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From the Dean

Dear Optometry Alumni and Friends:

We are delighted to highlight **Mark W. Eger (OD'68)** in our cover story. After 40 years in the profession, he is still achieving new heights as he adds President of The American Academy of Optometry to his resume. Influenced by some of Optometry's greatest while here at Ohio State, he went on to pursue a career in private practice and public service that most would be satisfied retiring from -- but not Dr. Eger. We congratulate him and look forward to his Academy accomplishments.

The experiences **Roy Ebihara (BS'63, OD'77)** shares about his early years is truly inspiring. Dr. Ebihara faced and overcame some extraordinary circumstantial and personal challenges. That he was able to achieve what he did in light of injustices and prejudices is a remarkable story. Equally admirable is the concern he developed for others along the way to becoming a "better American in a greater America."

Congratulations to our very own **Greg Good (OD'75, MS'79, PhD'81)**, as he serves the College in the newly created position of Assistant Dean for Clinical Services. I am looking forward to tapping into Dr. Good's extensive classroom, clinical, and professional administrative experiences. We are fortunate to have him working with us in this new capacity that ties all three areas together. I am also pleased to acknowledge the appointments of **Greg Nixon (OD'96)** as Associate Professor of Clinical Optometry and **Jackie Davis (OD'81, MPH'08)** as Assistant Professor of Clinical Optometry. We've had a stellar year in our faculty recruitment efforts!

Thanks to Yukiko Oda, a first-year student in our professional program, for sharing a day in her life. We are happy she chose to pursue her optometry studies at The Ohio State University College of Optometry and grateful for the IDOL (Improving Diversity of Optometric Learners) program that initially introduced her to the idea.

The professional program affiliation with the School of Science at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College is a first for us. We hope many more such collaborations both internal and external to the University and the state will follow. I am anxious for us to share our excellent professional and graduate programs.

Finally, I am pleased to share with you our strategic plan. We have a long and distinguished history that has fostered an even brighter and more promising future. We are on an upward trajectory, and good things lie ahead. Stay tuned!

As always, there are many other noteworthy alumni, faculty, staff, and students featured in this issue of our newsletter. Thanks to all of you for doing what you do so well.

With warm, personal regards for a lively and joyful spring,

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



From the President

My directive for this message from the Alumni Board is to address our upcoming Alumni Weekend. I had a different story about Las Vegas on the burner, but I was convinced to cover the next to impossible in explaining Alumni Weekend and football tickets. So here goes.

Our Alumni Weekend Event consists of the Friday, September 11, dinner to recognize our 2009 Distinguished Alumnus Medal Winner- Dr. Gerald Lowther. The event continues on Saturday, September 12, with the Optometry tailgate at the College of Optometry and then the football game against USC for those of us who are lucky to be successful in the lottery for game tickets. We are anticipating more applications than tickets and feel a lottery is the fairest way possible in distributing tickets.

Here is my best attempt at explaining the football ticket policy for all societies under the auspices of The Ohio State University Alumni Association (OSUAA). The Ohio State Ticket Office determines how many single game tickets will be provided for alumni. Those tickets are then delegated to OSUAA to distribute to alumni. The 2009 allocation for tickets for alumni from OSUAA is approximately twenty percent less than in the past.

OSUAA sets the rules and regulations for societies such as Optometry and Alumni and Friends (OAF) to follow in determining those alumni eligible to receive tickets from our allotment of tickets. These rules for allotting tickets are used so the highest number of alumni have a chance at being successful in obtaining a game ticket for the coming season.

Each alumnus applying for game tickets must be a member of OSUAA and OAF. Therefore, dues to each organization have to be current for 2009. If you are a member of each entity, then you can apply for football tickets for the weekend. Any alumnus who has season tickets or other single game tickets is not eligible to request tickets for this game through the OAF allotment. There is a very thorough description of ticket eligibility listed on the College of Optometry website under alumni and the 2009 alumni weekend button. Please visit this website.

OSUAA has developed several different databases that OAF has to cross check in determining ticket eligibility. While tedious and time consuming, the process is necessary. Any society not following the rules for allotting tickets correctly will be denied tickets for future events.

If by some chance you are still reading this, I would now ask you to forget about the football part of Alumni Weekend. Please focus on the fact that the weekend gives you a wonderful chance to get back on campus to gather with classmates and reminisce a little. The Friday night dinner is a great start to the weekend as we will honor Dr. Gerald Lowther (BS'66, OD'67, MS'69 & PhD'72). Saturday morning and afternoon can be spent on campus soaking up the fall atmosphere of Ohio State, or in fellowship with your individual classes.

Join us for the tailgate at 5:00 pm to enjoy brats, bahama mamas, German potato salad, and those fantastic little cream puffs from Schmidt's catering service. The College is open for self tours to show the family around and let the kids see where you sat in Room 33 for all those enlightening lectures (if you can figure it out since the renovation). Watch for registration materials to show in the mail, and feel free to contact us for any assistance needed.

As always,

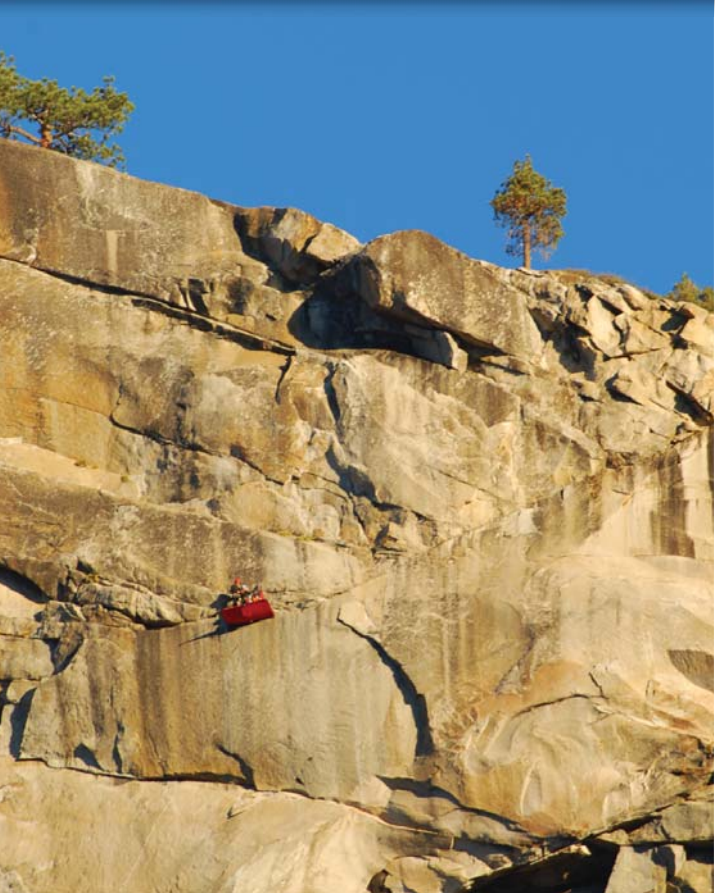
Affirm thy Friendship, O-HI-O!!

Roger L. Saneholtz (OD'74)

President, OSU Optometry Alumni & Friends

Don't forget to visit our new website: www.osuoaf.clubexpress.com!





Who's Watching You?

The photo that accompanies the article this issue is not of me. I have enjoyed backpacking, but not rock climbing on sheer rock wall faces. The photo is of rock climbers just after the sun rose on them on the northern face of El Capitan in Yosemite National Park. This ascent is almost 3600 feet straight up the sheer rock face; it often takes two to three days to accomplish. That means everything you need, and everything you produce in waste is carried with you for that time. These folks are less than 100 feet from the summit and probably had no idea we were photographing them. They probably presumed they were being watched, but they did not know by whom.

How about you? Who's watching you? As a professional in your community, you are looked up to by many people, who might even admire you; they are watching you. As a parent (or grandparent), you are surrounded by younger folks who watch your every move and will likely copy the good ones and the bad ones. And the folks in your office, they watch you, too. The word is out regarding your demeanor on a daily basis, probably before you have even hung up your coat.

But do you invite people to watch you? Most of our professional lives are spent in examination rooms in low light with one other person. When was the last time someone watched what you really do on a day-to-day basis?

