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IUSO experiences changes in administration, faculty, facilities during dean’s tenure

The School of Optometry continues to make strides in a number of areas. It has always been my contention that the school must make a positive impression on everyone with whom it interacts. The clinic on the Bloomington campus cares for many of the more than 38,000 students who after graduation will move to locations throughout the state and nation. We want them to leave with a positive impression of the profession and to continue to use the services of optometry.

We remodeled the Atwater clinic seven and eight years ago to make it a professional facility. This has made a tremendous difference, but it is still “hidden away” on the second floor of the optometry building. With the continuing need for additional space, we are building a new free standing, ground-floor clinic that will be more accessible to the campus and general public. The former apartment building across the parking lot from the school has been torn down and our new three-story clinic will be built on that site. It will be on Third Street, visible from Atwater Avenue and with parking next to the clinic. The plan is to be moved in by June 2008.

With the completion of the new clinic, the present clinic will be used for our expanding patient/subject-based research. This will be an outstanding facility for our researchers and patients involved in the studies.

We have an internationally recognized faculty doing research in such important areas as ocular imaging, diabetes, macular degeneration, glaucoma, adaptive optics, infant vision, amblyopia, low vision, ocular physiology, and ophthalmic optics. They have been successful in obtaining competitive grants, and our present facilities are overflow-

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Marshall is 2007 AOA Optometrist of the Year, new IU Vice President for Diversity, Equity, Multicultural Affairs

Edwin C. Marshall, professor of optometry and associate dean for academic affairs and student administration at the IU School of Optometry, has not only been named the AOA Optometrist of the Year for 2007, but also has been appointed the IU Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Multicultural Affairs, replacing Charlie Nelms.

Dr. Marshall, who has served as an optometry professor in the school for more than 30 years, was chosen for this position by IU President Michael McRobbie because of Marshall’s long commitment to diversity and outstanding background in public health.

Marshall was awarded AOA Optometrist of the Year for his service to optometry and his commitment to protect and advance the health of the public. He was featured in the fall 2006 edition of Focus after he received the IOA Optometrist of the Year Award. The school wishes Dr. Marshall well in his new endeavor in advancing the mission of Indiana University.
R. Alan Roush tapped as 2007 Optometrist of the Year

The Indiana University School of Optometry would like to congratulate R. Alan Roush, OD’77, on being chosen as the 2007 IOA Optometrist of the Year. He practices in Kendallville with Matthew Will, OD’04. His daughter, Elizabeth, is a member of the IUSO Class of 2010.

In recognition of this honor, Focus decided to pose a few questions to Dr. Roush about this honor and how the IU School of Optometry has contributed to his career. In regard to being selected as Optometrist of the Year, Roush responded that “recognition from one’s peers is a most rewarding and humbling honor.”

When asked to describe his feelings on the quality of an IUSO degree, Roush heaped praise on his colleague, Dr. Will, stating that he is, without reservation, “an outstanding clinician and diagnostician. He renders services with impeccable professionalism and with a warm and compassionate rapport.” Roush also is impressed with the knowledge and skills daughter Elizabeth is gaining from the didactic and early clinical curriculum. He sees her establishing “her own roots” in those areas. In addition, there is a strong family legacy of optometry: Among the Roush family, there are five optometrists, including Elizabeth.

Roush thinks that the school shaped his future is positive ways as it began to adjust the curriculum to prepare students for clinical practice in response to the changing scope of the profession. He was able to bring new clinical practices to his father and brother’s practices while learning from their experience. Roush believes that the greatest value a person can bring to education, graduate or undergraduate level, is discipline — a value he hopes he has passed on to his children.

Alumni can play an important role in the future of the IU School of Optometry by maintaining a connection among their private practices, IOA, and the school. He believes that the “symbiotic relationship” among the three entities strengthens each individually and as a whole.

One area in which Roush would like to see growth is that of business management in private practice. He would like to see an organized program that connects private practitioners with students to help them learn better business and practice management skills. He would advise current students to become involved in the student association and to network with private practitioners in their first year. Both of these steps will assist them in finding placement upon graduation.

