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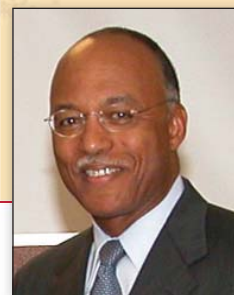
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# From the Dean



Dear Optometry Alumni and Friends,

Some significant events have taken place in the College since our last issue of the BuckEYE Optometry Alumni Newsletter.

Most of the events focus on rites of passage for our students and our faculty. Graduation is, of course, the most prominent among the spring activities. We have successfully launched another class of gifted and dynamic optometrists and professionals who will join the cadre of alumni in providing excellence in eyecare throughout Ohio, the United States, and indeed the world. We know from Dr. Wid Bleything's Convocation address that the world is not so large after all, and the impact that our graduates make ripples around the globe. We wish them well in their careers and look forward to a lasting friendship through the years.

A second significant event for our students is the White Coat ceremony. This ceremony marks the passage from novice to budding professional. It's an indication that this person is on his or her way to becoming a responsible and respected health care provider to whom the public can entrust their most precious sense, their vision. We look forward to our continued relationship with these students as we mold them into the fine professionals they will soon become.

At the other end of the passage spectrum, we bid Dr. Ron Jones adieu as he motors off into retirement. You will be as surprised as I was to read about this dedicated teacher's other passion. Before we let him ride off into the sunset, however, we celebrated his 39-year career and awarded him the Glenn A. Fry Medal in Physiological Optics, only the tenth recipient of this honor.

Lastly, the VIP (Vision in Preschoolers) Study is planning Phase III under the careful guidance of Dr. Paulette Schmidt and Dr. Marjean Taylor-Kulp. As is often the case, the original inquiries in Phases I and II generated new questions to be pursued in Phase III. I have every confidence that their new findings will be just as significant as the previous two phases.

There are many more enjoyable stories in this issue about faculty, staff, students, and alumni whose individual achievements, talents, and contributions are awe-inspiring. I'm sure you, too, will find their accomplishments impressive.

With warmest personal regards,

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





# *From the President*

## **Lagnappe: An Unexpected Extra Something Special**

Lagnappe, as defined above, truly describes my experience as president of OSU Optometry Alumni and Friends Society. Over the past 10 years in serving on the Board starting as a student representative in my senior year, I have truly found an UNEXPECTED extra something special with the College of Optometry.

The main surprise is the UNEXPECTED that has occurred. The UNEXPECTED extra effort of Alumni in going above our goals in Raise the Roof Campaign. The UNEXPECTED extra effort that our faculty and staff make each day in growing our College stronger. The UNEXPECTED extra something special effort of Dean Shipp each day as he continues to provide leadership and assistance in guiding the College to its next level of excellence. The UNEXPECTED extra something special that each of you exhibit in being stewards for our profession. The UNEXPECTED extra something in finding new talented students and showing them our College as exemplified at our open house.

The UNEXPECTED extra something specials are what each of us do on a daily basis to continue to provide the College with its hallmark of excellence for the future of Optometry education. I want to take this opportunity to thank each of you, my fellow alumni, the faculty and staff at the college for their assistance in my presidency of the Alumni Society. I truly enjoyed this opportunity give back to the College, and I look forward to continuing the assist the college in the future. Dr. Roger Sanholtz, at this time, has been serving as our Treasurer, will be our new incoming President, and I know he will continue with this legacy of past Presidents in fostering good relations with the College and the OSU Optometry Alumni and Friends.

I want to congratulate each of you in producing an excellent Alumni Society, and if I can provide any further assistance to each of you individually or as a group, I look forward to doing so. OSU Optometry Alumni Society is truly an UNEXPECTED extra something special.

Sincerely,

**Richard F. Marquardt (OD'97)**

President, OSU Optometry Alumni & Friends



# From the Editor



## Myopic Over Money?

Not long ago, I had the pleasure of seeing a new patient. A contact lens wearer, in her early 20's, we talked a bit about her new baby. Then, I noticed it. Right there in her social history. No doubt about it. Clear as a bell. She works as the receptionist for a local ophthalmologist. One who dispenses eyewear and contact lenses.

Well, I couldn't figure out what brought her to our office. Maybe she was on an information gathering mission. Maybe she was looking to leave her employment soon, and wanted to establish a new provider relationship. Frankly, I couldn't figure it out. Later in the day, one of my staff enlightened me. This patient got a better deal on her eyewear by using her vision care plan in our office.

Now before you hit me with issues over the poor reimbursement of this vision care plan (the same one the vast majority of you are also on), consider this point. Should she have had to pay anything for her eyewear and services in her employer's office? My emphatic answer would be 'no'!

Additionally, I had the opportunity to discuss with some colleagues how they chose to distribute bonuses received from their local optical lab. Most said they were planning to keep the bonuses for themselves individually. Some of these were bonuses of substantial value.

Our office policy has always been that we want our staff to wear and use the latest methods of correction in spectacles and contact lenses. We provide that to them as a benefit of employment. Additionally, when faced with the distribution of substantial bonuses from our local optical lab, we chose to share those bonuses among all staff. Everyone is an integral part of the team, whether they made the recall phone call, greeted the patient, took the history, examined the patient, helped in the selection of eyewear, or filed the insurance claim. Any step not performed properly would not allow us to receive this bonus.

Now, I can hear some of you already. "Now, Jeff, it's OK to point the finger about poor service at someone else, but now you're telling me how to spend my money. Do you know how much a pair of eyewear costs these days? And to do it for the entire staff? That cost is just too great! Besides I took the risk and have the responsibility for the practice financially. I should get the bonus." Really...

That's probably exactly what that ophthalmologist thought. He thought of taking care of his staff as a cut out of his profit, rather than an investment in his people. He would rather have a little more cash in his pocket than have a staff that is loyal to his office knowing that he has invested in them. When you really compare the cost of eyewear and contact lenses to satisfied staff members (who can make you or break you every day), the cost is insignificant.

Can you imagine the receptionist answering the phone? A patient asks, "Tell me about Doctor's eye exam." She answers, "I really cannot tell you about Doctor's exam, because I get my care at Dr. Myers & Keller's office down the street. I can tell you they do a great job." Oops. Or maybe she answers this question, "Where did you get that great-looking eyewear? I suppose you got it here," with "Oh no, they have an excellent selection and I got a better deal at Dr. Myers and Keller's office." Is this how you want your staff to respond?

Does including the staff in these kinds of benefits help? Well, I'm no Human Resource expert, but we now have 6 employees, whose years of service range from 2 to 24 years in our office, with an average of almost 11 years in our office. Currently, we have 2 employees who left for various reasons and have returned. And I can assure that when those bonuses arrived last month in the mail, they were all flabbergasted by the amount, and appreciative of the fact that we shared.

Colleagues, we are blessed with a profession and an income that is well above average. With those blessings goes a stewardship to share that income with others. Whether it is caring for the homeless or donating to your favorite charity, share some of your blessings with others. And in the office, overcome the temptation to not share with your staff. They will make you or break you, every single day.