We routinely have our externs watch us the first couple of sessions they are in the office. It may be the first time in a couple of years these fourth year students have watched a practitioner

do a complete exam. There are benefits to that; hearing the review of history, watching a refraction, hearing someone else's instructions for a slit lamp or dilated fundus exam, as well as hearing and seeing how we might demonstrate a prescription change, or explaining the findings of the exam can all be opportunities for growth.

Our focus the last few months has been to invite each staff member into the examination room for S.O.D., (Staff Observation of the Doctors). Each staff member – front desk, techs, and opticians - observes four half days with each doctor, and has a brief report/evaluation to write at the completion. The response has been excellent. For the first time in our practice, the staff really has seen what the doctor does, what is said, and how it is said to the patient. Staff members have seen many of the same benefits the externs see and more.

Here are some comments from the evaluations:

- I feel better prepared to answer patient questions about the examination procedures
- Understanding the differences in the doctors' personalities might help me to schedule a new patient with a doctor that might better match their personality and needs
- Didn't know that a patient could get a contact lens stuck on the eye
- Amazing to see a 6 year old with a +8.00 bilateral prescription see easily for the first time
- Seeing a lens implant for the first time and hearing the patient report that his cataract surgery gave him back his life was powerful
- Seeing different types of cataracts for the first time
- Understanding the difference that a small change in axis can make in a prescription
- Neat to observe the rapport that the doctor develops with patients
- Learned more about the many contact lens options there are
- Seeing how toric contact lenses rotate on the eye
- Observing the easier view with a dilated pupil helps me understand why we dilate
- I have a better understanding of what the different instruments are used for
- Great to watch the patient education of a newly diagnosed diabetic whose spectacle prescription had changed

I would dare say that none of these comments are a bad thing. In fact, I would offer that having your staff experience these things would have a positive effect on their interest level in their position, and their value to you in the way they care for your patients. Maybe it is time to invite your staff in to watch what you do.

Jeffrey A. Myers (OD'84)
BuckEYE Editor



Eger Leads Academy

Mark Eger begins role as the President of the American Academy of Optometry

by Jeffrey A. Myers (OD'84)

Mark Eger (OD'68) at the 2008 AAO annual meeting in Anaheim, CA

photo by Shelley Kusnetz

Karla Zadnik, OD, PhD

"I have had the privilege of working with Dr. Mark Eger on the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Optometry for many years. Mark is an optometrist's optometrist. He is a gifted, smart, intuitive clinician and an even better leader."

Cover Story



Did he really have a choice? His dad, Elmer, has been a Fellow of the Academy for decades, and his cousin, Milton, was editor of the *Journal of the American Optometric Association* for a number of years; could he have escaped being involved in organized optometry? Perhaps, but pretty unlikely. **Mark W. Eger, OD'68** celebrated his 40th year in practice last year and has ascended to the office of President of The American Academy of Optometry for a two-year term.

Dr. Mark Eger was born in Philadelphia, but moved with his family at an early age to Coraopolis, Pennsylvania. His father, Elmer, a graduate of the Pennsylvania College of Optometry (PCO), was drafted to World War II. His service was on track in flight school until the military discovered he was an optometrist. He was dismissed out of flight school and was reassigned as hospital commander at Peterson Airfield in Colorado.

Dr. Elmer Eger returned from the war in 1944 and opened practice in Coraopolis. He was part of a group of early professionals who began to practice outside of jewelry stores (which was the normal practice). This was upsetting to his mother who owned a jewelry store and was looking forward to his practice being in her store.

Dr. Mark reports he wasn't a great athlete in high school but developed a passion for golf, achieving a single digit handicap, and giving him a lifelong avocation that continues to this day. His primary interest in high school centered around journalism activities, specifically the high school newspaper and yearbook. He did spend time in his father's office, working in the optical lab, and was inspired as he learned about orthoptics. He was exposed to organized optometry early through his father's involvement in the Academy and the Pennsylvania Optometric Association.

photo by Shelley Kusnetz



right: Season tickets for OSU football in 1966

photos from left to right:

Sue and **Dr. Mark Eger (OD'73)** in Biloxi, MS

Mark and his son Noah in Biloxi, MS

He attended Washington & Jefferson College in Washington, Pennsylvania and was a pre-med student. While he was never pushed into optometry by his father, he independently made the decision for optometry after two years of undergraduate work. A phone call from his father to Dr. Herbert Mote resulted in Dr. Mark's schedule for the Autumn quarter being prepared for him even before he arrived in Columbus to meet with Dr. Mote.

While in Columbus, Dr. Richard Hill and Dr. Brad Wild were significant influences and mentors. He remembers Dr. Glenn Fry teaching two (yes, two) courses on the horopter, and deriving all equations in the second course. Some students thought they were cool by doing crosswords during these derivations. At the end of the quarter, Fry noted that the course should have made them more knowledgeable about the horopter or improved their crossword puzzle skills.

It was probably Dr. J. Boyd Eskridge who was the most influential mentor in school. Eger reports that Eskridge should have been the Teacher of the Century for his ability to make Physiological Optics understandable and relevant to practice. It was also Eskridge who counseled Eger to become a Fellow of the Academy. And Eskridge worked to influence him to pursue a PhD while Dr. Elmer was working to influence him return to Coraopolis and join him in private practice.

Dr. Mark decided on private practice, but that was interrupted by a call from Uncle Sam. He was called to the Air Force to be an optometry officer, a Captain, assigned to Keesler Air Base, a regional USAF Hospital in Biloxi, Mississippi. His two year experience from 1969-1971 really functioned as a residency experience for him, allowing him to dilate exten-

sively and to practice in an interdisciplinary setting with ENT specialists, allergists and ophthalmologists. During this time, he and his wife, Sue, had the special privilege of experiencing Hurricane Camille.

He returned to Coraopolis in 1971 and practiced with his father until his father retired in 1983. He remained in essentially solo practice until his son, Noah, joined him in 1997, after graduating from PCO.

"Dr. Boyd Eskridge should have been the teacher of the century."

Mark Eger (OD'68)

His Academy journey began with becoming a Fellow in 1971 in Toronto. His service began when he replaced his father on the Northeast Regional Admittance Committee. Over the years, he expanded his service to the admittance process, ultimately becoming the National Admittance Chair. In that role, the admittance process was changed to a more user-friendly point process. This allowed members a simplified process to becoming Fellows without lowering the standards.

He was elected to the Academy Board of Directors in 1998, and ascended to the presidency at Academy Anaheim 2008. In reflecting on his service in the Academy, he found his work on the Admittance Committee to be most rewarding, though it was difficult to tell a colleague about failing the Fellow oral exams.

Within his community, Eger has been quite active. He served as Scoutmaster for 5 years, seeing both his sons become Eagle Scouts. He was also a leader for a High Adventure trip to Algonquin Provincial Park, 200 miles north of Toronto; following his opportunity to go to Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico as a scout himself. He is also a Rotarian, a past president of the Moon Township Rotary Club and



Cover Story



Three generations: Drs. Mark, Elmer, and Noah Eger

was chairman of the District 730 conference which offered him opportunities to learn about planning meetings, a major part of his Academy board responsibilities.

As a member of the Montour Heights Country Club, he was able to combine his love of golf with an opportunity to grow in leadership. He served on the governing board, ultimately serving as president. This is where he learned to work with people, and to discern the better ideas presented to him.

He has been married to Sue for 42 years and she frequently accompanies him in his travels. His son, Noah, is recently engaged and is his partner in practice. His son, Jason, is married to Janelle and lives in Pittsburgh. He works for InVivoData, a company that sets up research program protocols in Palm Pilots for gathering research data. They have three children; a daughter, Jarah, and twin sons, Jonas & Jude, born on January 23, 2009.

Congratulations to Dr. Mark Eger and best wishes as he leads the Academy.



Drs. Richard Hill and Mark Eger



Sue and Dr. Mark Eger at a luau banquet in Honolulu, HA



photos from left to right:

Mark Eger (OD'68), Sue Eger, Joe Yager (OD'73), Renate Eschman, Bob Newcomb (OD'71, MPH), and Raphael Eschman at dinner in Munich, Germany.