As a member of AOA and a past president of IOA, Dr. Roush exemplifies his astute advice. In addition to his optometric involvement, he is an active member of his community, working with organizations to stimulate economic activity in Kendallville, and is a member of the Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce. He is also a lay leader in the Methodist Church. In his free time, he enjoys gardening and golfing.
Steven Hitzeman selected as IOA president

Steven Hitzeman, OD’76, became president of the Indiana Optometric Association on April 22. Currently, Dr. Hitzeman holds the positions of director of clinics, director of the external rotation program, director of residencies, and director of the Sports Vision Program at the School of Optometry. In addition to his work at IUSO, he is also chair of the AAU Junior Olympics Screening Team and serves with the American Optometric Associations Clinical Care Group as a member of the Eye Safety Committee. Hitzeman received the IOA Optometrist of the Year award in 2000 and was named the American Optometric Associations Sport Vision Section Sport Vision Optometrist of the Year in 2005. He believes that the future of optometry lies in recent graduates and looks forward to increasing their involvement in the IOA.

In congratulating Dr. Hitzeman, Focus asked a few questions regarding his plans for IOA and its relationship to the IU School of Optometry. Hitzeman notes that he is honored to have been elected IOA president. He believes that the association protects the integrity of the profession and that it is crucial for all involved in the practice of optometry to actively participate in the IOA. As he takes on this position in addition to his many other responsibilities, he hopes to strengthen the relationship between the IOA and the IUSO.

During his tenure as president, Hitzeman will oversee strategic planning sessions to help direct the future of the IOA and optometry in Indiana. When discussing how this would affect IUSO, he emphasizes the importance of synergy between the school and the association. IUSO and IOA must be on the same page and work together to optimize Indiana’s leadership in the optometry profession.

Hitzeman encourages IUSO students to become involved in the IUSOA to gain leadership experience. By participating in the student association, students will be able to easily transition into leadership positions in the IOA. He also thinks that faculty at IUSO can serve as examples by maintaining active involvement in the IOA and by serving as officers.

One of Hitzeman’s goals as president is to increase membership, primarily amongst recent graduates, and to encourage recent graduates to take part in the IOA. While the IOA does owe a great deal to its hardworking staff, much of the work is undertaken by volunteers, those who serve as officers and board or committee members. Hitzeman is quick to praise the efforts of IOA volunteers and eagerly anticipates adding recent graduates to its ranks.

Dr. Hitzeman’s vision for the IOA and its relationship to IUSO are sure to have a positive impact on both institutions, and we wish him well as he undertakes this new endeavor.

Honors, awards go to outstanding students

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Two long-time faculty members retire in spring 2007

Riley plans to travel the country by car

Born in California and raised and educated in Iowa, Herbert D. Riley, graduated from IUSO in 1971. From that time until spring 2007, Dr. Riley taught both didactic classes and consulted in the clinic at the optometry school. He was director of the Atwater Eye Clinic from 1984 to 1990. Most optometry students probably remember best the time and care that he put into the Diagnostic Procedure courses. Riley received many teaching awards during his tenure at the school, and, in 1997, he was awarded the prestigious Teaching Excellence Recognition Award, presented by IU and the School of Optometry. He and his wife, Phyllis, plan to travel and see the country by car during his retirement. Riley and his quiet, patient manner will be fondly remembered by the almost 2,000 optometrists that he helped educate.

Hafner plans to restore truck, and travel

Any OD student attending IUSO between 1976 and 2007 is familiar with the challenge that was the first-year Gross Anatomy course. Gary Hafner, who developed both that and the Ocular Anatomy course, retired in May after 30 years of service to the school. He was born in North Carolina and grew up in Chicago and Indianapolis. Professor Hafner majored in biology and chemistry at Hanover College, received an MA in biology at Drake University, and earned a PhD specializing in neurocytology at IU in 1972. After a postdoctoral study in photoreceptor cell biology at the Jules Stein Eye Institute at UCLA, Hafner began teaching at IUSO in 1976 and became a full professor in 1993. His research focused on the cell biology of invertebrate photoreceptors. Hafner and his wife, Jane, plan to travel. He also has plans to restore a 1949 pickup truck.

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Holding with equipment, technicians, and staff. The added space will allow this important work to continue to grow.

We are also remodeling the Indianapolis Eye Care Center to improve the visibility of the eyewear center and the efficiency of the space. This clinic provides a wide spectrum of care for a clientele ranging from the homeless to state government dignitaries. With its outreach programs, this clinic has become a major player in health care in the Indianapolis region.