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





Dr. Paulette Schmidt reviews plans for Phase III.

# Dealing with VIP

by Jeffrey A. Myers (OD'84)

No, it isn't really a grammatical error in the title. This VIP is an acronym to describe Vision in Preschoolers, and refers to a study that has been ongoing at The Ohio State University College of Optometry and nationwide for a number of years.

Consensus could easily be found within the profession that the best way to evaluate vision in preschoolers would be through the use of a comprehensive eye health examination. And many of us would steer clear of the use of screenings, done by non-professionals or laypersons for a variety of reasons.

But the reality of the situation is that many children, through no fault of their own, lack the access to a comprehensive eye health examination, for financial, geographic or other reasons. So, many of these children may be screened by non-professionals or laypersons. But, which techniques are appropriate and effective for use in the preschool population, help to identify the most common and troubling vision problems, and selectively identify the 1 in 4 children with these vision problems?

This is the question circulated by **Paulette Schmidt (OD '73, MS '76)** and other pediatric vision experts in the early 1990's. Dr. Schmidt is a Professor of Optometry and Vision Science at the College, and has been on faculty since 1975. Research revealed that no good studies of various techniques' effectiveness existed at the time. So, Dr. Schmidt spent summers of six years planning a study which would evaluate existing screening techniques on the preschool population.



**Vision In Preschoolers  
(VIP) Study Group**



Dr. Schmidt finalizing the design for the new Lea Symbols Visual Acuity Test at 5 Feet developed by the VIP Study Group during Phase II.

*“When we really got into the discussion between the optometrists and the pediatric ophthalmologists about how best to examine preschoolers and how to define problems, it was amazing how similar our thoughts were. The opportunity for dialogue between the professions was a true bridge-building experience.”*

**Dr. Paulette Schmidt**

In 2000, the National Eye Institute (NEI) of the National Institutes of Health awarded a grant of over \$15 million to perform Dr. Schmidt's proposed study over a five year period. It is the largest NEI grant ever presented to an optometric study (for a five year period) in history. Unlike other NEI funded clinical studies, the VIP Study was entirely redesigned between phases to incorporate knowledge gained from the results of the previous phases. This approach to the study design and the excruciatingly tight calendars for Phases I and II were possible due to the enormous dedication of the hundreds of members of VIP Study team nationwide. Dr. Schmidt was the Principal Investigator and Study Chairperson for VIP Study Phases I and II. While it was a multidisciplinary study, all of the clinical data was collected at colleges and schools of optometry, (including The Ohio State University College of Optometry) having an affiliation with the Head Start program. This strategy provided care to an underserved population, and a population that is at higher risk for vision disorders.

The study was designed to identify the most common vision problems in the preschool population of public health significance. These problems included amblyopia, strabismus, significant refractive error and unexplained reduced visual acuity.

Phase I of the study used licensed eye care professionals (both optometrists and pediatric ophthalmologists) to administer the screening techniques and also a standardized comprehensive eye examination on almost 2,600 preschoolers. This was a masked study, meaning that the professional who performed the screening techniques did

not do or know the results from the comprehensive examination, and vice versa. This was unique, as previous studies had only performed comprehensive examination on individuals who failed one of the screening techniques. So, the examiner knew there was something to find. In the VIP Study, neither professional knew what to expect.

Results from Phase I demonstrated that, in the hands of professionals and when over referrals are limited to 10%, 90% of children with the most severe conditions could be identified with similar success using one of four techniques. A higher percentage of children could be identified if more over referrals are accepted. Those techniques were noncycloplegic retinoscopy, Retinomax Autorefractor, SureSight Vision Screener, and Lea Symbols Visual Acuity test. Interestingly, some of the other test techniques were no better than random chance or flipping a coin, and are quite expensive.

Phase II asked this clinical question: How do the results compare when the screening is performed by trained nurses and laypersons? Almost 2000 additional children were screened by nurses and laypersons, and then each child underwent a standardized comprehensive eye examination.

Clearly, non-professionals would not be expected to perform non-cycloplegic retinoscopy. But, the other screening techniques showed similar results. That is, the nurses and lay screeners identified a similar percentage of children with significant vision problems. And their results were similar to the results of the techniques in the hands of the eye care professionals.

VIP  
over  
the  
years

→  
exams



**It is estimated that approximately 20% of preschool children between 3 and 5 years of age have an eye or vision condition that, if left uncorrected, can result in reduced vision.**







The VIP van where thousands of preschoolers were screened and examined.

Through this prospective, multi-center, multi-year, multi-phase, multi-disciplinary clinical study, Dr. Schmidt and her team were able to identify three specific techniques that could be used by vision screeners with confidence in knowing that 90% of preschool with vision problems would be identified, even with the testing done by laypersons.

But the research does not end there. The first 2 phases have given birth to new clinical questions. Phase III will be a randomized clinical trial of over 1500 preschoolers over 4 years who have significant refractive error without strabismus or amblyopia. Half will be prescribed corrective lenses and half will be prescribed nothing. Each group will be evaluated for progression of visual and readiness outcomes. This study will help us to understand whether, and to what degree, providing correction to preschoolers is a benefit. **Marjean Taylor-Kulp (OD'91, MS'93)**, is the Principal Investigator for Phase III.

The VIP Study has taken a good portion of the last 12 years of Dr. Schmidt's life. When asked about any surprises, it was the multidisciplinary aspect that was most surprising. "When we really got into the discussion between the optometrists and the pediatric ophthalmologists about how best to examine preschoolers and how to define problems, it was amazing how similar our thoughts were. The opportunity for dialogue between the professions was a true bridge-building experience," reported Dr. Schmidt. From a clinical perspective, she was quite surprised how poorly the photorefractors performed, having expected that one or more might excel.

Her favorite story is about Johnny, a three year old fellow, who failed the Head Start screening in Columbus, and was enrolled in the study. Through examination, Johnny was found to be about an 18 diopter bilateral myope. So, Johnny got spectacles for the first time, and wore them home. One can only imagine his thoughts and reaction on the trip home. His mother reports that when he arrived home, he looked into her eyes, and said, "Mommy, this is the first time I have seen your face."

Never underestimate the importance of what we do.

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Melanie Ackerman (OD/MS'04)
Sandra Anderson (OD'82)
Rita Atkinson
Molly Biddle
Robert Bower
Joy Cline
Sherry Crawford (OD'93, MS'95)
Sandra Dorton
Christina Dunagan
Michael Earley (OD/MS'88, PhD'92)
Kristyne Edwards (OD'96, MS'98)
Nancy Evans (OD'87)
Heather Gebhart (OD'99)
Youlanda Grace
Beth Haas
Jo Haynes
Betty Head
Jay Henry (OD/MS'98)
Ann Hulstein Hickson (OD'01, MS'03)
Trina Hisle
Fran Hochstedler
Jason Hudson
Tonya James
Levelle Jenkins (OD'88)
Keith Johnson
Cheryl Jones
Tasha Jones
June Kellum
Stacy Lyons (OD, MS)
Denise Martin
Kathy Reuter (OD'89)
Sue Rund
Paulette Schmidt (OD'73, MS'76)
Melvin Shipp (OD, MPH, DrPH)
Richard Shoemaker
Betty Smith
Melissa Suchow (OD, MS)
Marjean Taylor-Kulp (OD'91, MS'93)
Andrew Toole (OD'97, MS'00)



Currently, 15 states require that preschool-aged children have their vision screened before they start school.

