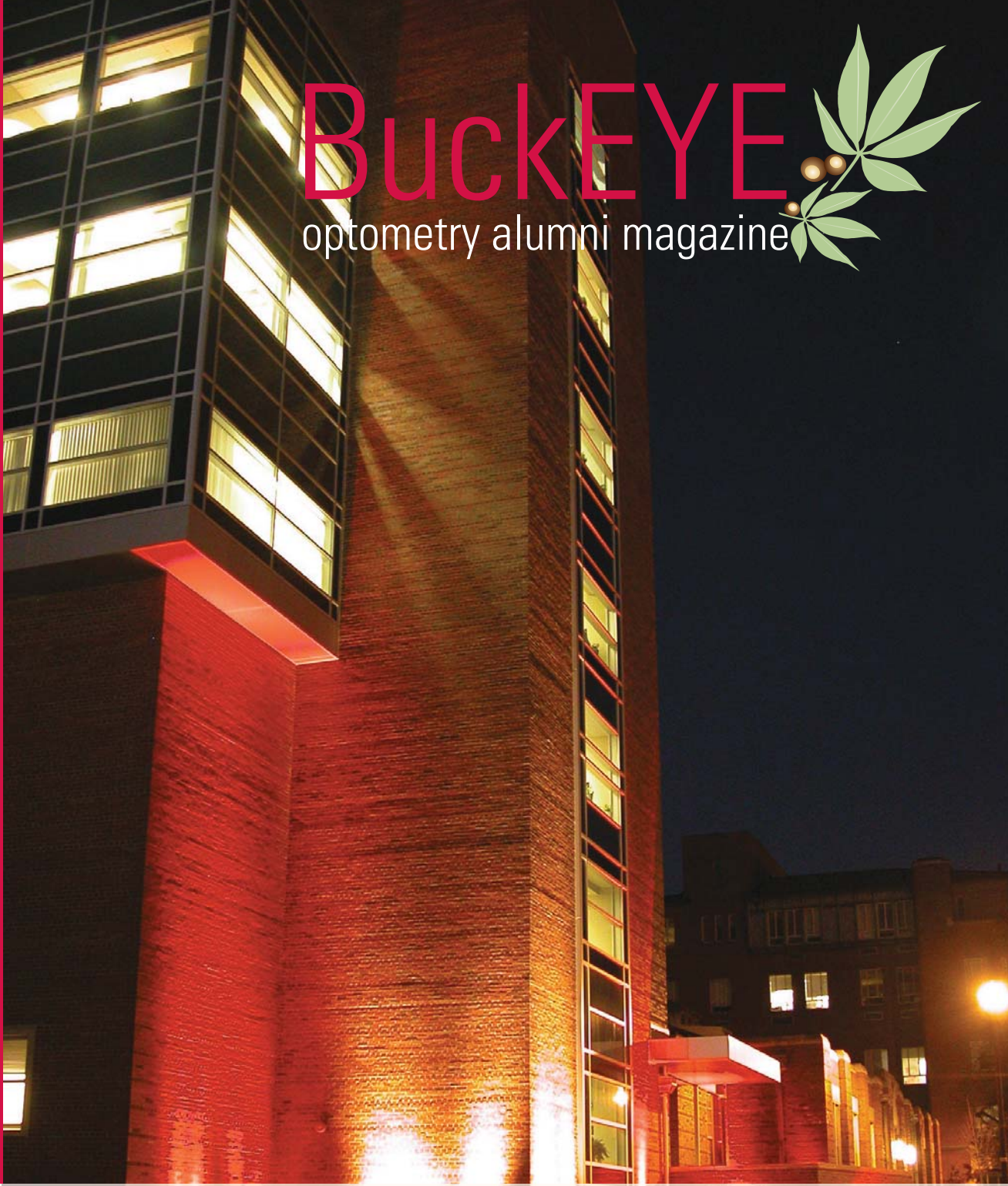


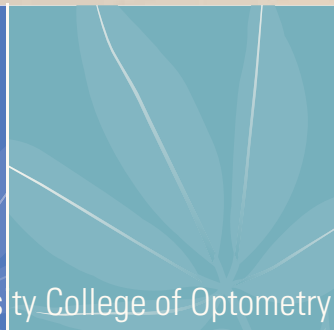
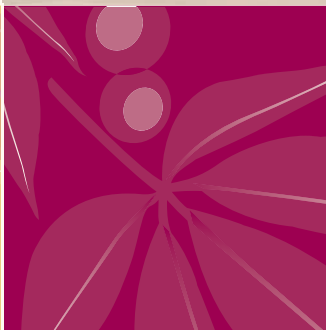
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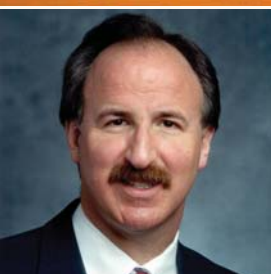
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# From the Dean



Dear Optometry Alumni and Friends,

Welcome to the most recent edition of our award-winning BuckEYE Optometry Alumni Newsletter.

In this issue we celebrate new beginnings. We begin right here on campus with the grand opening of the E.F. Wildermuth Optometric Research Clinic, referred to now as “the Wildermuth.” Though the temperature was in single digits outside on Saturday, February 3, 2007, the atmosphere inside the Wildermuth couldn’t have been warmer. As approximately 160 friends and colleagues gathered to witness the dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony on the fourth floor, the warmth of gratitude and pride filled the entire building. Of course, all those bodies helped raise the temperature as well! Thanks to you all for the many ways in which you donated and the many talents you tapped to make this dream a reality.

One of our feature stories focuses on alumnus, **Richard Weisbarth (OD, ’80)**, who was recently appointed Vice President, Global Head Professional Development and Partnerships for CIBA Vision, and who, in December 2006, became president of the American Academy of Optometry. From the Epsilon Psi Epsilon fraternity house on E. 12th to E. 15th, from Ohio to Atlanta to Zurich and back to Atlanta, from AAO student member to Fellow to Diplomate to Board Member to President, Dr. Weisbarth has experienced many new beginnings. As he embarks on yet another phase of his career, we are proud and confident that the excellent education he received here at Ohio State and other institutions along the way have prepared him well for this new challenge that lies ahead.

