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Our Sincere Dedication:
To All Our Loved Ones

It’s Friday night. You’ve waited all week for this night — when that special someone can take a break from the daily grind. Willow is playing at the theater. You can’t wait. Anticipation builds up. The phone rings. “Sure honey,” you say, “I understand. Yeah, I really wanted to go out too, but that killer exam’s coming up. No problem. See you next weekend.”

You meet your husband at the door feeling absolutely frazzled with that screaming baby spewing strained carrots. He’s promised you the night off, but that was before Larry asked to trade patients with him. Any night but tonight when Junior is screaming from teething pain. This kid is driving you crazy, but you smile sweetly. “I understand, dear. You go ahead. You need the practice. I can always buy more ear plugs.”

“How was your day, honey?” you ask as your daughter drags through the door. “There!” she snaps, shoving past you to the stove. You’ve slaved over her favorite dinner — Swiss steak and hot rolls. It doesn’t matter that you’ve had to make a special trip to get the steak. It doesn’t matter that the sauce on the steak spilled, burning your hand. It’s your daughter’s favorite dinner, and she’s worth it. “Are you kidding, Mom?” she shrieks. “I can’t eat this. I’m on a diet. I have to look professional and I’m too fat! I’ll have a salad.” You could say something, but instead you smile. “Sure, honey. Is that with radishes or without?” Maybe Mrs. Smith will eat the Swiss steak with you.

You’ve been waiting for your wife all day. You’ve cleaned the house, even the oven for her while she spends all day looking into other people’s eyes. You’ve hardly seen her in three days. The door opens. You break into a huge smile, open your arms, and she piles them with a twelve inch stack of books. “Thanks, honey,” she says. “Just put them in the study.” You oblige. She stands at the study door, gently shoves you out with a soft peck on the cheek. “I’ve got Boards to study for,” she says, and she promptly closes the door in your face. “Sure, sweetheart,” you smile weakly. “I’ll see you in May.”

And so, loved ones, this is dedicated to you to say thanks for seeing us through another year. For all the times you’ve changed your plans or put up with ours, accommodating your lifestyles to ours, and putting our wants and needs above your own, we say thank you. We could have never made it without you!
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Health Sciences Library
Fourth Years

Our fourth year has been the most exciting one of our optometric education. Being involved in different clinical rotations, our optometric horizons were broadened by working with other optometrists and we could really apply what we had learned in school.

Robert C. Bobell
Tomas Borsky

Barbara W. Brown
John F. Bush

Stephen A. Cook
Thomas J. Cunningham

John R. Eigenbrodt
Michael S. Engleman

Class of 1988

The fourth year is the culmination of three years of hard work and timeless memories.
— Libbi Tracy Tardibuono

Carrie S. Gaines
Jeffrey L. Garner

L. Kent Harrington
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Kent C. Jensen
Brent D. Johnson

Michael J. Katich
Kevin R. Kickham
Third Years... The Grand Illusion

Wait til you get to third year. School gets a lot easier when you’re a third year. Well, my friends, welcome to the “Grand Illusion.” Although third year students have fewer classes, this is the time where everything comes together. By early September you start seeing patients for Primary Care exams, and then moving into the Special Clinics as well the following semester. It is during this time that you integrate all the amassed knowledge from the first two years into usable clinical skills. Third year is where clinical and professional skills and attitudes are finely tuned in preparation for the fourth year rotations and beyond. One of the highlights of this year was the Heart of America Convention in Kansas City. Nearly three quarters of the class attended lectures, enjoyed the alumni reception, talked with recent graduates, and visited quite a few haunts in the Westport area. It was truly a weekend to remember... We all wish Carol the best of luck with the birth of new baby this June.

Doug McGuire
Kyle Mayginnes
Douglas McGuire,
Jr.