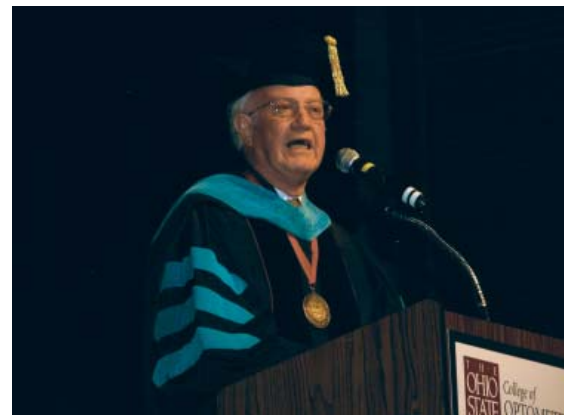


# The OSU College of Optometry Class of 2006 Convocation



Joe Barr (OD'77, MS'79) hooded the class.

The members of the graduating class were welcomed by Dean Melvin Shipp and The Ohio State University's President Karen Holbrook. Williard Bleything, Distinguished University Professor of Optometry and Public Health, Emeritus-in-Residence at Pacific University College of Optometry was the guest speaker at the OSU College of Optometry's Doctoral Convocation on Saturday, June 10th.



Williard Bleything (OD, MS) spoke to the class of 2006.



Class President Jeffrey Wine (OD'06) addressed his fellow classmates for the last time.





**Karla Zadnik (OD, PhD)** presented awards to the eight graduates who received both their OD and MS degrees.



**OSU President Karen A. Holbrook (PhD)** gave welcoming remarks to the graduates at the ceremony.

Nicole Marie Abrashoff ..... North Canton OH  
 Scott Marshall Allen ..... Gilbert IA  
 \* Philip Neal Arner ..... Orrville OH  
 Kara Bisceglia ..... Ebensburg PA  
 Michelle Jerwers Buckland ..... Ottawa OH  
 Jeremy Ross Burns ..... Toledo OH  
 Jeffrey Paul Collins ..... Logan UT  
 Katy Michelle Craft ..... Ashland KY  
 James Richard David ..... Salt Lake City UT  
 Amanda Jean Delmore ..... Morton IL  
 Rebecca Ann Dignum ..... Cedar Springs MI  
 Catherine M. Earl ..... Maumee OH  
 Emily Rose Fitzer ..... Lucasville OH  
 Kathryn Elizabeth Gordon ..... Boardman OH  
 Jennifer Susan Hoying ..... West Union OH  
 \* Sara Jo Huffman ..... Dover OH  
 Michael Paul Jacquemin ..... Plain City OH  
 James J. Jankowski ..... Columbus OH  
 Tessa C. Johnston ..... Ashland OR  
 \* Sylvia Lynn Jones ..... Toledo OH  
 \* Neeta Gopal Kapoor ..... Westlake OH  
 Christina Princehorn Kessler ..... Massillon OH  
 Karen J. Kloman ..... Grove City OH  
 Jason R. Kolodziejczyk ..... Liberty Center OH  
 Jefferson Robert Langford ..... Overland Park KS  
 Molly Marie Lescher ..... Avon Lake OH  
 Laura Anne Mafuz ..... Somers CT  
 Jennifer Ann Mattson ..... Columbus OH  
 K.C. McCandless ..... Highland UT  
 James Michael Miller ..... Sugarcreek OH  
 \* Sarah Christine Miller ..... Waterville OH  
 Rheanna Eugenia Moore ..... Rochester MN  
 Todd William Mumford ..... Sandy UT  
 Sarah Rene Nigh-Bruner ..... Bucyrus OH  
 \* Randy Alan Omlor ..... Newark OH  
 Catherine Marie Pannebaker ..... Indianapolis IN  
 Mary Catherine Payton ..... Ironton OH

Daniel Ray Perrine ..... South Point OH  
 Matthew Seth Piper ..... Lexington OH  
 Michelle Elizabeth Plahuta ..... Ritman OH  
 Cynthia Jean Roles ..... Williston ND  
 Ryan Leo Scarborough ..... Pierre SD  
 Jeffrey Dean Schrauben ..... Fowler MI  
 Sara Elizabeth Shockney ..... Celina OH  
 Robert Carl Smith ..... Monroeville OH  
 Michael Austin Soldo ..... Canton OH  
 Pamela Sue Solly ..... Holland OH  
 Deborah Joan Stein ..... Defiance OH  
 Ryan Michael Subler ..... Versailles OH  
 Kimberly Sue Theis ..... New Riegel OH  
 Kathryn D. Vanderhorst ..... St. Marys OH  
 Stacia Rea Waddle-Wilkins ..... Washington CH OH  
 \* Gina O'Neill Wesley ..... Pipestone MN  
 \* Ravaughn Kienne Williams ..... Valsayn Trinidad & Tobago  
 Jeffrey David Wine ..... Bourbonnais IL  
 John Rolland Wood ..... Versailles OH  
 Katie Marie Wulff ..... Swisher IA  
 Lucy Zgonc ..... Kent OH  
 Kimberly Ann Ziemnik ..... Bay Village OH  
 Aaron Bernath Zimmerman ..... Fremont OH

\* *Indicates students completing both Doctor of Optometry and Master of Science in Vision Science programs.*

#### CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES

##### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN VISION SCIENCE

Carol Bottjer, OD  
 Gina Gabriel, OD



# Awards Banquet 2006



Gold Key Awards  
presented by Greg Nixon (OD'96)  
**Sarah Miller, James Miller, Randy Omlor, Jeff Wine, Gina O'Neill Wesley,  
and Kimberly Ziemnik**



Vision Rehabilitation Awards  
presented by Roanne Flom (OD, MS)  
**John R. Wood, Ryan Scarborough, and Rebecca Dignum**



## EYEWEAR GALLERY AWARDS

*presented by Melissa Hill*

Marcolin Dispensing Award

**Gina O'Neill Wesley**

Essilor USA Dispensing Award

**Catherine Marie Pannebaker**

Clear Vision Dispensing Award

**Mary Catherine Payton**

Hoya Dispensing Award

**Michael Paul Jacquemin**

Safilo Dispensing Award

**James Patrick David**

Shamir Insight Dispensing Award

**Molly Marie Lescher**

VSP Nexus Award

**Pamela Sue Solly**

Optical One Nexus Award

**Amanda Jean Delmore**

Hoya Cleveland Lab Nexus Award

**Randy Alan Omlor**

Interstate Optical Lab Nexus Award

**Cynthia Jean Roles**

Marchon Practice Management Award of Excellence

**Aaron Bernath Zimmerman**



Eyewear Gallery Award Winners pictured with Melissa Hill and Jeff Rohlf



2006 Graduate of the Year  
presented by  
Melvin Shipp (OD, MPH, Dr. PH)  
**Gina O'Neill Wesley**



GP Lens Institute Excellence Award  
presented by Joe Barr (OD'77, MS'79)  
**Ravaughn Williams**



Hoya Community Outreach Award  
presented by Greg Nixon (OD'96)  
**K.C. McCandless**



# Senator Stivers visits the College of Optometry

by John McCauley



Dean Mel Shipp (OD, MPH, DrPH), Senator Steve Stivers, Richard Fertel (PhD), and Karla Zadnik (OD, PhD) discuss the College's curriculum this past April.

