of Medicine, she provided direct patient care, developed and wrote programs of instruction to be used in classroom lectures after she left, sought and coordinated partnerships with international and local non-governmental organizations, and worked to develop organized optometry as a profession in Nepal.... She also worked with Remote Area Medical Volunteers in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina."



Dr. Sandra Wang-Harris and Archie Griffin, President of the OSU Alumni Association.

# First Annual Preceptor Conference

by Greg Nixon (OD'96)

On May 19th and 20th the College hosted its first ever Extern Preceptor Conference. The event was held at the beautiful Blackwell Hotel and Conference center on Ohio State's campus. The event was a great success with excellent attendance and participation of extern preceptors. Preceptors from the primary care externship, ocular disease externship, and advanced practice externship traveled to campus from 11 different states. All extern preceptors are official auxiliary faculty of the university and have been appointed a formal faculty title after college faculty review of their CV and other credentials. This conference was dedicated to their contributions to our clinical program and was designed to foster their growth as clinical educators.

The concept of this conference was initiated by **LeVelle Jenkins (OD'88)**, the former director of the ocular disease externship. Dr. Jenkins had a vision of all extern preceptors coming together to share their experiences of working with extern students. In addition, her concept included faculty of the college

Conference attendees are engaged by primary care extern preceptor Dr. Jim Bieber's comments during the Saturday morning roundtable discussion.



to provide attendees with additional resources for managing students in an extern clinic setting. Dr. Jenkins was responsible for obtaining \$25,000 from Alcon to fund the conference, as well as to provide financial support to the orientation of clinic attendings within the college clinics. Further planning and preparation of the event was coordinated by **Greg Nixon (OD'96)**, Clinical Associate Professor and Coordinator of the Primary Care Externship, **Joe Barr (OD'77, MS'79)**, Associate Dean for Clinical Services and Professional Program, and Ms. Sandy Workmaster, Program Coordinator.

The conference commenced on Friday evening with a welcome reception and a continuing education dinner. **Mel Shipp (OD, MPH, DrPH)**, Dean of the College, provided a college update to inform attendees of the state of the college and its plans for future growth. Educational lectures were provided by two of the college's outstanding disease externship preceptors, **Brian Mathie (OD'90)** and **Dave Bejot (OD'93)**.

The program continued on Saturday with the focus shifting to learning how to create a better learning environment for extern students in an extern clini-

cal setting. A roundtable discussion with recent graduates, **Jennifer Davis (OD'05)**, **Brett Garee (OD'05)**, and **Abby Whiting (OD'05)** provided insight into effective teaching styles from a student perspective. This was followed by a presentation by Dr. Nixon on clinical pearls of teaching differential diagnosis. Dr. Barr then presented guidelines on clinical teaching and extern performance evaluation.

One exciting change to the evaluation process this year is the introduction of Meditrek, a web-based program that allows for electronic submission of performance evaluations and patient care experiences. Besides allowing for improved communication between extern preceptors and the College, Meditrek will create a valuable database of information cataloging the number of patient visits, procedures performed, and diagnoses seen by each extern.

The externship program has shown tremendous growth in the last ten years. The class of 1996 was the first class to have a complete 13 week academic quarter of off campus clinic training in Ocular Disease. The ocular disease externship remains in the curriculum to this day and provides a comprehensive



Dr. Joe Barr shares his insight into effective teaching styles of successful clinical instructors.





Dr. Jennifer Davis, Dr. Brett Garee, and Dr. Abby Whiting, all esteemed graduates of the class of 2005, contribute their perspective on how their externships prepared them for their first year in practice.

ocular and systemic disease experience in settings such as Veteran's Administration hospitals and clinics.

In 2000, an additional quarter of off campus training was added with the primary care externship. This externship consists of multiple sites which include exemplary private optometry practices, ophthalmology offices and clinics, the OSU Student Health Center clinic, and the clinics of the OSU community outreach program.

The start of this academic year in June introduced a third externship experience, the advanced practice externship. This experience allows for in-depth exposure to unique aspects of clinical

care (mostly additional exposure to a particular category of ocular disease) at a tertiary referral center, VA hospital or clinic, Indian Health Service, or exemplary optometry or ophthalmology practice.

