John “Dan” Friederich had mapped out his future. After completing his bachelor’s degree in biology from Truman State University, he was set to begin his studies at the College of Optometry at UM-St. Louis in the fall of ’03. World events forced Friederich to detour those plans.

Friederich is a member of the Missouri Army National Guard and his unit, the 1221st Transportation Company, was called to active duty in March ’03. World events forced Friederich to detour those plans.

Friederich has worked as a driver transporting goods such as food, water, ammunition and vehicles in and out of the country. He is based out of An Nasiriyah, a city of a half-million people on the lower Euphrates River about 233 miles southeast of Baghdad. If his unit hadn’t been activated, Friederich would now be enjoying a stable, albeit challenging, routine — classroom work during the day and studying at night. There’s nothing routine or stable about his days and nights now.

“There is no typical day in Iraq,” Friederich said. “Sometimes we’ll start a mission at 0330 (3:30 a.m.) in the morning. Sometimes we’ll keep driving well into the night.”

Spec. John “Dan” Friederich takes time for a snapshot to send home.
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Dr. Gary Bachman received a grant in the amount of $28,650 from Essilor of America to study the effect of anti-reflection (AR) coated polycarbonate lenses on vision. This will be done using chromatic and achromatic stimuli presented on a Vision Works system while subjects are wearing AR coated or uncoated polycarbonate spectacle lenses.


Dr. W. Howard McAlister was promoted to Colonel in the U.S. Air Force Reserve on March 1, 2004. Col. McAlister, who has served as an optometry officer on active duty or the reserve forces for over 28 years, is currently Chief of Optometry at the 934th Airlift Wing, Minneapolis, MN.

Drs. Gary Bachman and Kathleen Boland, and third year student Kaylin Young will present a poster at the American Academy meeting in Hawaii. The poster is titled “Unilateral Hemorrhage in a Non-compliant Type 1 Diabetic”.

Drs. Gary Bachman and Tim Wingert have a poster presentation accepted at the American Optometric Association meeting in Orlando. The poster is titled "The Effect of Windshield Salt Film on Driver Vision".

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FACULTY PROFILE:

Dr. Timothy A. Wingert, MOA President

Dr. Tim Wingert, Associate Professor of Optometry and Chief of Third Year Primary Care Service, joined the UM-St. Louis College of Optometry faculty in 1988, and his active participation in the Missouri Optometric Association spans many of those years. He became the liaison from the College of Optometry to the MOA Board of Trustees in 1997. After serving in that role and on numerous MOA committees, he was elected Secretary of the MOA Board, then Treasurer, President-Elect and now President. He has continued to serve on committees dealing with children’s vision problems, membership, governmental affairs and the Department of Health and Senior Services.

His work with the American Optometric Association volunteer structure has been with the Geriatric and Nursing Facility Committee and the Commission on Ophthalmic Standards. Dr. Wingert was named to the Geriatric and Nursing Facility Committee in recognition of his work in shifting the paradigm to bring health care to the patient as an alternative to transporting patients to healthcare provider offices. He was a contributing author of a “how-to” manual for providing such care, a publication which is still available through the AOA to optometrists interested in serving this population.

As the American Academy of Optometry liaison to the College of Optometry, Dr. Wingert works to keep students and faculty apprised of Academy activities. UM-St. Louis student participation is at the highest percentage of all optometric institutions worldwide except one. Student participation in the Academy contributes to a rounded academic experience and awareness of the vast scope of the profession of optometry. As Diplomate Chair of the Section on Public Health and Environmental Vision, Dr. Wingert recruits and mentors new candidates for the program. The Diplomate in Public Health and Environmental Vision has been awarded only 25 times. As a member of this elite group, Dr. Wingert as Diplomate chair seeks to identify candidates with the expertise to successfully complete the program and its research responsibilities that will go on to shape solutions to eyecare concerns worldwide.