Mark Eger (OD'68), Rick Weisbarth (OD'80), and Sue Eger in Interlaken, Switzerland.

Buckeyes who have served as Academy President:

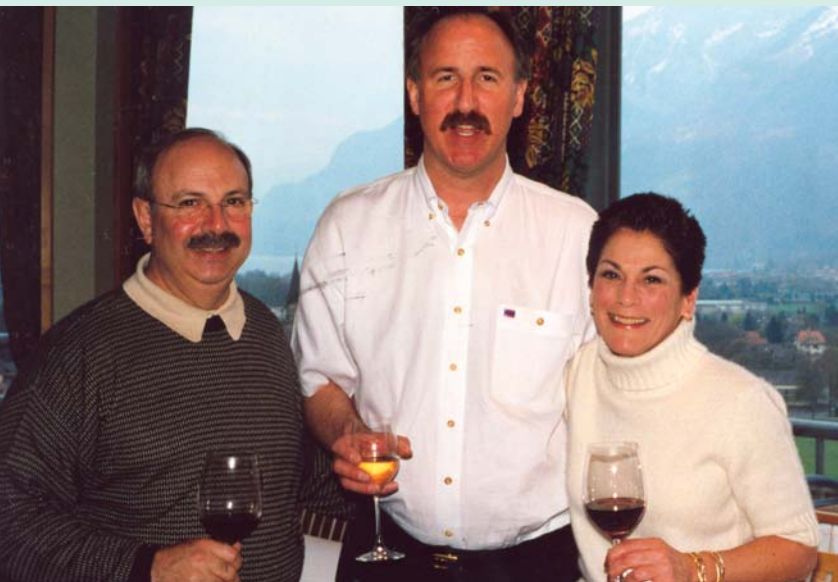
Mark Eger (OD'68), Bob Newcomb (OD'71, MPH), Rick Weisbarth (OD'80), Joe Yager (OD'73), and Jerry Lowther (BS'66, OD'67, MS'69, PhD'72)



Susan and Mark Eger at Waimea Canyon (Kauai, Hawaii)

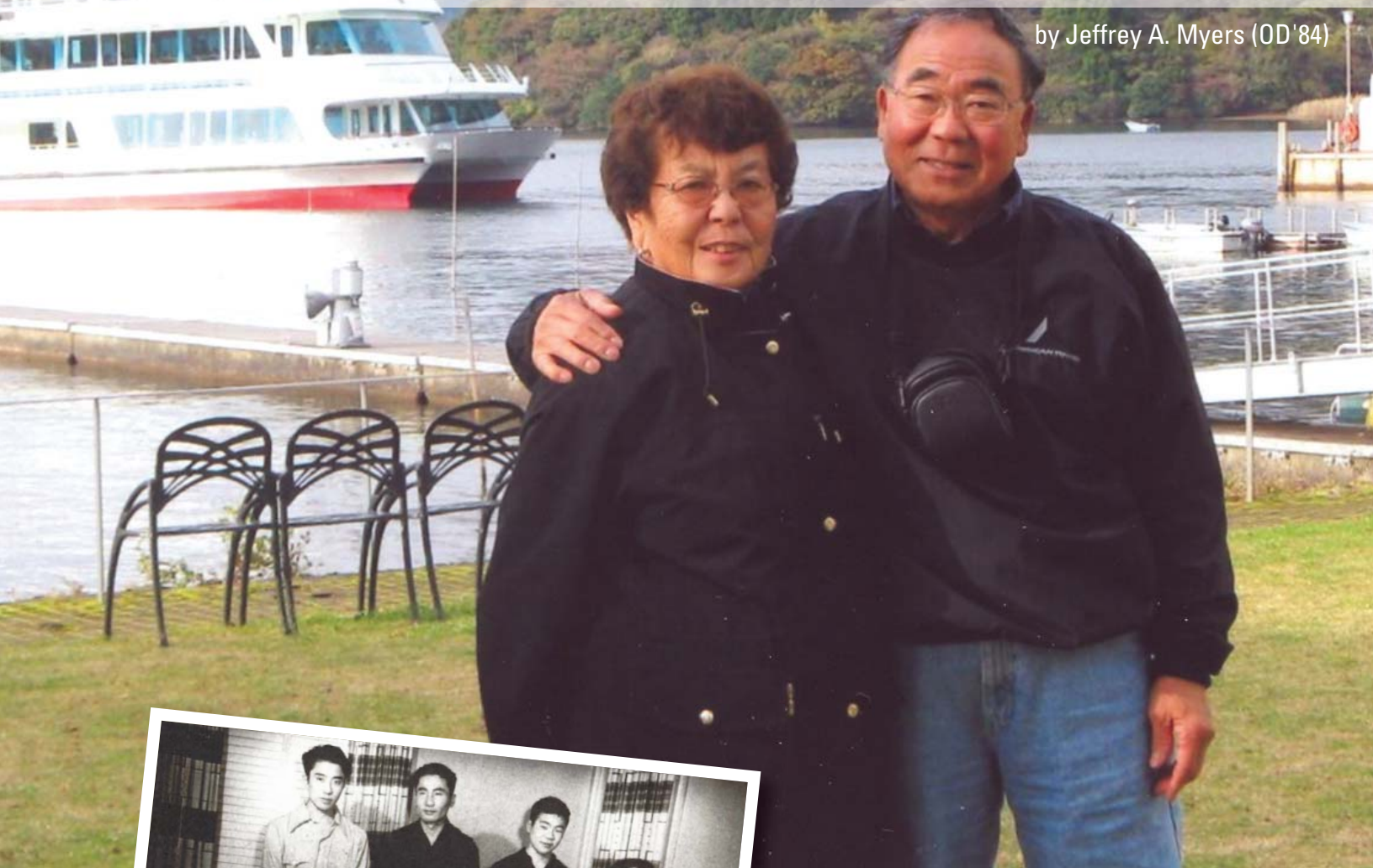
Did you know?

Dr. Eger reads every monthly issue of the Academy's journal, Optometry and Vision Science, cover to cover



Roy Ebihara *Better American in a Greater America*

by Jeffrey A. Myers (OD'84)



Dr. Roy and Aiko Ebihara on a recent trip to Osaka, Japan



The Ebihara family in Cleveland:
(top row) Henry, Ben, Roy, Kathy
(middle row) Fumy, Amy, Fuji, Shiro
(front row) Bill and Mary

Focus on Alumni



Roy and his sister Kathy at home in Clovis, NM

political leaders were suspicious that these people were guilty of ongoing espionage for the Empire of Japan.

Tension in Clovis went higher, and the Ebiharas made a plan for escape in the event the locals came to attack them and they had no protection. The plainclothesmen of the sheriff's department came to the home and chopped up Roy's father's Philco shortwave radio with an axe one day. It was a frightening time.

On the night of January 19, 1942, the sheriff and state patrol officers arrived at their Clovis enclave and evacuated the Japanese families, minutes before a local group of vigilantes arrived.

The group was taken by car overnight to Fort Stanton, New Mexico, where German POW's were held. The authorities were planning to house the evacuees there, too. But, it was Roy's sister, a high school student who objected to the children being housed with POW's. After all, the children were United States citizens and none of the family members had committed or been accused of a crime.

This objection led to the Japanese families being moved to a closed Civilian Conservation Camp in Raton, New Mexico, called Old Raton Ranch. Roy reports that this was a beautiful camp, with barracks for the families. While the families were detained in Raton, they were not quite sure if the border patrol officials were watching them to protect them or keep them under surveillance. Food was brought to them, though rationed like others in the country. Shiro raised vegetables, and the families trapped game, primarily rabbit, to supplement the rations, as meat was frequently and severely rationed.

In December of 1942, the family was moved from Raton to Topaz in Delta, Utah where 250 people lived in each of 42 "blocks". The entire camp was guarded by the military and surrounded by a barbed-wire fence. This was one of 10 sites in 6 states where Japanese Americans were interned during the war. Each block was individually governed, which created a real challenge for many of the Japanese immigrants who had grown up and experienced the Japanese caste system, as people of all walks of life were living together. Topaz was located in a severe desert region where average winter temperatures hovered around zero and summer

temperatures were easily in the 90's. Pine plank walls and tarpaper provided the only protection from the elements.