Thus, the externship program now comprises three-fourths of the fourth year clinical experience. This is in addition to the outstanding diversity of exposure students receive while rotating through the specialty clinic services at the College, including contact lens, binocular vision, pediatrics, vision rehabilitation, and primary vision care.

Needless to say, today's students of The Ohio State University College of

Optometry are receiving a comprehensive clinical experience loaded with a wide-ranging breadth of clinical encounters in diverse settings. Regardless of where the training takes place, the strength of the College's clinical program continues to be the immense talent and spirit of our auxiliary clinical faculty. This conference was dedicated to them and will help lay the groundwork for further growth of our externship programs.



Lamar Zigler (OD/MS'81) and Dr. Ted Smiley, both primary care extern preceptors, enjoy a collegial chat and exchange of ideas during a break.

Dr. Greg Nixon, Clinical Associate Professor and Coordinator of the Primary Care Extern served as host and moderator of the conference. He also contributed lectures on clinical pearls for differential diagnosis and an introduction to the Meditrek electronic evaluation system.



Dr. Brian Mathie, extern preceptor at Roholt Vision Institute, displays his Ohio State print autographed by Archie Griffin, one of the many prizes and gifts presented to preceptors throughout the weekend.



Dean Shipp welcomed Dave Sattler, Alcon's Director of Professional Relations, and extended the gratitude of the College for Alcon's financial support of the program.

# Alumni in Leadership: Dr. James Sheedy

## Sheedy New Dean at Pacific University

by Jeffrey A. Myers (OD'84)

**J**ames Sheedy (OD'74, MS '74, PhD '77) has taken over the leadership of Pacific University College of Optometry in Forest Grove, Oregon as Dean. He joins five other college alumni as a current dean or president of a North American college of optometry.

We spoke to Dr. Sheedy via phone on his cross-country drive to take on this new position while he was in the Black Hills National Forest near Hill City, South Dakota. He was very enthusiastic and excited about the opportunity to lead Pacific University College of Optometry. His career has been quite varied with time spent in private practice, academia, and industry. "This background has perfectly prepared me for the challenges of being a dean. While going through the search process, the opportunity felt so right; I couldn't do anything else," reported Sheedy.

Dr. Sheedy's professional career has included a variety of opportunities, including a full-time or part-time academic affiliation throughout his career. The first seven and most recent five years were spent at The Ohio State University College of Optometry, with the intervening years at University of California, Berkeley. Additionally, he has been in private practice, served as consultant to the Chillicothe Veteran's Administration, was at Humphrey Instruments for 4 years and was Director of Professional Development at Sola Optical for 5 years, and has worked as an independent consultant for a number of years. He holds five patents/trademarks. Three of his numerous awards are prestigious awards from the American Academy of Optometry, the



Jim Sheedy (OD/MS'74, PhD'77) speaking at his going away party. Dr. Sheedy donated one of his oil paintings to the College.

Garland Clay (twice) and the William Feinbloom Awards.

His latter years at The Ohio State University College of Optometry provided the final touches in his preparation to become Dean. He had the opportunity to establish a research program and obtain funding for it, to interact with graduate students, and to earn tenure among his valued OSU colleagues. During his career, he has served as a consultant to many vision and computer related companies.

Leadership at a private university offers unique opportunities not available at a public university. Primarily, private universities are answerable only to themselves. While this freedom demands responsibility, Dr. Sheedy sees Pacific University College of Optometry positioned well to manage projects and research from industry. His vision is to see the College recognized at a national and international level for their contributions. He sees this being

accomplished through excellence in academics and research. Pacific University College of Optometry is also poised to be a leader in international optometric education throughout the Pacific Rim. Their geographical location allows them to provide services to large masses of patients.

Dr. Sheedy has had some priorities set for him. Prior to his arrival, the College planned to embark on a \$45 million building project. This project is planned to replace an antiquated facility and place the entire College under one roof in the Portland suburb of Hillsboro. Fund-raising and seeing the project to completion will be a high priority under his watch.

"I am very grateful to Dean Shipp, Associate Deans Barr and Zadnik, and my other friends and colleagues at OSU and in Ohio for their encouragement and supporting me in this opportunity" says Sheedy. The College wishes him well on his newest endeavor.



## Family Establishes Richard Harris Glanville Scholarship in the College of Optometry

In 1937, their final year at Ohio State, Myrtle Bracy met Richard Harris “Dick” Glanville II, who became her husband. Both members of the class of 1938, Myrtle earned a degree in education, with Dick graduating in optometry.