In service to the Associated Regulating Boards of Optometry and the Council on Optometric Practitioner Education, Dr. Wingert has served as a panel reviewer, evaluating speaker credentials and courses presented in state, regional, national and international forums for their quality and relevance. This evaluation system is now used throughout the United States to verify that legislated mandates for continuing education credits are met with quality courses.

In addition to his teaching responsibilities and service on numerous College and University committees over the years, Dr. Wingert was a recent nominee for the UM-Saint Louis Chancellor's Service Award. He has also served as a consultant to the Missouri State Board of Optometry and the Missouri Attorney General’s Office. As a volunteer consultant to the Accrediting Council on Optometric Education since 1994, he serves on site accreditation teams which serve to ensure the quality of optometric educational programs through visits to schools and colleges and their affiliated residency programs.

Finally, Dr. Wingert also serves his community through his volunteer work with the Chamber of Commerce and the Kirkwood Theater Guild. During his work in the community, he has raised awareness of the UM-St. Louis campus and its contributions to local residents.
From the Dean (cont. from page 1)

the Missouri Optometric Student Association (MOSA) and the Associated Students of the University of Missouri (ASUM) is at an all time high. These initiatives serve a dual function—to familiarize students with the legislative process and to educate the policy makers about optometric education and the profession of optometry in general.

In closing I would like to remind everyone of the 9th Annual “Sprint For Sight” sponsored by the American Optometric Student Association (AOSA) U.M.-St. Louis Chapter (See page 4 ad). Proceeds for the event, which will take place on campus the morning of April 17, 2004, benefit two organizations that help individuals who have vision impairments--The St. Louis Society for the Blind and Visually Impaired http://www.slsbvi.org/ and the Delta Gamma Center for Children Having Visual Impairments http://www.dgckids.org/. This event organized and administered by our students is just another example of the ways in which they are learning to contribute to the social welfare of the community. Without a doubt our graduates will continue the tradition of volunteer service.

Best regards,
Larry J. Davis, OD
Dean

Life Interrupted
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When told he was deploying, the 23-year-old says he was in denial until he actually boarded the plane. Now there is no denial, Friederich and his unit are presented with new challenges each day, and are especially aware of the potential dangers that wait at the end of each mile traveled. He says his experiences in Iraq have taught him a lot about himself.

“Life is but a breath, so take a big one,” Friederich said summing up his experiences.

“I’ve learned that my fear is my only courage. I have learned there is so much that I have always taken for granted. I wasn’t able to realize it until all those things were taken away from me… I cherish everything that I am fighting to protect so much more now that I’ve been here. I will always remember the sacrifices that so many people have made here,” Friederich said.

Most rewarding for this native St. Louisan is the bond he now shares with other members of his unit who he trusts daily with his life. Despite these uncertainties, Friederich is still looking to the future. Due to his military commitment, the College of Optometry has respectfully reserved his position in the entering class of 2004.

“It has meant so much to me,” Friederich said of the opening. “I was very relieved and grateful. Knowing my slot is being held has made this deployment so much easier. Having a place held allows me to concentrate on my job here, without having to worry about what school-related problems lie ahead of me upon my return to the USA. I know the College of Optometry is patiently waiting for my return, and that is very comforting in an otherwise uncomfortable place.”

At the latest, Friederich expects to return by June 25, which will enable him to begin classes this fall and complete the program by 2008.

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Dr. Vasudevan Lakshminarayanan
served as mentor for a SOLUTIA Award for Excellence in Research award recipient. Nam Kim, a student at Parkway North High School, co-wrote a paper entitled “The Role of Symmetry in Perception of Human Faces,” SOLUTIA STARS is a six-week summer program in which students in grades 11 and 12 and high school teachers are invited to work with research mentors from three major universities – University of Missouri-St. Louis, Washington University in St. Louis, and Saint Louis University – in order to experience various aspects of the scientific enterprise. Congratulations to both of you!