There was great controversy among the internees about whether they should volunteer for service in the United States military. The conversations became quite heated on a regular basis. Roy's brother, Henry, felt strongly that he should be permitted to volunteer for service, though he had been born in Japan and could not achieve US citizenship. Only after sending a letter to Secretary of War Henry Stimson with a copy to President Roosevelt did Henry become a member of the US Army.

Henry was the first Japanese American alien in the US Army, and unlike most Japanese Americans, worked in the Pacific Theater. Because Henry was able to speak Japanese, he was trained in the Military Intelligence Service (MIS) and Counter Intelligence Corps (CIC) and was parachuted into Japan ahead of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki that brought the war to an end. He worked as part of the Army of Occupation of Japan following the war.

Roy's brother-in-law, Roy Machida, served with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team in Europe. The 442nd won fame as being made up mostly of Japanese Americans and saw extensive action in Europe. The unit received over 9800 Purple Hearts, 4000 Bronze Stars, 560 Silver Stars, 21 Medals of Honor, and seven Presidential Unit Citations for service in WW II. Mr. Machida served in Europe, earning two Purple Hearts and was part of the group that liberated the Dachau Concentration Camp.

Ultimately, in December 1943, citing the legal writ of habeas corpus which limits the length of time that a citizen may be detained without being charged with a crime, the Ebiharas were able to move to Cleveland, Ohio. They were the first large family to leave Topaz and were the first Japanese American family in Cleveland. Roy's father found work at a tank plant in east Cleveland, becoming the first Japanese alien to work in a US Department of Defense plant in WW II.



ROY EBIHARA, AGE 7
1941

photos from left to right:

Roy Ebihara, age 7, Easter 1941 in Clovis

Mike Reynolds, Mari Kurada, and Roy building a taiko drum

Ichio Daico practices Taiko drumming

Roy became a first grade student at Clark Elementary School in Cleveland at the age of 10 years, still unable to read and write. No school had been available in Raton, and opportunities at Topaz were also limited. While he eventually did catch up academically, it was a struggle. By his own admission, Roy fell in with the “wrong” crowd, committing petty thefts, and being known in the Japanese community as a good-for-nothing. His parents sent him to Sacramento to work with friends after he graduated from high school. He worked for no pay, just room and board, at the produce terminal from sunup to sundown. He got involved with the wrong gang there and was shipped to Lake Tahoe, where the friends owned a supermarket and he worked as a cashier.

He describes himself as a troublemaker, and traces the source to his resentment to being Asian when he really wanted to be like his friends, his Caucasian friends. He resented who he was and reports that he was an angry young man.

When Roy failed to report for the military conscript, the military police took him to Oakland, California for processing and then shipped him to Monterey, California to be in the service, where he went AWOL on two occasions. One night, while on guard duty, he fell asleep and was going to be court-martialed. He had befriended a fellow in the military by the name of Curtis Roosevelt, whose grandparents happened to be President Franklin and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.

A letter from Curtis prompted a visit to the unit in Boston by Eleanor, who overheard the Second Lieutenant and Captain’s racial epithets. She had a conversation with the Colonel and the charges were dropped.

After leaving the service, Roy ended up at The Ohio State University as a pretty old freshman. He reconnected with Aiko, whom he had “dated” while in junior high school. Her family was living in Salem, Oregon, when the war broke out, working in the restaurant business. Roy and Aiko met while their families were detained at Topaz. Both families eventually settled in Cleveland. Her parents had discouraged

the relationship because of his reputation. She was graduating from Ohio State as he was arriving as a freshman. He earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Biology and then was easily accepted into the School of Optometry, graduating in 1963. He was finally able to woo Aiko from other boyfriends after a couple years at Ohio State. They were married in 1959.

They have two children. Their son, Jeff lives in Holland, Michigan with his wife Elizabeth and daughter, Sophia, and works doing wireless communication sales. Their daughter, Lori lives in Dallas, Texas, and works for the Big 12 Athletic Conference as an Assistant Commissioner.

In recent years, Dr. Ebihara has come to peace with who he is and has told his story to a wide variety of local and national audiences, both in and out of the Japanese American community. For many years, the internees were silent about their experience. It was not until 1978 that the Department of Justice acknowledged that these detention camps even existed. Now, those remaining tell their story in an effort to keep this civil rights disgrace from happening again.

For the last six years or so, Dr. Ebihara has built Taiko drums, a traditional double-headed drum. He and a friend, Mike Reynolds, have built 35-40 drums. He also founded a group, Icho Daiko, which does public performance using these traditional drums in the Cleveland area. He believes that this is a better way to communicate the Japanese culture than the common method of using martial arts.

Dr. Ebihara’s is a story of overcoming obstacles and challenges, of fear and injustice, of prejudice and civil rights, of acceptance of oneself. Ultimately, it became a story of caring for others in a way that he had not experienced when young. Maybe he was listening when he was told at home that he should see America as a land of opportunity, and he was encouraged to be a better American in a greater America.



Introducing Geoff Wiggins

Optometry's New Director of Information Technology



Geoff Wiggins' first responsibility as the new director of information technology was to catch flying pancakes with his plate since his first day coincided with the staff appreciation breakfast on Monday, September 29, 2008. He soon traded in his plateful of pancakes, however, for a full plate of challenges in his role as care taker of the College's technology infrastructure.

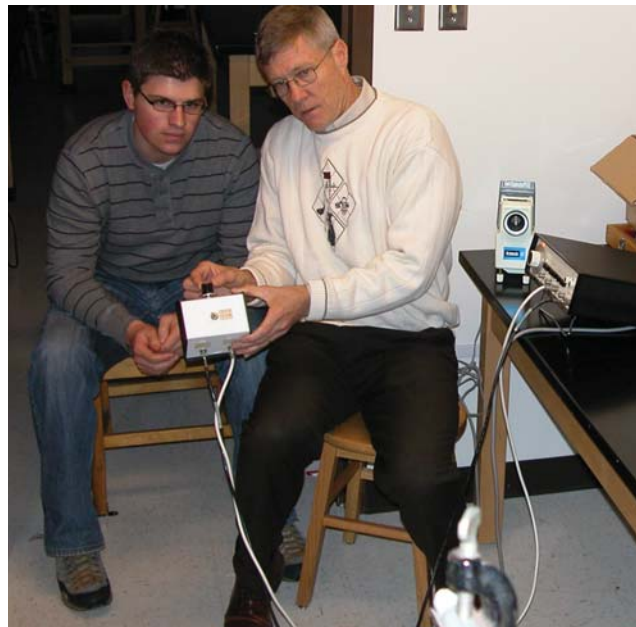
With eight years of experience behind him from the College of Nursing, Geoff is more than up to the task of "providing the best computing experience possible for Optometry's students, faculty and staff." This being his number one goal, he wants to start with examining "all aspects of our operation, looking at what we are doing well and what we could be doing better. [He plans] to work closely with [his] colleagues to help determine the best solutions to meet their needs in an efficient and effective manner in order to provide the College of Optometry the finest information technology facilities."

Geoff is originally from Akron, Ohio and came to Columbus in 1997 to attend Ohio State, where he enrolled as an English major. He chose English instead of computer science because he was primarily interested in academic computing, not computer design or construction, and felt it important to learn how to communicate with people who may know well a particular discipline but not be so familiar with information technology. He strives to make technology work for people and not be something that simply gets in their way.

In his spare time, Geoff enjoys collecting antique British sports cars. In fact, he owns three of them—two Triumphs and one Jaguar. On owning two Triumphs, he said that they are great fun to drive "as long as you're willing to make repairs once you get home to whatever you broke while driving around." He also enjoys helping out with the National Tractor Pulling Championship in Bowling Green, Ohio every year. Additionally he enjoys boating, driving a 4-wheeler, and caring for his pet rabbit.

Gregory W. Good, OD, PhD

Assistant Dean for Clinical Services



Dr. Greg Good explaining something in a lab to **Alex Nixon ('12)**.