After their marriage, Myrtle ran the business office of Dick’s optometric practice. Their three sons were exposed to the field of optometry from early childhood. “We didn’t think they would choose optometry for themselves,” Myrtle said. “But as they matured, they each decided that optometry would be a good profession to pursue.”

Since the profession was good to the family, the family has decided to give back by establishing the Richard Harris Glanville Endowed Scholarship in Optometry. The fund honors both



Myrtle, Rick and Dick Glanville are shown on Rick’s graduation day in 1966. Myrtle and Dick, also Ohio State graduates with the Class of 1938, met while students on campus.

Dick and his late son, **Richard Harris Glanville III (OD’66)**, who was known as Rick. The need-based, merit scholarship provides approximately \$1,000 to a first-year optometry student. It was supported by **Charles “Chuck” Glanville (OD’68)**, **Polly Schmid Glanville, Jennifer Glanville Lasker (OD’96)** and **Gayle Glanville**, the College’s Director of Development and Alumni Relations. Friends also offered financial assistance, including classmates of Dick and Rick, as well as **Scott Hussing (OD’89)**, business partner of Chuck and Jenny.

“Rick very much enjoyed the closeness he had with his class; those people remained his friends until his death,” said Polly. Chuck Glanville said the family is very proud of its three generations of optometrists. “That kind of consistency of care is rare and valuable in ensuring eye health,” he said.

*“It was a privilege to help make the difference that good vision can make in people’s lives. I hope the scholarship will help, in some small way, to alleviate the debt that many students have these days that Dick and I never had to consider.”*

*Myrtle Glanville*

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## Eric Ritchey, (OD '01, MS '03) Wins Bausch & Lomb Student Innovation Award

The Student Innovation awards are designed to enhance B&L's recruiting efforts by developing partnerships with top universities. The recipients were nominated by their universities and selected by a B&L team. Selection criteria include academic and research achievements and recommendations by the students' universities. Eric Ritchey is pursuing a Ph.D. in Neuroscience at Ohio State. He is researching gene transfer into corneal cells. Eric received his O.D. and M.S. degrees from the College of Optometry in 2001 and 2003, respectively. Other winners were Xiaomin He of the University of Rochester and Jason Ng of the University of California at Berkeley.



Don Mutti (OD, PhD), Karla Zadnik (OD, PhD), and Mark Bullimore (OD, PhD) completed the Tour of the Scioto River Valley (TOSRV), a 212-mile bicycle tour from Columbus to Portsmouth, OH and back in rainy weather on May 13 and 14.



## Melissa Hill- new Chair of the ASCO Optics SIG

Congratulations to Melissa Hill, Director of the Eyewear Gallery, on being named the Chair of the ASCO Optics Special Interest Group. While leading this group over the next year, Ms. Hill will coordinate the hosting of the ASCO Optics SIG at the College in 2007.

## Ezell Fellowship Recipient

**David Berntsen (OD, MS '04)** has been selected as a William C. Ezell Fellowship recipient for the 2006-2007 academic year.

Sponsorship for this award is provided by donations to the American Optometric Foundation (AOF). Dr. Berntsen will receive his award on Sunday, December 10th (12:00 noon-2:00 PM) in Denver, CO.

As an Ezell Fellow, Dr. Berntsen belongs to an elite group of top researchers in optometry and vision science, comprised of "21 optometry deans and presidents, 91 faculty members, and 97 Fellows of the American Academy of Optometry, including three of its past presidents."

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Berntsen on this outstanding award!

## Farewell, Dr. Dawson

**David J. Dawson (OD '97)** said goodbye to students, staff, and faculty on September 8. He is moving to the Akron area, where he was married on September 16 and established a new home there with his bride. He began his part-time teaching career at the College shortly after graduating in June of 1997, and started teaching full-time in December of 2004. Over the past nine years, Dr. Dawson has examined patients and supervised student interns in school screenings, nursing home visits, the primary vision care clinic, and the contact lens clinic. He thanked everyone for their friendship and compassion, and said: "...I can't imagine another environment where I'll be surrounded by so many wonderful people." Farewell, Dr. Dawson, and congratulations on your marriage. We will miss you.