Dr. Jeffrey Weaver
became a Diplomate of Public Health and Environmental Vision of the American Academy of Optometry at the December AAO meeting. Lt. Col. Weaver is commander of the 7228th US Army Medical Support Unit at Ft. McCoy Wisconsin.

SERVICE AWARDS

Congratulations to the following faculty members for their years of service.

20 Years
Ralph P. Garzia, O.D.
Carol K. Peck, Ph.D.

15 years
William "Gary" Bachman, O.D.
Carl Bassi, Ph.D.
Timothy A. Wingert, O.D.

10 Years
Larry J. Davis, O.D.
Vasudevan "Vengu" Lakshminarayanan, Ph.D.

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Recent Graduate “Writes Home” About Residency

Penny Straughn, O.D., a 2003 graduate of UMSL College of Optometry recently wrote an open letter to the students at the College of Optometry about her experience in a residency program. Dr. Straughn entered the Lake City Veterans Affairs Medical Center July 2003. Her enthusiasm for the work she is doing and what she is learning brightened the page…“The types of doctors I work with include a general ophthalmologist, retinal specialist, ophthalmology resident, and three optometrists. One of the optometrists has completed a residency in low vision, and we work together one day per week in the low vision clinic. The chief optometrist completed a residency in ocular disease, and the third optometrist rotated through Bascom Palmer Eye Institute. Beyond doctors and patient encounters, Lake City VAMC offers new technology including the Ocular Coherence Tomographer, ORBSCAN, IOL Master, digital camera, and lasers. We also have nine (9) fully equipped exam lanes, a Humphrey visual field, and a Goldmann visual field.”

Service Mission: The True Meaning of ENRICHING LIVES THROUGH VISION

Vicki Nash

Several of our students have participated in a unique and meaningful experience during their third year. In a spirit of cooperation, these volunteers were tireless advocates for “Enriching Lives Through Vision.”

Early this year, Angie Hepperman and Abby Schuff joined 33 other volunteers from the Illinois VOSH organization to travel to Oaxaca, Mexico, in order to provide free eye care the locals would not otherwise receive without their help. They served over 2,000 people. Last semester, Jackie Minier and Shawna Hill also participated with the Illinois VOSH in volunteering eye health care to the citizens of Morocco. In each country, high school students and other citizens offered their services as translators. Lenscrafters, in cooperation with the International Lion’s Club, sponsored numerous “Gift of Sight Missions.”

Several of our students have participated with other volunteers across the nation: Kaylin Young and Sarah Davis recently returned from Costa Rica where they joined other volunteers in treating over 23,000 patients, Ryan Lempp and Jeremy Fast – Peru, Lisa Masters – Mexico, Carl Westphal and Kenyon Anderson – Bolivia, and Shawna Hill and Sara Strasser – Panama.

All of these students agree that the common goal of the “missions” instills in them the basis for contributions to far-reaching communities in providing understanding and ability to care for patients. The experiences bring them in contact with global populations and diverse patient care they may not ever get to see in their future practices.
Pre-Optometry Workshop Draws Worldwide Attendance

Barbara W. Brown, O.D.

All optometrists know how wonderful our profession is, and over 60% of graduates note that the reason for their interest in optometry is because of their optometrist. Once the student determines that he/she is interested, many have begun participating in the College’s Pre-Optometry workshop as a means of familiarization with prerequisites and preparation for the application process.

The Office of Student Services in the College sponsors three workshops annually—one in January, one in May and one as the new application season begins—either in late August or early September. Dana Seipp (Student Services staff member) commented that the last workshop held in September had…“prospective optometry students from as far away as New York and California. The furthest distance traveled is from Korea, so far. We’ve had requests to attend from other countries.”

Topics which are covered include: exploring the profession of optometry and the UM-St. Louis College of Optometry program; learning about admission requirements; finding out about the Optometry Admission Test (OAT); learning about our application procedures; estimating the cost of optometric education and developing a budget; and learning how to finance professional school education.