“Our students are trained to practice optometry, not at the level currently authorized in Ohio, but rather at the highest level in the United States.”

Dean Mel Shipp

On Wednesday, April 19, 2006, Senator Steve Stivers, 16th District, visited with Dean Melvin Shipp, Associate Dean Karla Zadnik, Associate Dean Joe Barr, and Dr. Richard Fertel, Department of Pharmacology.

Senator Stivers was interested in learning about our professional curriculum and training program. Dr. Barr grounded him in the basics, highlighting the number of patient contacts, clinic sites, and comparative data with respect to other OSU health profession training programs (i.e. medicine and dentistry).

Dr. Richard Fertel elaborated on his involvement in our program and made positive remarks about the similarity in the pharmacology training of our students relative to what medical students receive.

Before Senator Stivers ended his brief visit, Dean Shipp made sure to point out that our students are trained to practice optometry, not just at the level currently authorized in Ohio, but rather at the highest level in the United States.



# Mr. Smith Goes to Washington

by Ame Richardson ('08)

To further the fight to gain and protect their rights, optometrists made their way to the nation's capitol on May 1st for the AOA-PAC Congressional Conference.



Congressman John A. Boehner receives an award from AOA-PAC for his aid in optometric related political issues. From left to right: **Thomas Nye (OD'87)**, **Heath Gilbert (OD'92)**, Congressman John A. Boehner, **Kevin Alexander**, Dean of the Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University (**OD'76, MS'77, PhD'79**), **Donald Murphy (OD'72)**, **Kevin Kurt ('07)**, and **Anita Ticak ('08)**.

Five doctors (**Karen Riccio (OD'82)**, **Donald Murphy (OD'72)**, **Heath Gilbert (OD'92)**, **Thomas Nye (OD'87)**, and **MaryEllen Luebbbers (OD'05)**) and three Ohio State College of Optometry students (**Kevin Kurt ('07)**, **Anita Ticak ('08)**, and **Ame Richardson ('08)**) represented Ohio at the conference. All went through a briefing session to gather information about the current issues the AOA is promoting. The goals for the Congressional Conference were to educate Ohio's representatives about Optometry, educate them about how the bills and current legislation can affect

optometrists, and to build relationships with the representatives that will give the profession more weight in the political arena.

On May 2nd and 3rd the doctors and students went to Capital Hill to educate Ohio Congressmen and Senators about the current issues and encourage them to support the AOA's endeavors. They focused on persuading members of the Senate to support Senate Bill 1955 only if an amendment which would eliminate provider discrimination is added. The support of HR 2238 was also discussed. Optometrists

expressed their concerns about the dangers that mail order contact lens distributors create when releasing contacts without valid prescriptions. The students talked to members of Congress and their aides about the rising cost of education and the increased debt that students have when leaving school. They asked for graduate/professional students to be included in the Parent Plus Loans, for reduced interest rates on student loans, and to be included in the National Health Services Corp. Optometrists also encouraged members of Congress to contact Veterans Affairs and support the VICTORS program.

# White Coat Ceremony 2006



Cheryl Archer (OD'84)  
spoke to the class.



by Sandy Workmaster

## Class of 2009

Liana Allabadi	Tatiana Hammond	Nahrain Shasteen
David Archibald	Matthias Helfrich III	Brandi Sherman
Michele Avila	Brittany Hoersten	Michael Skuza
Michael Baker	Megan Holmes	David Sparks
Scott Baker	Angela Johnson	Daljit Srai
Adam Blacker	Gail Joslin	Travis Storm
Erin Brackney	Justin Kantner	Helen Stuntebeck
Christy Breckler	Samuel Kimball	Priya Subramanian
Matthew Breslow	Brian Landrum	Jaclyn Taylor
Julie Brown	Karen Lee	Dena Thamsopit
Stephanie Cameron	Bret Lehman	Matthew Thompson
Elizabeth Cockerill	Shane Maag	Jennifer Truong
Benjamin Collins	Herlynnne Martin	William Tuten
San-San Cooley	Stephanie Mastores	Tiffany Vassalle
Lindsay Crafton	Jennifer McNamara	Janis Voetberg
Candace DeCock	Kristen Oblad	Dieu Vuong
Bryan Delmore	Troy Ogden	Sarah Wagner
Shane Durrant	Jill Olejniczak	Kelly Watson
Mary Furgerson	Nicholas Peiffer	Cassandra White
Kenneth Giusto	Janessa Reeder	Josiah Young
Nicholas Graham	Kathleen Rudolf	John Zent
Katie Greiner	Kristin Schultz	Amy Ziegenbusch
James Hackley	Michael Shaheen	Shannon Zollinger

The College of Optometry's White Coat Ceremony for the Class of 2009 was held at the Ohio Union, June 2, 2006. Sixty-nine optometry students who were completing their first year at the College and their family and friends were greeted by **Megan Evankovich ('08)**, President, and **Bradley Johnson ('08)**, Vice President of the Class of 2008 who came to show their support. Opening remarks were given by Associate Dean **Karla Zadnik (OD, PhD)** and Master of Ceremonies. Congratulatory remarks were given by Dean **Mel Shipp (OD, MPH, DrPH)**; **Cheryl Archer (OD'84)**, President-Elect of the Ohio Optometric Association; and **Richard Marquardt (OD'97)**, President of the OSU Optometry Alumni and Friends. The white coats were presented to the students by Associate Professor **Mark Bullimore (McOptom, PhD)**, President of the American Optometric Foundation, and Associate Professor of Clinical Optometry, **Gilbert Pierce (OD'89, PhD'94)**, Trustee of the Ohio Optometric Association. Afterwards, all attendees attended a reception to "bask in the glow" and to enjoy each other's company. The event was such a huge success that a larger facility will be needed to accommodate next year's event! Special thanks to our sponsors; The OSU College of Optometry Alumni and Friends Society, the Ohio Optometric Association, and Vision Service Plan.



# Diversity Activities



Minority Lunch 2006



Valerie Lee August 2005

by Barbara Fink (OD, PhD'87)

Efforts to enhance diversity at the College of Optometry have expanded during the 2005/2006 school year. The Ohio State University College of Optometry applied for and received a grant from the Association of Schools and College of Optometry (ASCO) to put on a symposium and a series of workshops developed by the National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI).

NCBI workshops have been provided throughout the school year so that all members of the faculty, staff, students, and graduate students could have an opportunity to continue their diversity and cultural competence education.

In addition, **LeVelle Jenkins (OD'88)** has provided full-day workshops in cultural competence to the first-year optometry students, emphasizing the impact of cultural differences on patient care.