Finally, **Brian Montgomery (OD/MS’95)** returned in December 2006 from his 12-month deployment in Kosovo as a Major in the US Army Reserve. Picking up his life where he left off after a year away is a new beginning that is hard for most of us to appreciate. He is yet another example of the many committed alums who have taken the knowledge they have received at The Ohio State University College of Optometry and shared it with people a world away, making a difference in the lives that they have touched, and ultimately receiving more than they have given.

I never cease to be inspired and at the same time humbled by the alumni, faculty, staff, and students of this fine College. Thank you for all that you do in the limitless and creative ways in which you do it.

With warmest regards for a refreshing spring,

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



# From the President

Interesting timing for me to submit my remarks for this issue of the newsletter. Today is February 28 and my thoughts leading up to this column were to cover highlights of our organization's finances. If you remember, the market went down over 400 points yesterday and certainly affected quite a few retirement funds. So maybe it's not the best time to talk finances, but we'll do it anyway (especially since I just filed our 990 tax return).

Over the last five years, Optometry Alumni and Friends (OAF) has averaged 500 annual dues paying members generating \$20,000. Last year's annual memberships were above the average. OAF had 620 annual dues paid in 2006. This income supports the major portions of our expenses which include Convocation (hooding at graduation), Open House, Welcome Dinner for incoming first year students, White Coat Ceremony for first year students, pre-optometry newsletter, mailing expenses, and OAF's pledge to the Raise the Roof campaign. These expenditures are averaging very close to \$20,000. Your OAF magazine's budget is nearly \$18,000 but is currently funded by Hoya. A huge thank you is certainly appropriate the next time you visit with a Hoya rep.

Life membership dues generate on average \$10,000 each year. These funds are not used for expenditures. Interest from these funds are allocated towards general expenses if needed. OAF currently has \$125,268.41 which generated over \$4,500 in 2006. Certificates of deposit are the only investments as the previous boards have always taken a conservative approach so no funds would be lost. OAF's life membership total is over 400.

Optometry Alumni has an endowed fund that was established in 1995. A gift of over \$65,000 was made to the College of Optometry Development Fund from Optometry Alumni. These dollars were mostly life membership monies donated prior to 1995 and OAF's goals and considerations for the College are taken into account if any of the gains of the original investment are utilized by the College. At that time, Optometry Alumni became Optometry Alumni and Friends due to requirements of the Ohio State University Alumni Association (OSUAA). OAF was required to establish it's own federal ID number and start as a new entity, which meant donating our funds to the College. OAF is currently a 501c(4) organization and tax reports are filed as a group filing supported by the Ohio State University Alumni Association. Therefore, OAF is a separate organization and a membership of OAF is not a membership of OSUAA.

I realize this is a very quick overview, but also one that hasn't been presented for quite some time. Your board of directors is very thankful for your support of Optometry Alumni and Friends. Also, the administration and students at the OSU College of Optometry are thankful our OAF's support and commitment.

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

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

President, OSU Optometry Alumni & Friends



The Optometry Alumni & Friends Board presents Dean Shipp with a check for their Raise the Roof pledge.

# From the Editor



## A Reminder

Some of you know that I grew up in a funeral home. That experience gives one a different perspective on death. Death becomes a fact of life, a way of life. The frequency with which I saw death early in life greatly exceeds the deaths that most folks are close to through their entire life. 'Normal' deaths, deaths of young folks, traffic accidents, motorcycle accidents, suicides, homicides....some are seen as blessings, others are inexplicable and inconsolable.

Several of the folks who are listed in our obituaries this issue are folks I had a connection to. Space does not allow us to list a full obituary for each alumnus. Neil Bailey (BS'47, PhD'54) does have a brief obituary as a tribute to his outstanding contributions to the college and the profession. While I did not know Shirley Daniel (OD'70) personally, I was aware of her failing health and kept in touch with her situation through mutual friends. I served on Ohio Optometric Association committees with Charlie Snide (BS'51, OD'77) and shared the stage with him the night he was recognized as OOA Optometrist of the Year as I was recognized as the OOA Young Optometrist of the Year. He was a Buckeye through and through.

Few deaths surprise me. Prior to this fall, the last was probably Bill Quelette (OD'71). Those of you with good observation skills will notice the name of John Hlavaty (OD'84), and recognize him as a classmate of mine. After 22 years, the first of my classmates passed last fall. Like many of the obituaries we list, only those of us who knew John will know anything about him. I want to share a bit about him.

John passed unexpectedly. He had been called to the hospital by his brother to be at his father's side as his father was failing. John did not make it to the hospital, dying of cardiovascular issues while driving. His father passed later. I can only imagine the pain experienced by his family.

John was a true scientist, one who asked questions and listened to answers, one who wanted to understand, one who, like most of us, wanted to do the best for our patients. He was House Steward for E Psi E (the first, if I am not mistaken) and took the responsibility seriously, watching food costs and managing cooks. When I would see him at continuing education, we would speak briefly. He would often ask for opinions and thoughts about current professional topics. He was private and quiet.

So, why the talk about death and a classmate that few of you knew? To make this point: it is easy in our professional and jam-packed lives to not find time or make time to spend time with family members or friends or colleagues. We just don't take time to really get to know them, to understand them, to share and invest in those relationships. Investing in relationships enriches our lives. It connects us with one another. It is our network of life.

We have been placed in one another's lives to care for one another and support one another. Take time in the next months to visit a family member or friend. Or call a colleague to go to lunch or supper, in town or at a meeting. Spend time listening and sharing. Invest in them. Your life will be enriched.

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

BuckEYE Editor





# The Roof

# is Raised on the Wildermuth

by Jeffrey A. Myers (OD'84)

The roof is finally raised on Fry Hall! After almost 10 years of planning and preparation, the three-story addition to Fry Hall is completed. What was envisioned as a project to fill the needs of an influx of researchers has now become a reality, and the research area has a new name: "the Wildermuth."

In the mid 1990's, it was clear that additional space for The Ohio State University College of Optometry was needed to address the research

needs of the College. Prior to that, researchers were crammed into makeshift space and shared space with the various clinics of the College. After considering several options, including building entirely new space, the College chose to extend Fry Hall upward by three floors. It appears that this possibility had been considered for a long period of time.

Careful planning and consideration were given to this plan. The space has been built very generically, so that,

as needs of researchers change over the course of time, the space can be modified and reconfigured to address those changing needs. One of the specific concepts of the new research space is to put PhD students in the same area as their faculty advisors. This will provide easier interaction and mentoring for the graduate students. Additionally, the placing of researchers doing similar research in close proximity will provide synergism and allow for sharing of resources.