Additionally, a panel of faculty members and current residents discuss with the prospective students their ideas about optometry and career paths. A panel of students and a few spouses discuss life in optometry.

Student leaders discuss professional optometric activities available to students. All faculty members and students talk with the prospective students over lunch so that the prospective students have the chance to ask specific questions. Dr. Barb Brown, who coordinates and conducts the workshop, notes that, “I ask students and their guests to take the time to write down every question they have. I don’t end the workshop until all questions are answered.”

This year, our applications have increased by 12% over last year. The average OAT score and GPA have increased as well. Not only have these collective efforts resulted in an increase to applications, but an increase in highly qualified applicants. If you know of a potential applicant, please refer the student to our website: www.umsl.edu/~optometry/workshop.html.

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Student Awards

Five optometry students throughout the U.S. were each awarded $2,000 scholarships, during the 2004 Heart of America Contact Lens Society’s awards luncheon, February 14. Our own Bethany Curtis, (’04) was the student selected from UM-St. Louis College of Optometry.

Congratulations are also due to Bethany Curtis for the VISTAKON ACUVUE Eye Health Advisor Student Citizenship Scholarship. These second or third year optometry students are selected based on their academic and extra-curricular achievements along with other professional pursuits such as involvement with patients through internships, community service, and other volunteer activities. Recipients best exemplify ideal eye care standards of practice including: the importance of eye health; proper contact lens wear and care; community service and volunteerism. A $1,000 cash scholarship and a personalized plaque are awarded to each recipient.

Congratulations to Brian Matthew Ross for the VISTAKON Award of Excellence. Brian received a personalized plaque and $1,000 cash award. It is awarded to graduating fourth year optometry students who demonstrate excellence in clinical contact lens patient care during their optometric education.
Did You Know? The Van Horn Rooms at the Kansas City Hyatt Regency Crown Center hold the unofficial distinction of having been the annual meeting grounds for the largest gatherings of students and alums every year since the inception of the School of Optometry in 1980. Even prior to the first graduation in 1984, students and faculty from the various classes of UM-St. Louis’ new School of Optometry got together to socialize and network with others in the Van Horn Rooms at the Heart of America. Because “Heart” is a regional meeting drawing our alums and other optometrists and students from throughout the Midwest, the tradition lives on. In keeping with its history, our annual Van Horn reception at Heart hosts the year’s biggest group of College of Optometry collegial reveling, reminiscing and professional strategizing among alums and associates, faculty and students. Here are a few glimpses into the Van Horn Room ’04:

Corneal Classic 2004

Saturday, May 1, 2004
Hosted by AOSA

Four person scramble charity golf tournament at Belk Park Golf Course.

Proceeds benefit St. Louis Society for the Blind and AOSA.

Entry fee includes golf, food, drinks, dinner and prizes.

Contact Jimmy Smart
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Form and entry fees due April 23rd.

Van Horn Room: Memories from the Heart Heart of America, 2004

Julie Gram
Special School District Students Get Assistance

Barbara W. Brown, O.D.

For many years, the College of Optometry and the students served by the Special School District in St. Louis County have worked to provide these very special students with eye care. Often, these children living with physical, cognitive and mental disabilities require very special care. They often are living with multiple disabilities and their families are not always able to provide the student with the special equipment needed. Additionally, this population of students and families are no different than the average American family. Thus, about 20% of the families cannot afford eye care and vision correction.

The children sometimes cannot perform well in unknown places, and therefore, the social work staff and optometry faculty and students try to assess the students in familiar surroundings. This fall the College of Optometry received a grant from the Pearle Vision Foundation to assist in the cost of providing these services to this special student population. To qualify for this assistance, the Special School District social work staff confirm that the family cannot afford eye care (nor eye glasses, or other vision aids, if necessary) and do not have insurance to assist them. More than 10 students have been referred for our assistance under this grant.