Second-year optometry students participated in a full-day workshop in cultural competence presented by Mr. Sherif Barsoum, Assistant Director of International Student Services at The Ohio State University. These workshops included discussions about culture, stereotypes and prejudice, the make-up of the world's population, and communication styles.

Among the most important of our diversity initiatives is on-site recruitment at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and conferences. In addition, we met twice this year with our minority optometrists; prior to the annual College of Optometry Minority Lunch and Open House, and at the EastWest Eye Conference, at which

Dr. LeVelle Jenkins provided a presentation on cultural competency.

Throughout the year, we provided on-site workshops for Women in Science (girls in grades 7-10), Shadow-A-Student (area elementary and middle school students), College Bound (children of University faculty and staff), Take a Child to Work Day, and other groups. At the workshops, students rotated through two to four stations at the College to learn about careers in optometry, vision, and eye care. They received "goodie bags" with information materials, PD sticks, OSU pencils, and other tokens to remember their trip to the College.

Each quarter, presentations are provided to the members of the faculty, staff, and students as part of the Diversity Speakers Series. Since last August, we have heard from 8 speakers on topics ranging from issues of aging in optometric care to culture and nutrition.

A proposal was drafted to fund the production of two versions of a minority recruitment video. The primary video will be 8 to 15 minutes in length. A shorter version of the video will be edited from the primary video so that it does not exceed four minutes in duration. Funds are also being sought for the development of role-plays, videos in cultural competence, and other ex-



Cynthia Heard (OD'92) with a group of visitors during Shadow-a-Student 2006

ercises for use in the course in cultural competence, offered during spring quarter of the first year.

Efforts at increasing diversity at the College are achieving success. Women make up 61.8% of professional students and 64.3% of graduate students. The make-up of the profession will change over the next decade, as increasing numbers of females replace their retiring male colleagues. The number of women on faculty has already increased: 40% of the 15 regular tenure-track faculty and 37.5% of the 8 regular clinical faculty.

The number of minority students in the professional and graduate programs at the College has gradually increased over the past two decades as well.

The diversity of the College of Optometry reflects the diversity of the professional schools and colleges across the nation. However, this does not represent the diversity of the patient population, which is what we are striving to attain.

# In Memorium: Dr. Wilbur Blount

by Barbara Fink (OD, PhD'87)

Wilbur Blount, M.D., FACS, FICS, died from a stroke on May 8, 2006. Dr. Blount is a nationally recognized ophthalmologist, and his work advanced retinal surgical techniques. He was a friend to optometry and taught the students at the College of Optometry at a time when it was not popular for ophthalmologists to work with optometrists. He served as a Clinical Associate Professor of the College from 1977 until 2002, and students from the College were welcome to shadow him in his private practice at Grant Hospital.

Dr. Blount was born on February 5, 1929. He graduated from East High School in Columbus in 1947. He was accepted into The Ohio State University College of Medicine, earning his medical degree in 1959. He was active in the Air Force Reserves from 1950 and worked on the effects of high gravitational forces on animal and human subjects, proving the utility of seatbelts. He was a Tuskegee Airman and a reserve of the Ohio National Guard. From 1977 until 2004, Dr. Blount had a private practice, specializing in vitreo-retinal disorders, and he was a consultant for the Erdey Eye Group from 2004 until his death.

In 1984, Dr. Blount was promoted to Colonel and served as the State Air Surgeon of the Ohio Air National Guard until 1991. Of his dual medical and military careers, Dr. Blount had said: "Both require many of the same traits, including a lively intelligence, a steady hand, a disciplined mind, and a strong commitment to serving others." The doors of his medical practice were always open to young people interested in pursuing careers in medicine and science. His commitment to his community continued until his death. His is survived by his wife, Elsie, and five children.

**Kevin L. Alexander (OD'76, MS'77, PhD'79)**, Dean of the Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State Uni-

versity, knew Dr. Blount as a faculty member and worked in his office for five years. Dr. Alexander recalls, "I first met Dr. Blount in 1977 in my capacity as Chief of the Ocular Disease Clinic. Immediately, I was intoxicated by his powerful intellect and wide range of interests. It was our mutual love of aviation that formed a lasting bond between us; and my last visit with him was two years ago at the Osh Kosh Air Show. Words cannot express the enormous influence Dr. Wilbur Blount had on me and those lives he touched."

**Dean Emeritus Richard Hill (OD, PhD)** said the following of Dr. Blount: "For more than two decades, Dr. Blount was both a consistent and valued friend to our College. His clinical knowledge, experience, and personal concern for each of his patients made him a frequent choice where tertiary care was called for. His dedication, patriotism, and sincerity will be greatly missed by all who knew him."

**Arol Augsburg (OD/MS'71)**, President of Illinois College of Optometry, worked with Dr. Blount in the Ocular Disease Clinic at the College during the 1980s. He had this to say about his memories of Dr. Blount: "It doesn't seem possible that it was nearly 30 years ago when I first met Wilbur at Ohio State. He showed up and volunteered to participate in our teaching and patient care programs at a time when optometry and ophthalmology relationships in Columbus were at their nadir."

**Jackie Davis (OD'81)** worked in Dr. Blount's practices for almost 2 decades. She had the following to say about him: "Long before co-management arrangements between ophthalmology and optometry existed, Dr. Blount established and fostered strong lines of communication and respect between the two professions. At times, he faced disapproving colleagues who opposed his progressive views. Many of those same colleagues ultimately followed his

**"Dr. Blount was truly a mentor, scholar and humanitarian. It was my honor to have worked with him for over 19 years and I am grateful to have had the opportunity to call him a friend."**

**Jackie Davis (OD'81)**

trailblazing lead. Dr. Blount was truly a mentor, scholar and humanitarian. It was my honor to have worked with him for over 19 years and I am grateful to have had the opportunity to call him a friend."

**Dean Mel Shipp (OD, MPH, DrPh)** made the following comments about Dr. Blount: "Although I did not have a long-term relationship with Dr. Blount, I have fond memories of our mutual service on the National Advisory Council of the National Eye Institute in the early 1990s. Dr. Blount was a consummate professional. He articulated his points of view on contentious issues in a quiet yet forceful manner, and not infrequently his well-thought notions would significantly influence Council decisions. On a more personal note, Wilbur was one of the few Council members who went out of their way to help me feel welcome after my appointment. Similarly, he was one of the first ophthalmologists to welcome me to Columbus when I arrived here in 2004. I am honored to be among those who had the privilege of working with Dr. Blount, and to have shared his friendship."



## AOA Congress Awards

Two alumni were presented with major awards at the AOA Congress in Las Vegas - **Robert Layman ('82)** is the AOA Optometrist of the Year, and **Gregory Hicks ('84)** is the first winner of the David Sullins Award for his involvement in the InfantSee program. Additionally, Dean Emeritus **Richard M. Hill (OD, PhD)** received the Dr. Donald Korb Award for Excellence from the Cornea and Contact Lens Section.