# photos from the Grand



Robert Wright (OD'60), Gayle Glanville, and June Wright entering on the red carpet.



Joe Barr (OD'77, MS'79), Melvin Shipp (OD, MPH, DrPH), OSU Executive Vice President and Provost Barbara Snyder, Karla Zadnik (OD, PhD), and Pat Campbell, Wildermuth Foundation



The Wildermuth Family: David and Rebecca Patterson, Pat and Ellen Campbell, Christopher Campbell, Laura Schrage, and John Campbell



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Pam and Irwin Kroneberg, Haag-Streit/  
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Pete and Mercine Mastores, Volk Optical



The total cost of the project was \$9.1 million. The E.F. Wildermuth Foundation made a lead gift of \$1 million, The Ohio State University contributed \$3.6 million, and a grant written by Dean John Schoessler provided \$2 million from NIH, with a \$1 million match from the state of Ohio. The College placed \$500,000 of its reserves in the mix and then raised \$1 million from alumni, industry, and faculty.

The actual building portion of the project began in July of 2005 and took 15 months to complete. While one lecture classroom and faculty and staff offices were moved in the summer of 2004, bidding challenges delayed the construction start date until the summer of 2005. The building portion of the project was completed in 15 months—on time and on budget. The new space adds 13,000 assignable square feet to the College. The new floors house 14 faculty members.



# Opening February 3, 2007

Dean Mel Shipp and David Patterson celebrate after the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Pat and Ellen Campbell, Susie and Greg Good (OD'75, PhD'81) at the reception.



Ewen King-Smith (PhD) demonstrates his equipment in his new lab.



Pat Campbell, Kathryn Richdale (OD'02, MS'05), and David Patterson



Most recently, the configuration of Fry Hall was as follows:

**Basement:** room 33 lecture hall, teaching laboratories, faculty laboratories, & Instructional Media.

**First floor:** primary vision care clinic.

**Second floor:** faculty space, clinical research and student computer space.

**Third floor:** faculty and research offices.

The new configuration of Fry Hall is as follows:

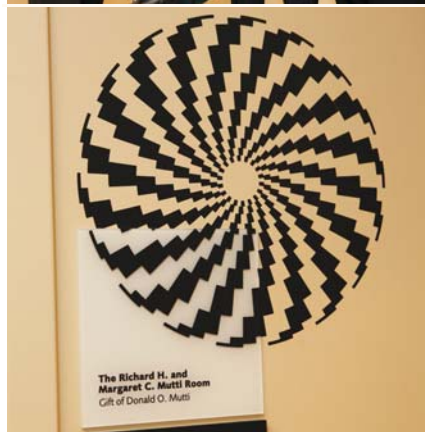
**Basement:** large and remodeled room 33 lecture hall (to be opened spring quarter 2007), Instructional Media, and teaching laboratories.

**First floor:** vision rehabilitation, binocular vision and pediatrics clinics.



left  
Dean Mel Shipp, June Wright, Robert Wright (OD'60), Arol Augsburger (OD/MS'71), and Stephanie Augsburger

lower right  
Richard Weisbarth (OD'80), Jacqueline Davis (OD'81), and Woodrow Davis



The Richard H. and Margaret C. Mott Room  
Gift of Donald O. Mott





**Second floor:** pre-clinic teaching laboratories, faculty offices, anatomy lab.

**Third floor:** modern biomedical science wet laboratory, faculty space, graduate student offices, and graduate research space.

**Fourth floor:** pediatric vision research with five faculty offices, research laboratories, examination rooms, and reception area.

**Fifth floor:** adult vision research with five faculty offices, research laboratories, examination rooms, reception area and graduate students.

**Sixth floor:** faculty space, research staff, and two conference rooms.

**Seventh floor:** mechanicals.

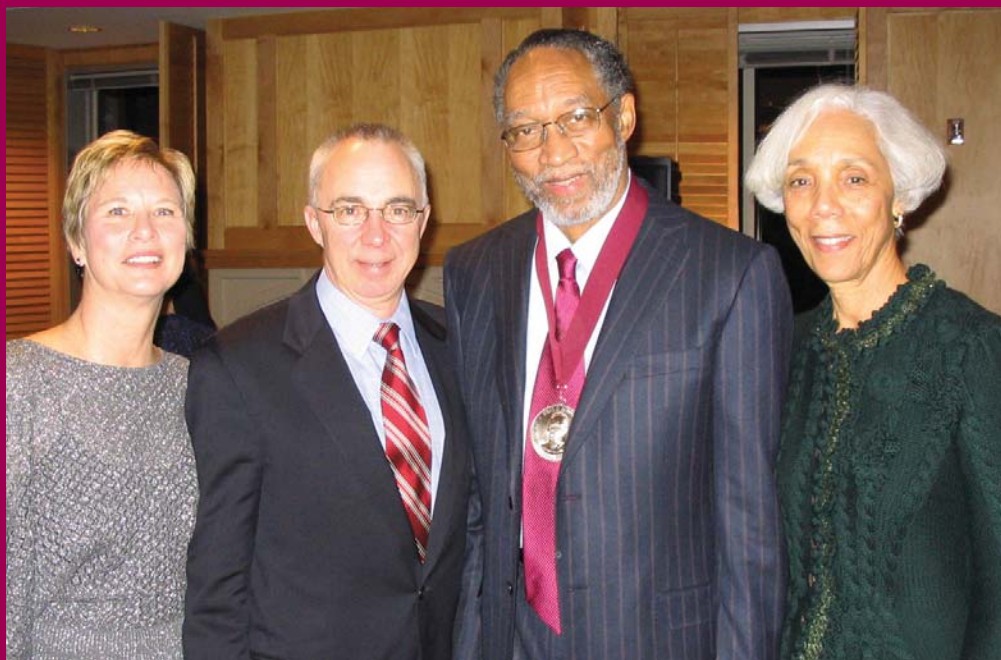
The areas that formerly housed the binocular vision and pediatric, and vision rehabilitation clinics have now been converted to primary vision care and contact lens clinical areas.

The dedication for the new space was held on February 3, 2007. Over 150 faculty, staff, donors, and guests attended the dedication event, which included recognitions and tours of the new facility. Following the dedication, a benefactor dinner was held in the Prior Health Sciences Library. During this time, the Dr. Neal J. Bailey Optometry Medal for Development was presented to **Wayne H. Collier (OD'65)** and **Robert L. Wright (OD'60)** for their significant personal contributions to the College's development efforts.