If you would like to donate for this specific program, $105 will assist one student with an examination and eyeglasses (with polycarb lenses). If the child requires low vision aids, assistance for these are provided from another fund. Please send your tax-deductible gift to UMSL, College of Optometry/Advancement, 331 MH, 8001 Natural Bridge Road, St. Louis, MO 63121-4499. Please note “SSD Eye Care” on the memo line of your check. 100% of your gift supports a child. No funds are used for administrative or other costs.

College of Optometry Advisory Board News

Julie Gram

Heart of America is also the venue for a College Advisory Board meeting each February, one of two to three meetings each year. The Board serves in an advocacy and advisory capacity for the faculty and administration of the College as we seek to maintain a vibrant professional optometric educational program of excellence.

A changing of the guard took place at the February ’04 meeting, where current Chair Wes Kemp, O.D. (GOOS) welcomed new members Drs. Rex Newcomb (MOF President), Dan Obermark (SEOS), and David Whitson (NEOS). Drs. Andy Kramer (COS), W. Carter Glass (MOF President), and Joni LaFerla (KCOS) retired from the Board after loyal, productive and much appreciated service terms. The Board is currently active in strategizing related to emerging issues in optometry, professional development, public relations and marketing for the College, alumni and friends development, and resource development. The Board is comprised of representatives from each of the local societies in MO, as well as a number of ex-officio members, members of statewide optometric and health-related professional communities, and members of the faculty, students and staff at the College.

Viva Las Vegas 2004

The 4th Annual Las Vegas 2004 continuing education program was held at the Flamingo Las Vegas Hotel on March 10-12. One hundred and six optometrists attended which was a twenty-five percent increase over last year's attendance. The accolades attributed to the quality of the program indicated an enthusiastic acceptance of our in-depth, clinically applicable classes. The overwhelming majority of the optometrists surveyed rated the course good to excellent in the categories of overall course rating, usefulness, lecture style and relevancy. The College of Optometry wishes to thank its generous sponsors for their support and contributions to the success of the program:

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Dr. Vinita Henry Named Director of Residencies

On September 1, 2003, Dr. Vinita Henry, Clinical Associate Professor, assumed the role as the Director of Residencies in the College of Optometry. The Director of Residencies is responsible for the recruitment of optometric residents, and in cooperation with the individual Program Coordinators, maintaining the residency educational goals, objectives and accreditation. The College of Optometry supports two on-site residencies (Cornea and Contact Lenses and Pediatrics and Binocular Vision), and three affiliated residencies at the Veteran's Administration Medical Centers in St. Louis, Kansas City and Columbia, Missouri.

Dr. Henry completed her professional education from U.M.-St Louis in 1985. The following year she was the first to participate in the on-site Cornea and Contact Lens Residency in the college. She will continue to serve as the Program Coordinator of the residency in Cornea and Contact Lenses.

Dr. Henry succeeds Dr. Howard McAlister, Associate Professor, who was appointed the first Director of Residencies in 1993, serving 10 years in the position. During his service the two on-site residencies and two of the three affiliated residencies underwent comprehensive self-studies and successful initial accreditations. The first residency in the College, the affiliated residency at the Veteran's Administration Medical Center in Kansas City, also underwent a successful site visit earlier this year.

College of Optometry Welcomes New Faculty Members

Dr. Christine Garhart, previously a Research Associate in the department of Pathology at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, joined the faculty at the College of Optometry in July 2003. Dr. Garhart’s primary responsibilities include instruction in the Biomedical Sciences track of the professional degree curriculum. She received her undergraduate education in Biology, graduating Summa Cum Laude from Cornell College in Iowa. She then completed a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree in 1978 from the University of Missouri at Columbia. In May, 2002, she was awarded a Ph.D. from the Department of Pathology at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Garhart’s previous positions include teaching and research in pharmacology, pathology and neurology at Tufts University School of Medicine and Massachusetts General Hospital.

