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## Microsoft Research Meeting at Pacific

*Left to right: Andy Toole, Yu-Chi Tai, John Hayes, Sowjanya Gowrisankaran, Greg Hitchcock, Paul Linnerud, Geraldine Wade, Kevin Larson, Tanya Mat-skewich, Jim Sheedy, James Kundart, Shun-nan Yang, Alexandra Ifrin, Hannu Laukkanen, and Dewey Kim.*



The College of Optometry hosted a research meeting March 20 & 21, 2008, with members of the Microsoft Advanced Reading Technology Team and the College's Vision Ergonomics team. Microsoft has given significant support to the Vision Ergonomics Research Laboratory, located in Price Hall (the former Physical Therapy building). One of Microsoft's corporate objectives is to make reading from computer displays competitive with reading from paper. To that end they are working with Vision Ergonomics Research Laboratory to design computer displays that are very readable and optimize human visual performance and comfort.

An immense amount of information was shared at the recent meeting. Over the two days, Microsoft

team members gave presentations on font design and computer generation of fonts, and development of a model for measuring and predicting vision perception. Members of our lab, including faculty members: James Kundart, Hannu Laukkanen, John Hayes, Shun-nan Yang, and Yu-Chi Tai, presented on an array of topics including the effects of chromatic aberration on reading, the effects of letter spacing on legibility, eyestrain and blinks, accommodative responses to text, subjective and objective measures of visual discomfort, the effects of hand-held devices on reading and discomfort, and other topics.

We are in the process of completing some studies and performing greater data analysis on others. In the near future we will work closely with Microsoft to identify the next steps in our various studies.

## A Moment with Dean Jim Sheedy

Last summer we performed our self-study and the College was visited by a team from the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE) November 12 -14, 2007. In March we received their report. They recognized that we have made significant progress since the last site evaluation in 2000 and made 3 recommendations: to implement an assessment program for measuring program success, develop better HR evaluation system, and develop a better system to monitor patient success. Several

other suggestions will help us to improve our programs. In our self-study we had already identified these areas for improvement and have begun to make changes to improve those areas. Provided we demonstrate continued success and advancement towards our mission and goals, our accreditation has been extended to 2015, the full amount of time according to ACOE policies.



Mark your calendar:



Saturday, June 21, 2008  
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O R E G O N

## Randy Corey Named Optometrist of the Year

Former Dean Les Walls, OD, MD, describes Randall (Randy) K. Corey, OD '67, perfectly when he says, "You can't talk about a true gentleman without a person like Randy Corey coming to mind." That gentleman received the Oregon Optometric Physicians



Association's (OOPA) highest individual award, the "Clarence G. Carkner, OD of the Year" to thunderous applause at the Co-

lumbia Optometry Conference Award Dinner held at the Vancouver Hilton Convention Center.

Dr. Corey's list of professional accomplishments starts with his election as his Optometry Class President in 1967. He has maintained a private practice in Cedar Hills and has served as an adjunct professor at the College of Optometry. He has been previously honored by OOPA with the President's

Award in 1990 and 1998. Dr. Corey was also founding member of the Oregon Vision Associates, Board member of Cascade Eye Institute, and a member of the National Board of Optometry Clinical Examiners since 1991.

Dr. Corey has spent years donating his skills and services to the less privileged. His philanthropic work includes work with Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity (VOSH), Lions in Sight, Northwest Medical Teams, and AMI-GOS. He has provided vision care in remote regions such as Ukraine, Ecuador, Honduras and Malawi, Africa. Local vision needs have also been addressed. Dear to his heart is the "Shirley Corey Memorial Sustaining Fund" an endowment he established to provide vision care for needy children at Pacific University's clinics. This endowment was established to honor his late wife, Shirley. *Donations to this fund can be made by contacting the College of Optometry.*

Always energetic, Dr. Corey pursues his athletic activities with his characteristic intensity. He modestly admitted to participating in the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Cross Channel Swim, crossing the Columbia River to the Oregon shore. He was one of 500 swimmers to make the 1.1 mile swim at this traditional Labor Day event. He also puts in the miles on his bicycle and has participated in Cycle Oregon, a seven day ride through small Oregon communities. He's pedaled the 300—500 mile Cycle Oregon for the past 11 years and plans to ride this year. He's a seven time finisher of the grueling STP (Seattle to Portland) Bicycle Classic.

When he takes the time to relax, he and his wife, Joanne, enjoy their condo in Kona on the Island of Hawaii. They recently celebrated their third wedding anniversary.



We are pleased to welcome Lusha Kaufmann to the Optometry Staff. She joins us as the

Director of Advancement. We invite you to contact her for ideas on how you can support the College.

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## Pedersen Earns 2nd Team All-NWC Honors

Amy Pedersen, OD '11, has the drive to do it all. The first year Optometry student was recently honored by conference coaches with selection to the All-Northwest Conference Women's Basketball Team.