Thanks to all who contributed and made sacrifices for this project. This facility propels our College into a new arena in terms of optometric research.



Dean Shipp congratulates Dr. Wayne Collier on receiving the Neal Bailey Medal. Dr. Collier's contribution funded the John P. Schoessler Conference Room.



Janet Barr and Dr. Joe Barr congratulate Dr. Robert Wright and his wife, June, on receiving the Neal Bailey Medal. Dr. Wright's contribution funded the forth floor reception area.

## The Bailey Medal

**Neal J. Bailey (OD'47, PhD'54)** was the leading benefactor of our College. Dr. Bailey's reputation for giving back to his college and university teach all of us the value of showing our appreciation for the mentors and institutions that shaped us. The Bailey Medal was created in 1995 and given in recognition for outstanding contributions to development. There have been three previous recipients:



1995 - Neal Bailey

1997 - Humphrey Instruments

1997 - Jack Johnson (President of COW Instruments)



# Optometry Services Relocations

by Joe Barr (OD'77, MS'79)



The new anatomy lab.



(top) Main reception area, (above) BVP reception area

The opening of the Wildermuth Optometric Research Clinic has resulted in other great new changes in our Fry Hall and Starling Loving A Wing space allocations. Our philosophy is to have patient care areas be solely for patient care.

For the most part, we no longer have to teach pre-clinic laboratories in clinical patient care areas. We are trying very hard to keep college and other university related foot traffic minimized in the patient care areas. Our philosophy is that patient care comes first. We continue to have the same or even higher intensity of clinical teaching. Consistent

with our ethical standards and our commitment to our third party payors, our providers will focus on the best possible patient care we can provide. Please note that the faculty/staff mailroom has been moved to the College administrative area on the 4th floor of Starling Loving Hall.

The only faculty and staff offices in the patient care areas are those who spend the most time there, including the Clinic Director's office. We also no longer need to schedule evening pre-clinical laboratories around the availability of pre-clinic lab space on the second floor of Fry Hall.

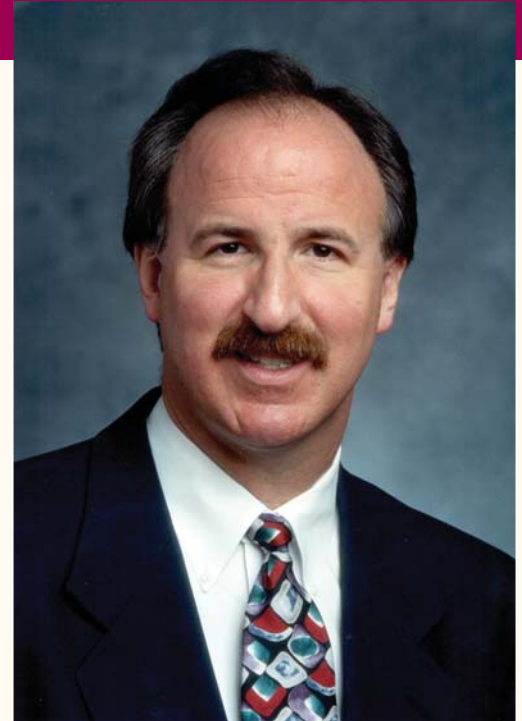
Remodeling of this area has been supported by Volk Optical, Inc.

In all areas, there is much more room for auxiliary testing instrumentation and intern-attending (former called student-faculty) consultations. We also are planning, as funds can be made available, to renovate and improve our patient reception and welcoming area and other areas within the patient care facilities. In the next issue, we'll tell you about the renovation of 33 Fry Hall.

# Alumni in Leadership: Dr. Richard Weisbarth

## Weisbarth Becomes President of Academy

*Richard Weisbarth (OD'80) has gone from Fairview Park, Ohio to Atlanta, Georgia and become Vice President, Global Head Professional Development and Partnerships for CIBA Vision Corporation. Along the way he has volunteered his time to the American Academy of Optometry and became president of that organization in December 2006.*



Dr. Weisbarth graduated from The Ohio State University College of Optometry in 1980. He served as president of Epsilon Psi Epsilon, the optometric fraternity, for two years and was influential in moving the house from its previous location on E. 12th Ave to its current location on E. 15th Ave. The fraternity helped him to get involved in organizational optometry.

After graduation, Dr. Weisbarth completed a one year contact lens residency program at the University of Alabama in Birmingham. After a brief time in private practice, he joined CIBA Vision in Atlanta as a clinical research optometrist. He has held a number of positions at CIBA since, including a 3-year assignment that took him to Zürich, Switzerland. Over the years, he had 10 publications

to his credit, and has lectured and presented extensively on an international basis. In November 2006, he was promoted to Vice President, Global Head Professional Development and Partnerships.

His new role will be to develop a global professional services team. CIBA has offices in 40 countries, but not professional services managers in every location. The end goal is to develop a world-class professional services organization. Additionally, he will be working on partnerships with key international organizations, educational institutions, and researchers, including the WCO, Optometry Giving Sight, and IACLE.

He joined the American Academy of Optometry as a student member and attended his first Academy meeting in

1980 at the Drake Hotel in Chicago, Illinois. He became a Fellow in 1983 and a Diplomate in the Cornea and Contact Lens Section in 1986. He was very active in the leadership of the Cornea and Contact Lens Section of the Academy and was invited to run then for the Academy's Board of Directors in the mid-1990s. That invitation to run for the Board of Directors came just a few hours prior to the election, forcing him to scramble to find a couple other Academy members to offer seconding speeches. **Drs. James Sheedy (OD/MS'74, PhD'77)** and Richard Hopping spoke his behalf at his original election.

Since being on the board of directors of the Academy, he notes that the most critical achievement of the Academy is summed up in the words "Today's Research, Tomorrow's Prac-



by Jeffrey A. Myers (OD'84)

tice\*.” He truly feels that the strength of the Academy is to nurture research today that will eventually become practical clinical practice of the profession tomorrow. These words also help to remind researchers and clinicians alike that there is a common bond between the research efforts of our profession and the clinical practice of the profession.

His two-year term as president has created several goals. First, the Academy will be moving its annual meeting to the October/November timeframe away from its traditional December timeframe. Second, the strategic plan of the Academy will be updated for the first time in four years. Third, he wants to be sure that the structure of the Academy organization and the content of the meeting are satisfying the needs of the membership. Fourth, he hopes to increase membership by building awareness of what the Academy does among not just research and academic professionals, but clinical professionals as well. Fifth, he hopes to partner with other organizations to achieve the goals that came out of the Optometry 2020 Summits conducted by the American Optometric Association last year. He is specifically interested in jointly focusing on the issues of ongoing and advanced competency as well as certification for our profession.