Rick McMurtrey
Carol Merritt
Donald Miller

Janet Nelson
Kelly Norland
Thomas Peterson
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Price

James Rieger
Robert Rottler
Scott Rufolo
Teri Rule

Toni Taylor
Dennis White
Karen Wright
Mindy Yawitz

Which way to
Tipton House??
Second Years...

Optometry School has no doubt been a humbling experience for most of the second year class. We have definitely had some memorable experiences, but not all pleasant ones. Remember those Ophthalmic Optics lectures? We were introduced to the mysteries of matrices, bifocals, and contact lenses. Then we went on to further explore those mysteries in a tutorial class our second semester.

And let's not forget Dr. Dewart's slide show on proper clinic attire. Or what about Howard McAlister's traveling dog and pig show? Hasn't it been great? Then there was Marian Welling's shop class and VO-tech demonstrations? It really has been quite a year, not to mention the agony of National Boards, and the horror of three proficiencies!

We cannot wait until we are fourth years when we are real clinicians with ghost patients, rather than pseudo-clinicians with classmate patients.

After being together for two years now, one can truly begin to appreciate the personality of your class as a whole. If variety is the spice of life, then we have got more spice than the East Indies. We have our share of gunners, whiners, complainers, jokers, partiers, loners, and married folk. We even have a few normal people in our class. But the one thing our class does share is a common philosophy: “Maximum performance with minimum effort.” Maybe we will grow up someday — well, maybe!? J. W. Vann

Class of 1990

Gail Bass
Jeanine Bolen
Susan Cernea

Roger Chan
Kenton Driver
Lawrence Enst
Mark Ferguson

Aaron Franzl
John Gingrich
Cathy Heller
Mary Hohenberger

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Valerie Lawrence
Carl Malone, Jr.
Louis Mastroian
Gerald McLaughlin

Bruce Neil
Polly Nelson
Daniel Obermark
Jane Philbrook

Fishing anyone?

Did you know ...?
"Oh really?"

Chow time

Mark Rallo
Renee Reinholdt
Scott Sander
Jane Shea

Colleen Shear
Valerie Short
Margaret Siegmund
Derek Slinker

Brenda Sorensen
Titmus Stereofly
Larry Stern
Ted Sullivan

J. W. Vann
Mark Veenhius
Mark Yates
Andrea Zipprich

Not pictured: Trevor Crabtree
Too many cooks spoil the broth.

"What's a PD?"
First Years

Gyri and Sulci
Minnesota Twins in 7
A mad scientist, an alien, a swami, Pat and
Vanna, Batman, a few pirates, and a couple
of witches
Library of the Living Dead
The Daily Gunner
The Wailing Bench
AOA, SOA, MOA
Terms of Indebtedness
Katie Dieterichs and Anna Migneco
Right! Terrific!

Todd Ritter
Class of 1991

Victor Roeder
James Rotramel
Alice Schmitz
Amy Schneider

Rachel Shewmake
Richard Stewart
Yun-Hua Wong
Cat Before Dissection

Mary Migneco
Mark Moore
Steven Moore
Deborah Moran

Sean Mulqueeny
Nancy Nichols
Larry Richardson
Todd Ritter
Star struck

Okay, what's for dinner?

In all of our dreams...

The devil made me do it!

100 bottles of beer on the wall, 100 bottles of beer!

Rocky mountain high

Nyah-nyah!

Who is that masked man?

Summertime fun at Mansion Hills

The sacrifices of experimentation

The mad lunch bag popper about to strike again
THE FIRST YEAR: BEHIND THE SCENES
Future Optometrists?

This is to welcome the “new arrivals” to the world of the University of Missouri - St. Louis School of Optometry. Perhaps they will follow in their parent’s footsteps — on second thought, we wouldn’t want to subject anyone to this kind of torture especially these cute little babies!