She earned her second straight selection to the all-conference squad after leading Pacific and ranking among the league's best in scor-



Amy Pedersen

ing and rebounding. She balances a rigorous academic schedule as she completes her course work for her bachelor's degree in biology in addition to her optometry classes.

While many of her classmates collapsed in exhaustion after finishing finals, she hopped on a plane to Honolulu and posted a career high of 29 points at a conference game just hours after stepping off the plane.

## FACULTY ACCOLADES

The binocular vision faculty: **Karl Citek, OD, PhD**; **Scott Cooper, OD '90**; **J.P. Lowery, OD '93**; and **Graham Erickson, OD '90**, are part of the team headed by **Wid Bleything, OD '52**, that travels to Aalen University (Germany) to provide binocular vision and pediatrics education to Masters students.

**Nada Lingel, OD '81, MS**, was appointed to the Admittance Committee for the American Academy of Optometry where she was assigned to Region 4 (the Western states). Dr. Lingel also provided a training course on injections for the Alaska Optometric Association in Anchorage in January.

**John P. (JP) Lowery, OD '96**, was the co-author of a study on "Change in visual acuity status of patients served by a humanitarian vision clinic in Mexico" which ap-

peared in the February issue of *Optometry*. The study concluded that "Spectacle correction, especially for near, significantly reduced the burden of visual impairment in this patient sample, even in the presence of ocular disease." That's a great reason to support AMIGOS. Amigos is dedicated to providing quality vision care at no cost to underserved people in the Portland area and throughout the world.) Your donations of time, expertise and supplies would be sincerely appreciated. Contact: [www.amigoseyecare.org](http://www.amigoseyecare.org)

**James Kundart, OD '99**, and **Denise Goodwin, OD '98**, received the 2008 Podcasting Proof of Concept Grant. The grant, valued at \$16,200, included three days of specialized Apple podcasting and

streaming Internet media training.

**Scott Pike, OD '70**, presented at the American Public Health Association Vision Care Section meeting in November 2007 in Washington DC.

**Karl Citek, OD, PhD**, had a paper published in the March 2008 issue of *Optometry* (Vol. 79, No. 3, pp. 143-148), entitled "Anti-Reflective Coatings Reflect Ultraviolet Radiation." He presented on eye movements and intoxication at the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Mid-Atlantic Regional DUI Conference in Virginia Beach, VA, Mar 18-19.

**Dennis Smith, OD**, and **Ken Eakland, OD '84**, lectured for the Advanced Ocular Therapeutics (AOT) course in Anchorage, AK, in March.

### Students compete in Ice Hockey

**Guy Ambrosio, Grant Johnson, Damon Umschied, Bryan Thome, Chris Rowland** and **Mike Koditek** indulged their passion for ice hockey this fall. Playing at the Sherwood Ice Arena, the team was one of six teams in the Gold Division (advanced players) of the adult hockey league. By the end of the fifteen game season, an enthusiastic crowd cheered the team to a second place finish in the league.



### Schuck Honored

**Catherine Schuck, OD '09**, was honored by the OOPA as its 2008 Student of the Year at the Columbia Optometric Conference.

Known for her high energy, Ms. Schuck has held class offices and served as the AOSA trustee during her 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> years. Fluent in Spanish, her skills were put to good use on AMIGOs trips to Guatemala and Ecuador. A talented vocalist, she was a soprano for two years in the Oregon Symphonic Choir.



### BCAO Homecoming

Associate Dean **Ken Eakland** knows an excellent networking opportunity when he sees one and sending ten students to the "Back to the Future" British Columbia Association of Optometrists (BCAO) meeting in Vancouver was exactly that. At the conference, the students had the opportunity to attend lectures, meet exhibitors, and talk with the many Canadian doctors, who plied them with job offers upon graduation.

**David Schwartz, OD '09**, enjoyed the experience and the knowledge that the profession in his home province of British Columbia wholeheartedly welcomes them back.



## ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

Faculty Emeriti **Nira** and **Leonard Levine** celebrated their 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in February. Leonard is making preparations for another hiking season. Nira has recently returned from a trip to Thailand.

**Bernie Brown, OD '50, and his wife Selma** celebrated their 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary in Maui, Hawaii, in February. His long-time practice in Salem, Ore, is in the capable hands of his son, Jordan.



*Photo courtesy of the [Madison Courier](#).*

**William Bear, OD '55**, ended a 100 year tradition of providing eye care in Madison, Ind, with his recent retirement. While none of his six children showed interest in the profession, his granddaughter will carry on the family tradition. She graduated from Indiana University in May of 2006 and is now a practicing optometrist in Missouri. He looks forward to an active retirement.



**Alfred Furie '58, OD '60**, is the recipient of an Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award by Pacific University. Dr. Furie was

a professor of optometry for more than 30 years at Pacific University while keeping a private optometric practice. In retirement Furie uses his degree in agriculture to cultivate a productive organic garden.