Dr. Weisbarth loves what he does with the Academy and also with CIBA Vision. He spends many days away from his family (that includes wife, Pam and children, Tyler and Kristen) in Atlanta, for Academy and CIBA business.

Congratulations to Dr. Weisbarth on his election as president of the American Academy of Optometry.



Jim Sheedy (OD/MS'74, PhD'77), Joe Barr (OD'77, MS'79), and Weisbarth, circa 1980, in front of the newly purchased E Psi E house on east 15th Ave.



The Weisbarth family: (l to r) Tyler, Kristen, Richard, and Pam

## Two Faculty Members Receive AAO Awards

At the American Academy of Optometry (AAO) Annual Awards Ceremony in Denver on December 9, 2006, two OSU College of Optometry faculty members received prestigious awards which recognized their career achievements.

**Donald Mutti (OD, PhD)** received the Glenn A. Fry Award for his current contributions in optometric research. As all OSU optometry graduates know, this award is named after one of optometry's premier vision scientists and educators who established the first university-level PhD program at Ohio State, implemented a research model for education, and played a major role in elevating the profession of optometry. Dr. Mutti gave a stimulating presentation entitled "Go, Stop, and Stretch – Influences on Refractive Development," after which Dr. Mark Bullimore, OSU College of Optometry Professor and current President of the American Optometric Foundation, presented his award to him.

**Robert Newcomb (OD'71, MPH)** received the Academy's Eminent Service Award for distinguished, exemplary, or unique service rendered to the AAO and its membership. Dr. Newcomb served on the AAO board for 18 years, including a two-year term as President in 2000 and 2001, during which time he expanded the participation of federal service optometrists in Academy activities, began an e-mail program to acquaint new Academy Fellows with the organization's history and traditions, and established an endowed student travel fellowship to the annual meeting. His award was presented by current Academy President **Joe Yager (OD '73)**.





## Burgei wins Ocular Photography Contest Winner

Dawn Burgei (OD'04) received an honorable mention for her photograph submitted for the 2006 Ocular Photography Contest. Congratulations Dawn!



## Schmidt Keynote Lecture at Southern California College of Optometry

**Paulette Schmidt (OD'73, MS'76)** presented the Elizabeth E. Caloroso Keynote Lecture at Southern California College of Optometry in Fullerton, California in October 2006. This invited lecture recognized Dr. Schmidt's distinguished and exemplary contributions to pediatric optometry. Her lecture was entitled: Childhood Vision Disorders of Public Health Significance: What Research Tells Us.

Dr. Schmidt served as the Principal Investigator on the Vision in

## Game Day with Students

ESPN's College Gameday came to Ohio State for the Michigan game on Nov 18; and there were a few fans in the crowd from the College of Optometry.



Alison Palmer (OD '07), Mike Dobos (OD '05), "Buckeye Bob" Newcomb (OD '71), Tracy Waner (OD '07), Matt Waner (OD '03), and Erica Johnson (OD '07).

Preschoolers (VIP) research project. This interdisciplinary collaborative study was funded by the National Eye Institute. Dr. Schmidt and the VIP project were featured in the Summer 2006 edition of the BuckEYE Optometry Alumni Newsletter.

## We Make House Calls – Do You?

For many years, OSU College of Optometry faculty and students have provided primary eye and vision care services to home-bound and nursing home patients in central Ohio. This academic year, we expanded our service to two days per week. **Joan Nerderman (OD '86)** takes students and equipment in the BuckEYE van to patients on Mondays, and **Robert Newcomb (OD '71, MPH)** provides the same service on Thursdays.

Gloria Scott-Tibbs, the College's coordinator for this unique and much-needed outreach program, occasionally gets requests for home-bound and/or nursing home eye and vision care outside of Franklin County. If you would like to have your practice listed in the OSU Optometry Alumni network for this type of service in other Ohio counties, please contact her at [gscott-tibbs@optometry.osu.edu](mailto:gscott-tibbs@optometry.osu.edu). You would organize and administer this service as you wish with respect to scheduling, billing, scope of services offered, fee structure, etc. Drs. Nerderman and Newcomb are available for phone or e-mail consultations to explain how this program is operated within our professional optometric curriculum.



Model Preschool Vision Screening Program Partners: Dr. Jeff King – OSU Extension, Dr. Paulette P. Schmidt – College of Optometry, Dr. Jill Eversole Nolan – OSU Extension, Dr. Mel Shipp – Dean, College of Optometry, Mrs. Betty Head – College of Optometry, and Dr. Barbara Ludwig (insert) – Associate Dean, College of Education and Human Ecology.

## University/Community Model Preschool Vision Screening Program

Through an Excellence in Engagement Grant to **Paulette P. Schmidt (OD'73, MS'76)** from the University Office of Outreach and Engagement, a community-based model program will be developed for widespread use in implementing effective preschool vision screening. The model program is an active collaboration among university and community partners from the College of Optometry, the Ohio State University Extension Program – 4H Leadership and Family Consumer Science Programs, the College of Edu-

cation and Human Ecology, and the Columbus Foundation. The purpose of an Excellence in Engagement Grant is to support an interdisciplinary team to build on their academic/research excellence and to establish innovative partnership with the community.

Amblyopia, strabismus, and refractive error are the prevalent and significant vision disorders among preschool-age children. These vision disorders are the leading handicapping conditions of childhood. Yet, fewer than 14% of preschool-age children have eye exams, and fewer than 22% have their vision screened. Nationally, the Healthy People 2010 Program has as

an objective to increase to 52% the percentage of preschool-age children who have their vision screened. The Vision In Preschoolers (VIP) Study – Phases I & II, with the study center at The Ohio State University College of Optometry – was funded by the National Eye Institute (NIH/DHHS) and conducted to establish the effectiveness of vision screening tests usable with preschool-age children to determine those children who would benefit from a comprehensive eye examination to detect amblyopia, strabismus, and significant refractive error factors. Results from the VIP Study established:

- 1) the best tests for use in preschool vision screening,
- 2) that screenings conducted by trained lay people are similar to results of trained nurses and eye doctors when standardized training and testing procedures are used,
- 3) the levels of amblyopia, strabismus and significant refractive error for detection in preschool vision screening programs, and
- 4) vision screening test/tester and age-related pass/fail criteria.