## Residents Make Scholarly Presentations

All of the college's thirteen residents in OSU-affiliated external optometric residency positions came to campus on May 22 to share new information and present challenging case reports based upon some of their unique experiences during the 2005-2006 academic year. All of these highly-specialized post-graduate programs focus on the care of patients with ocular disease, systemic disease, and/or ophthalmic surgery.

Those making presentations were:

**Kelly Thompson (OD)**,  
Dayton VA Medical Center

**Chad Shultz (OD '05)**,  
Cleveland VA Medical Center

**Emily Schull (OD)**,  
Cincinnati Eye Institute

**Erin Shewring (OD '05)**,  
Chillicothe/Columbus VA's

**Priscilla Schaeffer (OD '05)**,  
Chillicothe/Columbus VA's

**Amanda Paull (OD)**,  
Hampton, Virginia, VA Medical Center

**John Novak (OD '05)**,  
Cleveland VA Medical Center

**JP Maszczak (OD '05)**,  
Chillicothe/Columbus VA's

**William Kegerize (OD '05)**  
The Eye Center of Toledo

**Brett Garee (OD '05)**,  
Cleveland VA Medical Center

**Michael Dobos (OD '05)**,  
Chillicothe/Columbus VA's

**Jennifer Daniel (OD '05)**,  
Cleveland VA Medical Center

**Jon Engle (OD '05)**,  
Cleveland VA Medical Center

Their topics were both interesting and varied; and included current diagnostic and management protocols for HIV patients who are receiving HAART therapy, use of oral acyclovir in patients with herpes simplex keratitis, neuroretinitis in patients with cat scratch fever, intracranial meningioma patients, patients with optic nerve head drusen, patients with macular holes, patients with hemangiomas, patients with third-nerve palsies, glaucoma surgical patients who may develop a blebitis, choroidal detachment patients, patients with CME, and patients affected with Guillain-Barre syndrome.

Their presentations were followed by a "pizza and pop" reception which provided a wonderful opportunity for current third-year optometry students to learn more about our outstanding affiliated residency programs in disease and surgery, all of which are accredited by the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education.

## OSU Athletic Director Gene Smith Visits College of Optometry

On March 21, OSU Athletic Director Gene Smith came to the College of Optometry to kick-off our 2006 Campus Campaign. This annual Campaign, which is now in its 20th year, coordinates faculty and staff monetary donations back to Ohio State in one or more of over 7,000 different university endowment funds.

**Robert D. Newcomb (OD '71, MPH)**, chair of the college's campaign this year, served as Master of Ceremonies for the event, which included an old-fashioned ice cream social in classroom 22, marching band music, and lots of Buckeye decorations. During his 35-minute presentation, Smith shared some experiences during his first year as OSU's eighth Athletic Director. He said he learned from his previous coaches that good preparation is essential for success in athletics, as well as in life. He said Andy Gieger, his predecessor at Ohio State, made lasting contributions to the athletic program through updated sports venues and outstanding choices of high-quality people. He encouraged faculty and staff to support the Campus Campaign because it makes a difference in our local and global communities. And he also said, "The purpose of the OSU Athletic Department is to create an environment in which our student athletes can be successful – and that means getting their degrees."

At the end of Mr. Smith's remarks and a brief question-and-answer period, Dr. Newcomb presented him with an OSU College of Optometry baseball cap and desk clock.



Professor **Robert Newcomb (OD '71, MPH)**, Athletic Director **Gene Smith**, and Dean Emeritus **Richard Hill** discuss how to bring more National Championships to Ohio State.

## BVP and Children's Learning Forum

Over 100 attendees from Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and Pennsylvania came to hear speakers from across the country at this past year's Binocular Vision and Pediatrics Forum and Children's Learning Forum on April 6 and 7, 2006. At the Binocular Vision and Pediatrics Forum, **Michael Earley (OD'88, PhD'92)** and Penelope Suter (OD) shared valuable insights into traumatic brain injury. Highlights of this year's Children's Learning Forum included insights into occupational therapy from Dr. Teresa May-Benson, identification of learning disabilities under IDEA 2004 from Dr. Jack Naglieri, visual processing and reading disability from Dr. Earley, development of spoken language from Dr. Susan Nitttrouer, and development of phonemic abilities

from Dr. Patricia Scharer. **Please mark your calendars for next year's Forum on April 19-20, 2007.**

## Giese New Fellow in Two Societies

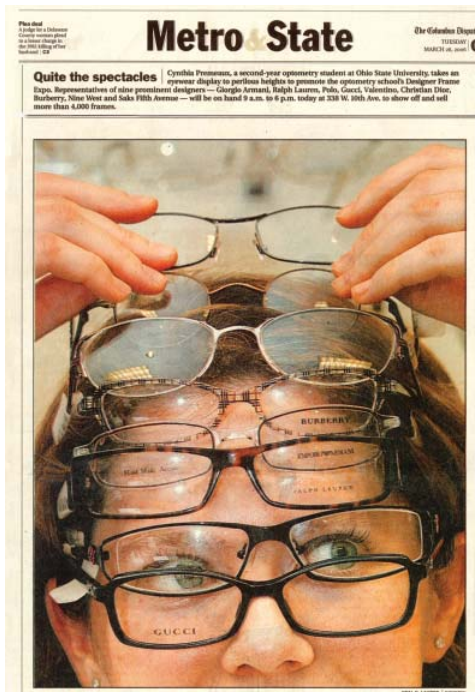
**Michael Giese (OD, PhD)**, Associate Professor of Clinical Optometry, was recently elected a fellow in the Optometric Retina Society. He was also the first optometrist to be voted into the American Uveitis Society.

## 2006 Alcon Scholarship

Congratulations to Opt 4 student, **Gina Wesley (OD'06)**, for her case report being chosen as the OSUCO winner for the 2006 Alcon Scholarship. The title is "Clinical Diagnosis & Management of Persistent Superficial Punctate Keratitis".

## Eyewear Gallery in the News

The Eyewear Gallery's Frame Expo was featured on the front page of the Metro section in the Columbus Dispatch on March 28, 2006.



## Optometry Faculty Visit Marietta

Dean Shipp hosted a faculty retreat at the historic Lafayette Hotel in Marietta to discuss budget, curriculum, professional development, and other academic issues with the faculty on March 24-26. The two-day program was planned by **Drs. Kelly Nichols (OD, MPH, PhD'01)** and **Jim Sheedy (OD, MS '74, PhD '77)**.

After a get-acquainted exercise led by two highly qualified staff members from the OSU Office of Human Resources on Friday evening, Mr. Jim Woods, College Fiscal Officer, facilitated a discussion Saturday morning on the financial impact of various curricular, development, clinical, outreach, and research programs at the College. Faculty Career Enhancement was the topic on Saturday afternoon, led by Dr. Kelly Nichols.

On Sunday morning, a seminar on the Scope of Optometric Practice from three different perspectives created a lively discussion. First, Dr. Greg Nixon (OD '96) presented current information on the changing scope of practice throughout the United States and in Ohio. Then, Dr. Cynthia Ledford (MD), an internist and pediatrician from the OSU College of Medicine, shared her unique experiences with teaching medical students patient-oriented communication and examination skills. Finally, Dr. Linda Casser (OD), Director of Clinical Examinations for the National Board of Examiners in Optometry, explained the Board's new restructuring plans for



**James Sheedy (OD, MS, '74, PhD '77)** addresses his colleagues at the faculty retreat in Marietta, Ohio.

testing entry-level competency and the impact that will have on the profession.