Kate Nicholson
Daughter of Dr. Steven and Karyn Nicholson
Born: November 18, 1987

Katie Dieterichs
Daughter of Dan and Barbara Dieterichs
Born: December 5, 1987

Adam Nicholas Baro
Son of John and Kim Baro
Born: January 19, 1988

Derek Michael Rallo
Son of Mark and Kelly Rallo
Born: February 12, 1988

Kimberly Jane Seibert
Daughter of Dr. Daniel and Lydia Seibert
Born: February 22, 1988

Anna Marie Migneco
Daughter of Mary and Edward Migneco
Born: June 2, 1988

James Martin Borsky
Son of Tom and Sabina Borsky
Born: March 3, 1988

Carl Edward Merritt
Son of Carol and Miki Merritt
Born: June 28, 1988
Alumni Association

The purpose of the Alumni Association is to promote the interest and welfare of UM-St. Louis and the School of Optometry. Membership is open to all graduates of the School of Optometry, and forms are available through the UM-St. Louis Alumni Association, 421 Woods Hall, 8001 Natural Bridge Road, St. Louis, Missouri. The officers are Dr. Charles Metz, President; Dr. Sandra Warner, Vice President; and Dr. Todd Lucas, Secretary-Treasurer. The Members of the Board are Dr. Miriam Anderson, Dr. Stuart Anderson, and Dr. Lynn Herndon.

American Optometric Student Association

Our local chapter of the American Optometric Student Association (AOSA) provides the governing body which plans and organizes the events provided to the students throughout the year. Some of these events include Save Your Vision Week, the Eyeball formal, and the Cornea Golf Classic. Special thanks goes to Rob Gosnell who raised money for our local chapter through the 25th Annual Optometric Institute this year.

Class Representatives: Morris Lehrfeld (first year) and J. W. Vann (second year). Not Pictured: Ray Fada (third year) and Mary Murphy (fourth year).

Doug McGuire (AOSA Trustee).

M. Bruce Neil (AOSA Trustee-Elect).
Students Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity

At UM-St. Louis our student chapter of Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity (VOSH) is involved in delivering vision care to needy people throughout the world. Students volunteer their time preparing glasses, fundraising, and participating in eye care missions to different parts of the world. This year students traveled to Mexico, Guatemala, and Honduras, gaining invaluable experience and promoting good will. In addition to student support, our VOSH chapter receives strong support from area Lion’s Clubs and local laboratories which provide needed materials.

The officers are Mindy Yawitz, President; John Bush, Vice-president; Toni Taylor, Treasurer; Jane W. Philbrook, Secretary; and Dr. Mona Dewart as Faculty Advisor.

National Optometric Student Association

The National Optometric Student Association (NOSA) is the student branch of the National Optometric Association (NOA). The goals and objectives of this organization include the delivery of vision care to the underprivileged community and the enhancement of minority representation in optometry.

The UM-St. Louis chapter of NOSA participates in activities such as vision screenings, health fairs, minority recruitment and annual NOA conventions, all geared toward achieving the goals of the organization.

The members for 1987-88 are Beatrice Reed-Price, President; Kris Brown, Vice-President; Sharon Johnson, Recording secretary; Carol Merritt, Corresponding secretary; and Gerald McLaughlin, Treasurer. Dr. Alexander Harris is the faculty advisor.

Women in Optometry

Women in Optometry is a committee of AOSA whose purpose is to provide educational and networking opportunities with female optometrists in the St. Louis area. The committee is composed of female students; however, any interested AOSA member is welcome at the educational programs. These programs are a great way to meet other students as well as a chance to ask practical questions of currently practicing optometrists. This past year’s programs included practice opportunities, dispensing information, and visiting a surgical suite to learn more about ophthalmological surgery. As the percentage of female optometry students increases, Women in Optometry will become an even more vital program of the AOSA, by providing insight into the role of women in our profession.


Double Vision

Double Vision is a support and informational organization for spouses of optometry students. It holds the view that spouses and students are working toward a mutual goal. That goal is the doctor of optometry degree.