## The Class of 2010 Welcome Dinner

The annual New Student Welcome Dinner was held September 21st at the Faculty Club. The College wishes to thank the Optometry Alumni and Friends Society for sponsoring this event. Along with the Class of 2010, there were faculty, staff, and alumni in attendance to welcome the new students.



## New OSU Residents are Oriented

On July 18, ten new OSU optometry residents participated in an all-day orientation program arranged by **Robert D. Newcomb (OD '71, MPH)**, the College's Residency Director. Each resident will spend one year at an ophthalmology referral center located in Ohio or a Veterans Affairs facility 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 12 residents are OSU graduates: **Drs. Rheanna Moore (OD '06), Nicole Abrashoff (OD '06), Ryan Subler (OD '06), Katie Wulff (OD '06), Cindy Roles (OD '06), Karen Kloman (OD '06), Kara Bisceglia (OD '06), Lucy Zgonc (OD '06), and Kate Gordon (OD '06)**. Drs. Ryan Palmer and Eric Reinhard are both 2006 graduates from the Indiana University School of Optometry. Dr.

Hillary Multari graduated from the Pennsylvania College of Optometry.

The program included a welcome from **Dean Mel Shipp (OD, MPH, DrPH)** and then presentations on the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE) Residency Standards by Dr. Newcomb, OSU Human Resources by new Optometry staff member Susan Crabtree, Preparation of Abstracts by Optometry Professor **Thomas Raasch (OD, PhD)**, Helpful Hints for a Suc-

cessful Residency Experience by former OSU optometry resident and now Chief of the College's Ocular Disease Service **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, and OSU Library Resources by librarian Ruey Rodman. A very informative "Lunch and Learn" speaker, Dr. Mile Brujac from Bowling Green, Ohio, was sponsored by Alcon.

The residents will be assigned to the following facilities during the 2006-2007 academic year:

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| Drs. Abrashoff, Wulff, Bisceglia, and Kloman .... | Chillicothe/Columbus VAs |
| Dr. Reinhard .....                                | Dayton VA                |
| Dr. Palmer.....                                   | Cincinnati Eye Institute |
| Drs. Gordon, Moore, Multari, and Roles .....      | Cleveland VA             |
| Dr. Subler .....                                  | The Eye Center of Toledo |
| Dr. Zgonc .....                                   | Hampton, Virginia, VA    |



Drs. Don Mutti, Mark Bullimore, and Michael Earley at their surprise party celebrating their promotions at the faculty retreat this past spring.

## Three New Full Professors at OSU College of Optometry

Dean Shipp recently congratulated three current faculty members who were promoted to the academic rank of Full Professor. They are Drs. **Mark A. Bullimore (MCOptom, PhD)**, **Michael J. Earley (OD/MS'88, PhD'92)**, and **Donald Mutti (OD, PhD)**.

Dr. Bullimore received his Optometry Degree and PhD in Vision Science from Aston University in Birmingham, England. Prior to joining the faculty at OSU, he spent eight years at the University of California in Berkeley. His research interests include myopia, low vision, and refractive surgery. Having previously taught two geometric optics courses to first-year students, he teaches ophthalmic optics to second year students and is also instructor of record for Eyewear Gallery Courses.

Dr. Earley received his OD, MS, and PhD degrees from Ohio State. During his graduate studies, he was twice awarded the Ezell Fellowship from the American Optometric Foundation (AOF) in addition to the Auxiliary Fellowship from the American Optometric Association (AOA). In 1998, he received the Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching by The Ohio State University and was inducted into the Academy of Teaching. He teaches first-year courses in human anatomy, ocular anatomy, and histology, as well as being the College's Chief of the Binocular Vision and Pediatrics clinics, and Chair of the Admission's Committee.

Dr. Mutti received his Doctor of Optometry degree in 1982, and his PhD degree in 1992, from the UCB School of Optometry. He is the Principal Investigator of the Berkeley Infant Biometry Study (BIBS), which is an NEI-funded investigation of ocular component development and emmetropization in infancy. He teaches vision science courses in both the optometry and the graduate degree programs.