For further information regarding The VIP Study and/or study results, please visit the website at: <http://optometry.osu.edu/research/vip>.



## Gorilla with Strabismus

**Marjean Kulp (OD'91, MS '93)** recently had the opportunity to consult on a case of convergence excess esotropia of the left eye in a two-year-old gorilla named Dotty at the Columbus Zoo. Her trainers noticed the eye turn approximately 6 months prior. Dr. Kulp evaluated Dottie's eye alignment through the back of her cage (in the area where the trainers have access) while the adult gorillas tried to get attention by banging on the side of the cage or throwing straw. Atropine therapy with a spray is being considered. Dr. Rich Hertle of Pittsburgh has agreed to provide a consult on a potential strabismus surgery.





## Have You Heard About Our Dr. Heard?

NetWellness Ask An Expert Eye & Vision Moderator & Ask An Expert Eye & Vision Moderator for African Americans

**Cynthia Heard (OD'92)**

became the Netwellness Eye & Vision Moderator in October 2006. In this capacity, Dr. Heard responds to or assigns to colleagues about 40 inquiries a month. She reports that "Individuals who send in questions appear to be quite savvy about health information already." Often the questions are very specific to the requesters' needs or those of family members. The most common inquiries tend to come from concerned parents who want to know more about amblyopia or why their child's spectacle prescription is different if obtained from two eye care providers within days or weeks

between examinations. "Questions about spots and floaters are another hot topic. But by far, the fascination with eye color and why it changes under different conditions is the most common question for which there is little scientific information available. I imagine that individuals are disappointed when I respond and explain that the color change is more perceptual than actual."

Dr. Heard says that she appreciates being able to assist individuals with their concerns as an unbiased source of information, and that she often refers individuals to the AllAboutVision website for high quality consumer health information. "The site offers

excellent explanations for common eye conditions that most people encounter themselves or in caring for a family member at some point in their lives. Many times I will tailor a response to an individual's question and add the URL for AllAboutVision so that they can read a detailed explanation about this condition as well, if they choose to do so."

Dr. Heard says that she is proud that she can contribute to the continued wellness of individuals in Ohio who seek health information from NetWellness, and also adds, "If I never receive another inquiry about why eye color changes, it will be too soon!"

## Dr. Shipp speaks at Vistakon

**Dean Melvin Shipp (OD, MPH, DrPH)** was a special guest speaker at the Johnson & Johnson Vision Care Institute's (JJVCI) program in honor of Black History Month. Dean Shipp traveled to JJVCI's headquarters in Jacksonville, FL to speak to the African American Leadership Council and JJVCI administrators and staff on Monday, February 12, 2007. His presentation included a discussion about human and economic costs associated with eye and vision care disparities in underserved communities.

## Erica Johnson receives Board of Trustees Award

Class of 2007 president Erica Johnson received The Ohio State University Board of Trustees Student Recognition Award in September 2006. In nominating Ms. Johnson for this award, Dean Melvin Shipp said that, "Erica is an exceptional scholar, gifted clinician, and exemplary leader both within our College and at the national level. She is most deserving of this recognition."



Erica Johnson speaking to The Ohio State University Board of Trustees.



(l to r) OSU Board of Trustees members Christopher Alvarez-Breckenridge (graduate student representative) and Judge Robert Duncan (chair), Erica Johnson ('07), and OSU President Karen Holbrook.

# Focus on Alumni: Brian Montgomery (OD/MS'95)

## Montgomery Completes 12 month Kosovo Tour

**Brian Montgomery (OD/MS '95)**, a Major in the US Army Reserve completed a 12 month deployment in Kosovo in December 2006. This was the 5th overseas tour in his 19 year career in the Army and Army Reserves. Previous deployments have included time in El Salvador, Honduras, Bosnia, Germany, Hungary, and Afghanistan.

Dr. Montgomery joined the Army as a private in the National Guard while in high school to earn money for college. He then earned the Health Professions Scholarship which helped to pay for his Optometry education. Currently, he is attached with the 18th Field Hospital in Ft. Story, VA. For his Kosovo deployment, he was 'on loan' to the 36th Infantry Division from Ft. Hood, Texas.

His primary role for this deployment was to coordinate with other NATO country camps, to provide support for vision care. The US had the only vision care and provided services to Swedish, British, Italian, German, Ukraine, Polish and Czech troops. His typical day would begin with Reveille and breakfast, followed by a 7:30 am briefing. He would provide vision care from 8 am to 4 pm to US and NATO soldiers, focusing on aviator physicals. The mornings began with urgent 'red eye' visits and injuries. Evenings were spent involved in intramural sports and preparing for military and humanitarian missions.

Weekly, Dr. Montgomery's camp would host continuing education and Grand Rounds. NATO personnel as well as Kosovo doctors would present

and participate. Often the Kosovo Minister of Health would attend and discuss the challenges of creating a health care system in Kosovo.

Consistent with the Army's promotional message, 'Army of One', Dr. Montgomery participated in a mission about every six days. About a third of these were true military missions where Liaison Monitoring Teams (LMT) would visit villages to keep peace and order. Their goal was to evaluate local government effectiveness by walking around the villages and interviewing business owners and residents to identify problems and successes.

About two-thirds of his missions were MEDCAP humanitarian missions. These missions took health care services to remote, rural villages where access to any health care was virtually nonexistent. He provided refractive services to over 2350 people and eyewear to more than 1850 people. The majority of the eyewear was donated by the Waverly Lions Club. While he was unable to provide comprehensive vision services to these folks, the refractive services were often the only vision care services these people had in their lifetime. "It was a tremendous feeling, really worth more than any money, and very rewarding to be able to provide eyewear to folks who had never had any sort of vision correction in their life. It was a truly life-changing experience for them," reported Montgomery.

Dr. Montgomery is quick to point out that long tours like this are much

easier knowing that his wife and children love him and are waiting for him at home.

His wife, Traci, was responsible for caring for their three children, Elysia-11, Tyson-9, and Emily-6, while he was deployed. All members of a family make substantial sacrifice when one of the parents is deployed.

When asked what his favorite and least favorite memories of his deployment, both surround his MEDCAP missions. While he was frustrated by the fact that he could not provide full scope vision care to the villagers due to lack of available resources, he took great satisfaction in providing eyewear to people who had been in need their entire life. "We watched this elderly lady come in for care who was just grouchy and simply



Dr. Montgomery in uniform.