Dr. Christine Garhart

Dr. Linda Marks, a recent Resident in Pediatric Optometry in the College of Optometry at the University of Missouri-St. Louis joined the clinical faculty at the College in August 2003. Dr. Marks’ primary responsibilities will include participation in primary and secondary care of infants and children with special needs populations, diagnosis and management of binocular vision anomalies, and inter-disciplinary practice with educators. She received her undergraduate education from Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Michigan in 1998. She continued her post-graduate education at Ferris, completing her Bachelor of Vision Science and Doctor of Optometry degrees in 2002. Dr. Marks received numerous honors and awards throughout her academic career. In July, 2003, she completed her Residency in Pediatric Optometry here at UM-St. Louis, College of Optometry where her residency focused on the specialty areas of pediatric optometry, binocular vision, vision therapy, and primary care services. Dr. Marks is an active member of a variety of optometric organizations.
College of Optometry Welcomes New Faculty Members

Dr. Ivetta Siedlecki, having completed her Cornea and Contact Lens Residency at the University of St. Louis-Missouri, College of Optometry joined the clinical faculty at the College in August 2003. Dr. Siedlecki’s primary responsibilities include clinical instruction in the areas of contact lenses and primary care, as well as participation in coordinating clinical studies in programs involving cornea and contact lens care and specialty areas of keratoconus, orthokeratology and refractive management. She received her undergraduate education from Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois in 1996 and she received her Doctor of Optometry degree from Indiana University School of Optometry in 2002. In 2003, she completed a joint Residency in Cornea and Contact Lens at UM-St. Louis, College of Optometry, at Washington University School of Medicine, Department of Ophthalmology, and at Morey-Mulqueeny Eye Center. Dr. Siedlecki continues to maintain an active role in both community and professional organizations.

It is a pleasure to introduce and welcome Dr. Eric Ritchey to the full-time faculty of the College of Optometry as a Clinical Assistant Professor. Dr. Ritchey served as preceptor in the Center For Eye Care (part-time) and coordinated the ophthalmic optics laboratory in the Fall of 2003. In addition to his continued service in various teaching areas, he will join Dr. Garzia as a co-investigator for the Every Child Ready to See and Learn project which is funded by the CDC. After completion of the degree Doctor of Optometry at The Ohio State University, Dr. Ritchey went on to receive an M.S. degree upon completion of an Advanced Practice Fellowship in Cornea and Contact Lenses at the same institution.

Dr. Kathleen "Kate" Boland, Clinical Assistant Professor in Primary Care and Community Services, is another welcome new addition to the full-time faculty of the College of Optometry. Dr. Boland has served as preceptor and instructor (part-time) in the College, including the Harvester Eye Center, since receiving her O.D. from the UM-St. Louis College of Optometry in 2002. She has a diversity of interests including primary care, children's vision, low vision and geriatric care, along with a desire to pursue scholarship in these areas. Dr. Boland has furthered her clinical experience most recently by participation in Lighthouse for the Blind workshops and by working with Dr. Maino at the Kansas City Veteran's Administration Medical Center.

In addition to her service as preceptor in the Center For Eye Care, Dr. Boland will serve as course coordinator for the Geriatric and Low Vision courses.
The University of Missouri has shown its commitment to increasing student awareness and participation in dispensing high quality ophthalmic products by renovating the clinic dispensary within the last year. This renovation, which included painting, carpeting, and new built in display cases, represented an investment by the University in this aspect of the program of over $30,000. Our program intends to focus on helping students realize the rewards of using superior optical technology to address their patient’s vision problems. This project, which will provide reliable, modern equipment to them as they learn the basics of ophthalmic optics, will help them acquire the basic skills necessary to make knowledgeable recommendations for their patients.