## correction...

*Our apologies to Paulette Schmidt for a misprint in the last alumni magazine. Her correct e-mail address is:*  
*[schmidt.13@osu.edu](mailto:schmidt.13@osu.edu)*





## Optometry Student Receives PBO Research Award

Corrie Ziegler, a fourth-year optometry student, is one of six young women researchers in the State of Ohio to receive an inaugural Prevent Blindness Ohio (PBO) Predoctoral Student Fellowship Research Award for Females Pursuing Careers in Vision Research. The Award was presented at the College on August 2 by **Dean Melvin Shipp (OD, MPH, DrPH)**, PBO Chief Executive Officer Ms. Sherry Williams, and Corrie's faculty advisor, **Dr. Kelly Nichols (OD, MPH, PhD '01)**.

According to Ms. Williams, "In 2003, the National Academy of Sciences issued a report on a national need for biomedical and behavioral research scientists. The report cites that there is an increased need for clinical scientists who can help translate research findings into improvements for health. In the next 10 years, as the baby boomers age and retire, scientific research fields, including vision research, stand to lose over 50% of their scientists. To address this need for scientific workforce development, PBO launched this new research award..."

Corrie's winning proposal, prepared under the direction of Dr. Kelly Nichols, is to better understand the interactions between the tear film and the contact lens surface, which will enhance the ability to create lens surfaces that more closely resemble the ocular surface. The long-term results of her study could eventually lead to new treatments for contact lens-related dry eye, which affects millions of contact lens wearers in the U.S.



Dean Mel Shipp, Dr. Kelly Nichols, Corrie Ziegler, Opt IV, and Ms. Sherry Williams at the College's reception for Corrie's PBO research award.

## Maszczyk Plays for the Cyclones

**J. P. Maszczyk, (OD '05)** plays guard for the Columbus Cyclones professional basketball team of the International Basketball League. This is the second time he has played in a professional league. After finishing his career at Westminster College, he played in the National Rookie League in 2001. A 6-foot-1 guard, he averaged eight points per game for Delaware in the now-defunct league.

This is the first year for the Columbus expansion team, whose record was 20-3. In the league tournament held in July in Elkhart, Indiana, the Cyclones lost in the championship game in overtime to the Elkhart Express, who were playing on their home floor.

Maszczyk, usually the go-to player on his former recreation league teams, is a role player for Columbus. Sometimes it is for instant offense, and on other occasions, it is for pressure defense. He has scored as many as 21 points in a game.

Dr. Maszczyk completed the Chillicothe-Columbus VA Residency in 2006 and is currently a Clinical Instructor at The Ohio State University College of Optometry.



Maszczyk on the court.

# about alumni...



Dr. Herschel Rubin

**1937** **Herschel Rubin (BS'37)** celebrated his 90th birthday on January 4, 2006. He is pictured celebrating Hanukkah in his East Liverpool home.

**1943** **T. N. Richardson (BS'43)** has been married to Dorothy since 1942 - 64 years. They have one daughter, Rae Lou, who lives in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. He reports he sees **Bill Watson (BS'47)** occasionally, and he's as ornery as ever! He used to correspond with **Warren Draeger (BS'52)** until he got lazier. Four years ago he moved into a retirement community and enjoys it very much. His brother, Fred (class of 39) passed away in 1997.

**1955** "Glance," the newsletter for Vision Service Plan doctors, featured **Ronald Gilbert (BS'55)** and his sons Marc Gilbert and **Heath Gilbert (OD'92)**. "In Ron's eyes, life doesn't get much better than spending every day with his family," the article said. "The only setback: his sons constantly pressure him to work a little less. But, 'it's in my nature to give 100 percent,' Ron says. 'I can't come to work each day and not give my family of patients the service they deserve.'"

**1956** **Jerome Garber (OD'56, FAAO)** presented at the International Society of Contact Lens Specialists (ISCLS) Congress in Salzburg, Austria Aug 31-Sept. 6, 2006.

**1961** **Earl S. Voight (BS'61)** announced that he climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro (19,340) with his 10 year old grandson, Jeremiah, in 2003. The ranger told his grandson that he was the youngest American to summit. He was nominated Colorado Optometrist of the Year in 2006.

**1964** **Louis Shovels (OD'64)** and his wife celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on August 19, 2006. The



Dr. Louis and Judith Shovels

couple have six children and 14 grandchildren. He is enjoying retirement since September 2005 with hobbies and woodworking.

**1966** **Nicholas Parthenakis (BS'66, OD'67)** has been married since 1962. He has four grandchildren. His daughter was married at the Cathedral in Athens, Greece and his son "married a Russian girl here in the USA". He owns his own practice building in Cincinnati.