An 82 year old lady from the village of Pasjane, showing off her first pair of eyewear (+13.00 OU) to Dr. Montgomery. Prior to receiving this pair of eyewear, she was unable to walk around on her own.

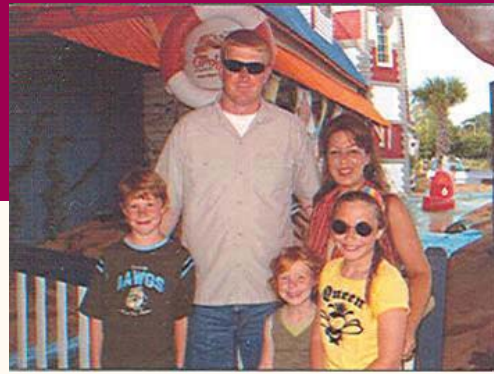




Dr. Montgomery with a 12 year old boy from the village of Mogilla, Kosovo getting his first pair of glasses.

mad at the world. We provided her with her first pair of glasses; +13.00 OU,” Montgomery recounts. “The change in her personality was immediate. Her unhappy disposition turned into a huge smile.”

Sometimes, we need to be reminded what an impact we can have in our profession.



Tyson, Brian, Emily, Traci, and Elysia at the beach.



Some of the 94 children seen on this day's MEDCAP mission to Dubrcane, Kosovo.

Plan now to attend the

## OSU College of Optometry Open House & Career Day



**Saturday**  
**April 28, 2007**  
**1:00 - 4:30 pm**

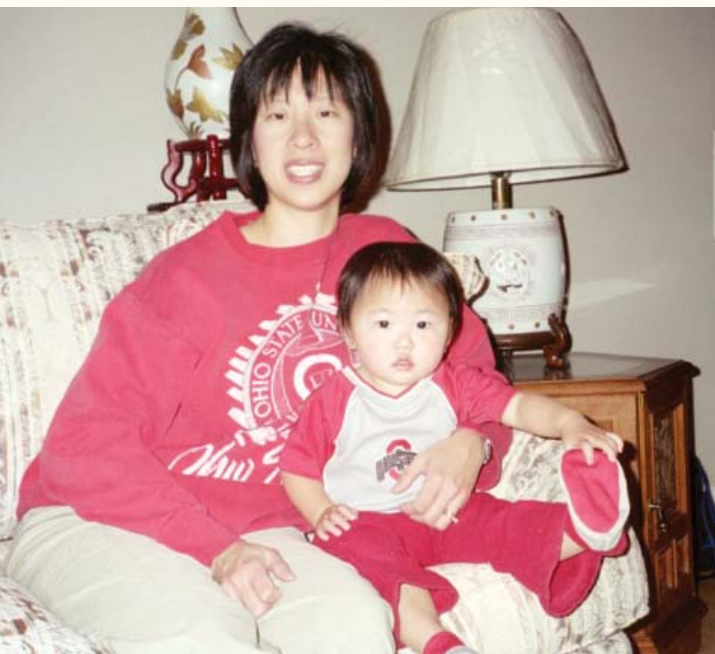
- Bring a prospective student
- Check out the Wildermuth Clinic
- College tours run continuously from 1:00 - 3:50 pm
- Meet students & faculty
- Admissions and financial aid information sessions at 1:10 & 3:00 pm
- Call 614-292-2647 for more information
- Visit our website at <http://optometry.osu.edu>



# about alumni...

**1952** Erwin Jay (OD'52) authored a book "How to Take Back Control of the 7 Most Important Areas of Your Life". It received five gold stars on Amazon.com.

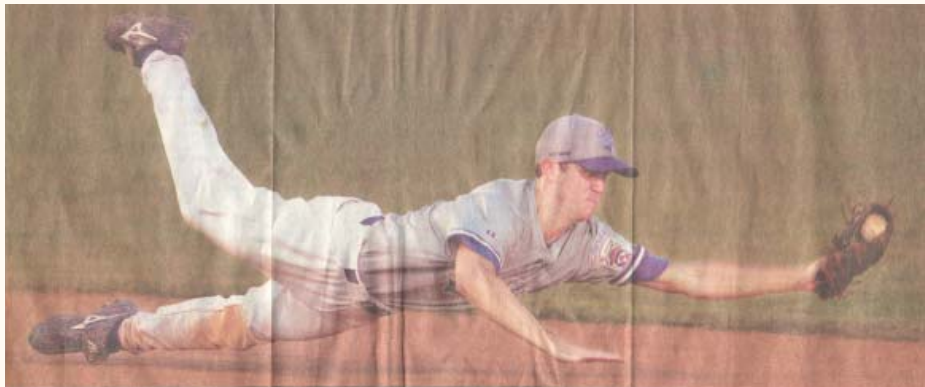
**1954** Don Lewis (OD'54, MD'61) Don Lewis (OD '54, MD '61) was inducted in to New Lexington High School's Alumni Hall of Fame. The Panthers honored Don for lifetime accomplishments. Following Optometry school, the Air Force, OSU medical school, and fellowship training at the Mayo Clinic, Don returned to Columbus to open his ophthalmology practice. In 1976 he



**2000** Minna Huang (OD'00) was awarded the California Optometric Association's Young Optometrist of the Year Award in February 2006. She received her award at the COA's House of Delegates meeting in Sacramento, CA. Congratulations Minna!

**2001** Seth Brown was born to Kefla George Brown (OD'01) on December 27, 2006. Congratulations to the Brown family on your new arrival!

Kefla George Brown (OD'01)  
and her newborn son Seth.



Rand Baughman, Jr., son of Rand Baughman (OD'82), makes a diving catch in the third inning of Greenville's World Series win over Illinois. Baughman is a shortstop for Greenville in the South Carolina District 1.

was the first surgeon at Riverside Hospital to implant an artificial lens following cataract surgery. Don continues to practice as a medical ophthalmologist in Columbus.

**1997** Marrisa, Ana, and Foster Marquardt congratulate their dad, Richard Marquardt (OD'97), after he skied to a first place win at the 46th annual Winter Carnival Chippendale and Bikini Races at Snow Trails outside their hometown of Mansfield, Ohio. Wearing a black Speedo and a black bow tie, he won in 20 degree weather. When asked about the experience, Marquardt reported, "A bottle of Nair: \$8. A Snow Trails lift ticket: \$42. Winning the Chippendale Race: Priceless."