The Ohio State University College of Optometry is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Gregory W. Good as Assistant Dean for Clinical Services. He is responsible for the oversight, advancement, and quality of the College of Optometry's clinical training activities. This includes the management of and responsibility for clinical rotations, patient services, as well as human and materiel resources assigned to the clinic program. He also serves as a member of the College's Executive Committee.

Greg has been a Professor of Clinical Optometry since July, 1993. His other administrative assignments at the College have included: President of Optometric Educators, Inc. (1988 to present), Director of Residencies (1996-2005), Chair of the BEST Committee that reviewed the College curriculum in 2006, a current member of the College Feasibility Committee to investigate the requirements and design possibilities for a new building, Chair of the Faculty Advisory Committee (2007-2008) which oversaw the most recent faculty retreat, and Co-chair of the College Self-Study Committee. For several years, he has also been a member of the Clinic, Continuing Education, and Curriculum Committees.

Greg came to The Ohio State University in 1968, when he began his undergraduate studies in Aeronautical Engineering. He earned his O.D in 1975 and his Master of Science and Ph.D. degrees in Physiological Optics in 1979 and 1981, respectively. His dissertation was on “The Effect of Accommodation on Visual Evoked Potentials and Visual Acuity Measurement.” His research has been in the areas of vision standards, color vision, and eye movements.

Before entering graduate school in 1978, however, Greg served three years as an Optometry Officer in the United States Army at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. Subsequently, Greg served 17 additional years in the US Army Reserves. His final eight years of reserve service were spent as Commander of the 421st Medical Detachment here in central Ohio and his Army Reserve Rank is Lieutenant Colonel (LTC).

Greg joined The OSU College of Optometry faculty as an Assistant Professor of Optometry and Physiological Optics in 1981, and he has remained teaching at the College since then. He has taught several courses in the curriculum, including Environmental Vision, Specification of Visual Stimuli, Vision Rehabilitation, and graduate courses in Visual Optics and Visual Stimuli. He has also taught students in the clinics, including the Occupational Vision, Color Vision, Vision Rehabilitation, and Environmental Vision Services.

In addition, Greg represents the American Optometric Association on the ANSI Z87.1 Education and Occupational Eye Safety Committee, serves on the AOA Commission on Ophthalmic Standards, and serves as a consultant to the AOA Eye Safety Committee. He also serves as diplomate chair of the Public Health / Environ-

mental Optometry Section of the American Academy of Optometry. He is Chair of the Public Health/Environmental Vision Committee of the National Board of Optometry and represents this committee on the Council of the Clinical Science Examination (part II) for test preparation and review sessions. He actively participates in helping set vision standards for various state and national agencies, including the Department of Homeland Security, the United States Secret Service, the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Ohio highway patrol, industries, and law enforcement programs.

Greg and his wife Susie each have three children of their own, as well as two grandchildren and a third grandchild on the way. Greg is a self-professed exercise fanatic. He tries to run every day, with a goal of running 25 miles/week. He also works out at the Recreation and Physical Activity Center (RPAC), swimming and using the stationary bikes. For the last seven years he and Susie have had a strong tie to the OSU marching band, traveling to away games in an RV. They have a nephew and two sons-in-law who played in the band, and two daughters who have worked on the staff, one who is currently head secretary. Greg and Susie enjoy hockey and are season ticket holders for the Blue Jackets.



Dr. Greg Good instructing students in a lab.



Dr. Gregory J. Nixon is in a new position at the College and was appointed as an Associate Professor of Clinical Optometry starting on April 1, 2008. He had served as the Coordinator of the Primary Care Extern Program since 2000 and has coordinated the entire extern program since August, 2007. Previously, he had served in the roles of Clinical Associate Professor, Clinical Assistant Professor, and Staff Optometrist at the College. He has instructed in several clinics and laboratories at the College, served as a guest lecturer in several courses, and currently teaches Optometry 682, Clinical Ocular Pharmacology, and Optometry 641, Clinical Practice in Optometry II: Management of Glaucoma. He is the faculty of record for the Ocular Disease Extern Experience, the Primary Care Extern Experience, and the Advanced Practice Extern Experience.

Greg graduated Summa Cum Laude in 1991 with his Bachelor of Arts degree from Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa, majoring in biology with a concentration in chemistry. He earned his Doctor of Optometry degree from The Ohio State University in 1996, again graduating Summa Cum Laude. He was the Outstanding Junior of the Year (1995) and received several awards as an optometry student, including the Ohio Optometric Association (OOA) Outstanding Senior Student Award (1996). He was the OOA Young O.D. of the Year in 2000 and received the OOA Outstanding Service Award in 2005 and the OOA Special Service Award in 2006. He served on the OOA Optometric Scope Committee and Task Force from 2005 to 2008 and has been a member of the OOA EastWest Eye Conference Education Committee since 2004. He has been the OOA Legislative Committee Co-Chair from 2002 to the present, was a member of the OOA New Technologies Committee from 1998 to 2000, and was a member of the AOA Faculty Relations Committee from 1998 to 2001. He was also awarded the Herbert Mote Award for his contributions in optometric teaching in 2008, and he is a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry.

Focus on Faculty

Gregory Nixon, OD, FAAO

Greg was a co-investigator for the Collaborative Longitudinal Evaluation of Keratoconus (CLEK) Study from 1999 to 2001. He has published several papers in *Contact Lens Spectrum*, for which he serves as Clinical Columns Editor. He has been a speaker for the EastWest Eye Conference, the American Optometric Association meeting, zone meetings for the Ohio Optometric Association, the Eye Center of Toledo, Optometric Educators, Inc., and other groups. The topics of his presentations include: oral medications in eyecare, bifocal contact lenses, neuroprotective strategies in the treatment of glaucoma, ocular manifestations of systemic diseases, uveitis and the role of lab testing, dry eye management and contact lens wearers, and peripheral retina grand rounds.

In addition, Greg has been a member of a private optometric practice, Professional VisionCare, in Westerville, Ohio from June 2000 to the present. He is married to Vondolee Delgado Nixon, who is also on faculty at the College, and they have two boys: Jackson (9) and Chase (4 ½). Greg loves to play golf, and he enjoys reading presidential biographies.



Dr. Greg Nixon with his family (top to bottom) Chase, Greg, Vondolee, and Jackson

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Focus on Faculty

Jacqueline G. Davis, OD, MPH

Dr. Jacqueline G. Davis started her position as Assistant Professor of Clinical Optometry on March 1, 2008. She has been serving as Clinic Chief of the South High Street Service since 2005 and concurrently earned her Master of Public Health degree from The Ohio State University in June of 2008. She will be teaching Optometry 660, Advanced Diagnosis and Management of Ocular Disease, beginning Spring Quarter, 2009.

Jackie hails from Springfield, Ohio and earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Central State University, Wilberforce, Ohio in 1977. In 1981, she was the first African American woman to earn the Doctor of Optometry degree from The Ohio State University. While a student at the College of Optometry, she served as a Research Assistant to Dr. Richard Hill. She was also an Executive Board Member (Student Representative) to the National Optometric Association (NOA), coordinating National Optometric Student Association (NOSA) activities in the Midwest region.

Following graduation, she was a Clinical Instructor at the College from 1981 to 1987, and she has served as a Clinical Attending periodically from that time until the present. She also served as Vision Clinic Chief for ECCO Family Health Center in Columbus until 1990. While working there, she established the Vision Department in this inner city health facility and served on the Peer Review Committee, overseeing the health center's procedures and regulations. She founded her own private solo practice in 1987, providing general optometric services and therapeutic treatment of ocular disease, pediatrics, geriatrics, contact lenses, and eyewear dispensary. From 1983 to 2002 she also worked as a Staff Optometrist for Dr. Wilbur Blount, assessing and managing ophthalmic patients in this retinal specialty practice.

Her service activities include her appointment by Governor Richard Celeste to the Ohio State Board of Optometry in 1990. She was re-appointed to the Board by Governor George Voinovich and served as Board President in 1994 and 1999. Her duties there included writing, administering, and grading the Mechanical Optics exams for Ohio licensure candidates, overseeing optometric continuing education courses proposed for the state of Ohio, investigating consumer complaints, consulting on legal issues brought before the Board, and assisting in the development of new optometric legislation for the Ohio Revised Code.