**1974** **Donald Perlmutter (OD'74)** is chair of TLC advisory board in Cleveland. His wife Mary is his practice manager. His daughter Lisa is a hospital administrator in Tucson, AZ. His other daughter Molly is an account manager for a pharmaceutical marketing firm.

**1975** **Gregory Good (OD'75, MS'79, PhD '81)**, and **William Lapple (OD'84)** are serving on the American Optometric Association's Eye Safety Project Team. The Healthy People Initiative has included vision objectives for the first time to help reach its goal for creating a healthier



From Left to Right: Drs. Terry Huston (Napoleon, OH), Marilyn Leubitz-George (Chardon, OH), and Greg Kracher (Frederick, MD and NIH in Bethesda, MD) recently got together for a mini-reunion of part of the Class of 1973 at Greg's home in Frederick, Maryland. They were "good friends in school and usually sat in close proximity to one another near the front on the left side of the classroom ... and still managed to graduate!"



## 1975 (continued)

American public. Two of these objectives are 1) to reduce occupational eye injury and 2) to increase the use of appropriate personal protective eyewear in recreational activities and hazardous situations around the home. The project team, lead by Greg, provided the guest editorial in the May 2006 issue of "Optometry- Journal of the AOA".

**Sheldon Pitluk's (OD'75)** youngest son, Sam, is a freshman at San Diego State University. His older son, Michael, is at Santiago Junior College and pursuing a music career.

**Les Thronburg's (OD'75)** younger daughter Jennifer got married in October 2006. His older daughter had her first child (first grandchild) early November 2006. He has scaled back to about 75% work time.

**1976** Austin Charles Matias Martinez is the first grandchild for **Donald Leach (OD'76)**. He was born on December 4, 2005 to Dr. Leach's daughter Kristina and her husband Daniel Martinez.

**1977** **Paul Dowd (OD'77)** completed the Accenture Chicago Triathlon in under three hours along with son, Trevor, who is living in Chicago. He's been married to Sandy 30 years in December. Their youngest son, Darren, is a senior at Ohio University getting ready to prepare for law school. He's enjoying the empty nest with Sandy!



Class of 1986 20th Reunion. From left to right: Drs. Darryl Mathewson, Manny Zanolidakis, Drew Sax, John Kruszewski, Kit Fleming, Dave Zehnder, Andy Martin, Patty Noonan, Steve Binns, Michelle Staarmann, Paul Anderson, Joan Nerderman, John Horner, Anthony Mayo, Steve Brezinski.

Dear Optometry Friends,

It is sad to report to you the death of our beloved friend Chris O'Brien (OD'92). As one of his closest friends throughout these last eighteen years, I can still hear the words of one of my roommates, "Have you seen the guy you are sharing the 3rd floor (The Club) with? He's really intense!" You know what -- he was correct! We went to that 1st year student orientation together and were pals thereafter. Intense? Sure, Chris was intense... on life. He played very hard and when he absolutely had to... he studied hard (the group we studied with was the "Circle of Most Confusion"). Anyone who ever knew the guy and drank a beer with him knew one thing: He loved his friends and loved to have fun. We had so many impromptu parties, it boggled the mind. Yucking it up, drawing cartoons, hacky-sacking, hanging at Miggs, beans, the annual pig roast -- just to name a few highlights of his optometry school times. Just being with Chris was the fun part -- he always provided the laughter. Later in life, he married and settled down, strengthening his faith with the Lord and marrying his beloved wife Lori. Soon after came his three children (Rachel 11, Donnie 8 and Jennifer 6).

It is time for Ohio State Optometry to pay one last tribute to Chris. Please contribute to his children's education fund. We can make a difference to his kids and let his wife know how Ohio State takes care of their own. It was extremely difficult to see Chris lose his battle to ALS, but he's got a new body now and as I told my classmates, somewhere in heaven, CO is going into the hole at shortstop and overthrowing first base, doing a chicken dance and giving a loud "Baw-gerk!" Intense? Yep, he was. Now let's be intensely generous, on his behalf! We love you, CO!

Ruben, OUT  
*Bill Lay (OD'92)*



**Please make checks payable to:**  
The O'Brien Children's Educational Fund  
**Mail to:**  
Lori O'Brien  
3008 Maplevue Lane  
Avon, OH 44011

**1983** Erin Langel, the oldest daughter of **Kevin Langel (OD'83)**, recently graduated from Creighton University and is working on her PhD. in Clinical Anatomy.