The faculty enjoyed the weekend of forward-planning and collegiality. The event was sponsored in part by Vistakon.





(l to r) Doreen Landess, Sheree Wynn, President Karen Holbrook, **Robert Newcomb (OD'71, MPH)**, and Skyla Burns.

## President Holbrook Congratulates the College of Optometry

On May 24, OSU President Karen Holbrook congratulated the College of Optometry for achieving a 64% participation rate in the university's annual Campus Campaign. Only the College of Social Work achieved a higher participation rate (78%) among faculty and staff from OSU's 17 different Colleges on campus.

**Robert Newcomb (OD '71, MPH)**, Professor of Clinical Optometry and the college's 2006 Campus Campaign chair, said "We have a small but very energetic and very generous group of employees here at the college; and when they get behind a project like this, great things can happen!" He acknowledged the hard work of his seven volunteer team leaders (Skyla Burns, Lanna Blue, Gayle Glanville, Sally Haltom, Doreen Landess, Gloria Scott-Tibbs, and Sheree Wynn), and said "...their personal

contacts with co-workers made the difference between last year's overall 30% participation rate and this year's 64%."

In addition, he thanked Drs. Mark Bullimore, Barbara Fink, Cynthia Heard, Mel Shipp, Jeff Walline, and Karla Zadnik for donating prizes (a free lunch!) for six lucky participants.

Participation rates ranged from 14% to 100% across all campus units; and over \$6.8 million in gifts and pledges was raised from all campus units that President Holbrook said "...enhances Ohio State's national and international reputation as a leading educational and research institution."

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## College Cruise is a Success!

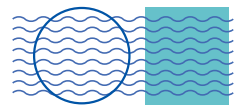
On February 18, 2006 seventeen optometrists, their families friends and teachers embarked on a great sea adventure. Eight of the intrepid travelers were already Ohio State Buckeyes by virtue of their degrees from the College. By the end of the week, everyone was converted to bleeding scarlet and gray. Though we did not really echo "OH!" "IO!" across the Caribbean, a wonderful time was had by all. Days 2 and 3 were spent in 12 hours of intense continuing education courses taught by Dr. Michael Giese, Dr. James Sheedy and Dr. Jeffrey Walline. "Perfect!" and "Excellent!" were just two of the superlatives used by the attendees. A brief diary of the trip:



The Caribbean Princess in port at St. Maarten



Jim Sheedy (OD/MS'74, PhD'77) and Debora DeLong



### Day 1

Embarked from Fort Lauderdale on the Caribbean Princess. Weather - perfect 73 degrees. The Jamaica Me Crazy sailaway party was a blast!

### Day 2

While your colleagues were studying hard in the Palm Dining room, family and friends were splashing away above deck at one of the swimming pools. Dress was formal for dinner tonight, and we all got together with the other ODs for a cocktail party before heading to the dining rooms.



### Day 3

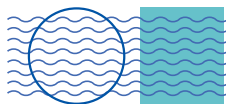
Averaging 17.8 knots, the ship "steamed" ahead while we studied Children and Contact Lenses and uveitis. Cruisin' children attended Fun Zone and Off Limits activities organized especially for their age groups.

### Day 4

We disembarked at St. Thomas – a true shopping mecca of the Caribbean!

### Day 5

St. Martin/St. Maarten – the world's smallest island owned by two nations (France and the Netherlands). We disembarked for more terrific shopping and one or two (or three) amazing island drinks on the beach!



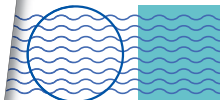
Charlotte Nossaman, Melinda Saneholtz, **Roger Saneholtz (OD'74)**, and Elmer Nossaman (OD).



**Jeffrey Franz (OD'75)** and **Roger Saneholtz (OD'74)**



**Roger Saneholtz (OD'74)**, **Jim Sheedy (OD/MS'74, PhD'77)**, and **Joe Galeski (BS'47)**.



### Day 6

Princess Cays – a private island in the Bahamas owned by our hosts. Terrific fun in the sun, beach volleyball, yoga on the beach, and sun, sun, sun! We got to the beach via the "tenders" or lifeboats that usually hang on the side of the ship!

### Day 7

Alas, it finally rained in the night, making us a little soggy when we disembarked at the end of our journey in Fort Lauderdale. Wow. What an adventure. Hope you'll be there next time!

### Our apologies to the following people for our errors in the 2005 Honor Roll of Donors:

Dr. Thomas Littler '60 is a member of the Presidents Club.

Apologies to Dr. Lee Halsted '77 for misspelling his name.

Apologies to Charlotte Enns Joslin '97 for excluding her from the Presidents Club Bevis Society list.

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Congratulations To the Members of the Class of 1936!

These folks are celebrating the 70th anniversary of their graduation from the College of Optometry. In 1936, graduates received the Bachelor of Science degrees in Applied Optics. Congratulations, lady and gentlemen!

**Dr. Lester Browde,**  
of Albuquerque, NM

**Dr. Howard Culbertson,**  
of Heath, Ohio

**Dr. Ethel Franklin,**  
of Columbus, Ohio

**Dr. Benjamin Gertner,**  
of New York, NY

**Dr. John Jones,**  
of Lisbon, Ohio

**Dr. Marcus Sakow,**  
of Woodmere, NY



**John Eldon Jones (BS'36)** and his late wife, Louise.



**Melvin Shipp (OD, MPH, DrPH), Robert Wright (BS'60), Archie Griffin, and David Dreffer (OD'68).** Drs. Shipp, Wright, and Dreffer were hosted for an afternoon of golf by Archie Griffin while Drs. Wright and Dreffer were in town for the University Alumni Association Advisory Council Meeting.



**Dr. Christopher Gamble's (OD'95) children: Brandon, Conner, and Zane.**

**Kathy Fenton (OD'90)** and **Sandra Wang-Harris (OD'97)** were involved in New Orleans Health Recovery Week February 2006. Sponsored by Remote Area Medical Volunteers (RAM), it was a multi-discipline health fair, providing more than 14,000 Katrina victims with services at the Audobon Zoo in New Orleans.

Congratulations to **Mario Vidikan (OD'02)** and **Michelle Young Vidikan (OD'02)** on the birth of their first child, daughter Keira Grace. Keira was born on April 27, 2006, at 8:51 a.m. and weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz.

## Obituaries

**Clark A. Townsend (BS'56)**

**Louis H. Bresin (BS'56)**

**Charles "Pat" Creighton (BS'58, MS'59)**



**Sandra Wang-Harris (OD'97)** and **Kathy Fenton (OD'90)** in New Orleans in February 2006.





**Ron Jones (OD, MS'70, PhD'72)** with his family at his Retirement Party May 31st at the Barrister Club. From left to right: Ron, wife Aurea, daughter Alexandra, son-in-law David Ornstein, and daughter Michelle Ornstein. Inset: Fry Medal for Physiological Optics.