I am completing my ninth year as dean; time certainly flies, for it seems to me that I just started. I have announced that this academic year will be my last as dean. It is time for new leadership. Because of the hard work of our faculty and staff in conjunction with the great support of alumni, the Indiana Optometric Association, and others, we have been able to make significant strides during my tenure. We have added clinics, improved facilities, had a greater than tenfold increase in research funding, added outstanding faculty, revised the curriculum, have a major outreach program that helps thousands of less fortunate people, and have considerable international presence. I am confident that this growth will continue with all the great people working together. I look forward to the coming year, continuing to work with everyone involved, and moving many of our exciting projects forward.

— Gerald Lowther
**1960s**  
**Rollan J. Gongwer**, BA/BS’66, OD’68, ran a private optometry practice in Cassopolis, Mich., from 1968 to 1984, during which time he was a member of the Battle Creek Air National Guard and commander of the 110th clinic. In 1984, he joined the U.S. Public Health Service as a commissioned officer in the Indian Health Service, serving on reservations in Popular, Mont.; Chinle, Ariz.; Shawnee, Okla.; and El Reno, Okla. He retired from USPHS in 2006 as a captain. During retirement, Gongwer spends his time volunteering. He and his wife, Carol, have four children.

**1970s**  
Optometrist **Joe Raczek**, BS’78, OD’80, celebrated his 20th year in private practice in Milford, N.H. He was named the Souhegan Valley Chamber of Commerce Business Leader of the Year for his work with Rotary International and his participation in five Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity missions. Raczek invites 1980 alumni friends to contact him at joe@jraczek.com. He lives in Nashua.

**1980s**  
**Sarah A. Huseman**, AS’85, BS’94, OD’96, is the COO and optometrist at Eye Surgeons of Indiana in Indianapolis.  
**Douglas G. Turnipseed**, AS’87, is a lab manager at LensCrafters in Bloomington. His wife, Amanda (Ellis), BA’97, works at IU.

**1990s**  
**Catherine Ruffing Kelley**, AS’91, works at the University of Louisville in Kentucky. She lives in Jeffersonville, Ind.  
**Lowell C. Ware**, OD’92, opened a new optometry practice in Bowling Green, Ky., in January. He and his wife, Nancy, live in Smiths Grove.  
**Jean Berkey Israelson**, BS’97, OD’01, is an optometrist at EnVision Boulder in Colorado. Her husband, Michael, BA’98, DDS’02, has a dentistry practice in Louisville, Colo. Their son, Bryce Daniel, was born on Aug. 12, 2006.  
Optometrist **John D. McKenna II**, BS’97, OD’01, writes, “[I’m] currently living the dream of owning and operating my own private practice in Indianapolis. I bought the practice two years ago from **Norman D. Young**, BS’60, MS’61.”  
**Linda Knapp Glisson**, OD’98, writes that she is a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army and serving as the chief of an optometry clinic at Fort Bragg, N.C. She is married to a fellow Army officer, who was scheduled to deploy to the Middle East in January. They have a son, Isaac “Ike,” born on Feb. 18, 2005. She can be reached at Glisson2002@aol.com.  
**Matthew D. Mitchell**, OD’99, works at Bluffton (Ind.) Family Eye Care.

**2000s**  
**Tiffany E. Owens**, BS’00, OD’04, started the not-for-profit Low Vision Center of Northeast Florida in Jacksonville. She is also pursuing an MBA degree.  
**Renee Feit Walden**, OD’00, practices at VisionFirst in Louisville, Ky.  
**Carla J. Blankenship**, OD’02, of Franklin, Ind., is an optometrist at Wal-Mart Vision Center, Columbus. Her daughter, Ava Danielle, was born in August 2005.  
**Mindy Pellersels Gordon**, OD’04, is an optometrist at Midwest Eye Care in Omaha, Neb., where she works with two other optometrists and 11 doctors. She lives in Omaha.  
**Melissa G. Lehman**, OD’05, is an optometrist at Doctor’s VisionWorks in Atlanta.

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  Contact Jim Van Winkle at (260) 824-4169.  
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  Contact Cynthia Yin at c.yin2020@yahoo.com or 913-642-1769.  
- **Class of 1987**  
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  Contact Cindy Seibert Lang at lang2585@rtccom.net or Susan Kovacich at skovach@indiana.edu.
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Lindsay Barnett: Eschenbach Low Vision Award
Greg Hubbard: GP Contact Lens Clinical Excellence Award
Adam Wolf: GP Contact Lens Clinical Excellence Award
Amber Manzel: AOA Advantage Award
Eric Dale: LWW Vision Care New OD Scholarship, David H. Kolack OD Award
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