Paige Leona Eyerman

**1984** **Jeffrey Swearingen (OD'84)** and his wife Ann officially became grandparents! Paige Leona Eyerman was born August 30th to Bethany and Luke Eyerman. According to Swearingen, she is "cute as hell, Mom is doing fine, Grandma is exhausted".

# about alumni...

**1987 Carol Brown (OD'87)** was awarded the Warren & Ruth Morris Optometrist of the Year from the Ohio Optometric Association in October at the EastWest Eye conference. She is a Past President of the Ohio Optometric Association, and was previously recognized as the Young Optometrist of the Year by the Ohio and American Optometric Associations



Madison, Serena, and McKenna Larson

**1994** On August 2, 2006, **Michael Ringel (OD'94)** and his wife Margaret had their first child, Kathleen Leslie Ringel.

**1996 Jodie Larson (OD'96)** writes, "We have three children now: Madison (age 5), McKenna (age 3) and Serena (14 months). Three girls are keeping us busy! We are getting ready to move to Madison, South Dakota to be closer to my husband (Chad's) family and I can work part-time to spend more time with the girls!"

**1998 Andrew Roubos (OD'98)** of the Lakeshore Eye Care Center in Holland/Hamilton, Michigan was highlighted in a feature article this past summer in The Allegan County News. Dr. Roubos saw a five-year old boy who had symptoms of nausea for several months and was beginning to have balance problems. Previous testing by the boy's physicians had been negative.

After Dr. Roubos examined the patient, he contacted the patient's family doctor and helped to coordinate an MRI the following day, which confirmed his suspicions. The boy had a 4 cm malignant brain tumor. Surgery was performed the same day. He is recovering well. The boy's father credits Dr. Roubos with saving his son's life and is on a crusade to make other parents aware of the importance of having eye examinations.

**Scott Sedlacek (OD'98)** was awarded the Jack Keith Young Optometrist of the Year from the Ohio Optometric Association in October at the EastWest Eye Conference.

**2002 Douglas Lanning (OD'02)** became a partner in a group practice in Eureka, CA.

**Erica Morris (OD'02)** announces that her first child was born, Kathryn Bernice Morris, on April 23, 2006. She writes, "Jay and I love being parents! If you are ever in eastern NC, come visit!"

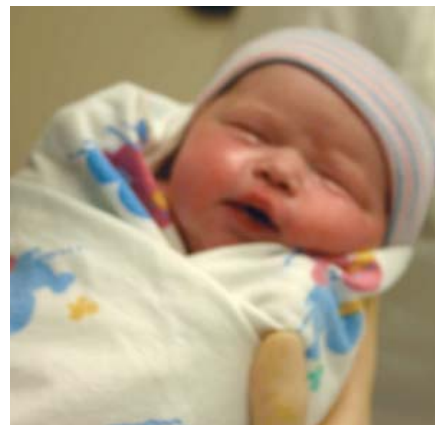
**2004 Tony Fox (OD/MS'04)** writes, "**Lynn Evers (OD'05)** and I were married at Deer Creek State Park in Ohio on October 7, 2006. We are living and practicing optometry in Anchorage, Alaska. This past year has been fun. We've hiked glaciers, watched midnight sun baseball games and run



Drs. Tony Fox and Lynn Evers hiking among glaciers in Alaska.

into grizzly bears while mountain biking!"

**2005 Abby Whiting (OD'05)** opened Whiting Family Vision Care, PC in November 2005 as a solo-practice. "My husband and I were just blessed with the birth of our first child-Jenna Grace Whiting on September 13th 2006, 7lbs, 3oz!"



Cassandra Mae Mattson

**2006** Cassandra Mae Mattson (Cassie), was born June 30th at 8:15 am to **Jen Mattson (OD'06)**. She was 7 lbs 10.4 oz and 21.5 inches long. Jen says, "She and I are doing very well and are home now after a repeat C-section. Michael and Ryan are also fine and Michael is adjusting well to being a big brother."