The College of Optometry, through the efforts of Drs. Timothy A. Wingert and Gerald A. Franzel, received $10,000 from Essilor for meeting the equipment costs of this project. This funding is part of Essilor’s commitment to advancing education in the application of high quality optical devices to best serve patient’s needs. The remainder of the cost will be borne by the University in remodeling the space. An atmosphere with quality equipment that is conducive to learning will enhance student education and elevate the standards and visibility of ophthalmic dispensing for students as well as faculty.

Bids have been obtained for remodeling the laboratory space. This includes updating utilities, flooring, cabinets and furniture for workstations for the students as well as painting. A computer will be added that will allow students to work with software programs related to ophthalmic materials. Additional lab equipment will be added as well. It is planned to add approximately ten new lensometers, an automated lensometer, as well as other lab equipment such as lens clocks, calipers, and demonstration lenses.

Dr. Barbara Brown, O.D., Elected to MOF Board

Dr. Barbara Brown, Advancement Officer for the College of Optometry, was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the Missouri Optometric Foundation. As the new Secretary of the Foundation, she joins Drs. Rex Newcomb, President (’84), The Honorable Anne Ream, Vice President (’84), W. Carter Glass Treasurer/Immediate Past President, and Stephen Rice, Member At-Large. Dr. Brown succeeds Dr. Miriam Anderson (’85) who recently retired from the Board after many years of dedicated service.

The MOF mission is to support optometric education and private practice opportunities in optometry. Now the largest donor of scholarships for College of Optometry students, the MOF also funds stipends to support both VA and private practice externship experiences in specialty areas such as contact lenses and pediatrics/binocular vision. With its broad mission of supporting optometric education, the Foundation also funds stipends for students from other schools and colleges to participate in externships at Missouri Veterans Administration facilities. Congratulations to Dr. Brown on her election to the Board, and her newest role, among many, in support of optometric education.
The American Optometric Foundation is an affiliate of the American Academy of Optometry.

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April
13 SLOS Meeting
15 Grand Rounds
17 Sprint for Sight
18 CE- Mid-America Vision Conference
   (Lis, (314) 516-5615)
22 White Coat Ceremony
25 ARVO Annual Meeting

May
1 Corneal Classic
10 Pre-Optometry Wkshp.
   (Dr. Brown, 314-516-6030)
10 CE- Senior Seminar
   (Lis, (314) 516-5615)
11 SLOS Meeting
17 AOA Congressional Congress

June
8 SLOS Installation Banquet
11-13 MOA Leadership Retreat
21-24 ASCO Annual Meeting
24-27 AOA Congress

July
13 SLOS Meeting
15 Grand Rounds

August
8 CE- Annual
   (Lis, (314) 516-5615)
10 SLOS Meeting
16 New Student Orientation - 1st Years
18 Fall Semester Begins
28 Pre-Optometry Wkshp.
   (Dr. Brown, 314-516-6030)

Continuing Education

Mid-America Vision Conference
Sunday, April 18, 2004
Co-sponsored by the UM-St. Louis College of Optometry and the Ophthalmic Education Institute.

- 8 hours of CE
- Tuition: $185 (includes lunch)
- Location: The program will be held on the University of Missouri-St. Louis campus.
- Time: 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Senior Seminar
Thursday, May 13, 2004
Co-sponsored by the UM-St. Louis College of Optometry & the Ophthalmic Education Institute.

- 4 hours of CE
- Speaker: Richard Kattouff, O.D.
- Tuition: $95.00 (includes a light dinner buffet)
- Location: Millennium Student Center, Century Rooms A & B, UM-St. Louis
- Time: 5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Annual August Academe
Sunday, August 22, 2004
Co-sponsored by the UM-St. Louis College of Optometry & the Ophthalmic Education Institute.

- Speaker: Robert Wooldridge, O.D.
- 8 hours COPE approved
- Location: Millennium Student Center, Century Rooms A & B, UM-St. Louis
- Tuition: $195.00
- Time: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Please contact Lis Ellerbusch at (314) 516-5615 for more course information. Please contact Ann Larsen at (314) 516-5948 for registration.

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