**Rick Swearingen, Bill Faulkner and Tim Strand** (all Class of '77) prepare for the injections lab at the Alaska AOT course in Anchorage.

**Mike Hassur, OD '77, and Ted Dorn, OD '70**,



were spotted at the Washington Board of Optometry Kane Hall meeting in March.

**Gerry Komarnicky, OD '85**, reports that his son Daniel is considering applying for admission to Pacific University to study marine biology. Gerry serves on the Board of Examiners in Optometry for British Columbia. He and his wife Zona also have triplet daughters. The family lives in Vancouver, BC.

**Larry Jones, OD '85**, reports that he has been providing complete vision exams for juve-



nile offenders at the King County Detention Center as part of a study on whether vision correction decreases recidivism. Larry maintains a practice in Kent, Wash. He and his wife Maxine live in Renton, Wash.

**Michael Hopper, OD '87**, has recently moved to Calgary, Alberta, from Ft. McMurray. He's taking a break after 20 years of solo practice and is enjoying some time as a househusband. He's pleased to report that he earned his pilot's license last year.

**Mark Gotcher, OD '95**, has come a long way since his days as a copper miner in Arizona. In private practice since graduation, Mark and his wife live in Cottage Grove, Ore. He casually adds that he lives along a river and can fly fish from his back yard.



**Dawn Dunford, OD '98**, spoke on "Unusual Pediatric Cases" for the SOA Speaker Series this spring. Accompanying her on the trip to Forest Grove was her daughter, Calleigh Abaigeal Pritchett. Dawn and her husband Ben Pritchett recently celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary. Dawn's practice in Stone-wall, Manitoba, specializes in VT and pediatrics.



**Congratulations to G. John Lach, OD**

'99, who has been elected President of



Minnesota Optometric Association .

Dr. Lach is with Carlson-Tillisch Eye Clinic Mankato and New Ulm, Minnesota. He lives in North Mankato,

Minnesota, with his wife, Stephanie, and their four children.

**GLAUCOMA SYMPOSIUM 2008**

The team of Barnebey and Fingeret worked their magic again at the 2008 Glaucoma Symposium on January 12 at the Willows Lodge in Woodinville, Wash. Doctors from throughout the Northwest the packed the room to listen to Howard Barnebey, MD, and Murray Fingeret, OD, present current information on the diagnosis, treatment and management of glaucoma, including updates on imaging, medication, perimetry, and surgery. In their traditional rapid fire format, the session



passed quickly.

This symposium is also well known for the incredible catering provided by the Willows

Lodge, with the food competing with the speakers for the audience's interest (think pan-seared salmon, fresh fruit and hazelnut biscotti).

Mark your calendar now. Registrations to the Saturday, January 10, 2009 Glaucoma Symposium will be limited.

**THE SILVER ANNIVERSARY ISLAND EYES CONFERENCE**

They came from thirty-four states and four Canadian provinces to escape wintry weather and enjoy the sunshine and sandy beaches of Maui, Hawaii, for the 25<sup>th</sup> annual Island Eyes Conference. This January tradition featured a roster of outstanding speakers: **Lou Catania, David Friedman, Jim Sheedy, Tammy Than, Les Walls, Ken Eakland and Debora DeLong**, who made good on their promise to "enlighten, edify and entertain" the more than 320 doctors and paraoptometrics who attended. It marked a welcome return for Wid Bleything, OD '52, who served as Master of Ceremonies.

The 9-hour paraoptometric program was heralded as one of the best with the dynamic Debora DeLong. The follow-

ing practices sent 4 or more staff members to the meeting: Vision Express (**Bruce Wallace, OD**) from Federal Way, WA; Elmore County Eyecare (**Nathan Price, OD '96, and Jeff Gibbons, OD '98**) from Mountain Home, ID; and Cambridge Eye Associates (**Chad Christenson, OD '97, and Jodi Janzen, OD**) of Cambridge, MN.

The week-long program started with a Fun Run & Walk along the Ka'anapali Boardwalk. The Tuesday Barbecue & Beach Party found doctors and their families gathered on the lawn for all the picnic favorites and games for the entire family including: volleyball, the classic balloon toss and a very competitive session of coconut bowling.

All levels were welcome to play at

the annual golf outing, from those who include the word "golf" in their e-mail addresses to the once-a-year players. Taking the top prize with a score of 75 on the par 70 course was Fred Narzisi, OD '82, who spends a lot of time on the links in sunny California.

Always the gracious host, Ken Eakland opened his room for HAPPY HOUR on Wednesday. He stocked up on a wide variety of local brews, Mai Tai's, and wine, while visitors enjoyed a spectacular view of the evening cliff dive.

The tradition continues with the 26<sup>th</sup> annual conference at the Kaua'i Marriott Resort and Beach Club in Lihue, Kaua'i, January 25 – 31, 2009.



*Mahalo from the faculty and staff of the 2008 Island Eyes Conference.*

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Instructor: Tracy Doll, O.D.