## Dr. Ron Jones Retiring

The date of June 8, 2006 marks the end of an era for Dr. Ronald Jones, professor and former associate dean for the College of Optometry. After 39 years of service, 35 of which have been spent at The Ohio State University College of Optometry, Dr. Jones joins the ranks of retired faculty members as professor emeritus, a title he has actually held since February '06. He was awarded the Fry Medal for Physiological Optics at his retirement party. Though officially retired for several months, Dr. Jones good-naturedly agreed to return for spring quarter to teach VS 715. Come June 9, Dr. Jones plans to ride off into the sunset . . . literally.

Dr. Jones is both a motorcycle and historic bridge enthusiast. Conveniently, he can combine both hobbies by motorcycling around Ohio and adjacent states scouring remote country roads and long-forgotten paths that hide these quickly vanishing bridges. His pursuit of historic bridges developed in part out of a general interest in history as well as out of necessity to have a purpose for motorcycling the roadways. Additionally, he volunteers at the Ohio Historical Center and is researching the origins of historic bridges in Ohio.

Along with observing changes in the highways and byways of the Midwest over the years, Dr. Jones has also noted the ways in which optometry has changed since his entry into the field in 1967. One significant change for the better is that optometrists can now prescribe drugs and diagnostics, thus greatly increasing their scope of practice. Another satisfying change is that women now comprise more than 50% of today's enrollees. More satisfying than anything, however, as is the case with all dedicated teachers, is seeing one's former students go on to lead rewarding careers, bridging lessons from the past with present-day successes.

## Each One Reach One (EORO) -- Optometrists - Join the ASCO Career Promotion Corps!

The Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry's (ASCO) "Each One, Reach One" campaign is a practitioner-based career promotion effort that encourages optometrists to talk to their patients and other gifted young people about optometry as a future career.

The goal of the "Each One, Reach One" program is to increase optometry's national applicant pool to three applicants for each first year position and to develop an applicant pool that reflects the diversity of the U.S. population. The majority of incoming students indicated that their decision to choose optometry as a career was a result of individual optometrists. Optometrists are optometry's best advocates -- your enthusiasm and commitment to the profession will encourage students to choose optometry as a career.

Note that this program is not about increasing the number of graduates from the nation's optometry schools. It's about making sure that those who are selected continue to reflect the profession's ability to attract bright and caring young people.

It's easy to become a member of the "Each One, Reach One" Career Promotion Corps. Go to the ASCO website: [www.opted.org](http://www.opted.org) and click on Career Promotion Corps or contact Victoria Smith-Moore at ASCO: [vsmithmoore@opted.org](mailto:vsmithmoore@opted.org)

## History of the Fry Medal

The purpose of the medal is to recognize outstanding researchers in physiological optics and vision science. Dr. Fry was the medal's "benchmark" in that regard and its first recipient in 1987. The medal has been used twice, as well, as a recognition preceding an honorary degree (D.Sc.) from our University. Those cases both happen to be Nobel Prize winners for work in the neurophysiology of vision (Drs. Hubel & Wiesel). The recipient list includes Dean Emeritus Richard Hill as well as individuals from Harvard, MIT, Rockefeller Universities, Bell Laboratories, and other institutions. Dr. Jones was recognized for his work primarily in binocular vision and perception. Dr. Jones is the 10th recipient of this medal.

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# Optometry Alumni Reunion

## Schedule of Events

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Friday, September 1

**10:30am-1:00pm "Kick-off" Luncheon for entire university**

Recreational & Physical Activities Center (RPAC)  
Sponsored by the Ohio State Alumni Association. Join the OSUAA for the opening event of Reunion Weekend. If you arrive early, we invite you to take a self-guided tour of this world class facility and interact with the students and staff. Doors will open promptly at 10:30am for open registration, buffets, and mingling!

**12:30-12:50pm Greetings**

Program featuring greetings from University President Karen A. Holbrook and Alumni Association President and CEO Archie Griffin.

**12:50-1:00pm Surprise Entertainment**

Surprise entertainment and singing of "Carmen Ohio".

**1:00-2:00pm Campus Bus and Walking Tours**

Student Ambassadors will act as tour hosts. You may choose to walk around the Oval for an "up close" look or ride in the comfort of a campus bus and see how your university has grown and adapted to meet the needs of today's students.

**5:00-5:40pm OSU Optometry Alumni & Friends Society Annual Meeting**

Buckeye Hall of Fame Cafe, 1421 Olentangy River Rd. Columbus (614-291-2233)

**5:45-8:30pm OSU College of Optometry and Alumni & Friends Pep Rally**

Come meet your classmates and all of the other optometry graduates in town for the reunion! Buckeye Hall of Fame Cafe, 1421 Olentangy River Rd. Columbus (614-291-2233)

Saturday, September 2

**11:30am Rapid Fire CE**

"What's New and Next in Optometry" (1 hour).

**12:30pm Optometry Tailgate Party**

Behind Starling-Loving Hall on the grassy area in front of The James. Catered by Schmidt's, this is another great opportunity to gather with your fellow optometrists for a little Buckeye Pride!

**3:30pm OSU vs. Northern Illinois**

**Post-Game**

Individual class events: '66 call Gerry Lowther (205-855-4447); '81 call Lamar Zigler (614-262-2020); '86 call Joan Nerderman (614-855-4843).



## Important Guidelines

The 2006 Optometry Alumni & Friends Reunion will be held on Labor Day Weekend, September 1 -2, 2006. The OSU Buckeyes will take on the Huskies of Northern Illinois.

- Football tickets are subject to availability.
- Limit 2 per dues paying alumni member.
- Football tickets will not be sold separately.
- Payment must be included with your registration.
- All attempts will be made to MAIL tickets to the address provided on the registration brochure.

**\* All event times are subject to change.**  
**Check our webpage for class contacts and much more!**  
**<http://optometry.osu.edu>**

## Congratulations Graduates!

All alumni are welcome to attend with a special invitation being given to the classes of 1956, 1966, 1976, 1981, 1986, and 1996!

Come home to  
The Ohio State University  
College of Optometry!

## Registration Form

Name _____		
Address _____		
City _____	State _____	Zip _____
Daytime Telephone _____		Evening Telephone _____
Email Address _____		

### OSUAA "Kick-Off" Luncheon

\_\_\_\_\_ x \$20 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Campus Tours

Bus Tour	_____ (number attending)	FREE
Walking Tour	_____ (number attending)	FREE

### OPTOMETRY Inclusive Weekend Package includes: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Friday Pep Rally/Reception
- Continuing education
- Tailgate party; and
- Game day ticket

\_\_\_\_\_ x \$115.50 per person (limit 2)

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Make check payable to:

**OSU Optometry Alumni & Friends**

### Registration Deadline:

**August 25, 2006**

### Return your registration form to:

Optometry Alumni Reunion  
The Ohio State University  
College of Optometry  
338 W 10th Avenue  
Columbus, OH 43210

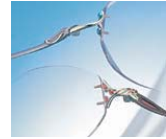
### Questions: contact Gayle Glanville

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