## Obituaries

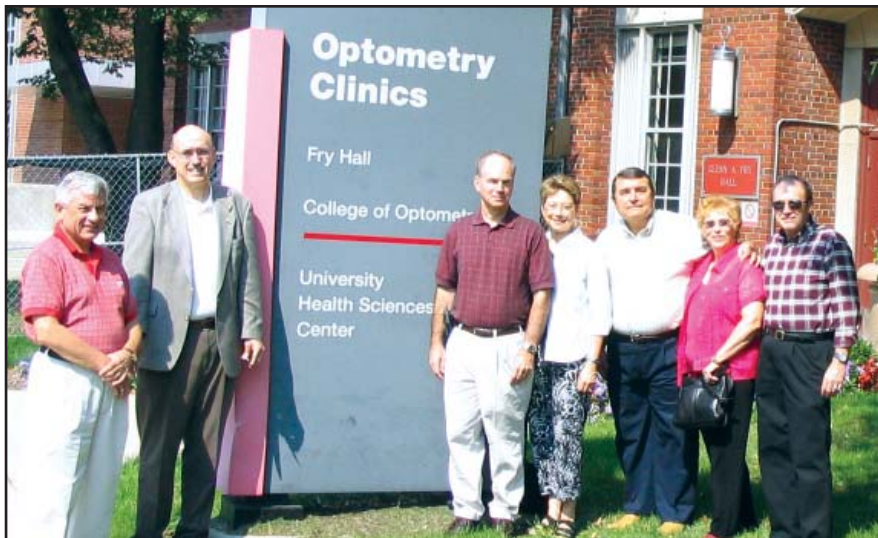
**Donald Christianson (BS'50)**  
**Joseph W. Johnson (BS'50)**  
**Allan Wexler (BS'61)**  
**Steve Roesch (OD'79)**



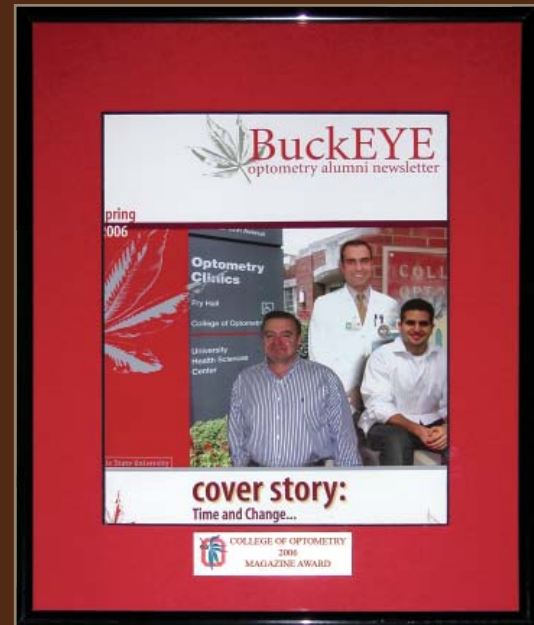
## Class of 1966 Returns to Campus

The Class of 1966 returned to campus for their 40th year reunion on September 9-10. They remembered lectures from Drs. Glenn Fry and Vincent Ellerbrock. They remembered performing eye examinations without using drops. And they remembered modifying polymethylmethacrylate (PMMA) contact lenses and getting “Silvo” on their white clinic coats!

Their reunion weekend included a tour of the college, dinner together, and watching a memorable football game on TV in which the Buckeyes beat the Texas Longhorns 24-7. Pictured below are Drs. Nick Parthenakis (Cincinnati), Bill Thomas (Gallipolis), Jerry and Andrya Lowther (Bloomington, IN), Mike and Carol Coon (Silver City, NM), and Pat Reardon (Jacksonville, FL). Others in attendance but not available for the group photo were Drs. Koran Zehnder and his wife Kay (New Philadelphia); Ron Beal and his wife Judy (Lancaster); Bruce Pratte (Springfield); and Dan Runyan and his wife Judy (Springfield).



## Congratulations to the Buckeye Magazine team!



The BuckEYE Magazine won Best Alumni Magazine in a Campuswide competition.

### Team:

Jeff Myers  
Gayle Glanville  
Robert Newcomb  
Barbara Fink  
Sally Haltom  
Karen Stedfeld  
Kerri McTigue

# Announcement

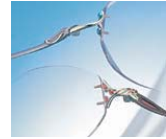
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### The Roof is Raised!

The new E.F. Wildermuth Optometric Research Clinic is open for business! All faculty and staff will be moved in by the end of November. We are excited to put our great new space to good use!

# Thank You!

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