Double Vision is affiliated with the State and National Auxiliary to the Optometric Association. Goals of Double Vision include promoting better eye care and improving the image of optometry to the public.

Double Vision plans to enjoy guest speakers, a tour of the optometry clinic, socials, and more exciting eye opening experiences in the next year. More information can be obtained through Mrs. Annie Neil.

First row - Peggy Jones, and Carol and Leah Johnson; second row - Tina Klink, Elyce Kohler, Laura Moore, and Katie Mackin; third row - Debra Hawari and Cindy Vann; and top - Annie Neil.
Gold Key International Optometric Honor Society

Gold Key International Honor Society is the highest leadership honor attainable by an Optometry student. To be eligible for membership in Gold Key, an individual must have demonstrated outstanding professional and ethical attitudes through leadership and service to his/her class, college, and profession. Selection to Gold Key is based upon these qualities. The ideals of Gold Key should be strived for by all in Optometry.

Selection of new members is determined by the senior members of each chapter. No more than ten percent of any professional class may hold membership.

Beta Sigma Kappa

Beta Sigma Kappa is the only international honor fraternity for optometry students. It is designed to further optometric education by recognizing achievements and providing grants for student research. To be eligible for membership, the student must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 after the first professional year, 3.4 after the second professional year, 3.3 after the third professional year, or 3.2 upon graduation.

The purposes of this fraternity are to stimulate scientific attainment and ethical practice, to facilitate worthy research projects in vision science, to grant Gold Medal and Silver Medal awards, and to confer the Fellow of Beta Sigma Kappa and the honorary degree of Doctor of Ocular Science.

This year, the UM-St. Louis Chapter sponsored a speaker at the 25th Annual Optometric Institute. We plan to expand our activities as we continue to increase our membership. Membership drives will be held biannually for students interested in becoming an active participant in this fraternity. Officers are Michael Lane, President; Teri Rule, Vice-President; and Ray Fada, Secretary-Treasurer.

Fourth year members: Carrie Gaines, Eric Stein, and Steve Cook.

Yearbook Staff

This is only our school's second yearbook, which means that it is still a young tradition. We hope that as you browse through this yearbook now, and in the years to come, the many special memories made during the 1987-1988 academic year will be recaptured. We wish to thank everyone for their support and hope the yearbook becomes a lasting tradition for the University of Missouri - St. Louis School of Optometry.

First row — Andy Hawari (Business Manager), Polly Nelson (Editor), Jane W. Philbrook (Layout), Vivian Kloke (Layout); second row — Bea Reed-Price (Layout), Elizabeth Maggard (Layout), Valerie Short (Layout), and Todd Hildreth (Cartoonist).

Not Pictured: Brenda Carroll (Photography), Morris Lehrfeld (Layout), Todd Ritter (Layout), Gail Blast (Layout), Matthew Bowman (Photography), Jacqlyn Long (Layout), and John Eigenbrodt (Photography).
...WEIGHTLIFTING AT THE 1988 O.D. OLYMPICS
Jenkins Softball

The Jenkins Optical Softball Team played some fun, but hot games during the summer.

Intramural Basketball

The basketball team was eliminated early-on in the play-offs after a great season. Team members included Craig Belk, John Crane, Martin Funk, Larry Henry, Jim Altenbernd, Roger Chan, Trevor Crabtree, Lou Mastrian, Derek Slinker, J. W. Vann, Troy Mork, and Tom Unger.
Cornea Classic

On Sunday, April 17th, the St. Andrews Golf Club was overtaken by 120 optometrists and students. The 8th annual Cornea Classic Golf Tournament drew a record number of players this year. This was due to a new format of both an 18 hole and a 9 hole tournament! The day started out cloudy, but when the opening shot was hit off of the 1st tee, the skies cleared to reveal a warm, sunny day.