She has also served the National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) as a Chief Examiner of The Ohio State University Clinical Skills Exam and by serving on several overseeing committees determining the validity of test questions and assessing candidate performance levels. She served on exam writing committees of the Visual Recognition and Interpretation of Clinical Signs (VRICS) and the Patient Assessment and Management (PAM) tests. From 1992 to the present, she has been a Vision Consultant to the Ohio Department of Health in Jackson, Ohio, providing vision care services to children in underserved populations and supervising senior optometry externs as they provide pediatric services. Once a month Jackie provides free eye exams at the Vineyard Clinic, a free medical clinic that provides medical, optometry, and dental services.

Jackie's decision to go back to college to earn a master's degree in public health was influenced by her desire to look at how to better provide services to groups of people. Jackie's culminating project of her master's program related to the College's externship program. She compared graduates who had been involved in outreach services while in the externship programs to those who had not. She determined that 94% more provided outreach services to their communities if they had been involved in outreach than those not involved. She is in the process of co-authoring a chapter on public health in optometry with Dr. Mel Shipp that will be published online and is part of a textbook with multiple authors.

Jackie is currently a Life Member of the NOA and co-advisor of The Ohio State University College of Optometry NOSA. She is married to Woody Davis, a fireman for the City of Columbus. Both of their sons, Woodrow and Tyler, are students at The Ohio State University. They have a boat on Lake Erie where they like to spend as much time as they can, and they try to go on at least one snow skiing trip each year with a group called Guns and Hoses (police and firefighters). They also fly remote controlled airplanes in their spare time, and they own two dogs, named Vader and Belle.



Gift Planning Strategies

Giving Through Your Estate Plan: The Charitable Bequest

A charitable bequest plans for the future of THE COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY at The Ohio State University through scholarships, faculty support, innovative research and programmatic funds.

What is a charitable bequest?

A charitable bequest is a provision in either your will or trust agreement which states that all or a portion of your estate passes to the College of Optometry at The Ohio State University.

Why are charitable bequests and other estate gifts so important?

Many of the College of Optometry's most significant gifts have been in the form of bequests. Bequest and trust expectancies, beneficiary designations of retirement plan assets and life insurance policies provide legacy gifts which build the endowment and plan for the College's future.

I do not have many assets. Do I really need "an estate plan?"

Every person, regardless of age, marital or economic status should have a will to make one's intentions known. Asset distribution, business succession, guardianship for children, and health care directives are all crucial considerations. Establish your estate plan with a will so the state does not decide these vital decisions for you!

The appointment is set with my estate planning attorney. How do I prepare for the appointment and how do I include the College of Optometry in my estate plan?

Bring a list of the people and charitable organizations, such as the College of Optometry at The Ohio State University, you wish to include in your plan to the appointment.

Your attorney will help you arrange your estate plan based upon its size, the specific assets you own, any tax considerations and the people and organizations you wish to include in your estate plan.

How can I structure my bequest?

There are a variety of ways to establish bequests. Consider your preference for each gift before the meeting. Do you prefer to give a specific dollar amount or a % of your estate to each beneficiary? Do you prefer to make unrestricted or restricted charitable gifts?

I'm young and expect my gross estate to grow. How can my affairs be arranged to increase my gifts as my net worth increases?

For gifts you would like to increase proportionately to your estate's value, establish bequests that are a % of the estate rather than a specific dollar amount. This structure provides for changes in estate value without requiring changes to the will.

Is there sample language I can suggest for my attorney to use to establish my bequest?

The following are common ways friends have included a bequest to the College of Optometry in their estate plan. Your attorney will provide your state's specific bequest language.

Specific Bequest:

I give \$100,000 to The Ohio State University Foundation, in Columbus, Ohio, to support the objectives and purposes of the College of Optometry.

Percentage Bequest:

I give 25% of my estate to The Ohio State University Foundation, in Columbus, Ohio, to support the objectives and purposes of the College of Optometry.

Residual Bequest:

I give all of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate to The Ohio State University Foundation, in Columbus, Ohio to support the objectives and purposes of the College of Optometry.

Restricted Bequest:

I give 25% of my estate to The Ohio State University Foundation, in Columbus,

Ohio. This gift shall be held as a permanent scholarship endowment to be known as the John E. Doe Fund to support professional students of the College of Optometry.

My attorney asked for the OSU Foundation's EIN (Employer Identification Number) for my file.

The Ohio State University Foundation's EIN is 31-1145986.

How often should my estate plan be reviewed?

Life changes such as marriage, death, divorce, or the birth of a child, call for an immediate review of your estate plan. Barring a life change, it is a good idea to periodically review your will, medical health directives, business succession plans, retirement plan beneficiary designations, and life insurance policy designations, too.

After my estate plan is completed, should I share my plans with the College of Optometry at Ohio State?

Establishing an estate plan is a very personal process which represents your deepest values and personal legacy. The College of Optometry appreciates notification of your plans to thank you for your generous intentions and to ensure that your legacy can be carried out according to your wishes. Your estate gift plan provides for the future of the College of Optometry. Thank you!

Interested in learning more about including THE COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY at The Ohio State University in your estate plan?

In addition to the college's Director of Development, Gayle Glanville (614) 292-2100, you can contact Sindy L. Craig, director of development for planned giving. She is available to assist you with your gift planning needs by email or phone.

Phone: 614-292-0206 or 800-327-7907

Email: craig.307@osu.edu

A Day in the Life of an OSU Optometry Student

Hello! I am Yukiko Oda, a first year at The Ohio State University College of Optometry. This is my typical Tuesday of winter quarter 2009.



My day starts off when my alarm goes off at 6:30, giving me just enough time for me to get ready for my 8 am class. Many may dread Mondays, but for me, Tuesdays are one of my toughest days. I hop in the shower, then pack my lunch and finally I'm off to school as I brave Ohio's frigid winter weather. Once I get to school, I have plenty of time to stop by my locker and chat with my classmates before class starts.

8:00 a.m.: We have an hour of Specification of the Visual Stimulus class. This course helps us understand how to quantify light in terms of magnitude and color. **9:00 a.m.:** we have Neck and Head Anatomy. **10:00 a.m.:** I have two hours of Physiology. A laptop really saved my life when it came to these classes because they both require writing down tons of material quickly. In other words, one missed concept means one more question missed on the exam. In between each of the classes, we get a 5 to 10 minute break - just enough time to catch up with my friends.

Since this is my first year, I was curious to find out about life beyond the lecture halls. Participating in many organizations including National Optometric Student Association (NOSA), EYE, Private Practice Club, Sports Vision Club, and American Optometric Student Association (AOSA) helps me with networking and gaining more information in this profession. NOSA promotes recruitment and retention of minority students to provide quality eye care to the minority communities and underrepresented populations. Private Practice Club provides students a better understanding of the various modes of private practice as well as the responsibilities and issues in owning a practice. I recently joined EYE, the optometry fraternity. EYE not only adds more fun to my academic life, but it's also a great way to network with upperclassmen and faculty. Being part of all of the organizations will help me choose the best career path in a few years down the road.

Around 11:50, I grab lunch with my classmates for an hour before we head back for our afternoon classes. We start off with Geometric and Physical Optics for two hours, and then we're back to our Specification of the Visual Stimulus. When



I finally get back from classes, I change and hit the gym with my boyfriend. After a rigorous workout, I shower and my boyfriend and I whip up dinner and eat together while we watch TV. An hour later, I dig into my notes to look over topics we went over in class until my eyes refuse to stay open. I try to be in bed by 11:30, so I'm well rested for another long day tomorrow.

All of this would not be happening if it weren't for the IDOL (Improving Diversity of Optometric Learners) program here at College of Optometry in August 2007. I was one of the first groups of students participating in the program, and I learned the importance of representing minority population in optometry while meeting new people with diversity. The program prepared me to be a successful optometry student in many ways.