Sandra Wang-Harris (OD'97) and her two-year old daughter Eileen.





**2003** Mike Mayers (OD'03) and wife Brooke are happy to announce the arrival of their daughter Nyla. She was born February 4, 2006.

**2003** Livia Hemmelgarn was born April 30, 2006 to **Liz Kuhn** (OD'03) and husband Brian Hemmelgarn.



Livia Hemmelgarn

## Seven OSU Optometry Grads Recognized at the AAO Annual Banquet

Five OSU Optometry Alumni were welcomed into the American Academy of Optometry as new Fellows, and two additional graduates were welcomed as new Diplomates, at the annual banquet of the American Academy of Optometry on December 10, 2006, in Denver, Colorado.

The new Fellows are Drs. Jon Forche (OD '98), Cara Frasco (OD '03), Cynthia Heard (OD '92), Katherine Richdale (OD '02, MS '05), and Aaron Tarbet (OD '05).

The new Academy Diplomates in Cornea and Contact Lenses are Drs. Susan Gromacki (OD, MS '93) and Mohinder Merchea (OD '97, MS '99, PhD '00).

Congratulations to all! We are so proud of your accomplishments!!



Neal J. Bailey, OD, PhD, FAAO

1917-2006



Dr. Neal J. Bailey, a two-time Ohio State graduate (OD '47, PhD '54) and long-time Ohio State faculty member, died Christmas Eve, 2006. In 1958, he established his home and office at 15th and High Streets and began to make and document contact lens history. According to Associate Dean Joe Barr, "Dr Bailey was precise, organized and uncompromising as an optometrist and as a businessperson. Yet he was one of the most comfortable persons to be with. One of his many humorous quotes was his definition of the ultimately-comfortable Holecon lens: a 9mm lens with a 10mm central fenestration."

Neal J. Bailey received awards from every major U.S. professional organization in his field, and he authored more than 120 articles and textbook chapters. But he also generously gave back to the profession he loved and to his alma mater by establishing the Neal J. and Florence E. Bailey Scholarship Fund at the OSU College of Optometry. Memorial gifts to that fund can be sent to the college, Attn: Gayle Glanville.



The Mayers' family: Noah, Brooke, Nyla, and Mike.

**2004** Kendall Eugene Casper was born on October 27, 2006 to **Jamie Casper** (OD'04) and wife Beth Casper. Kendall was 7 lbs. 8 oz and currently resides along the Atlantic coast in Wilmington, North Carolina.

**2006** Gina Wesley (OD'06) was interviewed in the Minneapolis-St. Paul market on October 26, 2006 about the InfantSEE program.

## In Memoriam

**Drew F. Roher (BS'49)**  
**Robert S. Beattie (BS'51)**  
**Charles Snide (BS'51, OD'77)**  
**Ralph W. Zehner (BS'54)**  
**Shirley Daniel (OD'70)**  
**John Hlavaty (OD'84)**



**Academy 2006** "Buckeye Bob" Newcomb (OD'71, MPH) and Dean Mel Shipp (OD, MPH, DrPH) lead the alumni in the O-H-I-O cheer at the 2006 Academy Alumni Reception as Jon Forche (OD'98) and Nadine Forche (OD/MS'97) look on.



# Save the Dates!



## Optometry Alumni Reunion



September 7-9, 2007

September 5-6, 2008

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# The 2007 Binocular Vision & Pediatrics Forum *and the* Children's Learning Forum

April 19-20, 2007 Holiday Inn on the Lane, Columbus, Ohio

This is a unique conference that takes a **multi-disciplinary** approach to working with children with learning issues.

## • SCHEDULE •

### Binocular Vision and Pediatrics Forum Thursday, April 19, 2007

- 8:30** Registration
- 9:00** Pediatric Grand Rounds  
Dr. Suzanne Wickum (2 hours)
- 11:00** Prescribing Medications For Pediatric Patients:  
Indications & Dosages  
Dr. Suzanne Wickum (1 hour)
- 12:00** Lunch (on your own)
- 1:30** Amblyopia: Therapeutic Update  
Dr. Suzanne Wickum (2 hours)
- 3:30** Kids And Kcontacts  
Dr. Suzanne Wickum (1 hour)

### Children's Learning Forum Friday, April 20, 2007

- 8:30** Registration
- 9:00** Intervening Early To Close The Literacy Achievement Gap  
Dr. Emily Rodgers (2 hours)
- 11:00** There Is More To Vision Than 20/20!  
Dr. Suzanne Wickum (1 hour)
- 12:00** Lunch
- 1:15** The Vestibular System? Why Is That Important For Learning?  
Jacquelin K. Kilburn, MA, OT (1 hour)
- 2:15** Neuropsychological Assessment: Filling In The Gaps  
Dr. Mary Hill (1 hour)
- 3:15** Leading Best Practice In Language And Literacy: A Vision For Excellence And Change  
Dr. Wayne Secord (1 hour)

## • CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS •

**Optometrists:** 12 hours of CE submitted to the Ohio State Board of Optometry. 12 hours COPE approved.

**Teachers:** Submit certificate to school district for professional development plan.

**Audiologists/Speech-Language Pathologists:** The Department of Speech and Hearing Science of The Ohio State University is approved by the Continuing Education Board of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) to provide continuing education activities in speech-language pathology and audiology. This program is offered for 0.6 CEUs (Intermediate level; Professional area). ASHA CE provider approval does not imply endorsement of course content, specific products, or clinical procedures.

**Occupational Therapists:** 6 hours of CE submitted in Ohio.

### Registration Form

Please complete one form per person. This form may be copied.

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**Questions?** Contact Dr. Marjean Kulp at (614) 688-3336 or kulp.6@osu.edu. Or visit the website at <http://optometry.osu.edu>.  
Registration includes 12 hours of education, continental breakfast, and Friday lunch.

Profession	Thursday only	Friday only	Thursday & Friday
Optometrists	\$135	\$120	\$240
Paraoptometrics	\$100	\$120	\$205

\*For registrations postmarked after April 6, 2007, add \$15 per person.

#### Register for the following

Binocular Vision & Pediatrics Forum (Thursday only) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Binocular Vision & Pediatrics Forum and Children's Learning Forum (Thursday and Friday) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Friday Lunch Preference: ☐ Vegetarian ☐ Non-vegetarian Special Dietary Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

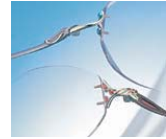
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