Although the day proved to be a long one, a good time was had by all (especially those who kept close to the beer cooler!). A barbeque for families and friends followed the golf, and several prizes were awarded. This spring event has become a popular one at the school and should enjoy continued success in the years to come.

"... keep left arm straight, head down, eye on ball, PRAY, then swing!"

"What am I supposed to do with these?"

"Move over, Gil Morgan!"
Two cart, one set of clubs, three caddies... where's the good-looking golfer?

Soccer Team

The UM St. Louis Bruisers — this was a collection of former and first-time indoor soccer players who were thrown into a league composed of teams that had been playing for years. We were supposed to be matched against other newly formed teams, but this was not the case. Every Sunday night we took the floor overmatched, but strong in our resolve. Although our record was unblemished in the old win column, we fought tenaciously and our opponents found the price of victory to be costly as we did our best to live up to our name.

1st Place: Dr. Jerry Birkmann, and son, Mark
Not Pictured: Ken Hopson and Dr. Mark Bilchick

2nd place: Golf studs, J. W. and Derek
Not Pictured: Bob and Eric Mueller
School Picnic

The gang's all here.

Master Chef

Picnic goers

Legs Lehrfeld

Jocks and jockettes

The three stooges

Cheerleader at heart

One, two, three — CHUG!
Soon after the first yearbook came out in October, the yearbook staff planned a yearbook signing party. Refreshments were provided by Jenkins Optical.
Halloween

Dan's been putting on a little weight.

"Done any good matrices lately?"

Two local union members

Neuro God Junior

"Where'd you get them peepers?"

Scary Mary and friends

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.

Three superheroes

Two local union members
More than 270 guests were greeted at the second Shadow Ball on Friday, October 30, 1987, by four foot, black, plexiglass silhouettes of children holding black, silver, and white balloons. This represented the ball’s theme, “Bringing Children Out of the Shadows,” and graced the grand lobby of the St. Louis Public Library. The black tie event sponsored by friends of the UM-St. Louis School of Optometry raised more than $55,000 and netted $35,000, which will benefit the Optometric Center.

Mary M. Gilbert and Paul Resler, O.D., co-chaired the event.

Dr. Marguerite Ross Barnett, Chancellor of UM-St. Louis, talking with Dr. Paul Resler and Mr. John Gerber. Mr. Gerber of Illmo Rx donated $5,000 to the cause.

Rob Gosnell, a third year student, greeting Mr. and Mrs. Roberts.

Bridget Medley, Administrative Associate to the Dean of the UM-St. Louis School of Optometry, modeling her dress.

Teresa Moran and Ken Meyers from UM-St. Louis University Relations helping to get ready for the ball.

Jacqie Long, a third year student, relaxing after dinner.

Chris Broeder, Jane W. Philbrook, and Lori Bennett were three of the many students who played a key role in the success of the event.

Jeff Jones and Gail Bass, students, enjoying intellectual conversation.

Mary M. Gilbert and Dr. Robert Koetting with Dr. Jerry and Brenda Christensen of the School of Optometry in the background.
AOSA Congress

San Francisco, CA
SVOSH Trips

HONDURAS

GUATEMALA

MEXICO
Heart of America

Playing doctor for the weekend

Dr. Davidson and Dr. Franzel at the Advisor Committee meeting

Dr. Miriam Anderson and Dr. Ann Ream (alumni) at the Advisor Committee meeting

The four musketeers

Smile, Ladies

Relaxing in the hotel room I

"Hope the Show is good tonight!"

Relaxing in the hotel room II

"Are you talking to us?"
Vision Screenings

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Clinical Rotations

In the fourth year of optometry school, students learn to apply their optometric knowledge while on various rotations which include St. Louis area outreach clinics and certain external clinical rotations. In addition, students are encouraged to make special arrangements to set up their own rotation.