It taught me about the financial situation while in school. I also got to experience what it's like to sit in one of the optometry classes and to set foot in the clinic when I enter my third year. Also, when it came to studying and registering for the OAT, IDOL gave me all of the basic information I needed. Getting insight from a student who had already gone through the process was also another helpful source of information. Most importantly, the people that I met through the IDOL program were extremely friendly and genuinely cared for my education. They made me feel that I would be missing out if I weren't part of the school. At the end of the program, my heart was set on applying to The Ohio State College of Optometry, and I am very proud and glad about my decision.

OSU Optometry announces 3+4 admissions program with Penn State Erie, The Behrend College



photo from The Behrend College

From left, James Warren Jr., associate professor of biology, Sally Haltom, director of Student Affairs for the College of Optometry, and Mary-Ellen Madigan, director of admissions and financial aid, meet at Logan House on the campus of Penn State Behrend.

The Ohio State University College of Optometry has established its first professional program affiliation agreement, a 3 + 4 optometry program with the School of Science at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College.

The program offers Penn State Behrend students the opportunity to begin pursuing a doctor of optometry (O.D.) degree one year early. Penn State Behrend students who complete the joint program will earn a bachelor's degree in biology from Penn State Behrend and a Doctor of Optometry degree from Ohio State.

"We are delighted by this collaborative arrangement between Penn State Behrend and the OSU College of Optometry. Through this partnership, prospective optometry students can efficiently pursue their career goals and benefit from optimal advising and reduced educational costs," said Dean Mel Shipp. "This is the first articulation agreement of its kind for Ohio State and we are happy to be partnering with the College of Optometry," said James Warren, Jr., associate professor of biology and chairman of the joint program for Penn State Behrend.

Interested students will begin their studies in the School of Science at Penn State Behrend, enrolled in the biology pro-

gram's accelerated health programs option. After successfully completing three years of coursework and other requirements, students who are accepted into the College of Optometry will come to Ohio State to begin their optometry studies. Those who are accepted into the 3 + 4 joint program will have to meet admission requirements, first, for Penn State Behrend and, later, for Ohio State, including a formal interview with the College of Optometry admissions committee.

Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, is a comprehensive residential college offering 34 bachelors, six associate, four pre-professional and two graduate degree programs with 22 minors to more than 4,600 students. Focused on providing a student-centered environment, Penn State Behrend connects its students to a major research and land-grant institution on a campus enriched by more than 110 clubs and organizations, 21 NCAA varsity teams and 19 intramural sports. Penn State Behrend is named in recognition of a donation by Mary Behrend, widow of Ernst Behrend, who founded the Hammill Paper Co. in Erie in 1898. The Behrend family lived on the 400-acre Glenhill Farm, which is the core of the Penn State Behrend campus today.

For more information on the program, please visit the Penn State Behrend web site: <http://pserie.psu.edu/>

2009 AOSA Award Winners

Congratulations to the 2009 award winners! The awards were presented at the 2009 EyeBall in February.

Faculty Member of the Year:

Dr. Greg Nixon

Staff Member of the Year:

Karen Stedfeld

Clinical Attending of the Year:

Dr. Lisa Lex

Distinguished Student of the Year:

James Hardie

Student Leader of the Year:

Travis Zigler

Dean Shipp receives APHA Recognition

Dean Melvin D. Shipp, OD, MPH, DrPH, was honored with the 2008 Executive Director's Citation at the 136th American Public Health As-

sociation (APHA) Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA, at a ceremony and dinner on October 28, 2008.

Dean Shipp served as treasurer of the APHA from 2001-2007 and as an Executive Board member from 1999-2007. Among his many contributions to the association, he served as the founding chair of the Education Board and chair of the Finance and Audit Committee from 2001-2007. He has served as a Section councilor and governing councilor for the Vision Care Section and has held numerous other positions. According to APHA Executive Director Dr. Georges Benjamin, "Mel steadfastly led the fiscal process and was an absolutely stellar board member."



Dr. Mark Bullimore congratulates third year student Stephen Denny, the OSU recipient of the 2008 ACUVUE® Eye Health Advisor Student Citizenship Scholarship.



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Binocular Vision and Pediatrics Forum Thursday, April 23, 2009

8:30 Registration

9:00 An Optometric Approach To Children With Reading Disorders
Leonard J. Press, OD (2 hours)

11:00 Binocular Disorders Masquerading as Ocular Disease (Part I)
Leonard J. Press, OD (1 hour)

12:00 Lunch (on your own)

1:30 Binocular Disorders Masquerading as Ocular Disease (Part II)
Leonard J. Press, OD (1 hour)

2:30 Visual Plasticity and Perceptual Learning Through the Window of Amblyopia
Leonard J. Press, OD (2 hours)

Children's Learning Forum Friday, April 24, 2009

8:30 Registration

9:00 Optometric Perspectives on Autism Spectrum Disorders
Leonard J. Press, OD (1 hour)

10:00 Identifying, Evaluating, and Referring Children with a Sensory Processing (Sensory Integration) Dysfunction
Jackie Kilburn, MA, OT (1 hour)

11:00 School Intervention: Rules, Practices, and Habits
Eric Pickering, PhD (1 hour)

12:00 Lunch

1:15 Early Literacy and Language Essentials: Discarding the Wait to Fail Model!
Steven M Griffin, M.A. CCC/SLP (1 hour)

2:15 Story Proof: The Science Behind the Startling Power of Story
Kendall Haven, PhD (2 hours)

Questions? Contact Dr. Marjean Kulp at (614) 688-3336 or kulp.6@osu.edu. Or visit the website at <http://optometry.osu.edu/BVPE>.

College of Optometry's Strategic Plan

COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY STRATEGIC PLAN 2008-2013

Great Vision: Eminence in optometric education, vision research, and eye care

Physical Facilities: Build a new facility to support administrative, clinical, and educational programs

Faculty:
Recruit, Hire,
Develop and Retain
an Excellent and
Diverse Faculty

**Professional
Program:**
Provide Excellent
Optometric Education
and Patient Care

Students:
Recruit, Admit,
and Retain an
Excellent and Diverse
Student Body

**Graduate
Program:**
Train the Best
Students to do the Best
Research

Research:
Conduct Excellent
Research in Optometry
and Vision Science

The Ohio State University College of Optometry, which was founded in 1914, has a timeline marked with many distinctions and excellent leadership. In 1936, Dr. Charles Sheard ushered in the name change from “applied optics” to “optometry” and theorized that 80% of what human beings learn in a lifetime is processed through the visual system. Shortly thereafter, in 1937, Dr. Glenn A. Fry founded the graduate program in physiological optics (now vision science) and raised the stature of the College and the field itself to world-wide prominence during the next 29 years of his career. Dean Emeritus Fredrick W. Hebbard, in 1964, guided the process for establishing the Doctor of Optometry degree. During the 1980s and 90s, Dean Emeritus Richard M. Hill expanded the scope of the curriculum to include diagnostic and therapeutic drugs and introduced the “Opt 7” program, combining the doctor of optometry degree with a masters in vision science (OD/MS). From the mid-90’s to the early 2000s, Dean Emeritus John P. Schoessler greatly expanded clinical research funding, initiating the building of the E.F. Wildermuth Optometric Research Clinic, which opened in 2006. In 2004, Dean Melvin D. Shipp joined the College and immediately began to consider how best to take the OSU College of Optometry to the next level. Already, he has established a combined doctor of optometry and masters in public health (OD/MPH) degree and commissioned the faculty to revamp the curriculum in order to not only bring it up to date but to establish a framework that will provide ongoing curricular excellence.

In 2007, the Office of Academic Affairs asked all colleges, schools, and units across campus to develop a strategic plan. In compliance with that request, Dean Shipp asked a select group of faculty, staff, and students to consult with their colleagues in identifying critical areas of the College that should be included in the plan. The five areas identified include: faculty, professional program, students, graduate program, and research. With respect to **faculty**, the plan outlines how to recruit, hire, develop and retain an excellent and diverse faculty. Accomplishing those goals translates into increasing the number of tenure-track faculty members, educating the educators, improving the quality of education offered by the internal auxiliary clinical faculty, and increasing the number of research-track faculty members. The aspired goal for the **professional program** is to provide excellent optometric education and patient care. This can be accomplished through developing courses into critical thinking laboratories, enriching and restructuring the third-year experience, establishing electronic medical records, and improving communication to and among students during off campus rotations. The part of the plan focusing on **students** centers on recruiting, admitting, and retaining an excellent and diverse student body through increasing the number and quality of applicants and improving the retention of the most qualified applicants to matriculation, as well as increasing student diversity. The **graduate program** aspires to train the best students to do the best research. To do that the number of faculty involved in training graduate students will need to increase, recruitment of the best qualified graduate students will have to be enhanced, and financial support for graduate education and research will have to increase. In the area of **research**, the plan considers how to conduct excellent research in optometry and vision science by increasing the College’s extramural funding portfolio.