The rotations in the St. Louis area include UM-St. Louis Eye Clinic, Optometric Center, St. Louis Community Services (Grace Hill Neighborhood Health Center, Union-Sarah Medical Center, and Yeatman Medical Center), Cochran V.A. Hospital, Jefferson Barracks V.A. Hospital, Dr. Frank O'Donnell's ophthalmology practice, and assignments at the Cataract Surgery Center, New Life Evangelistic Center, and Bethesda Hospital.

The external rotations include those at Ada (Carl Albert Indian Hospital) and Anadarko Indian Health Center in Oklahoma; Colorado Optometric Center, Fort Leonard Wood; Dr. Powell's Nebraska practice; V.A. Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri; SUNY in New York; Albuquerque, New Mexico; and Phoenix, Arizona.

Preparing for patients

Mohammad Rafieetary at the Optometric Center

Tami Soriano and Dr. Nicholson at the UM-St. Louis Clinic

New York, New York.

John Eigenbrodt and friends in Denver.

Terri Sherrill, Mary Murphy, Dr. Beth Bazin, Diane Werkmeister, and Carrie Gaines on the VT floor at SUNY

J. D. Roberts, Jeff Garner, Barb Brown, Dr. Seibert, Craig Perry, and Diane Werkmeister showing off high fashion at the Optometric Center.
Special moments...

How do you roast a 4th year??

let me count the ways...

10,000th Patient

Iona Ann Schwartz, 67, received an annual eye exam and glasses free of charge at our school's clinic at the end of April for becoming the clinic's 10,000th new patient. Janet Nelson, a third-year student, performed the exam.

Iona with Dr. Mona Dewart (Clinic Director) and Dr. Jerry Christensen (School of Optometry Dean).

Oh Janet, I only hope my grandchildren grow up just like you!
End of the year picnic . . .

Friday the thirteenth
Tell me when the two are lined up like totems on a totem pole.

Whoops — caught crashing another party!

Yes, I understand that, but ... will it make my morning coffee?

There has to be some way to beat the system?!

Let's hurry up and eat so we can get back out on the street and drag the patients in for Daddy!
Honors Convocation

G. Troy Mork, Libbi Tardibuono, Diane Werkmeister, and Brent Johnson: Allergan Contact Lens Award

John Eigenbrodt
American Hydron Contact Lens Clinical Research Award

Paul Moccia
J. Harold Bailey Award and M. Earl McClellan Memorial Award

Robert Bobell
Barnes-Hind Student Recognition Award

James Perry
Bausch and Lomb Excellence in Academic Achievement Award, Clinical Optometry Award, and Missouri Optometric Foundation Award

Jerry D. Roberts
Bausch and Lomb Practice Initiation Award

John Bush
Irvin M. Borish, O.D., Award and Paragon Optical Incorporated Contact Lens Clinical Research Award

Mary Murphy and Carrie Gaines
Frederick W. Brock, O.D., Memorial Award

Tomara Soriano
Dean's Award, Harold Kohn Memorial Award, Charles C. Matlock Memorial Award, Missouri Optometric Foundation Award, and Silver Medal Award

G. Troy Mork
William Feinbloom Low Vision Award

Thomas Cunningham
Clinical Binocular Vision/Vision Therapy Award
Commencement: May 15, 1988

CONGRATULATIONS GRADS
Girls just want to have fun

Yes, this paper "Challenger" I constructed will successfully be launched into orbit!

Magdala patients are fashion conscious too!

Liven up — you plastic wench!

A better than average looking pair of sunglasses

This class really cracks me up!

Wait a minute, honey, these people love me!

Lori Bennett — Love Queen

Not here, honey!

"Hi. I'm Toni Taylor, and I'll be examining your eyes."

All right Alan, where are those board outlines you've been promising us?

Go ahead, make my day!
Bunch of Groupies . . .

- First year . . . The only way is up

By second year . . . We're ready for the End of the Year Picnic

Easing out the back door at third year's end

The only way to catch up on news in the fourth year is to hear it through the grapevine
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