Essential to excelling in all of these areas is the most exciting feature of the Strategic Plan-- the physical facilities. Dean Shipp appointed a committee of faculty, staff, and University facilities operations and development personnel to conduct a feasibility study approximately one year ago. The College is presently sharing the study findings internally and will soon go public with what lies ahead. . . .

1977 Joseph Barr, (OD '77, MS '79), Vice President, Global Clinical & Medical Affairs and Professional Services, Vision Care for Bausch & Lomb, has been named the 2008 recipient of the prestigious EFCLIN Award for his outstanding contributions to the contact lens industry.

EFCLIN (European Federation of the Contact Lens Industry), whose membership includes international contact lens manufacturers and suppliers, champions education and maintenance of the highest level of professional services within the contact lens industry. Each year EFCLIN recognizes a dedicated individual whose selfless contributions have made a lasting and positive effect on the industry. Dr. Barr was chosen specifically for his continued commitment to education, and for his many professional publications and lectures by which he has advanced the fitting of contact lenses.



Joe Barr (OD '77, MS '79) is pictured with Karen Kam-Lee Cheng on a recent trip to China. She is the Clinic Manager at Hong Kong Polytechnic U.

1979 Rick Billman (OD'79) accompanied a group of Boy Scouts from troop 48 Jackson, Ohio on a 12 Day trek to Philmont Scout Ranch in Northern New Mexico. Go Bucks!



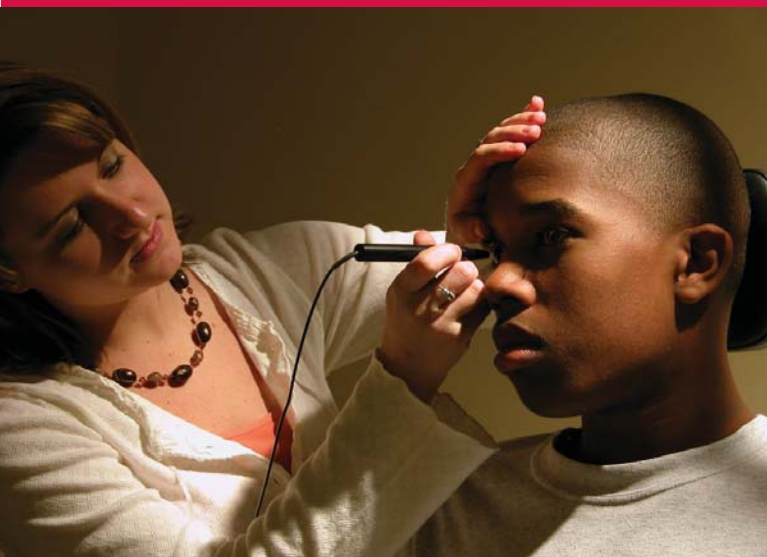
Dr. Billman atop Baldy Mountain, Philmont Boy Scout Ranch's highest peak.

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Alumni News



Class of 74 get together. From the left: Rick and Janet Gordon from Madison, Jim and Diane Hermann from Pickerington, Roger and Jane Saneholtz from Montpelier, and Tom and Barb Redick from Troy. The picture is on Norris Lake in Tennessee where Redicks have a lake home. Saneholtz reports, "We were trying for a double O-H-I-O, but the two big dummies sitting on the left did not know how to spell OHIO."

1998 Congratulations to **Kristina R. Burton (OD '99)** on the birth of her son. Michael Todd Burton was born on November 5, 2008.

2003 Kelly Taylor (OD'03) married Alan Slater on June 14, 2008 in Hilton Head, South Carolina. Bridesmaids included former classmates **Courtney Dewey, Tracy Hall, Heather Priestland, and Liane Wilt** (all OD'03).



Kelly Taylor (OD'03) with former classmates Courtney Dewey, Tracy Hall, Heather Priestland, and Liane Wilt (all OD'03).

In Memoriam

Max S. Weinstein (BS'39)

Ken Breckenridge (BS'63)

James Beisner (OD'71)

1993 Dave Bejot (OD '93) and Laura Young (OD'05) went on an eye mission trip to Dessalines, Haiti in the last week of January 2009.



Dave Bejot (OD'93) and Laura Young (OD'05) showing their Buckeye spirit in Haiti.



OSU Optometry Alumni Board at their meeting in December 2008: (back) Roger Saneholtz (OD'74), Jeff Myers (OD'84), Gayle Glanville, Cheryl Archer (OD'84), Dustin Gardner ('11), (middle) Terry Huston (OD'73, MBA, PhD)), Christine Beiling-Sheerer (OD'87), James Bieber (OD'68), Stephanie Gutierrez (OD'08), (front) Ryan Subler (OD'06), Bob Newcomb (OD'71, MPH), and Dave Bejot (OD'93)



Brutus built from the snowpile in front of Stephanie Gutierrez's (OD'08) office in Clyde, OH.



Brian Bostelman, Rachel Bostelman (OD'07), Lou Ann Limbird, Bob Limbird (OD'77) out snow skiing at Deer Valley, UTAH posing for a perfect picture moment!

Lois Black Bing (BS'48)

Lois Black Bing ('48) passed away on February 5, 2009. Dr. Bing was a graduate of whom the entire college can be proud.

After receiving her AB and teaching credential in 1931 from the College of Wooster, Dr. Bing earned her optometry degree in 1948 from Ohio State. She continued her interest in education through graduate studies at Ohio State, Pittsburgh and Case Western Reserve Universities. In addition to running her private optometric practice in Cleveland, she participated in cross-sectional studies of the relationship of vision and reading. Dr. Bing also participated in informal studies of the relationship of strabismus and reading achievement and vision and school readiness. In collaboration with Dr. Lillian R. Hinds, she devised the vision screening program for Euclid, Ohio schools and served as their vision consultant for many years. She collaborated with Dr. George D. Spache in producing a slide presentation on "Vision and School Success."

Dr. Bing chaired the Visual Problems of Children and Youth Committee of the American Optometric Association from 1951-1963. During that time she prepared the American Optometric Association's report for the 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth. She was a speaker for education and optometric audiences throughout the United States and founded the School Vision Forum, which is run today by our own Dr. Marjean Taylor Kulp.

Dr. Bing wrote articles on vision and reading for *The Reading Teacher*, *The Journal of Learning Disabilities*, and *Clinical Reading*, as well as various optometric publications. All of these, and many other reference books on vision and reading can be found in the College's Bing Pediatric Vision Library in room A-319 in Starling-Loving Hall.



In recognition of her work on vision and reading, Dr. Bing was presented the Apollo Award for distinguished service by the American Optometric Association, inducted into the National Optometry Hall of Fame in 2001, and presented with the Distinguished Alumnus award from the College of Wooster in 2002 and the Alumni Citizenship Award from the Ohio State University Alumni Association in 2006.

Dr. Bing is survived by her son, James D. Bing (OD '60).

Online CE now available at The OSU College of Optometry Website!

Online CE is now available at The OSU College of Optometry Website at <http://optometry.osu.edu/CE/courses/>. This CE program was developed not only to provide practicing optometrists with up-to-date information to better care for their patients, but also to generate an endowment for optometry student scholarships here at the College.

As most of you know, with our challenging state budget, our optometry students are being asked to pay through higher tuition for an increasing percentage of their education costs. The College has made a commitment within its most recent strategic plan to double the available scholarship dollars over the next five years for our students. This Online CE program is just one small step in this effort. Every dollar received as Online CE tuition will go toward this effort. Two courses are currently available and more will follow. We look forward to your participation!

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